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ARMED BANDITS PLUNDER BANK

And Terrorise a Missouri Town, Escaping to the Wild With Twelve Thousand Dollars, After a Running Fire.

RIOH HILL, Mo. Feb. 12—(Special)—Securing \$12,000 in cash after dynamiting and totally wrecking the \$9,000 building of the Farmers' and Mechanics Bank in this city, five bandits heavily armed terrorized the town here early to-day and after exchanging shots with several armed citizens escaped to the rough country South of here.

No one was injured by either the shots or explosion. The dynamiting of the vault of the bank awakened the town and the population hurried to the bank building. Many arrived in time to see the robbers riding away. Some of the citizens opened fire, which was returned by the fugitives.

NOTABLE MUSTER OF OLD SOLDIERS

Indian Mutiny Veterans Of Every Degree In Tears At Grim Memories Of Their Last Roll Call.

LONDON, Feb. 11—The "last roll call" of the veterans of the Indian Mutiny was made memorable the other day by a dinner at the Royal Albert Hall.

The band of the first Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who under their old name of the 32nd Foot, took a leading part in the defence of Lucknow, played selections, while Earl Roberts examined the men and occasionally chatted for a few moments with an old comrade. Every breast wore a medal, and many boasted of a row of trophies. The inspection over, the brave seven hundred, led by a detachment of red-coated Chelsea Pensioners, filed into the hall, amid loud cheers. An even more enthusiastic welcome greeted "Bobs" as he entered and took the chair. He was supported by brilliant company, including Lord Curzon, Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Walter Kerr, General Sir Hugh Gough, Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson, General Sir Dighton Probyn, and Rudyard Kipling, who had composed a poem specially for the occasion.

heralded a relief to the mercies of beleaguered Lucknow. The performer was Piper Angus Gibson, of the Black Watch, the only surviving piper of those who had taken part in the historic episode. When the significance of the ancient was recognized the audience burst into enraptured applause, which was renewed when Lord Roberts proposed the health of King Edward. Lord Curzon, in proposing The Survivors of the Mutiny, declared that the day's proceedings were much more in the nature of a ceremony than a festivity. When Lord Roberts came to reply to the toast and address his "old friends and comrades," he made special mention of all the unknown heroes of the campaign that his wide memory could recall. More than one old man was led away in tears from the table at the thoughts that the chief's recital must have evoked. The old fighters delighted in every one of the kindly references to cherished leaders. Although in a sense replying to Lord Curzon's speech, "Bobs" was proposing Fallen Comrades, and at the end of his interesting reminiscence speech the whole assembly—there must have been twelve thousand people there—stood in silence while the bugler of the old 32nd Foot (the regiment that defended Lucknow) rang out the "Last Post." The effect was one to remember, not to tell of. The men who had seen their comrades drop off like flies could not keep back their tears, and an attempt at a cheer was hushed by choked cries of "Tush! Ben Davis is Ruddyard Kipling's Recessional to the tune of Eternal Father, Strong to save, after which Lewis Wallace recited the verses especially written by Rudyard Kipling for the occasion, entitled 1857-1907, and beginning: Today, across our father's graves, The astonished years reveal The remnant of that desperate host Which cleansed our East with steel.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 12—(Special)—Fair and milder.

The coldest temperature registers on Tuesday night was eight above zero. The highest registered yesterday was fifteen above; and at nine o'clock last night it was eight degrees above zero.

Ben Hur at Wonderland tonight

WORLD RENOWNED "BEN HUR"

