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WOMEN BURNED IN THEIR HOME

In Saint John, One Dead, The Other Expected To Die—A Tragedy In Disruptable Street Supposed From Smoking In Bed

St. JOHN, March 17—(Special)—She at once gave the alarm, the Fire broke out shortly before one o'clock today in a house on Sheffield Street occupied by Mrs. Clara McGuigan and Margaret Hayes. Mrs. McGuigan was burned to death and the Hayes woman was so severely burned that her death is expected. Emma Dixon, a mulatto woman who lived with the two, had left the house to purchase a half barrel of coal. On returning after being absent for a short time only, she saw the Hayes woman at the head of the stairs surrounded by a blaze of fire.

WEEKS ADRIFT ON THE PACIFIC

Thrilling Tale of the Sea Which Speaks of the Awful Sufferings of Shipwrecked Mariners in an Open Boat

NEW YORK, March 16.—A tale of the sea rivalling in horror and hardship any tragedy of the deep, was brought here today by William Kuhlmann, a seaman, who was a passenger on the steamer Voltaire, from South America ports. Kuhlmann is one of six survivors of the crew of the American ship Tilley E. Starbuck, which was abandoned last August more than a thousand miles off the Pacific coast of South America. He and his companions were rescued by a British ship after drifting about for eight weeks in an open boat.

BRITAIN DOES NOT TRUST JAPAN

SHANGHAI, March 16.—There is a growing distrust in British commercial circles on the Chinese coast of the entire policy of the Japanese Government in the far east, and of recent months there has been a succession of complaints regarding the obstruction of foreign trade in Manchuria. This particular affects the British steamship companies, and officers of these lines say that obstacles are placed in the way of their steamers going to Port Dalny. The opposition of Japan to the extension northward of the Hsianmintun Railway also is adversely criticized here, it being contended that her sole object in this regard is to eliminate any possibility of opposition to her lines in Manchuria.

GRAND VAUDEVILLE BILL AND SPECIAL PICTURE PROGRAM

Yesterday the manager of Fairyland received the following despatch from the vaudeville agent on the mainland. "Owing to the Hindoo has cancelled his Charlottetown engagement. This news coming on the eve of his appearance here is certainly very disappointing, especially since the appointment, especially since the magician had been made to secure a substitute and due announcement will be made in the evening papers. Devone and Schurtz, the clever comedy acrobats are on hand and they will give another magnificent exhibition of lively and highly entertaining stunts. There will be a complete change of moving pictures. Their names will also appear in the evening papers. The special picture "Kathleen Mavourneen" which met with such a hearty reception here on its first presentation will also be shown. Two illustrated songs by Maddison and Harney will be musical features of the evening.

CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Grand Parade, High Mass And Sermon In Morning Concert At Night

Yesterday dawned gloriously bright for St. Patrick's Day. A few degrees of frost during the preceding night resulted in making the streets fairly good for marching, and the the Benevolent Irish Society and the imposing parade in the morning of Ancient Order of Hibernians, with two bands was carried out without the discomfort that very muddy streets would have caused. The parade was most successful—a large number of members turning out. High Mass was celebrated at St. Dunstan's Cathedral, where a sermon appropriate to the day was preached by Rev. Mathias Smith. A grand musical entertainment in the Opera House in the evening, closed the day's celebration. Every seat had been sold and the attendance filled the house to its full capacity. The vast assembly were fully assured of safety by an event on the curtain that the seven exits would enable all to get out within two minutes. The musical numbers were interspersed with moving pictures, readings, and the fine address of President McCourt. Old Irish melodies, Miss Hazel Brenner was recalled for her effective vocal effort in The Old Plaid Shawl as was Mr. Pruner for his delightful reading, Pro Patria. Another charming song from Miss Fitzgerald was followed by Mr. Harney's illustration of the rights and privileges of the people. The House will join to a man in demanding this information. We of the Opposition are looked upon to do all this sort of thing. Here, unfortunately, honorable gentlemen do not seem to observe the rights of the people or their own rights, but they let the Government dictate to them. Surely this thing has gone on long enough. Not alone will they be censured in this House, but the people will censure them. The Commissioner of Public Works makes up a Capital Account—it has always been a bogus affair.

