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SPECULATION AS TO SUCCESSOR

Of Hon. R. Prefontaine—He Lived But Fifteen Minutes After Attack—Body Embalmed and Will be Buried in Montreal—Memorial Service in Noted Church in Paris.

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Special)—A memorial service over the body of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine will be held in the Church of the Madeleine, the most famous Cathedral in Paris. The body is now being embalmed for shipment to Halifax. Mr. Prefontaine and his colleague, Hon. Mr. Lemieux, were guests of Canadian High Commissioner Fabre for Christmas and shortly before nine o'clock in the evening he was taken ill. He lingered only fifteen minutes. His Secretary was able to summon a priest to administer the last Sacrament. OTTAWA, Dec. 26—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Prefontaine's body will be buried in Montreal. Many messages of condolence were received today by members of deceased's family. Already politicians are speculating on Mr. Prefontaine's probable successor. Three names are prominently mentioned, Solicitor General Lemieux, N. Belcourt, M. P. for Ottawa and Mr. Gervais M. P. for St. James, Montreal. MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—(Special)—The chances are thought to favor Mr. Belcourt. The West is clamoring for a Cabinet representative, but no strong material seems to offer just now, unless Ralph Smith of Nanaimo could fill the bill.



Russian Soldiers who are Endeavoring to Quell the Strikers.

BLOODY FIGHTING NOW IN RUSSIA'S OLDEN CAPITAL

The Troops steadily Gaining Ground Against the Insurgents—The Latter Surrounded in a Fortified Position Fighting With Desperation—Some Strikers Return to Work and Half-Hearted Regiments Take Part Against Insurgents—The Populace Not Taking Part.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—(Special)—From the Government standpoint there was some slight improvement in the situation this afternoon. Many strikers broke away from the insurrectionists and returned to work and it is evident that the labor leaders must precipitate matters or the strike will go to pieces. All now depends on the situation at Moscow. A message received from Moscow this evening says the fighting in the streets continues and has been in progress all day but the populace is not participating and the troops are gradually gaining the upper hand. The main body of the insurgents are hemmed in the quadrilateral at Brest railway station. In this space the insurgents have fortified every inch of their lines with felled trees, telegraph poles and street cars, while in front they have constructed a network of entanglements. Artillery is being used against them mercilessly. Two of the four Grenadier regiments have returned to duty and are fighting on the Government side. During the day the troops with artillery and machine guns were everywhere victorious. The casualties were heavy.

TROUBLE IN B.C. LEGISLATURE

Premier McBride Breaks With the Socialist Labor Party—Their Leader Uses Strong Language and Puts Forward a Radical Program of New Measures For Next Session.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—(Special)—There is more trouble in the Provincial Legislature. The McBride Government has been through its weakness dependant on the support of the Labor party but through the recent by-elections has received a majority and now feels strong enough to act alone. Under these circumstances Premier McBride has disowned the Labor men because of their published plans for the coming session. Hawthorn Thwaite, the Socialist leader, declares the workmen have only two resources, the bullet or the ballot. If the former, he is willing to shoulder his rifle and bare his breast to the capitalistic bullets. His program for next session includes bills to prevent lobbying; an eight-hour law for all trades; the abolition of deposit from candidates; old age pensions; suffrage for women; a weekly wage bill; compulsory statements of receipts and expenditures from stock companies; a bill for the protection of the small farmer and the establishment of public abattoirs.

LEAK CAUSES DEATH OF TWO

NEW YORK, December 25.—A leak in a kitchen gas stove caused the death of William N. Busch and Oscar Bolchrien last night and so overcame Miss Christina Busch that she is expected to die. The gas penetrated from the kitchen in the bedroom where the two men slept, but did not fill Miss Busch's room, which was farther away from the kitchen, as quickly as it did the nearer room.

REMOVAL OF BRITISH SUBJECTS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It has been announced that the British Government in response to the communications, from its consuls at Higa and other Russian ports, had authorized them in case of danger, to charter vessels for the removal of British subjects.

IMPRACTICABLE OBJECTIONABLE

MONTREAL, December 25.—The proposal of Louis Sinclair, member of the British parliament, that the British government should pay the ocean freight on Canadian grain as preference meets with little favor among the grain and shipping men here. Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Manufacturing company, voiced the general view when he described it as impracticable and objectionable, as savoring of charity. "Canadians," he said, "are not paupers and do not want a tax of this nature paid on the poor man's bread. All they ask is preferential trade to divert the stream of British emigration to Canadian from American wheat fields."

LORD KITCHENER MAY BE RECALLED

LONDON, December 25.—The announcement of Premier Campbell Bannerman in his speech in Albert Hall at the opening campaign, that the government has given instructions for the stoppage of importations of Chinese coolies to South Africa, caused the Kaffer market to open weak to-day. The conservative papers refer to the stop as being the most serious taken by a responsible government since the attempt to impose the stamp duty on the American colonies. The possibility of Lord Selborne, the high commissioner of South Africa resigning is discussed. The premier's reference to Indian affairs, in which he said, "We shall make ourselves a party to no step involving an invasion of sacred principle of the subordination of the military to civil authorities," is taken by many military men to imply either the recall or the resignation of General Lord Kitchener, the commander in chief in India, who successfully appealed to the late government in his disputes with the late viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston. While the premier had little to say on the Irish question, the conservatives will take his announcement that "Those domestic affairs which concern the Irish people alone and not us should be in their hands," as a reiteration of the policy of home rule, and this will be the battle cry of the unionists in the impending campaign.

