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ONE CENT

FRENCH COLUMN IN HEAVY FIGHT WITH TRIBESMEN

A Reconnoitering Party Beaten Back By 20,000 Natives

Situation in Algeria Becoming Serious--Unless Reinforcements Are Sent Immediately French Force is In Danger of Annihilation.

LALLA MAGHNIA, Nov. 27.—The French column which was engaged in a serious fight with the tribesmen on Monday, returned yesterday after bombarding several villages. The French reconnoitering party was attacked today by twenty thousand tribesmen and forced to retreat, having eight men wounded. The hostilities are the result of resentment of the tribesmen against French occupation of Oudja.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—A despatch to the Matin from Nemours, Algeria, says that five more tribes have joined the Beni Nassen tribesmen and that the situation is becoming critical. It says also that if reinforcements are not sent immediately the French force now there will be in danger of annihilation.

VAN HORNE ON THE WHEAT SITUATION

The Best Opinion in the West Upholds the Bankers in Their Course.

MONTREAL, Nov. 26.—Sir William Van Horne, chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway board, who has just returned from his trip to the northwest, which, while primarily intended as a visit to his farm at East Selkirk, was extended so as to include a general survey of the prairie provinces and the grain raising country, stated in an interview with The Herald today that when in the west he had heard nothing in the nature of complaints against the banks.

"Such references to this as have come under my observation, if I have seen in the newspapers," he said, "are conversations with responsible people up there convinced me that they saw it was unreasonable to expect the banks to advance money to enable grain banks to pile up wheat for May delivery."

"Do you think the general financial stringency that prevails will have a serious effect in retarding railway and other developments in the country?" Sir William was asked.

"My impression is that the present financial pressure will be only temporary, but I would rather not venture to prophecy; my own notions with regard to the prosperity and continuous advancement of Canada and the United States have been slightly out, and so many people have given opinions on the subject that have proved to be wrong that I will say nothing more with regard to that."

"I was exceedingly pleased with all I saw in the west," proceeded Sir William. "I found a marked difference in all towns, especially since my last visit, and a notable advancement in the character and number of the buildings wherever I went. Winnipeg is no longer a frontier town, but has become a real city. Portage La Prairie, Brandon, Regina and Moose Jaw have become handsome towns, with surprisingly fine buildings and I was particularly struck by the condition of the streets, which as regards Brandon and Regina especially, are equal to any in Canada."

"With regard to the last crop season in the northwest, which in most districts the wheat yield was an unfavorable one, and in quantity and quality was considerably reduced, I think that on account of the higher prices the farmers will probably realize as much from it as they did in former seasons. If not more. In view of the increase in barley and oats the railway will have just as much to do."

"Notwithstanding the inconvenience resulting from the general money conditions now prevailing, I heard no complaints, and everything went on cheerfully."

"The movement of merchandise from the east into the northwest is considerably above that of the corresponding period of last year. That I regard as a very favorable indication of the condition of the people up there."

"No doubt there will be a large winter movement of wheat if the necessary cash is available—indeed I would say there will probably be a considerable movement in any case."

WANT CITIES TO OWN RAILWAYS

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 26.—An additional step has been taken in the proposal to authorize Detroit and other Michigan cities to own and operate street railways. The sub-committee of the constitutional convention committee on cities and villages agreed on a report to be made to the full committee as follows:

"All cities of 20,000 inhabitants or over may provide by local legislation for owning and operating its public utility enterprises, provided that such step be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the electors voting at any regular election. Such cities may issue bonds beyond the established legal limitation of their indebtedness, provided that such bonds shall not impose any liability on the city, but shall constitute a lien against the public service utility only, including the franchise."

"And no franchise which shall accrue to the bondholders in case of foreclosure shall run for a longer period than 20 years."

TODAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Norman Sprague Fined \$8 for Playing Peeping Tom--Other Cases Dealt With.

Because Norman Sprague did the Peeping Tom act last night, he was fined \$8 in the police court this morning, when, owing to Judge Ritchie's absence from the city, Police Clerk Henderson officiated.