SAVES JOHN TAR'S DIGESTION

Warships will Have Good Chefs and More Varied Menus in Future.

LONDON, March 16.—No longer is the bluejackets to have his digestion spoiled by dinners of his own preparing. The Admiralty announced on Saturday that it had been decided to provide every warship with a trained staff of cooks. For generations it has been the custom on board ship of entrusting the preparation of food to individual members of the ship's company, told off to act as cooks of the messes. Each man in each mess was a cook by rotation, whether he had any culinary talent or not. Now this is the case. A paymaster who has done a month's training at the National School of Cookery in London will supervise the ship's cooks, and in order to insure that the latter do their work satisfactorily a lieutenant is to be sent round the mess deck at dinner time to discover whether there are any complaints. This is an old-established army practice, but in new to the navy.

FALLING OFF IN EMIGRATION

Emigration To Canada Will be Three-Quarters Of that Of 1907

LONDON, March 16.—The emigration season is opening fairly well, though evidently the winter conditions in Canada have put some damper on the outward movement. The authorities tell that their expectation is that emigration will be about three-quarters of that of 1907. Mr. McLaughlin, government delegate for Prince Edward Island, is still here working up emigration, especially from the agricultural districts, of small farmers with some capital. The chief feature of the year's movement will be apparently the Salt Army settlement in British Columbia.

AMERICANS COME BY SUEZ CANAL

British Will Warmly Welcome and Hospitably Entertain Battleships

LONDON, March 16.—The announcement that the American battleship fleet will return from the Pacific to the Atlantic by way of the Suez canal, has created the greatest interest among naval officers here who are anxious to see the American vessels and observe the effects of the long cruise upon them. The news of the cruise homeward was received too late today to make an official opinion, but a prominent naval officer suggested that the government should send an invitation to the battleships to come to England, or if that should be impossible, for them to make an official call at some British port en route home.

BUDGET SPEECH OF YESTERDAY

Hon Mr Fielding Claims a Surplus Of Nineteen Millions For Last Year, But Twelve Millions Were Added To Canada's Debt

OTTAWA, March 17—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Fielding delivered his budget speech to-day, the shortest in the country's history, occupying an hour and a half. He claimed a surplus of nineteen millions for last year and left the arif unchanged. The only change in the fiscal arrangement was in excess rates. The green stamp is to be abolished and all Canadian made tobacco goods will carry one stamp. He announced the Government's intention to hurry to completion the National Transcontinental Railway and told how the Government aided the banks in financing the crop movement. He claimed the banks had availed themselves of the aid of the Government to the extent of five millions. He foreshadowed a change in the banking act which will enable the banks meet the extraordinary demands upon them in future without recourse to the Government for aid. Mr. Fielding said the Government would immediately carry out the erection of the Quebec bridge as a national undertaking and intimated that the work would probably be taken out of the hands of the Quebec Bridge Company. Owing to the expenditure on the National Transcontinental Mr. Fielding admitted there is in addition to the public debt of some twelve million dollars. Mr. Fielding said: The out turn of the financial period at the end of March 31, 1907 proved somewhat more favorable than the anticipations which I ventured to present to the House in the budget speech of the previous November. He had estimated a revenue of \$65,000,000, but the actual revenue for the nine months was \$67,969,328, an excess over the estimate of \$2,969,328. Mr. Fielding remarked that the Customs revenue during the nine months had proved very buoyant, showing a large proportion of increase over that of 1905-06. The same could be said of Excise. The Post Office revenue continues to increase and that service may now be regarded as being established on a paying basis. The receipts for this period from this source were \$5,061,728 and the expenditures \$3,979,559 leaving a surplus of \$1,182,171. Mr. Fielding then quoted a statement of Post Office revenue and expenditure from 1896 to 1907, showing that in the former years there had been a deficit \$700,997 as contrasted with the surplus of nearly \$1,200,000 mentioned above. Turning to another branch of revenue and expenditure Mr. Fielding said that for nine months the I. C. R. has a revenue of \$6,248,251, while the working expenses were \$6,030,174, showing an excess of revenue over working expenses of \$218,079. The Prince Edward Island Railway on the other hand showed an excess of expenses over revenue of \$67,713. For the nine months Mr. Fielding claimed the decrease of the net debt was \$3,371,171.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Continued from yesterday. We have a right to assume they are withholding for certain purposes these accounts. They are hiding from the people something they dare not show. On this point we have their direct refusal to give any information as to what has been done. They say the information has been given but we say it is not the answer. We ask for this particular statement and it is quite unanswerable. Every member of the House insist on the rights and privileges, will join to a man in demanding this information. We of the Opposition are looked upon to do all this sort of thing. Here, unfortunately, honorable gentlemen do not seem to observe the rights of the people or their own rights, but they let the Government dictate to them. Surely this thing has gone on long enough. Not alone will they be censured in this House, but the people will censure them. The Commissioner of Public Works makes up a Capital Account—it has always been a bogus affair.

