

HARRY THAW RAN HIS OWN DEFENCE

Latest Story is That Thaw and Delmas Quarreled and Delmas Has Left the Case --- O'Reilly Announces That He is in Charge.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Interest in the case of Harry K. Thaw centres about the probable changes he will make in his staff of lawyers. While no official announcement has been made in this regard, intimations have come from the lawyers themselves that changes have been made and that others will follow. Delphin M. Delmas, who led the fight at the recent trial, has, it is stated, severed his connection with the case.

In this connection the story of the remarkable proceeding of Thaw at a critical period of his trial is published here today. The story recites that when the trial was resumed after the report of the lunacy commission, Mr. Delmas called Dr. Hamilton to the stand to have him testify as to Thaw's mental condition when the murder was committed. He was just about to question him when he received from Thaw a note which read: "You are no longer in charge of my case." Delmas, surprised, secured the court's permission to confer with his client, and when he asked Thaw what the note meant, Thaw is said to have replied, "It means just what it says. You are not going to make these men testify that I am insane. I am sane and you know it. You are no longer in charge of my case." Mr. Delmas then asked Thaw for permission to withdraw, but his request was refused. Delmas, under the law, could not drop the case, and asked Thaw what he wanted done. "I don't want you to put Dr. Hamilton on the stand again" was the reply. Delmas attempted to reason with Thaw but he was immovable. Delmas then rested the case and Dr. Hamilton was excused.

Delmas O'Reilly makes the announcement that he is now counsel of record in the case, and will be in charge hereafter. He was appointed a couple of weeks ago, he says, succeeding Clifford W. Hartbridge. Thaw appointed O'Reilly the day Mr. Hartbridge started to cross-examine Dr. Mahon. Mr. O'Reilly says, and tried to frame a hypothetical question, which the judge ruled out. Mr. O'Reilly is authority for the statement that he is the only one of the five lawyers to be re-engaged so far, and that Thaw is fond of Lawyer Peabody, and that he will be retained. Lawyer O'Reilly will move with in the next week to have Thaw released on bail and he says he expects to succeed.

HE ACCEPTS CALL TO PORTLAND ME.

Rev. R. A. Colpitts, a New Brunswick, to go to Congreg St. Methodist Church.

(Portland Express.)

Rev. Robert A. Colpitts will accept the call to the Congregational street Methodist Church to succeed Rev. Claude H. Priddy, who has resigned to accept another pastorate. In an interview with the Express he stated this fact and announced that he would forward immediately his acceptance of the call to the church board.

Rev. Robert Alder Colpitts is a Canadian, having been born in New Brunswick. He graduated from the provincial normal school and studied theology at Mount Allison College, New Brunswick, and at Boston University. He has just completed studies at Colby College and will be graduated from the A. B. course at the coming commencement. He has held pastorates at Fort Fairfield, Vinalhaven, and while in college at Vassalboro. In every pastorate with which he has been connected he has been eminently successful. He married Miss Alton of Woodstock, N. B., and they have one daughter, four years of age.

While in college Rev. Mr. Colpitts took the first prize in declamation and was appointed captain of the first debating team, but was compelled on account of pressure of parish and college work to resign.

Rev. Mr. Colpitts has established a reputation as an orator of wonderful ability, and the Congress Street Methodist church feels extremely pleased to think that it has obtained him, considering the fact that he has received other calls even more important than the one in this city.

AN UNFOUNDED RUMOR

B. F. Pearson Denies Report of Amalgamation of Sun and Times

MONTREAL, April 15.—(Special)—B. F. Pearson was in the city today and seen in reference to the rumor of the amalgamation of the St. John Sun and Times, said there was absolutely no foundation for the rumor.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Que., April 15.—(Special)—The stock market gave no indications of a change in the conditions of dullness which prevailed throughout last week's business. Dealings continued in extremely light volume with very little change in prices. As is usually the case under such circumstances the tendency was towards a lower range of prices. There were transactions in Montreal Power at 92 1/4 to 1-2; Detroit, 73 3/4; Twin City, 95; Dom. Iron Bonds, 76.

EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

A story is at present going the rounds of a certain tramp in Wales who in the course of his peregrinations unintentionally called at a policeman's house. When the door was opened Bluffer noticed a helmet hanging on a peg in the passage. Any ordinary beggar would have given himself away at this sight, but not so with Bluffer, for when the "copper" asked what was wanted he replied: "I've had nothing to eat for three days and I don't want anything now."

This witty reply so amused the policeman that he took Bluffer in and gave him a thoroughly good meal.

NEWS OF THE WORLD AS TOLD IN SHORT METRE

James Gillet, at one time Bret Harte's mining partner and the original of that author's "Truthful James," died Saturday in Sonora, Cal.

The relics of Our Lady de Santa Santa, the patroness of the town of Ecortora, have been transferred to the palace chapel at Madrid in accordance with the old tradition that they shall be under the same roof where the queen is delivered.

The rebellious Moroccan leader, Roghi, has released the son of General del Briel, governor of the French fortress of Alhucemas, who was recently captured and beaten at Devasso.

Mrs. Hungerford, grandmother of Clarence H. Mackay, died at Rome yesterday.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS WAS OPENED IN LONDON THIS MORNING



SIR WILFRID LAURIER



SIR R. BOND



SIR JOSEPH G. WARD



GENERAL BOTHA

LONDON, April 15.—The fourth conference of the premiers of Great Britain's self-governing colonies and the British Colonial Secretary was opened today at the colonial office under the presidency of the Earl of Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies. Reporters are not admitted to the conference, so that the public will have to be contented with strictly censored official summaries of each day's proceedings until a blue book on the conference is issued months after its final adjournment. The premiers present included Dr. Jameson of Cape Colony; General Louis Botha, premier of the Transvaal; Alfred Deakin, the Australian premier; Sir Joseph G. Ward, premier of New Zealand; Frederick R. Moore, premier of Natal; and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada. Premier Sir R. Bond of Newfoundland, will arrive in the middle of the week. The premiers were accompanied by their advisors. A number of British cabinet ministers attended the morning session.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman opened the proceedings with a short welcome, in which he outlined subjects for discussion, such as preferential trade between the colonies and Great Britain, and among the colonies themselves; a project providing for a permanent council; imperial defence schemes; immigration and minor questions.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MADE A RECORD.

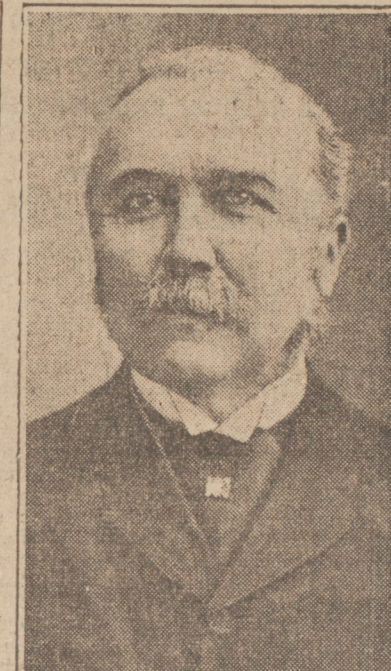
The remarkable record made by the Cannon Ball Express of the Shore Line from Spruce Lake to Carleton was the chief topic in railway circles this morning. The flyer arrived at Spruce Lake Saturday night, and made the run to Carleton in less than eighteen hours, arriving there at 7 p. m. on Sunday evening. The run from Spruce Lake to Carleton has been made by a man on a bicycle in half an hour, but even a pedestrian has never made better time than one and three-quarters to two hours, so that an eighteen hour run is phenomenal. The passengers who got off and walked were much chagrined when they learned that they had missed a chance for immortal fame as patrons of the Cannon Ball on this great occasion. The engine and cars may be presented to the Historical Society Museum.

PATIENCE REWARDED.

Patience was enjoyed by this journal upon persons who complained that the Ludlow had not been receiving due attention of late from the newspapers. Patience was rewarded, for both on Saturday and this morning the \$200,000 beauty got herself into the limelight again. And the freet is still to come.

SERIOUS ALTERCATION.

