

ROUMANIAN TOWN SACKED AND BURNED

Peasant Movement is Assuming Serious Proportions - - - Several Riots Have Taken Place and Many People Have Been Killed and Wounded.

VIENNA, March 22—According to the news received today in Buda-Pest from Moldavia, the peasant movement in Roumania is spreading. The town of Dorogoi has been sacked and burned by the peasants. The inhabitants were compelled to flee for their lives. At Cucuteni, where many Hungarians live, a fight occurred between the Hungarian and Roumanian inhabitants. Four Hungarians are reported killed and 30 wounded. Fourteen peasants were killed in a collision with troops at Bolesti, while in Fokshani the people are in revolt against the authorities. The village of Sulice was destroyed by peasant rioters. The fate of the inhabitants is not known.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, March 22—The agrarian revolt, which at first was centred around Botosani, has now spread practically over the whole of Moldavia. Telegraph and telephone communications have been interrupted, and marauding bands are beginning to hold up travellers. A serious encounter between troops and

raiders occurred in Bolesti. The raiders were routed by the troops and some of them killed. At Negresti in the district of Vechi, a large estate belonging to M. Stoescu, Liberal minister of agriculture, has been sacked and burned. In the district of Vechi alone, yesterday 20 peasants were killed and scores were wounded. The movement is really more agrarian than anti-Semitic. The peasants are in revolt against the great farming trust, which leased half the cultivable land in Moldavia. These landlords, who control the trust, happen to be Jews, and most of their estates have already been sacrificed. Had it not been for the merciless exactions of their agents, who ground the peasants down to starvation wages, the revolt would not have occurred. The Jews have suffered more than other people from the uprising because the majority of the shopkeepers are managers of farms in Moldavia for Jews. Further strong military reinforcements were sent to Moldavia today.

LORD BERESFORD "WILL NOT SULK"

British Admiral Denies That He is to Run for Parliament.

CHICAGO, March 22—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, of the British navy, yesterday passed through Chicago on the way to London from El Paso, Texas, where he has been settling up the estate of his brother, Lord Delval Beresford, who was killed in the North Dakota train wreck.

A cable despatch from London of Feb. 23, which said: "Lord Beresford is in a huff and declines to rule the Channel fleet, objects to withdrawal of ships from service for reserve, thinks home squadron should be under his command, and may run for parliament to advocate his views on naval matters," was shown to Lord Beresford.

Lord Beresford said he felt the home squadron should be under his command as admiral of the navy. "As for running for parliament," he concluded, "that is beyond my intentions. It sounds too much like sulking, and a sea-dog like myself will not sulk."

BRIDGE WHIST PARTIES

Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin was hostess at a very enjoyable whist party last evening. There were five tables, and the prize winners were Mrs. Robert Cruikshank and Mrs. R. Keltie Jones.

Among those present were Mrs. F. Cavell Jones, Mrs. F. J. Harding, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. deB. Carritte, Mrs. R. Keltie Jones, Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Mrs. Robert Cruikshank, Mrs. Percy Thomson and Miss Edith Skinner.

The event was one of the brightest of the Lenten season. Mrs. E. W. Fraser entertains at bridge this evening.

HAD A ROUGH PASSAGE

The Norwegian turret coal steamer ship Stillstad arrived in port this morning from Louisburg, C. B., with 2700 tons of coal for the Dominion Coal Company. She is in command of Captain Axelsen, who reports a terrible passage to this port. The steamer left Louisburg last Sunday, and met a heavy south and southeast storm. On Wednesday the wind shifted to the northwest blowing a gale and snowing. When the vessel was 25 miles off Seal Island, at one time the captain stated all on board thought they would be lost. Captain Axelsen said, "I have been out in typhoons, in southern latitudes, but this recent storm was the worst I ever came through."

The Stillstad is the oldest looking vessel that has ever visited this port. She is now discharging her coal at the end of the North wharf. A visit to the vessel would repay one.

