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COUNT LAMSDORFF DIED LAST NIGHT

He Was Formerly Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Played An Important Part in the History of His Government.

SAN REMO, Italy, March 19—Count Count Vladimir Nicolaievitch Lamsdorff, the former Russian minister of foreign affairs, died here this evening at 11.50.

Paul Lamsdorff, a nephew of the deceased statesman, and representing the Lamsdorff family, was present at his uncle's death.

Count Vladimir Nicolaievitch Lamsdorff had been connected for the past forty years with the Russian Diplomatic circle. He was born in 1855, entered the ministry of foreign affairs in 1866, and resigned as minister of foreign affairs in 1906, when he was succeeded by Baron Iswolsky, the present incumbent.

The family of Count Lamsdorff was originally German. His father moved to Russia in 1817 from Westphalia, and was granted the title by the Russian government.

The deceased statesman received his early education at the Alexander Lyceum in St. Petersburg. After twelve years in the Russian foreign office in minor capacities, he accompanied Prince Gortschakoff to the Berlin congress in 1878, and later took part in the political conference at Alexndrove, Danzig, Skernewizy and Kremsier. He was promoted in the Russian foreign office until in 1901 he was made minister of foreign affairs.

During the latter months of 1902 Count Lamsdorff visited Belgrade, Sofia and Vienna, and as a result of his diplomatic efforts at these capitals the understanding between Austria-Hungary and Russia regarding the maintenance of peace in the Balkans was arranged.

Count Lamsdorff was present at the interview at Muerzsted, Austria in 1903 between the Emperor of Russia and the Emperor of Austria, which brought forth the famous Muerzsted programme for the control of southeastern Europe.

Count Lamsdorff left the Russian foreign office in May, 1906. Previous to that time his health had been far from good, and after leaving St. Petersburg he devoted himself entirely to efforts to restore it. He was reported as suffering from heart disease last December, and a despatch from San Remo, March 13, said the Russian statesman was then ill from a complication of diseases and that little hope for his recovery was entertained. A dropsical condition resulted from his malady. His death evidenly was unexpected, for up to the last moment his physicians said he might live another fortnight.

During the negotiations between the Washington administration and the governments of Russia and Japan that preceded the holding of the peace conference at Portsmouth, Count Lamsdorff played



COUNT LAMSDORFF
FROM A LATE PHOTO

an important part. He was in constant communication with George Von Meyer, who was then American ambassador to Russia, and who conveyed the views of President Roosevelt to the Russian government. On one occasion Count Lamsdorff declined to convey a certain communication to the emperor for Mr. Meyer, whereupon the American ambassador promptly went over the head of the Russian foreign minister and communicated with his majesty himself.

GENOA, March 20—Many telegrams of condolence are arriving at San Remo, especially from Russia, regretting the death of Count Lamsdorff, ex-Russian minister of foreign affairs. The Italian ministry has ordered the local authorities to assist in every way the nephew of the deceased statesman, Paul Lamsdorff, who represents the Lamsdorff family, in carrying out the funeral arrangements.

THE INTERCOLONIAL IS NOW IN GRIP OF WORST STORM OF THE SEASON

Heavy Drifting Snow Along the Whole System from Montreal to Sydney---All Trains are Delayed---St. John Suffers Also, and Street Car Traffic is Impeded.

MONCTON, March 20 — (Special)—The worst storm of the season prevails on the Intercolonial over the entire system.

The storm extends from Montreal to Sydney and is causing much trouble in the movement of trains.

The snowfall is very heavy on the eastern division, especially, and all freights and specials are being taken off the line as fast as possible to avoid a blockade.

There will be no interruption to passenger traffic although nearly all the local and through trains are running more or less behind time.

The snow is being drifted badly in many sections, and plow specials are being run to keep the track clear.

Newcastle and other points along the northern division report by far the worst storm of the season. The cuttings are filling up and in some places the storm is increasing in violence.

About six or eight inches of snow fell at Moncton. The snow is very soft and heavy with indications of rain.

Halifax reports twelve inches of snow, Newcastle reports seven, Campbellton, two inches, and River du Loup, four inches. In most cases it is drifting badly.

Fredericton Has The Worst Storm of Season

FREDERICTON, March 20—(Special)—By far the worst snow storm Fredericton has experienced this season set in shortly after midnight and at noon was stil raging. A raw cold wind is blowing a gale from the northeast and snow has drifted to the depth of four feet in many places. The train from St. John this morning was only fifteen minutes late, but if the storm continues there will likely be a serious interruption to traffic. The country roads are reported impassable in many places.