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COUNTRESS ALICE SCOLDS MOTHERS

Tells Them That Their Follies Unfit Their Daughters to be Wives

LONDON, March 16.—Alice, Countess of Chester, read some members of her sex a severe lesson this week. In these days, she said, in a lecture on the duties of women, mothers were guilty of following the various social fashions of the day, in emulation of their neighbors. Thus it came about that they made their daughters read expensive articles that young men simply would not indulge in them, and instead of getting married in the luxury of their clubs the comfort of which they should find in houses of their own.

MUSICAL MACKS AT WONDERLAND

Tonight the Musical Macks Wonderland, resume their place principal entertainers, one they are beyond doubt most certainly capable of filling. Their music in addition to being sweet, harmonious and exquisite, is played on instrument which are as unique as full of rich melodies. Mr. Mack as a trick violin and banjo player, is equalled by Mrs. Mack in any place she chooses. She is at home on the trombone, baritone, banjo, and other instrument as he is; and her voice is one of surpassing loveliness, a treat to hear in deed. She has a full compass, taking her high notes powerfully, and sustaining them ever with a melody which entrances. Her rendition of Sweet Adeline is magnificent, and is an intense pleasure to hear a voice such as hers, a pleasure a

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, March 17—(Special)—Moderate northerly winds fine and cold today. Wednesday south east shifting to west winds fair with light snow or sleet.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Brecken will leave the residence of her son-in-law, Charles Leigh, Kent Street, tomorrow, Thursday, at half past two for St. Paul's Church, and thence to People's Cemetery.

MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA REPORT.

The thirty-eight annual report of the Mutual Life of Canada, which appears in another part of to-day's paper, presents very strong evidence that the financial flurry last Fall had little effect on the Life Insurance Companies and therefore, must have done but little damage to the great body of substantial citizens who insure their lives. Perhaps the most striking feature of the report is the amount of new business written—over Seven Million Dollars—an increase of more than a million and a half over the amount of business written in 1906. That very few policy-holders allowed their insurance to lapse is shown by the fact that, even after deducting death claims and matured endowments, the Company's net gain in insurance in force was over four million dollars. The Mutual Life of Canada now stands third among Canadian Companies in the total amount of insurance in force, and is one of the most aggressive and progressive financial institutions. It is gratifying to Canadians to note that home companies are much more than holding their own with outside companies, and the Guardian congratulates the policy-holders of the Mutual Life of Canada on the excellent showing of their Mutual organization. J. O. Arsenault is the General Agent in this territory.