

PRESIDENT TAFT ON PANAMA BILL

Favors Arbitration if Pending Negotiations Fail.

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—President Taft today declared unequivocally that he favored the arbitration of the Panama Canal dispute between Great Britain and the United States...

DANDELIONS ARE IN BLOOM AT NEWPORT

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 2.—Delightful weather, with the temperature at forty-five degrees, sent most people into the open and to the walks, drives, and Boston Beach. In the garden of John T. Delano dandelions are blooming.

McMANIGAL GETS HOME TO-MORROW

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Ortie E. McManigal, chief witness for the government in the recent dynamite trial, will probably arrive here in the city to-morrow.

PASSED BAD CHEQUES.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 2.—Chief Rideout has a message from Chief of Police Rutland of Halifax that a man had passed a bogus cheque in that city and left for St. John.

SIX POWERS TO LOAN CHINA \$125,000,000

PEKIN, Jan. 2.—A preliminary agreement is arranged settling the details of the proposed six-Power loan of \$125,000,000 to China.

CLEMENCY FOR MURDERER

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2.—Death was six days off from Hubert Grant in jail here under sentence to be hanged when the following despatch was received from the under secretary of state at Ottawa this afternoon by Sheriff Hall:

"His Royal Highness the Governor-General is pleased to commute to life imprisonment the death sentence passed upon Hubert Grant, alias D. Stanley by Justice Ritchie. Repeat back telegram immediately after its receipt. Will confirm to-day by letter the receipt of which you should also confirm by telegram."

Deputy Sheriff Scriven read the despatch to Grant immediately on its receipt. Entering the jail Mr. Scriven said:

"Grant I have good news for you. Grant looked up with only casual interest as Mr. Scriven read the message and there was a suggestion of a smile but no more. He at once turned round and paced up and down the cell."

The jail officials say that Grant has had nothing to say since the trial. Later he would remark as he was being locked up for the night: "Well, fourteen days more, or thirteen days more," as the case might be.

When the papers arrive from Ottawa Grant will be removed to the Dorchester penitentiary.

Minard's Lintment Cures Diphtheria.

TO SUBSTITUTE GASOLINE

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Alarmed at the heights to which the price of gasoline has been forced, the Society of Motor Manufacturers of England has decided to offer a prize of \$10,000 for the production of a satisfactory motor fuel other than gasoline or any similar petroleum derivative.

The same situation threatens the industry in this country, as pointed out in The Tribune on Tuesday, although American motorists still obtain gasoline cheaply as compared with the prices that are current in Great Britain. It may be reiterated that the statement was made in all seriousness that American motorists may be compelled within twelve months to pay 50 cents a gallon for gasoline. That the price had advanced

ROMANCE IN THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—A romance in the Royal household at Rideau Hall is announced. Two members of the personal staff of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are the central figures. These are Miss Evelyn Peily, lady-in-waiting to the Duchess of Connaught and Capt. T. H. Rivers Buckley, Equerry and Comptroller of the household of the Duke of Connaught, who are engaged to be married. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced.

TERRIBLE GALE AT ST. JOHN

(Special to The Guardian) ST. JOHN, Jan. 5.—The city was visited by a couple of serious fires today amounting to a total loss of about twenty-five thousand dollars.

In the early morning the buildings of the American steam laundry, G. Fred Fisher & Co., roofers, and Walter Lordly, Upholsterer, Charlotte St., were totally destroyed. In the afternoon two residences on Forest St., owned by Thomas Dean and William Davis, were destroyed.

BOOTH NEW HEAD OF COURT OF CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Following the receipt of the resignation of Stanley J. Peels, chief justice of the Court of Claims, at the White House today, President Taft appointed Justice Fenton W. Booth of Illinois, a judge of the Court of Claims, chief justice. Henry Sherman Boutel of Chicago, Minister to Switzerland, was appointed to succeed Justice Booth.

W. W. ASTOR GIVES \$1,250 TO PLYMOUTH

LONDON, Jan. 2.—William Waldorf Astor's New Year's gift is \$1,250 to Plymouth, the constituency of his son, Waldorf Astor, for a day nursery in honor of his grandson and namesake, with \$1,000 a year for maintenance.

MRS. BERWIND GIVES CHRISTMAS AT SEA

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The steamship Adriatic brought 550 passengers 150 of whom were children. The children of the steamer, shortly after the Atlantic left Naples, were given a Christmas entertainment, including a free and presents, by Mrs. Edward J. Berwind of New York.

BERNHARDT TO BUY RANCH FOR HER SON

ST. PAUL, Jan. 2.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt "turned down" Mrs. Harold McCormick of Chicago, who offered her a ranch which she would appear at a society entertainment to be given at the Congress Hotel, January 31. The actress, by cable, informed her son, Maurice Bernhardt, manager of her theatre in Paris, that she plans to give him a 1,500 acre ranch near Colorado Springs.