Heavy Snow Storm Started Last Night

The snow storm which commenced last evening has developed into one of the worst storms of the season. From all over the lower provinces and from the north come reports of a heavy fall and of the railways being affected to a considerable extent.

In the city the street railway people had great difficulty in maintaining anything like a regular schedule and the Carleton line was completely demoralized.

The amount of snow falling on the level was about from four to five inches, though it drifted in some places to three or four feet in depth.

To increase the unpleasantness a strong wind increased to a moderate gale from the southeast to east, set in about ten o'clock last night, and at noon today a gale of considerable force had developed and it seemed to be increasing in volume.

The highest velocity recorded at the weather bureau at noon was 36 miles an hour. The lowest temperature during the night was 24 degrees, and this morning 32. The barometer fell away rapidly last night, and the reading at 9 o'clock this morning was 28.56, which is considered very low.

At Point Lepreaux the wind between 2 and 8 o'clock this morning was blowing 45 miles an hour from the southeast to east. At 11 o'clock it shifted to the northwest, blowing 40 miles an hour, and still snowing; about six inches fell on the level.

Street Railway Had Hard Battle

The street railway people started early to combat the storm and three sweepers were sent out over the main line, the Paradise row and the Douglas avenue branches in an endeavor to keep the tracks cleared. The sweepers were continually at work and considering the severe nature of the storm a fairly successful schedule was maintained. During the morning the big walk-away plows were also sent out to clear the snow from the rails. The high wind made the work very difficult. It was found to be practically impossible to clear the Carleton line, though a sweeper was put on the work there.

About noon an accident happened at the corner of Main street and Paradise row that revived memories of a few years ago when a car ran into M. A. Harding's store, and a suit for damages against the railway resulted.

It was about 12.30 o'clock today that car No. 30, which was going to north end along Mill street, left the rails at the corner of Main street and plunged into a telegraph pole in front of Mr. Harding's store. Quite a piece was torn out of the pole and it was bent over toward the building by the force of the impact. No one was hurt, however, and the car was practically uninjured. With the assistance of car No. 44 the runaway was hauled back on the rails and resumed its work.

Nearly All Trains Were Behind Time

Nearly all the trains were behind time and the crews report that the storm extends all along the lines. The Boston train was an hour late, the C. P. R. from Montreal was over two hours behind time, and the Maritime from Moncton was the only one arriving near the schedule. The train from the north, on the I. C. R., was reported three hours late.

In the I. C. R. yard here it was almost impossible to do any work as the trainmen could scarcely see signals while the snow drifting down in the tracks impeded traffic a great deal. The same state of affairs existed in the C. P. R. yards on the west side.

Barometer Was Very Low Today

Captain William D. McIntyre, assistant police clerk, who spent some thirty years of his life at sea, says that he has never known the barometer to fall so low as it did this morning when it was 28.6.10, or four-tenths lower than when the steamer Portland was lost about six years ago.

MORE DELAY IN THE THAW TRIAL

Reported That District Attorney Jerome May Re-Open State's Case to Examine an Important Witness Who Will Reach New York Today.

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NEW YORK, March — The Thaw trial has dragged over another day. When court opened yesterday it was the general belief that all the evidence would be in before adjournment last night and that Mr. Delmas would begin his address to the jury this morning, but when the hour for adjournment came, the defence had not finished, and everyone in the courtroom was disappointed.

Again it was the experts who delayed matters. The cross-examination took much longer than was expected, Mr. Jerome devoting hours in trying to obtain desired answers to his questions. The alienists were obdurate and so was the district attorney and minute after minute dragged until five o'clock came and still the testimony was not finished. Mr. Delmas, chief of Thaw's battalion of attorneys, stated just before adjournment that he hoped to finish his side of the case this morning.

The first thing for this morning is an argument as to the admissibility of a letter. It is one of the letters written by Thaw to J. Denison Lyon, a Pittsburg banker, before June 25 last, the date on which Thaw killed Stanford White. Mr. Delmas offered it last night, but Mr. Jerome objected. He said he would allow all the letters, amounting to 35 to 40, from Thaw to Mr. Lyons, to go in, but he would not allow a single letter to be offered without a fight. All exhibits now in evidence have been allowed by consent. It is probable, however, that a ruling will be required this morning on the letter as Mr. Delmas will seek to force before the jury Thaw's letter.