Quite a violent altercation took place between two citizens on King street this morning. One of them said there was to be a civic election tomorrow, and the other disputed the statement, declaring that he had heard nothing about it. They finally appealed to a third man, who replied that he had some business to attend to, and was not bothering his head about trifles.



RT.-HON. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN



DR. L. S. JAMESON, O.B.



THE HON. ALFRED DEAKIN

like penny postage and naturalization laws.

The premier earnestly expressed the hope that the deliberations would have useful effects. The colonial premiers made a brief report, after which the conference discussed the procedure and adjourned. Meetings will be held three times a week. The conference is expected to last a month.

ELECTIONS MAY BE LIVELY IN SPOTS

Expected Tomorrow Will See Some Interesting Contests--A Mix-up Over the Non-Resident Vote--Warm Contest Expected in Stanley Ward.

An eleventh hour bombshell was sprung in the civic election campaign this morning and for a time there was quite a mud-die around city hall, which, as far as known, may not be cleared up unless some one of the persons concerned takes it into his head to find out where he stands.

The trouble arises over the non-resident vote. In former years when the non-residents were elected by the whole city the non-residents voted in Kings ward and although the contest tomorrow will be run under the ward system the non-residents will still vote in Kings ward and in no other ward.

In the case of a non-resident owning his property in Kings ward this system is all right, but if he has property say in Lansdowne or Lorne or Dufferin wards or in any wards where there are contests except Kings, he has no right to vote for the alderman to represent the ward where his property is situated. Another peculiar thing is that he will have the right to vote for either of the Kings ward candidates. Ald. J. B. Hamm or Charles T. Jones, even though they do not own one cent of property in that ward are not taxed there.

Of course all non-residents have the right to vote for aldermen-at-large and for either of the candidates for Kings but are disfranchised in the wards in which their property is situated.

The proper course would have been to allow non-residents to vote for the alderman of the ward in which they were most heavily taxed, and also vote for the alderman-at-large.

It is claimed by some that non-residents should not be allowed to vote for the alderman for Kings ward but simply for the alderman-at-large, as a man running for alderman of that ward might be defeated by the non-resident voters, where as he might have polled the larger vote of the residents in the ward.

The question has aroused considerable interest and there was talk this morning of making a protest as the system is declared illegal.

Another point in the matter that seems to be a stickler and threatens to cause considerable trouble is the way in which the ballots are made out and distributed.

For instance in Queens, Dukes, Sidney, Prince and Brooks ward where the aldermen are elected by acclamation, the voters have a ballot on which only the names of the aldermen at large appear. Some of these ballots have been secured by candidates for aldermen at large who have had the opponent's names marked off, and they are being distributed indiscriminately around in the various wards. Thus if a voter for Lorne or Dukes or any ward where there is a ward contest should attempt to use one of these ballots he would not have a chance to vote for the alderman for his ward but just for the alderman at large.

Common Clerk Wardrop said this morning that he was sending sufficient number of ballots to the returning officer of each ward and if these ballots were used there need be no trouble. The returning officer in all wards where there is an election for alderman of that ward will be instructed to throw out all ballots that do not bear the names of candidates of the ward as well as aldermen at large.

There was quite a hustling about of the aldermanic candidates and their friends this morning and there promises to be a red hot contest in several of the wards.

Stanley ward will be the scene of a great struggle as the friends of George Green have left nothing undone to try and defeat Al. McGoldrick. The general opinion seems to be that the alderman's chances of re-election are fading rapidly.

Ald. Tilley was in a happy mood this morning and he was more confident than at any time since the opening of the campaign that he would win out with a good margin.

Great interest is being manifested in the contest in Dufferin ward. This morning Ald. Willet and candidates M. Coholan and J. Kelly were busily engaged rounding up their forces and to all appearances it looks as if Alderman Willet will have a hard fight with candidate Coholan.

The talk this morning was centered about Ald. Willet and M. Coholan and it is said that Mr. Kelly's friends, finding that they cannot elect him, have decided to support either one of the other two contestants. Alderman Willet's friends feel certain that he will be returned while Mr. Coholan's following feel equally sure that their man will have a majority when the votes are counted.

