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WAS ANIMUS

That Actuated One of the Commissioners

SAYS COL. GOURDEAU

DENIED ALL THE CHARGES SO FAR MADE.

Commander Spain Lost His Note-Book—Col. Gourdeau Never Suggested He Could Advance Peoples' Interests With the Department.

Ottawa, June 19.—All interest is centred these days in the sittings of the royal commission of enquiry into the charges against the marine department. The sitting, yesterday, was marked by an outspoken statement by Col. Gourdeau, deputy minister, accusing Civil Service Commissioner Fyshe of animus against the department.

Col. Gourdeau denied, in toto, almost all the charges of maladministration and dishonesty made against his department, and claimed that the commissioner had not tried to get all the information which could have been given him.

The examination of A. W. Owen, chief accountant, was resumed. In reference to the purchase of sulphol-napthol from Mr. Ayer, on account of an advance of $150 made him before delivery of the goods, Mr. Owen stated that he had been on the patronage list and the department had dealt with him for years. The department knew nothing of the Wingate Chemical company, his principals.

Mr. Watson—"Did you ever see any irregularity in Commander Spain's accounts?"

Witness—"I had no knowledge of such."

"Have you ever found any inaccuracies in statements certified to by the deputy?"

"I have not."

"The auditor-general states that he had no confidence in the certificates of J. F. Fraser. What about that?"

"I cannot understand his making such a statement. I always thought Mr. Fraser a proper official."

"What about Mr. Gregory, of Quebec?"

"Some of his accounts were all right but others were not to my thinking."

Commander Spain was recalled in view of statements made, Wednesday, by the auditor-general. The auditor had stated that in 1905 the commander had padded his accounts to the extent of $800 or $900. The commander explained that during 1904 and 1905 he had been continuously away from Ottawa. When he returned he had lost his note book and could not definitely make up his accounts. The minister, Mr. Prefontaine, had told him to make his accounts up as correctly as he could and attach an affidavit, stating that the book had been lost. This he had done, and the auditor's department had returned it on account of a couple of errors. These were revised and a new account put in. The reduction, he thought, amounted to $400 or $500.

"The auditor-general said you got half the refund from the deputy?"

"The auditor is incorrect. I got nothing whatever from the deputy in this connection. I never received any money whatever from him for official charges."

The deputy minister, Col. Gourdeau, prefaced his evidence by a vigorous statement to the court in which Commissioner Fyshe was criticized harshly for what he called his prejudice against the civil service and his boorish method of conducting his investigation. The deputy stated first that the report showed clearly Mr. Fyshe's animus to the department. He had carried out his enquiry practically without any assistance from officials of the department. He could easily have secured all the information required from officials and had he done so much of the civil service report would not have appeared.

So far as he was personally concerned, the deputy stated that financially he was by no means so wealthy as had been suggested. His savings were one-quarter or less of what had been mentioned. Never by word of mouth or by writing had he ever given any one to understand that he could advance their interests with the department.

Col. Gourdeau then read a letter which he had received from Accountant Owen about Mr. Fyshe's visit to the department. In this Mr. Owen stated that Mr. Fyshe tore letters off the files of challenged accounts and when objection was taken as the minister had ordered that no documents should be taken from the department, he had replied that he didn't give a d— for the minister and that the minister did not know what he (Fyshe) was after. He later had said that the department was rotten, that there was graft somewhere, and that $6,000,000 was altogether too large an annual expenditure. He qualified his statement later by saying the outside service was rotten. Mr. Owen said Mr. Fyshe had asked him why the deputy was in Quebec and who paid his expenses. This impertinence made the accountant so indignant that he left the commissioner without replying.

Col. Gourdeau then wrote to Hon. L. P. Brodeur, the minister, about Mr. Fyshe's conduct. The extraordinary remarks of the commissioner made the deputy question his mental condition. The man was almost stone deaf and with prejudice against the department added he was scarcely qualified for a commissioner. Statements of maladministration and dishonesty were recklessly made after a few minutes' perusal of accounts in the department. The whole report seemed to show Mr. Fyshe trying only to secure evidence to agree with his previous prejudice against the department. In conclusion Col. Gourdeau dismissed Mr. Fyshe by a sarcastic reference to his boorish manners.

BOYCOTT STILL ON.

Hong Kong, June 19.—The boycott against the Japanese is still strongly maintained. The government has prohibited meetings at restaurants called to discuss the question of self-government and similar subjects.

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Baseball, Cricket Field, 2 p.m., Saturday.

Yacht Club Race, 2.30 p.m., Saturday.

Saturday Sale of Muslin Gowns and Skirts, at Waldron's. See advt.