The defence have again changed their minds and said they would probably call Evelyn Thaw again today. To what she would testify they refused to say, but her examination will probably have to do with the Hummel affidavit. As far as known this will close the defence's case.

There was some talk last night that the defence mikht cal David N. Carvalhoe, the expert in hand-writing and photography, to testify regarding the genuineness of the signature "Evelyn Nesbit" upon the Hummel affidavit, but this report could not be affirmed. Another report current was that District Attorney Jerome had a surprise to offer that would delay the summing up in the case until Friday.. The surprise, it was stated, would be the calling of a new witness, whom the prosecution believes he will be able to put on the stand in a re-opened direct case. This witness was said to be Miss Ida Vera Simonton, who has been frequently mentioned during the trial as an important witness. Miss Simonton has been abroad for several years. Miss Simonton has not yet arrived and it is presumed she is a passenger on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which is the only steamer to dock today.

Miss Simonton met Miss Nesbit in Paris, it has been said, when the latter was there with Thaw, and it is stated that her testimony will corroborate certain portions of the Hummel affidavit.

THE MAN WHO DEFEATED LORD ROSEBERRY.

Lord Curzon Ex-Viceroy of India Who Was Recently Elected Over Lord Roseberry an Chancellor of Oxford University.



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GEO NATHANIEL CURZON

NEW RAILWAY BILL TAKEN UP

Corporations' Committee Considered Auto-road Company's Bill This Morning.

FREDERICTON, March 20—(Special)—The corporations committee at their meeting today took up the consideration of the bill to allow the Auto-road company power to construct a steam railway.

The attorney general said that much as he regretted to have to do so he felt it his duty to oppose the bill. Any parties wishing to construct a railway should come in the regular manner and show their bona fide and financial ability and apply for incorporation in the usual way.

T. S. Peters and J. J. F. Winslow appeared on behalf of the promoters and asked that the company be incorporated for a limited time, say one year, and if in that time they failed to show their ability to carry the matter through the charter might be annulled. After some further discussion the further consideration of the matter was adjourned for a week to enable the promoters to prepare a bill on the lines suggested.

The bill to incorporate the Hazen Avenue synagogue was considered and ordered to be recommended.

The municipalities committee met today and recommended the bill authorizing the valuators of the county of York to amend the valuation of the parish of St. Marys by deducting the amount of the income of the I. C. R. employes from such valuation and also the bill altering the date of holding the municipal elections in the county of York.

The bill relating to the town of Dalhousie was considered and a sub-committee consisting of Hons. Messrs. Pugsley, Labillois and Jones and Mr. Robertson was appointed to prepare certain suggested amendments.

OKLAHOMA TO BAR LIQUOR

New State to Have Most Stringent Prohibitory Law in Existence.

GUTHRIE, Okla, March 20—The constitution committee, after completing its work of drawing up a set of laws to govern the proposed new state of Oklahoma, has adjourned sine die.

The constitution will be submitted to the people of Oklahoma and Indian Territory at a special election Aug. 6.

Oklahoma will be a prohibition state, the most stringent liquor law in existence, prohibiting not only the sale, but the introduction of liquor into the state, being provided for.

The issuance of watered stock is prohibited, and the books of all corporations are made subject to inspection at all times.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, March 20—Prices of stocks started at sharp advances over last night's closing level.

THE WHOLE TOWN SATURATED NOW

Indians Quarantined for Smallpox Invade St. Thomas Court Room, and Whole Town Uses Formaldehyde.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., March 20—(Special)—The trial of Cornelius Amntone, an Indian, charged with assaulting Corny Johns and a squaw, Charlotte Thomas, came up yesterday at the court house before Judge Colter. About 100 red men were present, among them some who had broken smallpox quarantine and who had been exposed to the disease in shacks a few miles west of here. The police turned out in force to clear the court room but without avail. The Indians were there to listen to the trial and would not go. Judge Colter, in consequence, at once adjourned the trial for three weeks, and now the officials of the court and others are going around saturated with formaldehyde.