THE FIREMEN'S STRIKE ON STEAMER EARL GREY

FOURTEEN MEN WERE DROWNED

(Canadian Press) NEWPORT, Jan. 5.—It is now learned that the steamer Julia Luchenback, which was cut in two and sunk in Chesapeake Bay by a British steamer, went to the bottom with 14 men aboard. It was at first reported that 20 were drowned but six were landed here by an incoming steamer.

AMALGAMATION OF HOSPITALS

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—It is proposed to amalgamate the Western and General Hospitals. The General Hospital will be a ward hospital and the Western will be used for exclusive private room cases.

OLDEST TWINS LIVING

BABYLON, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Samuel and William Muncy, who celebrated their ninety-fourth birthday Christmas day, have started in on their ninety-fifth year in excellent health, and they see no reason why they should not round out the century. They are doubtless the oldest twins in the world. Though their eyes need the help of glasses, their other faculties are good and they enjoy long walks daily. They are widowers, each having raised a family of eight children.

NEW ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

There has been organized in Charlottetown a new athletic association, composed of new, vigorous blood, mated with a number of the old, knowing athletes. That there is room for another live athletic body was quite evident last autumn when the football season was in danger of passing over with but a solitary game. It was at this stage that a team called the "Locals" stepped into the breach and gave the public two good, clean games of English Rugby. The "Locals" received

Mails, Passengers and Freight Held up Saturday. Trouble Settled Sunday and Steamer Left For Pictou Returning To-day

On learning of the strike of the firemen on the Earl Grey Saturday and after a thorough investigation of the circumstances, D. Nicholson, M. P. for Queens County immediately sent the following telegram to Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine:—

J. D. HAZEN, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa: Steamer Earl Grey unable to leave Charlottetown today firemen demanding third shift of eight additional firemen which I recommend. Steamer must sail on Monday or serious loss will result to shippers, passengers and non-delivery of mails. If I do not hear from you to-night will instruct Mr. Taylor to employ this additional help for the benefit of all concerned.

D. NICHOLSON. In addition to the above urgent messages were sent to the Department by the Board of Trade and by a number of private citizens. On Saturday evening the Department instructed Captain Taylor, Agent of Marine,

to engage the additional eight men on a guarantee that the new men to be put on should be permanently appointed. Further parleys followed between Captain Taylor, A.A. McLean, M. P., and the striking firemen and on Sunday morning it looked as if the steamer would remain tied to the wharf until the indefinite arrival of the indefinite official from Ottawa, and preparations for saving the perishable freight on board began to take shape. Mr. Nicholson took the matter in hand, interviewed the firemen and gave them the following letter:— "To the firemen of the Earl Grey:— When I go to Ottawa I will recommend the permanent appointment of eight firemen for the Earl Grey and if the firemen on the S. S. Minto have four hours watch I will insist that the firemen on the Earl Grey be treated in like manner. (Signed) D. NICHOLSON.

This, with a little talk on the side. (Continued on page three.)

BURIED BESIDE DOG

LONDON, Jan. 2.—"It is my will and wish," wrote James Griffith Dearden, Lord of the Manor of Rochdale, "that my remains be cremated and then interred at the place where my dog Pompey is now buried."

Dearden ordered that if his body should be disturbed or removed within a hundred years the sum of \$2,500 should be given to the Stanford Infirmary.

LOBSTERS BARRED

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The first violation of the parcels post law was discovered this afternoon, when a queer-looking package addressed to Philadelphia, was opened to reveal a live lobster and a handful of live shrimp. Under the law, live shell fish are classed as "Unsalable matter."

FREIGHTER ALOAZAR ASHORE ON CAPE LOOKOUT

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 2.—The British freighter Alcazar, bound from Port-au-Paix, Hayti, to Philadelphia, went ashore early to-day on Cape Lookout. This is the second time within 10 days that the Alcazar has been in trouble.

THE WEATHER THE TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC

(Special to The Guardian.) TORONTO, Jan. 6.—Fair and moderately cold. The temperature at three o'clock this morning by the Rexall Store Tested Thermometer with a northern exposure was twenty degrees above zero and with a southern exposure was twenty-one above. It was the temperature at 11 a. m., which was given in Saturday's issue. The lowest temperature recorded Saturday was twenty-eight degrees above zero and the highest was forty above. The lowest the previous night was forty-nine above. At nine a. m. Saturday it was thirty-nine above and at nine p. m. it was nine above. The lowest temperature recorded yesterday was nineteen degrees above zero and the highest was twenty-four degrees above. The lowest recorded the previous night was twenty-four above. At nine a. m. yesterday it was twenty-four above and at nine p. m. it was nineteen above. The tide will be high this morning at 10.46 and tomorrow at 11.37; it will be high tonight at 9.30 and tomorrow at 10.18. The sun sets this afternoon at 4.32 and tomorrow at 4.33; it rises to-morrow morning and Wednesday at 7.41. The moon sets this afternoon at 3.32. The last quarter of the moon was on Monday, Dec. 30, at 4.15 p. m. There will be a new moon on Tuesday, January 7, at 6.23 a. m. The length of today will be eight hours and fifty-two minutes. (From Saturday's Evening Guardian) The temperature at 10.30 o'clock this morning by the Rexall Store Tested Thermometer with a northern exposure was forty-four degrees above zero and with a southern exposure was forty-six above.