Richard Cooper, of Britain street, the aged and crippled colored man who several weeks ago was released from the jail, where he was detained under the supposition that he was insane, died yesterday.

SIR THOS. SHAUGHNESSY PRESIDENT OF C. P. R. IS IN THE CITY TODAY

Among the passengers who will sail for England this afternoon on the C. P. R. Royal Mail Steamer Empress of Ireland, are Lady Shaughnessy, wife of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. and their son and daughter.

Sir Thomas accompanied the party from Montreal and they arrived in a private car attached to the Atlantic express at noon today. The car was detached from the regular train at Fairville and they proceeded direct to the steamer at Sand Point. Sir Thomas was approached by a Times man but declined to be interviewed, pleading as an excuse that he was too busy. He will confer with General Superintendent Downie this afternoon and will leave on his re-

turn to Montreal either this evening or tomorrow.

The Empress of Ireland will sail about 5 o'clock this afternoon and will take away about 500 passengers of which number over 100 will be first cabin. Among the passengers will be the three Misses Laurie, daughters of Lieut. General Laurie of Oakfield, N. S.; H. A. Ali on son of Dr. Allison of Mt. Allison University; Miss Sturdee, daughter of Colonel Sturdee Mrs. E. S. Gilbert, W. Malcolm Mackay and son, J. B. Hood of the Charlottetown Guardian and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Winslow of Fredericton. The second section of the Montreal express with a large number of passengers is expected to arrive about 3:30 or 4 o'clock.

ST. JOHN DELEGATION FOUGHT WARD SYSTEM BILL THIS MORNING

Strong Application for Reference to a Plebiscite Made to Municipalities Committee at Fredericton --- Committee Will Consider.

FREDERICTON, March 22—The St. John delegation composed of A. O. Skinner, Dr. A. D. Smith, J. H. McRobbie, O. H. Warwick and Ald. Vanwart were heard in opposition to the St. John Election Bill by the Municipalities Committee this morning.

A. O. Skinner, who spoke first, thanked the committee for the privilege of being heard. He said the election bill which the common council sent to Fredericton provided for an increase from fifteen to seventeen members in the council. The delegates promoting the bill had made the common council. He spoke of the change having been strongly condemned by a public meeting in St. John. He held that no change should be made until the matter was submitted to the ratepayers at a plebiscite. The citizens should be allowed to say which system they wished to adopt in preference to that now in vogue. He was not there to argue against the bill but only asked that the people be given an opportunity to decide the question.

J. H. McRobbie said that in view of the opposition that had developed to the bill it was only right that it should not

become law until the people had a chance to express their opinion on the matter. He contended that the common council had no mandate from the citizens to bring about the proposed change. The bill is a restriction of the rights of the citizens. They now had the right to vote for fifteen aldermen, but if the bill passed they could only vote for one in addition to the aldermen at large. He pointed out that there were precedents for the course he was asking the legislature to pursue. He contended that no injury would be done if the legislature attached a clause to the bill referring it to the people. Personally, he thought that action on the bill should be deferred until the next session when a civic tax bill, based on a report of the tax commissioners would likely be before the house.

Dr. Smith complained that if the bill became law it would disfranchise the electors of St. John. A large number of industrial rate payers had petitioned against the bill, which was proof that it was not required. It was no part of the duty of the council to promote legislation that was not wanted by the citizens. He felt highly honored to find that the committee had granted the delegation a hearing after already having heard arguments for and against the bill.

O. H. Warwick said the citizens of St. John had found that the time had arrived when they should move carefully in matters of this kind. A plebiscite clause should be attached to the bill so that it could be brought before them and they could ultimately decide which plan was in the best interests of the city.

Ald. Vanwart spoke of the petition which had been presented in opposition to the bill. It contained the names of the best citizens of St. John. He was present to stand up for the rights of the citizens of St. John, and he thought those rights would be sacrificed if the bill passed in its present form.