ACCIDENT TO A COLONIST TRAIN

C. P. R. Colonist Special Derailed West of Fort William Yesterday--Nine Passengers Hurt.

WINNIPEG, March 20 — (Special)—The westbound colonist special was derailed at Carlstadt 90 miles west of Fort William at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, seven coaches and the caboose leaving the track. Nine passengers were injured, one of them seriously, and the caboose, catching fire from an overturned stove, was destroyed.

The names of the injured are: J. H. Richardson, Albert Nesley, Geo. Taylor, William Russell, Mrs. Russell, W. A. Holland, Mrs. Jas. Marshall, Mrs. Buttershaw aad William Patterson. They are all in the hospital at Fort William. Mr. Richardson is the most seriously injured, one of his feet being so badly crushed as to necessitate amputation.

THE TELEPHONE BILL

FREDERICTON, March 20 —(Special) Mayor Sears, Recorder Skinner of St. John, and City Clerk Magee of Moncton, are here on business connected with the telephone bill.

The Fredericton assessment bill will be taken up by the municipalities committee tomorrow morning.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20—Floods have done $650,000 damage in Aronette, Cal. Business houses in that town are under six feet of water. Two persons have been drowned at Stockton. The village of Dreadful has been destroyed and several people drowned.

STAMPS, Arkansas, March 20—Two colored women were shot to death here today by a mob. They were charged with assaulting a white woman.

PARIS, March 20—Leray Parke, of the U. S. war department, who has been in Europe soliciting laborers for the Panama canal, has secured 4,500 men, mostly Spaniards or Italians.

BOSTON, March 20—John Berke, a railway man, shot his wife dead on Carson street, South Boston, today, and then shot himself. Mrs. Berke had refused to live with her husband.

LONDON, March 20—Lord Wm. Neville, the fourth son of the Marquis of Abergvenny, was committed for trial today on a charge of larceny.

LONDON, March 20—The Lincolnshire handicap was won by O. B. with Kaffir Cheif second. Twenty-four horses started.

A MOURNFUL RECORD

Death has been busy in the ranks of the Parliamentarians during the present session at Ottawa. Since its opening, four senators and four members of the commons have been called away, namely: Senators—Hon. John Dobson, Hon. Sir William Hingston, Hon. C. E. Casgrain and Hon. Alex. Vidal. Members:—Charlemagne Laurier, M. P. for L'Assomption; Edward Cochrane, M. P. for East Northumberland; Thos. Martin, M. P. for North Wellington, Ont; and Dr. Stockton, M. P. for St. John city and county. Three seats in the house of commons are at present vacant through the deaths of Dr. Stockton, and Messrs. Cochrane and Thomas Martin.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

BIRDIE IS HAPPY.



The lovely Miss Birdie McWhat carefully laid away her new millinery this morning and got out her snowshoes. The fair Birdie is a philosopher, and also loves to battle with the elements. Garbed in fetching attire she sallied forth, regardless of the driving snowflakes, and two hours later came back from her tramp, flushed, snow-covered and happy.

"It's so much better than wading," she said to the Times new reporter. "I did a lot of wading last week, and it's quite a change to get on snowshoes again.' '

Birdie is holding a millinery reception this afternoon, and Mr. Peter Binks, jr., is pouring tea.

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THE EDITOR WAS CONVINCED.

The Times new reporter quarrelled with the editor this morning and offered to throw up his job.

When the editor arrived he instructed the young man to tabulate the various opinions on civic reform set forth at last night's meeting in the board of trade rooms. The new reporter read both morning papers, and then tapped on the editor's door.

"How many hours do I have to finish this job?" he enquired.

"It must be done at once," replied the editor.

"For today's paper?' '

"Most assuredly.' '

The new reporter thereupon made some heated remarks, and the editor repied in kind. At this juncture another member of the staff appeared and asked the editor if he had read the report of the meeting. The editor replied that he had not.

"Permit me, then," said the new reporter, ' to suggest that you do so. If then you are still of the same opinion I must ask you to accept my resignation. I couldn't tabulate those opinions in less than six hours."

The editor seized the morning papers, read the reports, and apologised to the new reporter.

"I couldn't do it myself,' 'he frankly admitted. "It beats the Dutch."

EUROPEAN TRIPS

Government Officials Will Cross the Atlantic for Holiday Trips.

(Fredericton Gleaner)

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Winslow expect to sail this week from St. John by the C. P. R. Empress boat for a European tour. During the past few days Mr. Winslow has not been at his office at the public works department and it is expected that his trip across the Atlantic will do a great deal towards building up his health which has been somewhat impaired of late.