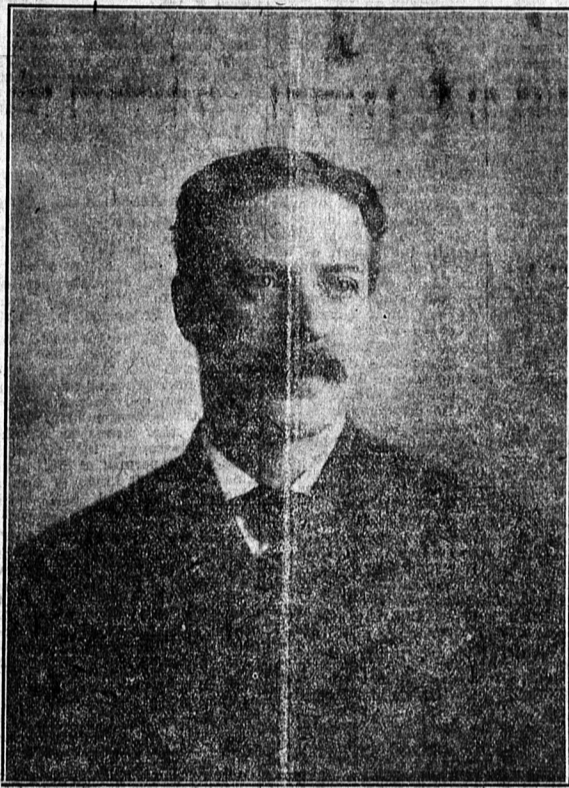
An Especial Feature Of the Program At Wonderland, Sumptuous Presentation of Gen. Lew Wallace's Immortal Story Of Judea And Its People.

Yet another especially interesting and unique feature is billed for Wonderland, the leader here in all that is good and new in motion pictures. This time the special feature is of wide spread interest, and is the gorgeous presentation of General Lew Wallace's famous semi-religious story Ben Hur—or the Days of the Messiah. It is a depiction of Judea and its people that will live as long as English literature, the spectacular rendering of a story that has thrilled and charmed millions of readers and theatre goers where ever it has been presented. The light it throws upon the ancient country at the time when Christ lived on it is a story of more than mere interest. It holds the attention—it impresses upon the memory much which formerly seemed a mere myth, and this film has been classed among such as make

the best in motion pictures. This magnificent film runs over 1200 feet in length, the different scenes dealing with the rebellion against Roman rule in Jerusalem, Ben Hur's home, the accident to the governor of Jerusalem, Ben Hur's arrest and sentence to the galley; the shipwreck and rescue of Armin; Ben Hur's liberation; Massala's challenge and the famous and thrilling chariot race. Every scene is impressive and grandly shown; every inch of film is gorgeous, clear and distinct; the theme is one that has become familiar through the renowned writing of one who once scoffed at all religious subjects, but who in this master piece of imagination mingled with reality redeemed his own opinions while he told his story to the world. Every student of the Bible, every one of every class, will benefit by seeing this production of Ben Hur.

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS

The Returns For Mayor, City Councillors and Water Commissioners In Yesterday's Contest.



HIS WORSHIP MAYOR PROWSE

Elected Yesterday to the Position of Chief Magistrate of the City of Charlottetown.

The civic elections, which took place yesterday, resulted in some change in the personnel of the Council Board.

The new Mayor is B. C. Prowse, who defeated the other candidate, S. W. Crabbe, by a majority of 427. He will occupy the high position formerly held by ex-Mayor Paton who would not run for another term.

In Ward One and Two there is no change, the former Councillors being returned unopposed.

In Ward Three, former Councillor Alley retired, and the new Councillor is Thomas Campbell, who secured a larger number of votes than the other candidate W. K. Rogers.

The two candidates elected for Ward Four are R. M. Johnson, a new man at the Board, and Councillor Stewart, who has retained his seat in the Council. The other candidate in the fight yesterday in this Ward was J. D. Taylor.

In Ward Five there were five candidates, as will be seen below. The candidates are elected for this Ward and of the three returned Councillors Rogers and McDonald are former Councillors. Ex-councillor Hooper did not run, and the third seat for this Ward was won by Isaac Lane, who takes his place on the Board for the first time.

The new Water Commissioners are Messrs Nicholson, McCarron and McGregor. The two latter are former commissioners. The other former commissioner, S. W. Crabbe vacated his seat to run as a candidate for the Mayoralty.

The newly elected members of the Civic Board will be sworn in probably to-day.

The day passed off very quietly, the various candidates making a strenuous fight for victory.

Table with columns for Ward, Candidate, and Votes. Includes Mayor Prowse (427) and various Councillors like D. O'M Reddin, D. J. Riley, Thomas Campbell, W. K. Roge, R. M. Johnson, Col. D. Stewart, and J. D. Taylor.

SAMUEL CROWELL OF YARMOUTH

Head of Large Mercantile Firm is Dead After a Brief Illness.