Sprague, who was arrested between 8 and 9 o'clock last night by Patrolman J. H. Ross, for peeping in at the windows of H. P. Remkin's residence, Duke street, said he was looking for a lady friend.

Mr. Henderson told the prisoner that he had failed to give a satisfactory account of himself to the police when arrested, and his explanation in court was also unsatisfactory. The fine was struck not so much for peeping as for his inability to give a proper account of himself to Patrolman Ross.

Emma Karoney, who was found lying drunk at the foot of Dorchester street last night and had to be carried to central station, was also in court and was fined \$8 or two months in jail.

One of her eyes seemed to have been injured by a fall and looked very sore. Her husband appeared in her behalf and took her away with him.

The police say that Kilfoil had been quarreling with his wife and they had been called to his house in Chapel street, no less than four times, to quiet matters. Half a dozen common drunks were fined \$4 or ten days each in jail.

Mrs. Rachel Burns and Catherine Melanson, charged by Fred Page, of Chipman with stealing \$15 from him in the Burns woman's house, Brussels street were heard in the police court yesterday afternoon when both women pleaded not guilty and were remanded.

CHARLES FAWCETT DIED THIS MORNING

Sackville's Wealthiest Resident and Founder of Sackville Stove Foundry, Passed Away at 6 a. m.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Nov. 27 (Special).—Charles Fawcett, the founder of the Sackville stove foundry, and by far the wealthiest man in Sackville, died this morning at 6 o'clock, after an illness extending over some months. He was seventy years old. The deceased was one of the best known business men in Eastern Canada. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Fred Ryan, of Sackville, and two sons, Horace E. and Chas. W., both of Sackville.

COMMITTED SUICIDE IN HIS POLICE CELL

Bernard Clinton, in Jail at Gaysboro for Sheep Stealing, Drank Carbolic Acid.

GUYSBORO, N. S., Nov. 27.—(Special).—Bernard Clinton, who was remanded to jail here yesterday for trial at the supreme court on a charge of sheep stealing, committed suicide about seven o'clock last evening by taking carbolic acid. Clinton could not get bail, and this apparently led him to commit the terrible deed. He was a married man with a large family.

\$100,000,000 LEAVE WITH EMIGRANTS

While fifty millions of gold have come here from the Old World to help out the United States in her present tight money situation twice as much is being carried out of this country and Canada this year by half a million emigrants.

All Friday night a crowd of Italians lined outside the gates of the Cunard line, near the foot of Jane street, hoping they might be allowed to sail on the Caronia, which was already full to her legal capacity. Many women were in the crowd. At midnight 800 persons, some with tickets in their hands and all with grips and packs, stood out in West street. The persuasiveness of the police had little effect. The outward-bound throng seemed to believe that if they waited long enough they would be allowed to sail. The number sailing on the Caronia yesterday morning was 2,291.

The St. Paul went out with 827 steerage fares. The California, of the French line, had a list of 1,000 more—strong, hardy, clean-lined men, who looked as though their sojourn in America had done them good. Some wore long overcoats, others blue jumpers and overalls, some were still in summer garb, with no waistcoats, while every third man wore a belt. They waited at the foot of Morton street all yesterday forenoon for the California to cross the North River from Jersey City to take them aboard.—N. Y. Herald.

I.C.R. INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

MONCTON, Nov. 27.—(Special).—Secretary Paver of the I. C. R. Relief and Insurance Association has submitted his report for the month ending November 25th. There were four deaths during the month and one case of total disability. The deaths and amount of insurance were H. McDonald, Moncton, \$250; George Levesque, Levis, John Collins, St. John, \$300 each; Jos. Hachey, Campbellton, \$250; S. Moore, of Moncton a retired member claims a total disability amounting to \$1,000. Fees and levies for the month are class A, \$2, class B, \$1, class C, 80 cents.

MEN ARE WORKING ON A DONALDSON BOAT AT THIRTY CENTS AN HOUR

Otherwise There Is No Change In the Situation--Members of Longshoremen's Union Say They Will Stand Firm For Higher Rate--The Question Of a Conciliation Board.

