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CANADIAN PRISONERS.

Pacific Coast Sealers Languishing in a Russian Prison.

STARTLING STORY TOLD BY TWO MEN RECENTLY RELEASED.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Grant and Findlay, two Victorian boys, who have been imprisoned in Russia, and were released through the efforts of the British and Canadian governments, have arrived home and bring the startling news that a number of men well known on the coast, including another Victorian boy, all of whom were supposed to have been lost at sea, are languishing in Russian prisons up the Amur river.

The facts were obtained from a number of Japanese prisoners who were serving time at Moscow when Findlay and Grant arrived there.

The white men in question consist of Captain Thompson, navigator of

the sealing schooner Dana, who has sailed under a number of flags, but who has not been heard of since he left Victoria a year ago last August on a sealing cruise to the Berhing Sea; Edward McNeil, a Victorian sealer; George McCannish of California; Knap Washington, together with a Spanish boy named Marve of Guam.

The crew were raiding Roubin Island, 12 miles south of Sakhalin, when the cruiser Lena caught them and destroyed their schooner.

They were all taken to Nkolaski, where they were kept five months, being finally sentenced to one year and four months' imprisonment, the captain, who was looked upon as an old offender, being sentenced in irons.

LATE MR. PREFONTAINE.

British Admiralty Offers Warship to Convey Remains to Canada—France's Premier Sends Condolence.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Premier Rouvier of France cables Sir Wilfrid Laurier as follows:

"Have just learned of the sudden death in Paris of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and to have Fisheries for Canada whom we were so happy to have the past few days in France. I wish to say that we share with you in the sorrow you feel over the loss of so distinguished a man and convey to you the very sincere condolence of the Government of the Republic.

(Sgd.) ROUVIER.
Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, cables Sir Wilfrid Laurier as follows:

"We have heard with deep regret of the death of your colleague, Mr. Prefontaine, with whom the admiralty has been recently in such cordial relationship, and I beg to offer His Majesty's ship Dominion to convey the remains to Halifax, N. S.

If agreeable to your government the Dominion will be at Cherbourg January 12, for this purpose."

(Sgd.) TWEEDMOUTH.
It is understood that the Premier is in communication with Solicitor General Lemieux and the relatives of the late Mr. Prefontaine in regard to the matter.

HURLED FROM RIG TO AN IGY DEATH.

John Gaul of Pittsfield, with Horse and Buggy, Plunges Down Embankment to Die Under Ice of Pond.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Hurled with his horse and buggy down a 15-foot embankment from the street railway tracks at Knight's Hill, John Gaul, of Pittsfield, lost his life by being caught in the ice of the Crane boxshop pond, and a wife and six children were rendered disconsolate.

Gaul was driving from Dalton to Pittsfield, but instead of following the road from Mr. Herbert S. Johnston's summer home on Knight Hill, he decided to take the short cut by way of the street railway track, which runs along the summit of a high embankment. In some way the vehicle and horse went over the embankment and Gaul was hurled head

first into the middle of the pond, the force of the fall shooting him along under the ice.

Policeman Classic of Dalton and a squad of volunteers immediately began to search the pond, but it was not until midnight that they succeeded in finding the body of the man. The horse and buggy were easily recovered, the first being unhurt. Gaul's body was found in about 15 feet of water and about 10 feet farther along than where he broke through the ice.

A car was directly behind the horse and buggy before the accident and its motorman brought word of it.

Gaul was employed in the James Wilson woolen mills at Pittsfield.

VIGOROUS LORD STRATHCONA.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The Star's London correspondent cables: "Honourable Lord Strathcona's general health is excellent although local troubles, among them, one affecting his knee, appear now and again."

He has been more than busy during the past few weeks with various public engagements, the latest of which was a speech at the Royal Colonial Institute meeting, when he made a vigorous utterance, introducing Hon. Mr. Lemieux.

An incidental tribute to the vigor with which Canada is represented in

London was paid by the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, the Canadian Minister of Marine, in the course of a speech at the Canadian Club dinner on Wednesday last.