YARMOUTH, Feb. 12.—(Special)—Samuel A. Crowell, head of the firm of S. A. Crowell & Co., hardware merchants, and one of the best known men in this part of the province, died last night after a brief illness.

NEW MEMBER OF N. B. GOVERNMENT

ST. JOHN, Feb. 12.—(Special)—D. J. Purdy M. P. F. was today sworn in a member of the local Government without portfolio, to succeed Hon. Jas. Barnes.

MOORS CHARGED TO GUNS' MOUTH

LONDON, Feb. 11—A London news agency publishes a despatch from Tangier saying there has been a battle between the French and the Moors near Settat, Morocco, in which ten thousand Moors were killed or wounded, and in which the French losses amounted to one hundred and sixty men, including four officers. The Moors with intrepid bravery charged right up to the mouths of the guns until their corpses lay in great piles on the ground.

REVENUE SHOWS A BIG INCREASE

OTTAWA, Feb. 11—The financial statement of the Dominion for the month of January and for the first ten months of the current fiscal year shows an increase of \$304,337 in total revenue for last month as compared with January 1907 and an increase of \$9,374,562 for the ten months. The total expenditure on consolidated fund account for the ten months was \$56,332,534, an increase of \$10,650,223. Of this increase \$2,032,244 is chargeable to January figures payment of subsidy increases to the Provinces amounting to \$1,500,000 and of interest charges on the public debt totalling \$2,623,459 both paid in the last month. For the ten months the surplus of revenue over expenditure on consolidated fund account amounted to \$24,691,738. The total expenditure on capital account as entered on the books of the finance department up to January 31st was \$22,245,499, of which \$17,446,975 was chargeable to public works, railways and canals. The National Transcontinental Railway is, of course, responsible for the major portion of this amount. The total net debt of Dominion at the end of last month was \$259,504,613.

SOLD ALL HE HAD TO SAVE BROTHER

ST. CATHERINES, Feb. 11—Addressing a mass meeting of men yesterday afternoon here, Rev. Dr. Chowan, Methodist Moral Reform Secretary, declared that there was not one-tenth enough fight in the Christian Church to-day. He travelled all over and found men in the church sitting doing nothing to show they were men. Dr. Chowan, however, took a cheerful view of the situation. He said he believed more men were today living according to the precepts of the Golden Rule than ever before in the world's history. He told about a certain Toronto man who is a stock speculator, who upon getting into deep water and facing ruin, was saved by his brother selling his farm, all he had, and passing over the money to save his brother from disgrace.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cross's tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

SPENT THE NIGHT UNDER SLEIGH

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 11—Francis Weese, of Concession, Prince Edward county, left Trenton with a sleigh and two horses on Friday night last, to drive across the bay to his home. The night was a terrible one, with wind and snow. On Saturday morning one of the horses turned up at home and a rescue party went out. Weese was found under the sleigh in the middle of the bay. Snow was piled up all around the sleigh, and the unfortunate man was so badly frost bitten that doctors say now he cannot live. He had unhitched the horses and then wrapped himself in robes and lay down. He is seventy years old.

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PREMIER BOND SPEAKS PLAINLY

Is Not Going to or Negotiating With Ottawa About Union or Fisheries And Does Not Want Federation.

ST. JOHN'S Nfld. Feb. 12.—(Special)—Replying to a series of evidently inspired questions Premier Sir Robert Bond stated in the Assembly today that no understanding or compact existed between the governments of Newfoundland and Canada in regard to the fishery dispute being referred to the Hague Tribunal; that it was not his intention to proceed to Ottawa concerning this or any other question; that he never entertained any such intention, whether relating to the Hague, Confederation

with the Dominion, or any other subject; that no negotiations directly or indirectly concerning confederation had been entered into with Sir Wilfrid Laurier or the Canadian Ministers; that he considered confederation neither desirable nor within the range of practicable politics; that the statements in the Canadian press concerning his alleged visit were inspired by party wishes and he had adopted means by wire and letter to correct these erroneous references.