Mr. Maxwell thought Mr. Skinner should submit to the committee any proposal he might have in regard to the bill. Mr. Skinner replied that it was for the citizens of St. John to formulate a scheme for the election of a council.

The matter was to come up at a public meeting next Tuesday evening and probably an alternative scheme might then be considered. All he asked for now was that a plebiscite clause be attached to the bill.

The delegates thanked the committee for their hearing and withdrew. Chairman Allen said he was much gratified with the information the delegates had furnished the committee.

THE INISHOWEN HEAD REPORTED

Steamer Passed Brier Island Inward at 8.30 This Morning

Word was received this morning by signal master Morton at the custom house, from Brier Island, N. B., stating that the steamship Inishowen Head passed that point at 8.30 a. m., bound inward. This steamer left Ardrossan March 4, for this port. She was spoken last Monday by the captain of the Allan line steamer Sardinian and seemed to be in a disabled condition, but did not ask for assistance; she was then 135 miles from this port. Later on she was reported in the bay, but the storm of last Tuesday and Wednesday must have driven her off again out of the bay.

The C. P. R. steamer Montrose, Capt. Moore, sighted the lights of a steamer which was believed to be the Inishowen Head, on Wednesday night making little headway.

Brier Island, where the steamer passed this morning, is sixty miles from St. John,

A ROBBERY IN ST. LUKE'S

North End Church Entered and Collection Boxes Robbed.

Robberies happen quite frequently but it happens rarely that the collection boxes in a church are robbed. Such, however, was the case one day last week when someone relieved the boxes in St. Luke's church of their contents.

It is customary for the church to remain open during the day time and about a week ago someone, evidently familiar with the surroundings, went in and obtained an amount somewhat over \$3 from the paper boxes, in which coppers and small silver pieces are deposited. The robbery was committed in broad day light as the church is closed during the night.

CIVIC PAY DAY

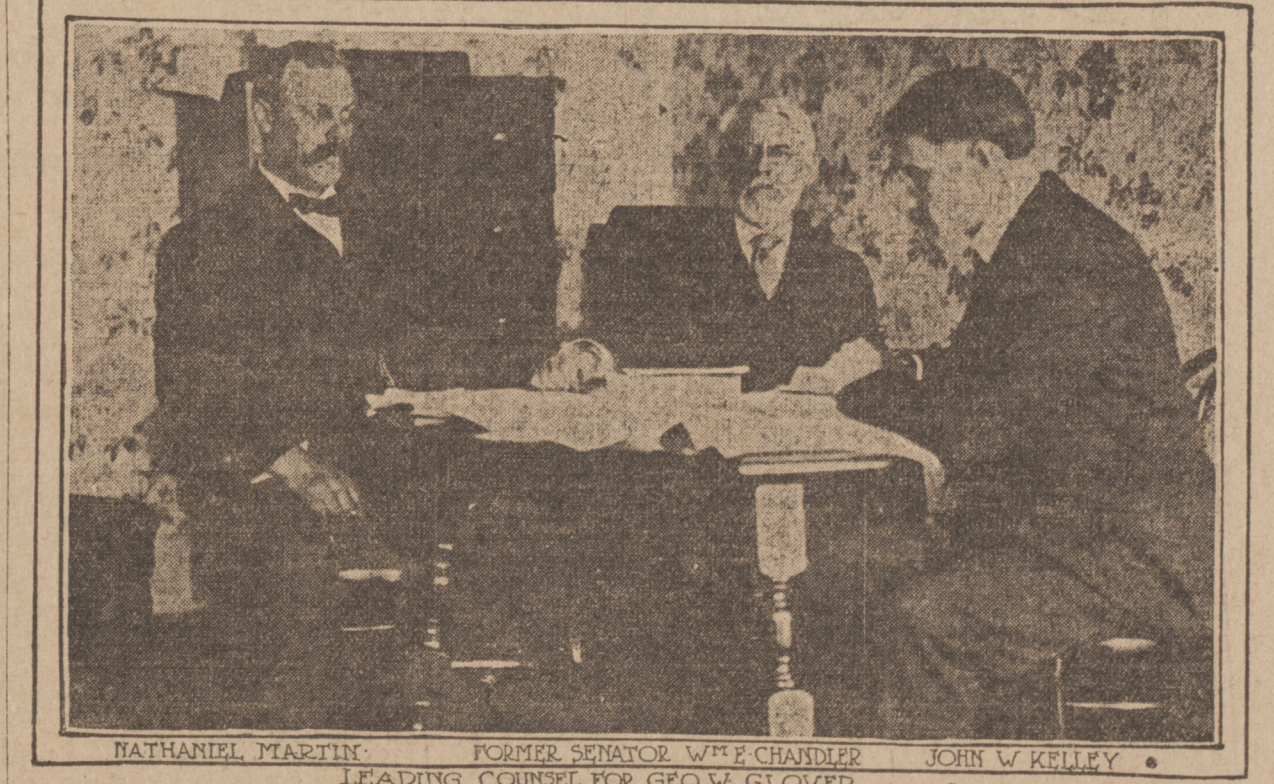
The fortnightly pay roll for laborers in the employ of the city was disbursed by Chamberlain Sandall this morning as follows:

Streets	\$1,430.87
Water and sewerage	1,275.76
Ferry	112.59
	\$2,819.22

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, March 22—(Special)—The stock market was weak and irregular today. Weakness developed in Dominion Iron, which held very well during the recent trouble and the price went off to 19½, bid, holding at 20. Other features were Twiss City, 94½ to 95; Montreal Power, 85 ¾ to 86½; Toronto Ry., 136; Detroit, 70; Illinois pfd., 89; Toledo, 26; Mexico, 47½; Lake of the Woods Milling, which broke to 74 yesterday, but closed better at 78, has further rallied to 89.

More of Mrs. Eddy's Kin Join in Suit.



NATHANIEL MARTIN, FORMER SENATOR W. E. CHANDLER, JOHN W. KELLEY, LEADING COUNSEL FOR GEO. W. GLOVER

CONCORD, N. H., March 22—Fred W. Barker, of Epsom, N. H., a second cousin of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, and Dr. E. J. Foster-Eddy, of Waterbury, Vt., Mrs. Eddy's adopted son, have become additional parties plaintiff, as "next friends" of Mrs. Eddy, to the bill in equity brought to obtain an accounting of her property against leaders of the Christian Science Church.

In joining in the bill in equity Dr. Foster Eddy says in his petition that he has "become convinced that Mrs. Eddy is and for a long time has been incapable of intelligently conducting or receiving an account of her business and property, and that the same is being managed wholly by the defendants without giving a proper accounting thereof."

Fred W. Barker in his petition says that he is a second cousin of Mrs. Eddy.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

GOD TIMES AHEAD.

Mr. Peter Binks went down and had a long conference this morning with the mayor's clerk and the city engineer.



Mr. Binks desired to refresh his memory of old town meeting methods of years ago, when every man had a voice in civic affairs. His own memory only went back about sixty years or so, and he wanted to get farther back. So he went to the men whose memory goes back to the time of Membertou the Micmac.

"You see," said Mr. Binks to the Times reporter, "we have now adopted the method of governing St. John by public meeting, and delegation to Fredericton, and it seems to me we might with profit return to the old town meeting system. Why shouldn't we build a civic amphitheatre and give every citizen a chance to talk as long and as loud as he wants to? Why give nineteen, or seventeen, or fifteen men a mandate to conduct our affairs? It's ridiculous. The mayor's clerk

and the city engineer assure me that the old system worked admirably. Of course the people had more time in those days. Life wasn't so strenuous, but any man with his eyes open can see that this town is just sizzling with civic energy looking for an outlet. I propose that we send up an urgency bill providing for the issue of debentures to build an amphitheatre where the people can meet and every man be an alderman."