The Donaldson line steamer Athena was being discharged this morning by independent laborers at 30 cents an hour, together with members of the crew. H. C. Schofield of the Rbt. Reford Co., said that they had had applications from a number of able bodied men to go to work on the steamer at 30 cents and that, in addition to the crew, and were adding to their numbers as fast as they applied. He anticipated no difficulty in getting all the men needed at the old rate.

The longshoremen this morning sent a formal application to the department of labor at Ottawa asking that a board of conciliation be appointed.

In connection with this it is stated by the labor department that the men should continue at work until the matter has been adjusted, but the hitch is that the men want to be paid 40 cents in the meantime and the steamship people will only agree to pay 30 cents.

A leading lawyer of the city in commenting on the question of a conciliation board being appointed has pointed out that it is doubtful if the present law applies to the situation here, as the C. P. R. and the longshoremen are not in the position of employer and employee as the law provides.

The C. P. R. is in the position of a contractor ready to hire men to do certain work at 30 cents an hour and the longshoremen take the stand that they are willing to go to work but not for less than 40 cents.

The longshoremen, themselves, take the ground that there is no strike, so it is difficult to see just where the conciliation board fits in, especially as the Athenians have all the men they want at 30 cents and the Donaldsons are now employing men at the same rate.

It is stated by the steamship men that the work is going along all right and no trouble will be experienced in getting all the steamers now in port away on time. The Athena which is now discharging will not load here, but as soon as her cargo is taken out will sail for Baltimore where she will load.

No further steps have been taken to bring men from Montreal. Captain Walsh, when asked this morning said the situation was unchanged so far as he was concerned. He was not prepared to say whether men would be brought from Montreal, Boston, Portland or elsewhere, but when the time came to act they would make whatever arrangements were necessary to carry on the work at the steam-

Halifax Wakes Up

The following is from an interview with D. W. Campbell, Canadian manager of the Elder-Dempster steamship company, in yesterday's Halifax Chronicle:

"What do you think about giving the C. P. R. running rights on the I. C. R. from Halifax to St. John?" Mr. Campbell was asked.

"I think it is of the utmost importance that they should be granted equitable running rights over that section," replied Mr. Campbell.

"With the present labor troubles in St. John, now is the time, I think," said Mr. Campbell, "for Halifax to secure some more lines of steamers for this port. With the possible exception of this Richmond matter, the labor unions here are acting in a very fair and reasonable manner. If we could get proper facilities, our South African steamers would run here this year in preference to St. John, owing to the labor troubles there and the expense of that port. In Halifax, you have none of that port. In Halifax, you have appreciation."

Mr. Campbell leaves today for Montreal.

Niagara Falls, Painted By Mr. Aston Knight on His Honey Moon.



PAINTED BY ASTON KNIGHT

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—There is a romantic interest attached to a picture of Niagara Falls by Mr. Aston Knight a young American artist for he painted it when he was on his honeymoon at the scene from which he drew the inspiration. Mr. Knight saw the glory of the eternal Horseshoe, about two years ago, and decided that when next he came to America he would commit its image to canvas. This plan, however, did not recur to him when he came a few weeks ago to marry Miss Caroline Ridgway Brewster of Rochester, but on their wedding journey they went to the great cataract and there he was more than ever impressed with the beauty of the falls. He had not been there two days before he telegraphed for his easel and at once began to paint the scene from the Canadian side of the river.

Mr. Knight was always near the artist while he was painting. The proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, where they were staying, was so interested in the picture that he provided a summer house for the artist where he might be unmolested by a curious public.

"Does your wife always accompany you in your sketching excursions?" asked the hotel keeper.

"She always has so far," replied the painter.

This picture, which was placed on view in the windows of M. Knoedler & Co., in Fifth avenue shows the broad sweep of the cataract and the great veil of mist which floats above it. In the foreground are woods in which birches predominate, and the swirl of the rapids. Mr. Knight excels in representing moving water.