BANK CLERK DIED WHILE SKATING

MONTREAL, Feb. 11—A young Englishman named Reginald Boulbee, employed in Molson's Bank here, died suddenly of heart disease at the M. A. A. open rink on Saturday night. He had been skating a good deal and went into the warming shanty, after which he returned to the ice, but just as he started to skate he collapsed, and was dead when his friends picked him up. Doctors who examined him said the young man had suffered from heart disease for some time, and that his death was caused by the exercise of skating, coupled with the sudden change from the heat of the room to the temperature of fifteen below zero outdoors.

DOG WATCHES IN SOME CHURCHES

LONDON, Feb. 11—Ever the robber of a valuable Van Dyck at Courtraai the churches of Bruges, which contain so many treasures, have taken extraordinary measures to prevent similar losses. At the Church of Notre Dame, Bruges, a watchman perambulates the church at night, accompanied by a dog. A similar course is adopted at the Cathedral of St. Saviour and other churches.

DAMAGE OF SUN'S RAYS TO SHIPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11—Did you ever wonder if there was system in the way vessels are faced when they are placed at the docks for the winter? asked A. A. Schantz, as he stood at his office window, looking out at the winter fleet which shut off the view of the river. "You will notice," he continued, "that some of the boats face one way and some the other, from which you would naturally infer that there wasn't any method about it, but if you had a picture of the same boats laid up last year you would invariably discover that then they were turned the other way. The vessels are reversed from year to year for the reason that, lying at the docks, one side is more exposed to the weather than the other, not so much the wind and rain as the sunlight reflected from the water. A boat wintered always in one position will require new bulwarks and decking on the water side in just half the time required to rot the timbers on the unexposed side, when you consider that the decking and bulwarks of a ship must be entirely renewed once every seven or eight years the scheme of reversing the vessel really works a great saving.

FRANCO IS OUT OF POLITICS

BORDEAUX, Feb. 11—Joao Franco the former premier of Portugal, who arrived here yesterday with his family from Madrid, spent all of today in his room at the hotel near the railroad station. His only answer to repeated requests for information as to his future movements was that he had abandoned politics and he prayed all questioners to "Leave him alone with his great sorrow."

THE MARCHING OF THE FRENCH ARMY

LONDON, Feb. 11—The writer of military notes in the 'Pall Mall Gazette' draws attention to the remarkable forced march by General d'Amade's troops from Casa Blanca to Settat. They covered forty-eight miles in twenty-five hours on roads which are merely camel tracks. If the infantry marched at three miles an hour, they must have done sixteen hours' actual walking. Moreover, they arrived in such good condition that they immediately fought a successful engagement with the mahalla of Mulai Rachid. The roads from Casa Blanca and Rabat have thus been cleared as far as Settat for they converge a little way north of that place.

GOOD PROGRAM AT FAIRYLAND

At "Fairlyland" to-night, the program will be rich in the entertaining qualities that make a visit to the Opera House a most enjoyable experience. The talking dog "Nigger" will give another of his marvellous performances, showing what education can do for dumb animals. "Nigger" displays almost human intelligence, working questions in arithmetic, picking out colors, answering questions talking, standing on his head, doing acrobatic stunts, shamming lameness and death, performing card tricks, and other marvellous feats. The pictorial program will be exceptionally strong; the celebrated picture—"A Drama in Seville," which was shown once only last week, will be repeated to-night, thus giving an extra reel. The full program will therefore be as follows:—

THE FRENCH ROADS ARE FIRST CLASS

LONDON, Feb. 11—The present road system of France was started by Napoleon I. No new roads of importance have been opened in some years, but the work of the engineers in the Department of Public Works of France is confined to keeping the roads in a state of high efficiency. France to its remote and inaccessible sections is so traversed with excellent roadways that there is now no necessity of adding many more lines of communication. The highways are the chief competitors of the railways.

PARISH HAS BUT ONE RATEPAYER

LONDON, Feb. 11—Creslow, a parish in Mid-Bucks, boasts of but a single rate-payer. He is Richard Rowland, gentleman farmer. Besides being the owner of the whole parish of eight hundred and eighty-five acres, Mr. Rowland, whose age is thirty-five, is his own overseer, rate assessor, rate collector, parish council, department of public highways and a host of other things.

The new illustrated song will be sung by Mr. Madison. Mr. Harney will contribute one of the most popular songs of the day. This will be one of the best programs given for sometime. Ben Hur at Wonderland tonight.