Mr. Binks is so full of his new idea that he will devote the whole of his valuable time for the next few days impressing his views upon the citizens generally. Mr. Binks is one of our most progressive and public spirited men, and we bespeak for him a sympathetic hearing. We seem to be on the eve of better times, when men of the calibre of Mr. Binks array themselves under the shining folds of the white banner of reform.

MATTAWAN DOORS MAY OPEN TO THAW

If Stanford White's Murderer is Adjudged Insane He Will Be Sent to Asylum - - Five Alienists Swear He is of Unsound Mind.

NEW YORK, March 22—The status of the Thaw case, now that District Attorney Jerome has furnished Justice Fitzgerald with the affidavits of seven alienists who substantiate his expressed opinion that the prisoner is insane and incapable of consulting his counsel as to his defence against the charge of having murdered Stanford White, is this: By two o'clock tomorrow the attorneys for the defence must file affidavits answering Jerome's assertion and combating his affidavit.

The district attorney has not formally asked for a commission to inquire into Thaw's mental condition, but has left it to the "conscience of the court," as he expressed it on Wednesday.

Justice Fitzgerald will consider the affidavits submitted by each side and inform all the counsel when to appear in court to hear his decision. He may defer the weighing of the affidavits, for he may call for more evidence before he makes up his mind what procedure is advisable.

In particular he may seek the opinion of Dr. McLane Hamilton, the alienist, who, when called to the stand by the defence on Wednesday, evoked District Attorney Jerome's statement as to Thaw's mental state and the possibility of having to order Thaw's confinement in the hospital for the criminal insane at Mattawan.

Thaw is not greatly disturbed, it is said, over the possibility of having to be examined by a commission. His lawyers have told him that the question at issue is mainly whether he can instruct them properly. He is confident on this point, and confident also that when once this question is disposed of it will be all the easier for his lawyers to persuade the jury as to the "brain-storm" line of defence.

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OBITUARY

George N. McDonald

After an illness of five years, which he bore with exemplary fortitude and Christian patience, George N. McDonald died this morning at his home on Rock street, St. John.

Mr. McDonald was only in his 34th year. He was an engineer and prior to his illness was employed in the electric light station. He was a member of Court Amherst, I. O. F.

Mr. McDonald was a native of Belyea's Cove, Queens county, where his parents reside. He has a brother, Frank, in Milford, Mass., to whom news of his death was wired this morning.

A widow, formerly Miss Mary McKee, daughter of the late George and Elizabeth McKee, of this city, with two little sons, Harry, aged 8, and Elmer, aged 3 years, are to remain in the city. Mr. McDonald had lived in St. John for sixteen years, and had many warm personal friends.

EQUITY COURT

In the equity court this morning Mr. Justice Barker gave judgment dissolving the injunction in the case of the C. P. R. vs. Pennell Nason.

In this case the Canadian Pacific Railway issued an injunction against the defendant, Nason, to prevent him proceeding with his law suit against them to recover wages due him and which were held by trustees in the state of Maine.

Weldon & McLean for the plaintiffs and M. G. Teed, K. C. and Tilley & McInerney for the defendant.

The case of Tooker Bros. et al, vs. Brock & Patterson and E. W. Patterson, also came up for hearing.

In this suit it appears that E. W. Patterson, who was in business on Bay Road, gave a bill of sale of his goods to Brock & Patterson. On January 16, the plaintiffs obtained an interim injunction restraining Brock & Patterson from transferring, assigning or selling any of the goods in E. W. Patterson's store.

The plaintiffs claim further that E. W. Patterson knew he was insolvent at the time he gave the bill of sale.

M. G. Teed, K. C. and Tilley & McInerney, for the plaintiffs; and Dr. A. O. Earle, K. C., J. B. M. Baxter and J. King Kelley for the defendants.