J. Howe Dickson, clerk of the executive council, has about completed arrangements for himself and Mrs. Dickson to take a trip across the Atlantic during the coming summer and he will probably spend the month of August in Europe.

FRENCH NEWSPAPERS PAY TRIBUTES TO BERTHELOT

PARIS, March 19—The newspapers here unite in recognizing that in the death of M. Berthelot, the celebrated chemist, who was foreign minister in the Borgeois cabinet, France lost, perhaps, her greatest scientist.

The Petit Parisien says. "The twentieth century will leave no greater name to posterity."

The cabinet has decided to ask parliament to authorize a national funeral for Mr. Berthelot and his wife, who died a few minutes before her husband; but the deceased scientist's desire that his funeral be devoid of military display will be honored.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, March 20—(Special) — The market was unsettled in tone today. Some features were fractionally lower, others factionally better than yesterday's closing prices The most active features were MacKay, 66½, Pfd., 67; Mexican, 49¼ to 48⅞; Illinois pfd., 89½; Montreal Power, 86½; Nova Scotia Steel, 73; Twin SCity, 95 to 94¾; Detroit, 71¼ to 71; Richelieu, 73; Toronto Railway, 106¼.

REXTON, N. B., March 19—George A. Irving has sold his business to Mrs. J. H. Abbott. Mr. Irving will remove to Dorchester.

The remains of the late Gordon Livingstone, who died at the Moncton Hospital Saturday morning, were brought here Saturday afternoon by his sister, Mrs. W. J. Smith, who was with him at the time of his death. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended; Rev. A. D. Archibald officiated.

TO CARE FOR UNFORTUNATE

Measures May Be Taken To Look After Demented Woman Who Frequents Union Depot.

For the past few days the I. C. R. police have been in a quandary to know what to do with a woman named Mrs. Maxwell, who has been almost constantly about the depot and who is supposed to be insane. In all probability Officer Collins will have her cared for this afternoon, as he fears that something might happen to her about the train shed. The unfortunate woman at one time worked for the I. C. R., her business requiring her to look after the cleaning of the cars. Her husband has been dead about 15 years and she goes to all the trains thinking that there is a royal train coming, on which the only passengers are her deceased husband and another gentleman who is at present in New York.

When the Boston train arrived today, Mrs. Maxwell was in the depot and she even meets the trains that arrive after midnight, and has several times been ejected from the station by the police authorities.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, March 20—(Special)—The body of the late Mrs. F. D. Davidson who died at Montague, P. E. I. three weeks ago, arrived here last evening accompanied by her son. The funeral will take place at Gibson tomorrow.

The schools of the city including the Normal school, were obliged to close at noon today on account of the storm.

Friends of Deputy Sur. Gen Flewelling, one of the most efficient and popular officials in local government service, are congratulating him today on a substantial increase in his salary provided for in the estimates.

On account of the severe storm there was no matinee in the Opera House today. A matinee will be held tomorrow at 2.30.

HOW THE SLATE MAKERS ARE FRAMING IT UP NOW

Some Street Rumors As To Possible Candidates For the Seat Made Vacant by the Death of Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P.

There is considerable conjecture among local politicians and citizens generally as to whether an election will be held soon to select a successor to the late Dr. Stockton, or the seat allowed to remain vacant until a general election is held, which will probably be in the fall of next year. Some are of the opinion that a bye-election will be held in the coming fall, immediately after the provincial elections.

The question of selecting candidates has also been discussed, and both parties have at least three men who are mentioned prominently in this connection.

In the liberal ranks the friends of Colonel H. H. McLean are urging that he should be selected to contest the vacant seat, while the claims of Mayor Sears for recognition are put forward by his following. Both men are said to be willing to offer if the party wants them.

Hon. H. A. McKeown is also mentioned and one report is that Premier Pugsley, after the approaching election will resign the premiership and run as the representative of this city for the dominion house. But he is also mentioned as a possible federal candidate in Kings.

In the local house it is said that Hon. C. W. Robinson would be the successor to Hon. Mr. Pugsley as premier.

In the conservative ranks the names of Ex-Mayor W. W. White, Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., Alderman J. B. M. Baxter, Dr. A. W. Macrae and Geo. V. McInerney are mentioned as possible candidates.

Although no action has yet been taken by either party to discuss the matter, it is probable that conventions will be called at an early date to talk over the situation.