He said when he arrived in this country upon his mission with the admiralty he found that negotiations had been carried so far forward through the agency of the office of the High Commissioner that had he obtained the assent of his colleagues, he might almost have taken the next ship back home, with the completed arrangement in his pocket.

MR. GOURLEY IS DYING.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Seymour E. Gourley, Conservative ex-M. P. of Truro, is dying at the Nova Scotia hospital here.

(Mr. Gourley, who represented Colchester in the House of Commons during the last parliament was taken ill soon after his defeat on Nov. 7, 1904, and has been gradually growing worse, mental troubles being added to his physical ailments. He was under the care of a specialist at New York for some months, but did not benefit from the treatment, and

returning home continued to fail until two weeks ago he was taken to the hospital at Halifax.

Mr. Gourley was about 55 years of age, and by profession was a lawyer practicing at Truro. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Nova Scotia legislature some years ago, and in 1900 was elected to the House of Commons from Colchester, being defeated by the present Liberal M. P. for the county, Hon. F. A. Lawrence in 1904.)

MOSCOW REVOLT CRUSHED.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26, 11.55 p. m.—Emperor Nicholas and Count Witte received tonight a report from General Doubassoff, governor general of Moscow, saying that the revolt there had failed, that the military had the situation in hand and that whatever defection may have existed among the troops has been overcome by attacks on them with bombs and revolvers to which they had been subjected from the windows and roofs of houses, and which had so enraged them that they could hardly be restrained.

Although rebellion may flare up immediately elsewhere, and although there already is an indication of another upheaval at Odessa, if the attempt at armed rebellion in Moscow should be crushed the leaders of the "Reds" will receive a blow from which they cannot quickly recover.

Shortly before 9 o'clock last night the correspondent of The Associated Press at Moscow telephoned that there seemed to be no longer doubt that the insurrection was collapsing. The insurgents still held the quadrangle in which the workmen's council was sitting as a revolutionary committee, but only because Governor General Doubassoff was not yet ready to give the coup de grace.

Firing continued intermittently throughout the day. At 5 o'clock automatic guns were being used in Strastner square, but the insurgents were becoming exhausted after their four days' efforts, and the fighting was rapidly moderating into guerilla warfare.

The insurgents were defending themselves with revolvers and bombs as they were being hunted down.

The correspondent says that the entire population of the city is terror stricken, and that after dark the back streets present a weird and uncanny appearance. As he drove to the telephone station he saw only a few civilians, who were slinking along by the sides of the walls in order to avoid the police and cavalry patrols, who fire without challenging.

The windows of the houses are stuffed with mattresses and blankets,

and no light is shown. The police carry rifles with bayonets fixed. General Doubassoff is enforcing the most rigid martial law, and no person is allowed on the streets after 9 o'clock at night.

About one-third of the workmen have left the city and are travelling on foot to the villages, some of which are hundreds of miles away.

The correspondent predicts that the crushing of the rebellion is likely to be followed by the most horrible atrocities if the "black hundred" are let loose.

Governor General Doubassoff, unknown to the public, is directing matters from his headquarters in the Metropolitan Hotel, which is barricaded and defended by machine guns.

MOSCOW REVOLT CRUSHED.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The revolt at Moscow has been practically crushed.

A correspondent of The Associated Press telephoned at 7 o'clock tonight that the insurgents no longer have a chance and that they are making a last stand. He predicts that there will be no further heavy fighting.

All the troops, he says, are now fighting on the side of the government.

Police and troops in St. Petersburg today surrounded and captured all the members of the executive committee of the fighting revolutionary organization while they were discussing plans for an armed uprising here. The captured also the detailed plans for the rising as well as large quantities of arms, bombs, etc.

It is understood that as a result of these captures the government has obtained extremely important information concerning the connections formed by the revolutionaries with the army.

A man named Schoolman was at the head of the executive committee, which numbered 47 members.

The government is confident that these captures practically puts an end for the present to any attempt to repeat at St. Petersburg the uprising at Moscow.

SNUBBED A PRINCE.

New York Girl Didn't Know She Was Talking to Alexander of Battenburg.

