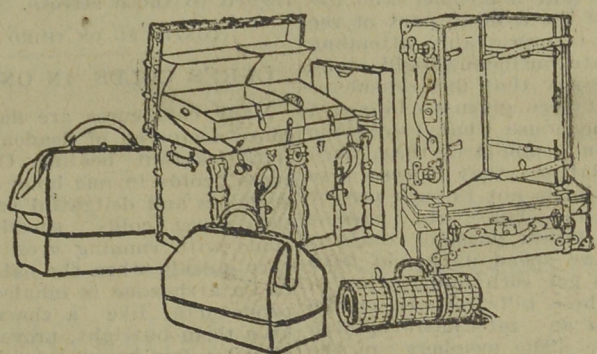


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THE WIRELESS WIZARD.

Marconi Passed Through Moncton en Route to Glace Bay.

WORK WILL BE RUSHED THERE TO SECURE CONNECTION WITH CORNWALL, ENGLAND.

Moncton, April 13.—(Special)—Signor Marconi and his bride were passengers by the Maritime express this morning from Montreal, en route to Glace Bay, to inspect the new wireless telegraph station being erected at that place.

Marconi says the work will be rushed at the station, and he expects soon to have communication established with Cornwall.

Afterwards works will be established for communication with other points in Great Britain. The wireless telegraphy inventor is in high spirits, and well satisfied with the progress.

THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

Reported by Steamer Arrived at Singapore—It's Course Does Not Indicate Call at Saigon.

Singapore, April 13.—(Special)—The Russian fleet was in latitude 8 degrees north, longitude 108 degrees, 55 minutes east at noon April 11.

The Peninsular Oriental steamer Nubia, which has arrived here, reports having seen no less than 42 vessels there. They were steering north-east at a speed of 8 to 10 knots. The position of the fleet was then about 300 miles north-eastward of the Natuna Islands (which lie between the Malay Peninsula and the west coast of Borneo) more than 200 miles south-east of Cape St. Jacques.

This course indicates that the fleet was not going to Saigon, in French Cochinchina.

VERDICT FOR GUERNEY CO.

Sued Trade Unions for Boycotting their Goods and Won Damages.

St. Catharines, April 13.—(Special)—A jury awarded a verdict of \$1500 against six unions of this city in a suit begun by the Gurney Foundry Company of Toronto, on account of the unions putting the Gurney goods on unfair list.

The Gurney Co. asked damages for \$5,000 against each member of the six unions, \$10,000 from the unions collectively, and an injunction to restrain them from further boycotting the firm's goods.

The origin of the suit was that in 1902 the Gurney Co. decided to run an open shop, and the unions began to wage war against their business in this province.

THE STOCK MARKET.

C. P. R. Has Gone up a Point—This Morning's Quotations.

Montreal, April 13.—(Special)—Trading on the stock market was brisk this morning, and the prices were steady.

The quotations are as follows: Dominion Coal, 79½, 80½, 79½.

Dominion Iron and Steel, 21½, 21½, 22.

Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 68, 67½, 66.

Nova Scotia Steel, 63½, 63½, 63½.

C. P. R., 154½, 154½, 154.

Twin City, 118, 118, 118½.

Rich. & Ont. Navigation, 76, 76, 76½.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

St. John Boy Tried to Destroy his Life with Carbolic Acid—A Cigarette Fiend.

St. John, April 13.—(Special)—George Peacock, a boy of 19 years, residing of Sheriff street with his widowed mother, attempted suicide this morning by drinking carbolic acid.

When the doctor arrived he was unconscious, and the result of his rash act is still in doubt.

No reason is known for his rash act, except that he is a cigarette fiend.

G. T. RAILWAY MEETING.

Construction of Lake Superior Branch and Prairie Section G.T.P. to be Commenced this Summer.

London, April 13.—(Special)—Stockholders of the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada at the semi-annual meeting today, under the presidency of Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, adopted the report of the directors, after a brief speech by the chairman.

The statement made was devoid of general interest, except the announcement that the construction of the Lake Superior branch will commence in June, and the building of the prairie branch in July.

Sir Charles congratulated the stockholders on the financial association of the Rothschilds with the Grand Trunk Railroad in connection with the flotation of the Grand Trunk Pacific bonds.

ENTERPRISE DESTROYED.

Furniture Factory at Truro Burned and 50 Hands Out of Employment.

Truro, N. S., April 13.—(Special)—The American Furniture factory was destroyed by fire here last night. It was a new building, and employed fifty hands. The fire was discovered at 10.25 and the firemen kept the fire under control until most of the furniture was taken out.

The loss is \$15,000, insurance \$10,000.

MANY VICTIMS.

Gruesome Returns from Recent Earthquake in India.

Lahore, India, April 13.—(Special)—Later reports from Mandi, capital of Mandi State, say that four hundred persons were killed in that city by the recent earthquake.

The palace, temples and residences were levelled.

Estimates of the number of people killed at Sultanpur, three miles southeast of Amritsar, vary from 200 to 700.

WEATHER PROBS.

Toronto, April 13.—(Special)—Maritime—Moderate northeast winds with rain tonight, Friday, showery.

A GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

Will Take Control of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's Property.

BILL TO THAT END PASSED THE LEGISLATURE AFTER AN ALL NIGHT SESSION.