Read Waldron's Advt. Saturday night, White Serge Coats and Blouses.

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ALICE VERY ANGRY

HAD TO DOFF MERRY WIDOW AT CONVENTION.

Immense Hat of President's Daughter Obscured View of Others on the Platform.

Chicago, June 19.—Nicholas Longworth is boss in his own house, despite the persistence of certain newspapers in referring to "Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and her husband." He demonstrated it at the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Longworth were seated in the front row on the platform. She was handsomely dressed in a gray-green gown, with long white gloves and a Merry Widow hat.

Twice an assistant sergeant-at-arms came up to her and asked her to remove her hat. Mrs. Longworth refused in tones that sent the thermometer down ten degrees.

At this point Nicholas intervened. He leaned forward and said, "You had better take off your hat, my dear."

"I won't," said Mrs. Longworth, and she said it with a snap.

"Come," said Nicholas, in a less complaisant tone, "take off your hat."

"I won't, and you shan't make me!" retorted Mrs. Longworth hotly.

"Yes, you will," said Nicholas, raising his voice so that he was heard by a half a dozen people in the neighborhood. "Don't make a scene, Alice. Take off your hat."

Mrs. Longworth said nothing, but looked mutinous, and her eyes darted angry flashes.

"Alice," said Nicholas, "I want you to take off your hat."

Alice's hand rose involuntarily toward the Merry Widow and then fell into her lap again and clenched itself.

"Are you going to take off your hat?" said Nicholas.

The hand rose again and pulled out a hat pin. The Merry Widow landed in Alice's lap. For the rest of the convention's session her smile was frozen.

Will Show Decrease.

New York, June 19.—It is believed that the net earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the current quarter will correspond very closely with returns in the preceding quarter. For first half of current it is estimated that the net earnings will be $36,500,000, as compared with $84,626,196 in corresponding period last year when new high record was established.

Bibby's for nobby straw hats.

Robinson Leach, Chippewa, announces his intention of jumping off the steel arch bridge into Niagara river on Dominion Day.

KILLED THEM

Said That Men Were Slain in a Boat.

LIKELY BAD BLOOD

THE MURDER REPORTED NEAR TO SELKIRK, YUKON.

Major Snyder, Advised of a Tragedy and Learned About the Men Going By Boat to Selkirk—What is Likely to Have Happened.

White Horse, Yukon, June 19.—Major Snider, of the mounted police, has received news of a murder on the river, a short distance below Selkirk. The telegraph line from Dawson to White Horse is out of order and the news came via Valdez, the United States cable. The message is as follows:

"Ned. Elfolst, arrived in Dawson, in boat No. 113 alone. He had been seen on the river with two others on the way down. The sound of shooting was heard by other small boat passengers on the river bank below Selkirk."

Inquiry by Major Wood as to who left here in boat No. 113 showed that Ned Elfolst, Neil Anderson and David Bergman left in the boat on May 16th.

The murder probably occurred five or six days later as that time would be required to run from here to Selkirk. Whether the murder was for the purpose of robbery or the result of a quarrel is not known. The names indicate that all were Scandinavians, Norwegians or Swedes, people not given to quietly obeying orders. The supposition is that the close intimacy of travelling for several days in a small boat engendered strife and bad blood, which culminated in murder.

TAFT CHOSEN

And His Selection Was Made Unanimous.

Chicago, June 19.—At 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Secretary of War William H. Taft, was nominated by the republican convention for the president of the United States by the following vote:

Taft	702
Fairbanks	40
Cannon	58
Foraker	16
Lafollette	25
Hughes	67
Roosevelt	3
Knox	68

General Woodford, of New York, as quickly as Senator Lodge, permanent chairman of the convention, announced the ballot, and as quickly as the cheering which greeted Taft's nomination ended, hopped upon his chair and said:

"At the request of Governor Hughes and under the instructions of the united New York delegates, I move that the nomination of William H. Taft for the presidency now be made unanimous."

Senator Penrose, Pennsylvania, Senator Beveridge, Indiana, and William O. Emery, Georgia, the colored delegate, who seconded the nomination of Foraker, also seconded the nomination of secretary Taft. The nomination was made unanimous. The convention then adjourned to Friday, when a candidate for the vice-president will be nominated.

TROOPS BY BOAT.

Terms on Which Company Will Carry Them.

Hamilton, June 19.—The Inland Navigation company has made known the conditions under which it will convey the troops from Hamilton and Toronto to Quebec. It asks for the government allowance for transporting the troops, and horses by train, and for sustenance. Each regiment must guarantee 436 men. The company will supply a bill of fare to the satisfaction of the officers. Camp beds will be provided for the men, and steel cots for the officers.