The case of Gault Bros. Ltd. vs. Morrell & Sutherland was concluded in the equity court today when Judge Barker gave judgment in the plaintiffs favor.

The decision provides that the entire proceeds of the sale of all goods in the defendants' store together with the book debts of the firm be handed over to the plaintiffs by the defendants' assignees.

Hanington, Teed & Hanington for Gault Bros. Ltd., J. B. M. Baxter for Morrell & Sutherland, and J. King Kelley for the assignees.

Mayor Sears and Recorder Skinner returned from Fredericton last evening.

GRIM RECORD OF VICTIMS CLAIMED BY STORMS IN MARITIME COAST WATERS

BOSTON, March 22—A total of 199 lives and 54 ships have been sacrificed to the storms and the treacherous coasts of New England and the Maritime Provinces for the winter just ended, according to the statistics compiled by the Associated Press today, of the vessels. No account has been taken of the dozens driven ashore and later floated, and figures do not include the loss in Connecticut waters. The long list of dead is swollen out of all proportion to that of many previous years by the sinking of the steamer Larchmont, in Block Island Sound, the night of Feb. 11,

state's experts that he is practically incurably insane, the defence will make a determined effort to combat the appointment of a lunacy commission or his going to an asylum. His five lawyers met at the office of Delphin M. Delmas last night, and discussed plans towards this end. A line of action was proposed.

This will consist of sworn statements by alienists that they have found Thaw incapable of advising counsel, and sworn statements by counsel as to the effect. Probably Mrs. Evans, Wagner, and Hammond will make affidavits which will set forth that they have set in court beside Thaw for several weeks, have talked with him freely, and are convinced that he is quite competent to confer with his counsel as to his welfare in the case. A number of letters to his counsel since the trial began will also be submitted to the court.

If Justice Fitzgerald decides to appoint a commission in lunacy, it will consist of three members, an alienist, a lawyer, and a layman. The commission must necessarily be one who has not figured in any wise in the case. The commission, if chosen, will examine Thaw and report to the court. If it were to find him sane, the trial would be resumed; if otherwise, Justice Fitzgerald would be obliged to order Thaw's confinement in the hospital for the criminal insane at Mattawan.

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A HOT TIME ON SHEFFIELD ST

Cassie Cane and Mary Gloss, the Principals in a Disgraceful Street Fight.

Bitter warfare, strong language, hair-pulling and fierce threats made a hot time on Sheffield street last night when Catherine Gallagher, familiarly known by the name of Cassie Cane—and her old adversary, Mary Gloss, strove for the mastery. It was a short lived conflict, but quick while it lasted, and as a final outcome the belligerents were landed in the British street lockup by Policemen McCollum, and in default of payment of twenty dollar fines will be obliged to spend the next two months in jail.

The Gloss woman claims that Cassie struck her with a bottle and that when she was invited by Cassie to "come out," she picked up the gained 84 or ten cent ground was chosen and then the fight began.

After a few preliminaries the two women were soon rolling in the street locked in each other's arms, the Gloss woman on top and her adversary in boisterous tones commanding her to "break away," and threatening grim vengeance if she refused.

Robert Farrell, of Simonds street, who was reported for supplying liquor to James McKay, an interdict, was fined \$10, and McKay was sent to jail for forty-eight hours.

Farrell said he did not think McKay's name was on the list, and the latter stated that he thought his year had expired.

His honor pointed out to him that the term would not be completed till June. James Donohoe was fined \$8 or thirty days for drunkenness and profanity.

Four drunks were fined \$4 or ten days each, and James Kane and Alex. McKelroy were fined \$8 or thirty days each for using profane language on Water street.

A man named McCloskey met with a bad accident this morning while working on the steamer Montrose, lying at No. 1 berth, Sand Point. A sluice struck him, and as a result his leg was broken near the ankle, and he sustained another injury nearer the knee. Mr. McCloskey, who belongs to Musquash, was taken to the hospital in the ambulance.