The legislative sitting which opened at 8.30 o'clock last night continued until 5 o'clock this morning, and there was a heated discussion over the government bill to place the management of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's affairs in the hands of a commission appointed by the government.

When the attorney general moved the house into committee on the bill Mr. Hazen moved an amendment that a commission be appointed to inquire into the affairs of the company. He supported his motion in a lengthy speech, and was followed by the attorney general.

The debate which followed was taken part in by many members and a vote was reached at three o'clock this morning, when the amendment was defeated by a straight party vote with the exception that Hon. Mr. Hill, who voted with the opposition, and the motion to go into consideration of the bill, and its ultimate passage was carried by the same vote reversed.

TERMS OF THE BILL.

The bill says that owing to unexpected difficulty the cost of constructing the railway from Chipman to the coal areas in Queens and Sunbury, including the branch lines, has been very largely in excess to what was anticipated, and whereas the cost has also been much advanced by reason of the government requiring in the public interest that the road should be built of a very high standard, and whereas in order to prevent the work of construction from being suspended and in order to ensure the operation of the whole line, it became necessary that the legislature would be asked for additional financial assistance if the road was to be successfully operated; and whereas a change in the management has been effected at the government's request and there is reason to believe that the certain additional improvements to the road bed and bridges of the Central Railway and adding to the rolling stock, the out-

put of coal can be increased to large quantities which will not only afford a lucrative traffic to the railway but give the province a large sum in royalties; and whereas if the enterprise had been allowed to collapse the money already invested would have been lost; and whereas it is desirable that the management of the railway should be placed under the control of an independent commission;

Be it therefore enacted that the governor in council be empowered to take a conveyance of the road at a nominal consideration, or if the company fail to convey, an order in council shall be passed declaring the title of the road in the crown.

The governor in council is empowered to appoint a board of two commissioners to manage and operate the railway.

The board may pay existing liabilities and pay interest on outstanding bonds for one year and to make such improvements, and addition to the rolling stock as may in the judgment of the commissioners be necessary. The total amount of such bonds shall not exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of providing the moneys necessary for the above improvements the board being authorized to issue debentures to be a lien on the railway at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent.

The governor in council may direct the provincial secretary to guarantee the principal and interest of the bonds and the province shall be liable for the same. The government is empowered to sell the road at any time and relieve the province of the liability on the bonds. The bonds shall not be guaranteed until the commissioners make a full report and recommend the issuing of the bonds. The commissioners are to make an annual report to the legislature.

It is understood that the above bill was submitted to a government caucus Tuesday night and they agreed to support the increase as they were given to understand that if \$250,000 more were not granted the road would collapse.

MONCTON BUDGET.

Church Members Expelled for Drunkenness—An Appointment.

Moncton, April 13.—(Special)—In the course of a speech on the necessity of enforcing the Scott Act, last night, Rev. D. Hutchinson stated that at the last business meeting of his church ten members were expelled for drunkenness.

George A. McCarthy, son of Edward McCarthy, of Moncton, who has been assistant engineer of the Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company, has recently been appointed assistant engineer on the Temiskaming Railway. He is a brother to C. S. McCarthy, I. C. R. air-brake inspector.

T. P. PUGSLEY'S ILLNESS.

Eldest Son of the Attorney General Prostrated with Bright's Disease.

St. John, April 13.—(Special)—The condition of Thomas P. Pugsley, son of Attorney General Pugsley, who is prostrated by Bright's disease and threatened with pneumonia, was very critical at three o'clock this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley arrived here this morning from Fredericton, called by the serious illness of his son.

KINGSTON COMPANY.

May Establish Wrecking Plant at North Sydney.

North Sydney, N. S., April 13.—(Special)—The Leslie Wrecking Company, of Kingston, Ont., will submit a proposition to the North Sydney town council to establish two wrecking steamers at this port. They hope to obtain a subsidy from the Dominion and will ask the town for tax exemption.

DOUBLE MURDER.

Mother and Daughter Horribly Mutilated and Bodies Thrown Under the Floor.

Penet, Augustine, April 13.—(Special)—A double murder has been committed here.

A woman and her daughter, names unknown, were horribly mutilated and the bodies thrown into a hole under the floor of their house.

The axe with which the crime was committed and soiled clothing were found on the floor.

THAT THEFT CASE.

Kelly's Trial Going on Before Col. Marsh.

Mr. Albert Kelly of Bear Island, was arraigned in the police court this morning on the charge of theft, preferred against him by Mr. Simon Goodine, and pleaded not guilty. He consented to be tried by Col. Marsh and the trial is now going on. Mr. Goodine testified that his home had been entered during the absence of articles stolen. He afterwards found some of the stolen property in the possession of another party, who claimed that he had procured it from Kelly. Mr. J. D. Phinney, K. C., is counsel for the defendant.

POTATOES PLENTIFUL.

The potato market is exceedingly dull here just now, and there does not seem to be much prospect for an improvement. Shippers are only getting 60 cents a barrel, and claim that they can get any quantity at that price. The New England market is said to be stocked, and shipments cannot be made from here at a profit. James A. Bell has recently forwarded several carloads to Toronto, where better prices are said to prevail.

Judge Emmerson of Moncton, is among the visitors to the city today.