New York, Dec. 27.—(Special)—A pretty romance has been revealed in the announcement of the engagement of Lieut. John Wisdom of H. M. S. Berwick to Miss Susan Elizabeth Brown of 215 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, a young woman who once snubbed Prince Alexander of Battenburg.

It was during the sojourn of Prince Louis' Atlantic fleet in Canadian waters. Miss Brown, with her mother, had gone aboard the cruiser Berwick.

On the day in question young Wisdom did not know of the intended visit and was not at the gangplank to meet Miss Brown. A young midshipman, however, whom the girl had never met, stepped forth and greeted her, for a prince may speak to a lady to whom he has not been presented.

"Really, I do not know just how it happened," said Miss Brown, retrospectively. "but I found myself talking to the youth. He thought the weather was perfectly fine and I thought so, too. He asked me if I were going to the ball next evening and I—well, we might have gone right on chatting but mamma took hold of my arm and turned me away so that we left the pleasant looking young man standing there rather snubbed, right in the middle of a sentence."

"Well," continued Miss Brown, "we met Mr. Wisdom right after that and he said, 'I see you were talking to the prince.'"

"What prince?" I asked, just like that, and he said Prince Alexander of Battenburg. And so it was. He was just a midshipman, learning to be an Admiral, like his uncle Louis, and is it any wonder I did not recognize him. I think that such real young princes ought to be labelled."

Lieut. Wisdom is the son of a wealthy government contractor of Is-leworth, and has been in the British navy for six years.

AN ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. Max Aikens of Halifax and Miss Drury Reach an Understanding as to the Future.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The engagement of Miss Gladys Drury, second daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Drury, of Halifax, formerly of Kingston, to Mr. Max Aikens, of Halifax, is announced.

(Mr. Aikens is a former Newcastle man, son of Rev. Mr. Aikens, for many years Presbyterian pastor in that town. At Halifax he occupies a prominent position in financial circles, and is understood to possess considerable means.)

WILL GO WEST.

School Inspector Mersereau Talks to the Herald in Regard to His Plans.

Mr. George W. Mersereau, the well known school inspector of Oaktown was among the arrivals in the city by the I. C. R. express today. The object of his visit is to attend the semi-annual conference between the school inspector of the province and Chief Superintendent Inch.

Inspector Mersereau has lately been granted one year's leave of absence by the Board of Education to date from January 1st. It is his intention to leave for Western Canada early next month, and he will probably be absent a year.

Interviewed by a representative of the Herald today in regard to his future plans, Inspector Mersereau said: "I have been in harness now growing on keenly three years, and I feel that the time has arrived when I should have a change and a rest. It is true that I am going to the Canadian West, and I will probably be absent from home a year. My general health has always been good, but lately I have been bothered somewhat with bronchitis, and I am hopeful that the dry western climate will drive the disease out of my system. I have had several tempting offers to work during my stay in the west, but have yet made no engagement. I want to have a look over the country before I complete my plans."

"One thing is certain, I will visit all the chief educational institutions in that community, and see what there is to be learned in the way of new ideas, which may help me in my work as an inspector. It is the first real holiday I have had in twenty-three years, and I kind of feel as if I am in a grave and want to get out of it. In these days a man holding an office in the educational service has got to look around a bit or he will drop into the back number class."

Mr. Mersereau's inspectorate comprises the county of Restigouche, except the parish of Balmoral, the county of Northumberland except Rogersville and the parish of Stanley in York. Previous to the appointment of an additional inspector, a short time ago he covered the counties of Gloucester, Restigouche and Northumberland, and two parishes in York county. It was hard territory and necessitated a great deal of travelling.

During Mr. Mersereau's absence his duties will be discharged by Mr. F. A. Dixon of Sackville.

THE STOCK MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The stock market quotations today were as follows:

Dominion Coal	78 1/2	77 1/2
Dominion Iron and Steel	25 1/2	25 1/2
Dominion Iron and Steel, pld.	74 1/2	74 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel	67 1/2	67 1/2
C. P. R.	174 1/2	174 1/2
Twin City	116 1/2	116 1/2
Montreal Power	89 1/2	89 1/2
Rich. & Out. Nav.	70 1/2	70 1/2