T. F. CHASE DIES AT NEWBURYPORT

NEWBURYPORT, Jan. 2.—Thurston F. Chase, one of the triplets who celebrated their fiftieth anniversary here on July 11, died to-day at his residence on Moseley avenue from blood poisoning. He was a prominent farmer. The other members of the triplets, Mrs. B. W. Ordway and Miss Alice Marsh Crane, are still living here.

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TURKS AND GREEKS ENGAGE IN BATTLE

FAMOUS EXPLORER COMMITS SUICIDE

(Canadian Press) CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 5.—Capt. Holmar Johannsen, the famous arctic explorer who achieved much success in polar research, committed suicide here last night. He is a member of Capt. Roald Amundsen's recent Antarctic expedition but he left the expedition at the base for supplies when Amundsen and his four companions pushed to the south pole. The fact that he was not with the leading party preyed on his mind and he brooded over it until his return to Norway.

SERIOUS FIRES AT ST. JOHN

(Special to The Guardian) ST. JOHN, Jan. 5.—In the gale which began Friday evening and continued till Sunday afternoon three vessels were wrecked in the vicinity of St. John, aids to navigation were demoralized and a great deal of damage done. The American schooner Wm. T. Donnell, loaded with lumber for New York, was driven ashore at Point Lepreau. Her crew only escaped with their lives after a perilous trip through the surf in a small boat.

The Nova Scotia schooner Eskimo, owned by Charles T. White, East Apple River, near the bar cables while lying in Musquash Harbor and went ashore. Her keel is broken, there is a big hole in her bilge, her jib-boom and mainmast have been carried away. It is believed however, that she can be floated and repaired at St. John. The little fishing schooner, Tourist, owned by Dan Campbell of Musquash, also parted her cable and went ashore in Dipper Harbor.

One of the men saved from the wreck of the Donnell was James Boudreau of Weymouth. At one time the wind attained a velocity of 90 miles an hour and on Sunday morning the recording instruments were blown away. Shipmasters warned to the Bay of Fundy were coming not to trust the aids of navigation. The fog whistle of Gannet Rock was destroyed by the storm.

FIRE IS RAGING IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 2.—The worst coal mine fire of recent years is raging in No. 12 colliery of the Plymouth Coal Company. A fire-fighting corps has been engaged for twenty-four hours, but has made no headway. Thousands of dollars' damage has been done.

REPORT MANY HURT IN RAILROAD WRECK

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 2.—It is reported a New York-New Orleans fast passenger train was wrecked near Gardland and that a number of persons were seriously injured.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—Attorneys for the defence in the dynamite conspiracy case to-day withdrew their applications for a writ of superse-des before Judge Anderson in Federal Court here, and will present one to one of the circuit judges in Chicago probably to-morrow.

ROCKEFELLER IN GEORGIA

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Jan. 2.—It was stated on reliable authority here to-day that William Rockefeller, who is wanted by Congressional process, is stopping at apartments in this city, together with his immediate family. It was stated that Mr. Rockefeller has been here nearly a week.

Exchange Number Shots. Little Damage Was Done.

(Canadian Press) CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 5.—The Turkish fleet left the Dardanelles at 7.30 o'clock this morning under orders to engage in decisive action. They met the Greeks and exchanged a number of shots but retired into the Dardanelles with little damage. (Canadian Press) LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Peace outlook here has improved and it is now regarded as highly improbable that there will be any break in the peace negotiations. Richard Pasha, the Turkish delegate, is prepared to make a new offer to the conference tomorrow which will mean further concession in the Turkish frontier but they are still retaining Adrianople. It is believed the Turkish government is also prepared to renounce Crete to the allies without reserve. The powers have been using their best efforts in the direction of peace and the result is that it is now believed both the allies and Turkey will stand a considerable change from their present positions. It is likely the conference will adjourn to Friday allowing holidays for the orthodox Christmas.

RESCUERS SAVE EIGHT FLOTTING MINERS

TAMAQUA, Pa., Jan. 2.—Rescuers are to-day searching for Joseph Waters, the only one of the nine imprisoned miners who was not saved. After being imprisoned behind a fall of coal, rock and other refuse, forty hours, the eight men were rescued alive. News that the rescue had been made brought joy to several thousands of persons who had gathered around the East Lehigh colliery. The men are now at the Coaldale Hospital.

NEW APPLICATION IN DYNAMITE CASE

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