SUMMER BOATS ARE LAID UP

YESTERDAY morning the Princess left for Pictou but at the Bell Buoy she encountered heavy ice which the Captain thought might shut off his return from Pictou. He therefore put about for Charlottetown reaching here at 10:30 and the steamer will now lay up. The Northumberland which reached here shortly before eleven will also go into quarters for the winter. The Minto will take up the service to-day leaving at seven o'clock and returning on Thursday.

A FISHERMAN'S UNTIMELY FATE

HIS DORY Run Down By Schooner and William Rogers Drowned, in Chedabucto Bay.

CANSO, Dec. 26.—(Special)—The sad news was brought in this afternoon by the Canso haddock fleet that while fishing in Chedabucto Bay today William Rogers and his brother John, who were dory mates, were run down by the fishing boat Hilda M. Horton, and their dory upset. John managed to catch hold of the boat but William was thrown overboard and quickly sank. It is the custom for the larger boats carrying dories to drop these off when the fishing grounds have been reached and when they are ready to come on board the boats sail down and pick up the dories. In doing this the Hilda Horton ran into Rogers' dory with fatal results. Several other crews had a similar experience, but luckily all managed to get on board the larger boats. Rogers was about forty years of age and leaves a widow.

HOPE YOUNG IS NOW A MANIAC

DIGBY, N. S. Dec. 25.—Hope Young, charged with the murder of Minnie Ward, whose body was found in the Plympton woods and who was to have been hanged in Digby last Wednesday, but who had been granted a new trial to take place next June, is now insane. She tore up the things in her cell Saturday night, cut herself on broken glass, and is raving crazy today. She was examined by two doctors this afternoon, who pronounced her insane. Sheriff Smith is in communication with Attorney-General Drysdale and the unfortunate prisoner will probably be moved to the asylum within the next few days. She talks considerably about the tragedy and appears to think Plympton people are in the cell with her. Jailor Hutchinson is having his hands full to keep her under control. When her solicitor called at her cell Wednesday she appeared to be in her usual state of mind. The change was noticed Thursday. Since then she has been growing gradually worse.

DEAD UNDERNEATH MASS IRON ORE

IRONWOOD, Mich., Dec. 25.—Eight men were killed Saturday by a fall of 1,000 tons of iron ore from a slip on the 1,300 foot level of the new Port mine at Ironwood. On account of the great danger from drifting ore and broken timbers, several days will probably elapse before all the bodies are recovered. The accident is with one exception, the most extensive that has ever occurred in the Goebie iron range.

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PREFERENCE NOT PRINCE OF LOYALTY

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Winston Churchill, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, speaking at Deptford, said he declined to believe that brave colonial who had helped in South Africa would demand as the price of their loyalty certain paltry preferences on corn, meat and wool, which could only be obtained at the expense of the poorest people. It was a slander on their loyalty. If the Conservative party was returned it would be with Mr. Chamberlain at its head, pledged to tax every article of food but maza and bacon.

PARISIAN HAD A ROUGH TRIP

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—The mail steamer Parisian, Captain Johnson, arrived at 8 a. m. yesterday from Liverpool with mails, twenty saloon, sixty-three second cabin and 386 steerage passengers, a majority of whom landed here. The steamer had a very rough passage, head gales and high seas prevailing almost the entire way over. She landed 300 tons of cargo here and has more than 500 tons for St. John, for which place she sailed at 2:45 p. m.

DIGBY CASE MAY NOT BE ENDED

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 25.—The Freeman Weir case is not believed to be finished yet and several jurymen as well as a large number of citizens, are greatly dissatisfied with the manner in which much of the evidence was cut out. It is expected that some rather startling developments may take place this week, and the outcome is awaited with interest.

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Sharpe—Your boy has a fine head. Wise—It's too large. Sharpe—Too large? Wise—Yes; he can't wear my hats.

A VERY enjoyable Christmas tree entertainment was given at Kensington Hall last night under the direction of the Supt., E. T. Higgs.

10 PER CENT MONTHLY CHARGED

TORONTO, December 25.—The attention of the minister of justice is to be called to the custom of money lenders, who are residents of the United States, doing business in Canada and charging exorbitant rates of interest. People who are unfortunate enough to need a temporary loan of money often have to pay rates of interest which are far in excess of the legal rates, some times without a knowledge in advance of what is really being exacted. A few months ago Mr. Lyons was ill and had to go to the hospital, and to meet unavoidable expenses borrowed \$24 from H. C. Keher, who is manager for Donald R. McNaughton, Minneapolis. He swore to-day that he was promised the money at 10 per cent a year. He and his wife signed a note agreeing to pay \$43.80 in twelve payments. "I thought no one out of jail charged ten per cent a month," observed his worship. Lyons paid \$1 for drawing up the note and also gave a chattel mortgage on about \$300 worth of furniture. Neither he nor his wife can read.

GERMANY HAS APOLOGIZED

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The German Government has telegraphed to the Brazilian Government, admitting that the commander of the German gunboat Panther overstepped his powers in landing at Itabay and carrying off a deserter, without asking permission of the Government of Brazil. Germany expresses regret at the occurrence.



IN THE COUNTRY. The City Man—Your father, I believe, cleared the land of everything. The Countryman—Yes—everything but the mortgage.

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