The free postal delivery was inaugurated here yesterday when the letter carriers started on their rounds with mail for the first time.

EVIDENCE IN BRADLEY CASE MAY FINISH TODAY

ANOTHER OLD CITIZEN GONE

Roger Hunter Died This Morning in His 78th Year.

St. John lost a worthy citizen today the death of Roger Hunter, which occurred at 4.30 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Hunter was in his 78th year and had been ill for two weeks. He was the oldest employing printer in St. John, both in point of age and number of years in business. Since 1853 he had conducted the Franklin Printing office here.

Few citizens were more widely known than Roger Hunter and few will be more sincerely mourned. For many years he has been a prominent figure in the city where he lived and his passing will be marked even by many who did not enjoy his acquaintance.

Although suffering for many years from a particularly severe affliction his was a cheerful, genial spirit, and the fact that he was deprived of his eyesight had no effect upon the gentle kindness of his disposition.

Mr. Hunter was born in the city of Cork, Ireland, in 1830 and was educated there. In 1851 he was sent to New York as a representative of the old London Printing & Publishing Company. He remained in New York for two years coming to St. John in 1853 when he established the Franklin Printing office and at the same time conducted a large book and stationery business. Before the fire of '77 "Hunter's Book Store," was one of the well known establishments in St. John.

At the time of his death Mr. Hunter was the oldest employing printer in St. John. The firms of J. & A. McMillan and Barnes & Co. antedated his but the original heads of these firms pre-deceased him by several years.

Mr. Hunter was a heavy loser by the St. John fire and he never re-established his book and stationery business after that time confining his attention to his job printing business. Shortly after the fire Mr. Hunter's eyesight became affected and for a time he was practically blind. A few years ago he secured temporary relief by means of an operation but it was only temporary and to the grief of his many friends he was again afflicted. In spite of this, however, he was in daily attendance at his office and personally directed most of his affairs. He was a prominent member of the Anglican church and at one time a teacher in St. Luke's Sunday school. He was also connected with the Masonic fraternity being a member of Albion lodge of which his son Percy R. Hunter is now presiding officer.

Mr. Hunter married Miss E. J. Cook, daughter of the late John Cook of this city, the ceremony being performed by the late Canon Harrison. Mrs. Hunter who survives him is very seriously ill. He also leaves three sons, Fred, of Winnipeg, Percy R., who has been associated with him in business and Richard, of this city. Three daughters, Miss M. Harriet, of St. John and Florence and Belle of Portland, Oregon, also survive.

The funeral will be held from his home, 34 Sydney street on Friday afternoon at 2.45. Service in Trinity church at three o'clock.

NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND

Free Postal Delivery in Charlottetown Was Inaugurated Yesterday.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Nov. 27.—(Special).—J. W. Pidgeon, aged 25, clerk in the Bank of Nova Scotia at Montreal, died yesterday in the Royal Victoria Hospital there. He was a son of W. A. Pidgeon, of Kensington, P. E. I.

John Kelly, aged 24, son of Patrick Kelly of Charlottetown, was killed yesterday in Charlottetown, Mass. He was employed on the railway as a steam-fitter. The Methodist church at Tryon, yesterday, extended an invitation to Rev. W. A. Thompson of Campbellton, N. B., to become their pastor next year, subject to the approval of the conference.

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THE BANQUET TO J. D. HAZEN, M. P. P.

It Will Be Held in Keith's Assembly Rooms on December 4th.

The banquet to J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., leader of the provincial opposition, at Keith's assembly rooms, on December 4th, promises to be one of the most representative political gatherings ever held in St. John. All parts of the province will be represented and there will also be men prominent in Canadian public life. Consequently when the big gathering assembles at 7 o'clock on the date mentioned the party will be a brilliant one indeed.

Tickets may be obtained from W. H. Harrison, secretary, or any of the ward chairmen; and it is requested that those desiring seats should make application at once, so that those in charge may complete arrangements for seating and catering. Guests will appear in ordinary dress. The Frank White Catering Co. will have charge of the catering.