The captain's and ship-officers' quarters will be given over to the officers, and the Dundee, Dumelin, Glenellah, and Doric are the boats which will carry the troops.

BULLET WENT THROUGH.

Man Pulled Trigger With Aid of Umbrella.

Edmonton, Alta., June 19.—Richard Davies, aged forty-eight years, who came to Edmonton about four months ago from the Ottawa Valley committed suicide yesterday. He accomplished his death by means of a long Enfield rifle, over which he bent, and pulled the trigger by aid of an umbrella. Despite the fact that the bullet went clear through his body, and left a gaping wound in his back, the unfortunate man lived for over two hours, and was conscious a good part of the time.

Syndicate Purchases Ranches.

Vancouver, B.C., June 19.—An English syndicate has purchased the ranches of Joseph Collet, John Moore and James Aird, in the Nicola Valley, at a cost of between $300,000 and $350,000.

Judge Fortier, Montreal, has been chosen chairman of the proposed enquiry under the Lemieux act into the difference which has arisen between the C.P.R. and its telegraph operators.

HARD AS ADAMANT.

A Process By Which it May Be Made Impenetrable.

New York, June 19.—A tale of remarkable success that at last has crowned the efforts of a poor inventor and made him wealthy was told yesterday, by James A. Wilson, a patent attorney. The name of the inventor, who is sixty years old, and a native of this city, is withheld.

The invention is the discovery of a process for the hardening of steel beyond the breaking point.

"The inventor," said Wilson, "is now in England. He left ten days ago in response to a cable summons from a group of English capitalists. They are about to purchase the exclusive British rights to the patent for half a million dollars in cash and forty per cent. of the stock of the company to be organized, with a capital of fifty million dollars.

"My client spent over fifteen years perfecting his process. He was aided by the United States government. Metal plates treated by the new process were used as targets at the testing grounds at Georgetown, Md., and the result astonished army and navy experts. The projectiles fired at the plates bent them, but left no other mark. The process takes the brittleness out of the steel."

Wilson said the patents in this country have been granted, but are still in the patent office, and will be issued shortly. He said the government tests were made with the greatest secrecy, and that he believed it was the intention of the navy department to equip its vessels with the new process steel.

A SECOND REQUEST

Made to a Bishop to Go to Washington.

BISHOP CHAS. H. BRENT.

Bishop Charles Henry Brent, of the Protestant Episcopal church, is again asked to succeed the late Bishop Satterlee as the head of the important diocese of Washington. Bishop Brent will have under his direction the great work of getting on with the proposed cathedral for his denomination in the national capital, a proposition which only great intelligence and tact can make successful. He was sent as Bishop of Philippines in 1901, and had his headquarters at Manila until brought to Washington. He is a bachelor and was born at Newcastle, Ont., on April 9th, 1862. He lectured at Harvard University in 1907, and is the author of many noted books, and was for many years on the editorial staff of the Churchman.

THE PATENT LAWS

HOPE TO GET THEM UNIFORM IN COLONIES.

A Committee of the Imperial Secretariat Will Ascertain the Views of the Self-Governing Colonies.

London, June 19.—In the House of Commons, yesterday, responding to Joynson Hicks, who asked if proposals might not be made to the Canadian government of a reciprocal character, affecting the validity of patents in both countries, Winston Churchill said a committee of the imperial secretariat will, in accordance with the resolution, adopted at the imperial conference, ascertain the views of the self-governing colonies on the question of the uniformity of patent laws. In the meantime the government could not approach any single colony. Comments were made on the fact that a lapse of twelve months sees nothing done to carry out the conference's resolution. The Morning Post pointed out that the method, outlined by Mr. Churchill, is dilatory and not called for by the conference.

CALLS FOR UNION.

London, June 19.—Canon Davidson, Peterboro, Canada, addressing the Pan-Anglican Congress, yesterday, urged a union of the various Protestant denominations. The door of access to the Roman Catholics was closed and locked by them but not so with the Anglicans' other separated brethren.

D. H. Fawcett, president of the Aberdeen Banking company, Aberdeen, Ohio, shot himself in the head, dying almost immediately.

Bibby's for dainty summer ties.

LATEST NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

Under a winding-up order the court ordered the sale of the steamer Argyle.

Courtenay Bay is reported to be the Canadian Atlantic terminal of the G.T.P.

The Toronto Anglican synod made a declaration in favor of the three-fifths clause.

The complete control of Manitoba's telephone system is now vested in the commission.

A young son of Joseph Watts, Belleville, was drowned in the Moira river while bathing.

W. N. Ryerson was elected president of the Canadian Electrical association, Toronto.

After an all day's session the I.O.F. supreme court came to no decision regarding rates.