GEORGE MIRISSES IN POLICE COURT

Case of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses Heard This Morning.

The case against George Mirresses, arrested on a warrant issued by John Spedakes, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses (as referred to elsewhere in this issue), came up in the police court this morning, and after hearing evidence, was adjourned till two o'clock this afternoon.

An interesting development in the case was an intimation by W. H. Trueman, who is acting for Spedakes, that Mirresses had been tricked into signing the bill of sale.

Peter Petropolis and John Spedakes were examined and the evidence was much the same as the statement in the morning papers, save that Peter Petropolis denied giving a bill of sale of stock in the King street shoe shining store, but his brother, Andrew, had.

In Spedakes' testimony it developed that he had paid Mirresses some \$200 and promised to give him the balance later. Spedakes also stated that the defendant had told him he was going to start business in Moncton, as a confectioner, with one George Andrews.

Mr. Trueman said he thought the defendant had been tricked into signing the bill of sale, as it appeared that Peter Petropolis had represented to him that he had sold a pool table to a party in Fredericton for \$140, and the paper he signed—without looking at it—was merely a release of the pool table instead of a bill transferring to him (Peter) the stock in the store.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, April 15.—Prices for stocks showed a precipitate decline from last week's closing. The Hill and Harriman stocks and copper were weakest and most active, as was the case last week.

James Rose, who at one time was mate on the May Queen, has been appointed Captain of the Springfield. Capt. Rose is an old river hand and will be a valuable acquisition to Capt. Porter's boat, which will go on the Belleisle route this season.

HON. C. W. ROBINSON SWORN IN TODAY

He Will Succeed Premier Pugsley as Provincial Secretary.

FREDERICTON, April 15 (Special)—Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, who, a few weeks ago, was appointed a member of the government without portfolio, was this morning sworn into office as provincial secretary and clerk of the crown in chancery by Lieut. Governor Tedeedie. J. Howe Dickson, clerk of the executive council, administered the oath. The writ for the bye-election in Westmorland, made necessary by Mr. Robinson's appointment to office, has been issued. Nomination has been fixed for April thirtieth, and polling for May seventh.

Premier Pugsley who was appointed provincial secretary under a special act early in the session, resigned his office on Saturday.

The city council will hold a special meeting this afternoon to appoint a board of assessors under the new act of assembly.

James T. Sharkey, United States consular agent, arrived Saturday and notified that it had been officially notified the office in this city.

MINISTERS MEETINGS

The United Baptist ministers met this morning in weekly session. There were present Revs. Dr. Manning, J. King, A. B. Cohoe, J. Hughes, E. C. Jenkins, Gideon Swin, D. Hutchinson and P. J. Stackhouse. Prayer was offered in opening by Rev. J. Hughes and the usual reports were then heard from the different churches. Three were baptized yesterday in the Ludlow street church and special meetings will be continued this week. Rev. J. Hughes reported that he preached at Salisbury on April 7th and during the week he assisted Rev. S. Perry, who is engaged in special work at Prosser Brook, Albert County. He also reported that a remarkable religious awakening is in progress in that section. Twenty four persons have been baptized there. On April 24th he again preached at Salisbury. Rev. J. King agreed to supply Waterloo street church for three months.

TWO SMALL ACCIDENTS ON THE INTERCOLONIAL

MONCTON, April 15.—(Special)—No. 40 east bound freight train, in charge of Conductor Davidson, went off the track about two and a half miles this side of Harcourt yesterday. Four coal cars left the rails. The run off occurred in a cutting and was caused by the heavy snow. The cars were badly smashed, and the track was damaged. None of the train hands were injured. The smash occurred about six or seven o'clock in the morning and the track was clear at five o'clock in the evening. An auxiliary crew was sent out from Moncton.

The Shediac accommodation, No. 133, in charge of Conductor Morgan, is off the track about a mile east of the Dorchester road this morning. The run off occurred about 6.15, and three cars are derailed. No one was hurt but the road was blocked some hours. An auxiliary car was sent out from Moncton and a crew of men are now at work clearing up the wreck. In consequence of the accident quite a number of I. C. R. employees who come over from Shediac on the morning accommodation were not at work this morning.