Sixteen cars of United States products were manifested on this port from frontier ports. The manifests were received today. The United States exports received at the warehouses are ahead of last year's business.

May Go to the Jury by Monday or Tuesday Next Week

Government Insanity Experts Will Not Be Cross-Examined By the Defence Nor Will Witnesses Be Introduced in Rebuttal.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The abruptness with which the defence rested its case yesterday in the trial of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley for the killing of former Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, combined with the fact that already four witnesses out of fifteen summoned by the government in rebuttal have testified, leads to the belief that the case will be given to the jury possibly Monday or Tuesday of next week. It is the present purpose of the defence not to cross examine at length Doctors Joffe and Brush, the government insanity experts, or to place on the stand any witnesses in rebuttal. It is therefore expected that at the close of today's proceedings the testimony will all be in. The trial was resumed at 10.15 today.

PREACHER CONDONES USE OF ALCOHOL

But Urges His Congregation to Use Self-Denial and Refrain from Drink.

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 26.—Rev. Dean Farthing, in St. George's Cathedral, Sunday night, preached a strong sermon on "Temperance." He replied to critics who have accused him of being in sympathy with the liquor interests and set forth his views on the prohibition question.

The dean denied that "prohibition," "local option" and "temperance" are synonymous terms. He declared there is no essential sin in the making, selling or drinking of alcoholic beverages. He declared that the abuse could not be remedied by such laws as the Scott Act. He said that in Woodstock, where he formerly dwelt, drinking conditions were worse while the prohibition law was in force than under the license law. The dean favored regulation in large centres of population and local option in rural districts where it can be enforced. He said he would favor a law doing away with bars and placing the sale of liquors under government supervision, the liquors to be sold in original sealed packages and not for consumption on the premises. He referred to the criticism that St. George's church owns property on which stands a hotel with a bar, and said that the church existed long before his arrival and that as soon as it can be legally done, the bar will be put out of existence.

The dean referred to numerous communications, copies of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," publications purporting himself as a liquor dealer, and others sent to him by over-zealous temperance people, and wound up with an urgent appeal to the members of his congregation not to serve strong drink to young guests at their homes, and asked them if it would not be better for them, as Christians, to dispense with the use of alcoholic beverages altogether, thereby avoiding placing a stumbling block in the paths of weaker brethren.

ST. JOHN OUGHT TO DO THE SAME

(N. Y. American.)

Mayor Fagan, of Jersey City, is determined that every passenger on street cars in that city shall have a seat or the company shall pay a fine of \$50 for every failure to supply one, as provided by the city ordinance.

This ordinance was passed by the street and water board last January and has been upheld by the supreme court. Although an appeal has been taken, Corporation Counsel Record does not consider that the appeal acts as a stay.

Mayor Fagan has sent two additional ordinances to the board, one providing that each person from whom fare is demanded shall be furnished with a seat and the other that the public service corporation shall operate a sufficient number of cars to provide every passenger with one. A half a dozen detectives were on watch at the Pennsylvania and Erie terminals last night between 5.30 and 7 o'clock. From the former forty-five cars left with passengers standing. Conditions at the Erie were bad. The detectives boarded some of the cars and when asked for fare demanded receipts, which were refused. It is said evidence of violations of the ordinance were secured in at least twenty cases.

MONCTON NEWS

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 27 (Special).—Schooner Princeston, owned by W. S. Balcom, of Hantsport, N. S., and en route unloading a cargo of fertilizer, is the same schooner which was blown over in a squall off Nantux eight weeks ago today, when the cargo was drowned. She is only six months old, and after being wrecked at Nantux, had to be practically rebuilt.

Word has been received here of the death, which occurred on Monday at Plainfield, Mass., of Dr. Norfolk, who formerly practiced here and at Shediac.

GOLD MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Heidelberg, Lickseimer and Company, announced the engagement of an additional \$1,000,000 in gold for import today. This makes the total \$86,150,810 for the present movement.