The Chinese in the island province of Hai nan are reported dying like flies of the plague.

Maxwell Hardisty, South Battleford, was found dead on the prairie by the police patrol.

Hon. G. W. Ross, in the senate, suggested the creation of senatorial districts in Canada.

The boycott in Hong Kong against the Japanese is reported to be still strongly maintained.

William H. Taft was nominated for the presidency of the United States by the republicans in convention at Chicago.

A New York doctor announces a new cure for rabies, effected by direct injections of antitoxine into the brain.

The Alberta government has granted $10,000 to the Quebec Battlefields' fund and E. B. Osler has given $1,000.

The rail mill and furnaces of the Lake Superior Corporation, at Sault Ste. Marie, will re-open on Monday next.

Theodore Barringham, Palgrave, was kicked in the head by a horse at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and very seriously injured.

The C. P. R. will extend a branch from Moosejaw north-west to Outlook a distance of 123 miles. This will serve a fine stretch of country.

The Presbyterian College, Montreal, has appointed Rev. Charles Bieler, of Paris, as French professor in succession to the late Dr. Coussirat.

Judgment was given in favor of Medland Bros. for $7,238.72 against Mills & Co., of Toronto, on a grocers' bill guaranteed by the latter firm.

Collins Fraser, aged seventy-one years, was caught in a heavy belt at H. Liman's feed mill at Whippleville, N. Y., and whirled to death on the shafting.

Lieut.-Col. Rankin, of the 24th Regiment of Chatham, Ont., has resigned because the government has invited to the Quebec celebration only one company of his regiment.

Rev. W. H. Stiles, of St. John's church, Smith's Falls, who has been in ill-health for some time, will take a three months' rest. He will spend some time at Carlsbad Springs, Ont.

The work is now progressing so speedily that the men on the commission assert that the Panama canal will be ready for ocean to ocean transportation at the end of five years.

H. P. Timmerman, the general superintendent of the eastern division of the C.P.R., is about to be replaced in that office by Charles Murphy. Mr. Timmerman has been assigned to other duties.

At the Tilsonburg hotel fire inquest Charles Crossitt, bailiff, swore that Buckborough, the prisoner, told him while the fire was still burning, that he had done it, using the words, "I done it."

Albert Sparrow, Newburg, a laborer on the C.P.R. near Lower Brighton, N.B., lost his life owing to the horse which he was driving backing over the steep dump into the river. Horse and man were both drowned.

The customs revenue for the first fifteen days of the month of June, amounted to $1,963,770, which is a shrinkage of $887,246 from last year. The excise revenue for the same period, amounted to $718,000, a decrease of $61,000.

Martin Finn, a farmer, was instantly killed by his wife, Elizabeth, at Little Falls, N.Y., as he lay asleep in his home in Salisbury, N.Y. Mrs. Finn walked to the home of her mother, a mile distant, where she drank Paris green and chloroform.

George G. Metzger, one of the wealthiest men of Toledo, and president of the Broadway bank, which closed its doors a few weeks ago, has been indicted by the grand jury on counts charging him with embezzlement and misappropriation of funds. He was released under bond.

An Ontario shipbuilding firm complains that over $500,000 worth of Canadian work went to United States dry docks and shipyards last year, while the United States duty prevents repairs to United States ships being done in Canada, and wants a corresponding tax imposed by Canada to repairs to Canadian shipping done in the United States or other waters.

THE BOOZE QUESTION

Discussed By the Portsmouth Philosopher.

The Portsmouth philosopher was in a happy mood last evening, and discussed the kindness of the Gananoque police magistrate in sending home two Kingston men who got drunk in the river town the other day and refusing to fine them. "He fell on their necks and wept with them," the philosopher said. "And why shouldn't he?" the Portsmouth thinker went on, bringing down his fist on the bar. "Why should he fine a man for drinking too much booze? Didn't he come to Kingston a month ago with a Gananoque deputation, including Mayor McCammon and Warden MacMurchy, to ask Hon. Mr. Hanna to give Gananoque more booze places, when the commissioners had stricken them off the list? That's the kind of police magistrate a town wants. 'Let's have more booze,' is his motto. All honor to him for his straightforwardness and his kindness to our fellow-citizens, who go to visit his pretty little town. When I feel I must get intoxicated, I'm going to Gananoque. No doubt, the Gananoque police magistrate thankfully recalled the time not long since when the Kingston police saved one of his town's leading men from appearing in court here. Let there be reciprocity between Gananoque and Kingston."

The Portsmouth philosopher's speech was loudly applauded by his audience of five.

ORDERED PAYMENT.

London, June 19.—In the Scottish courts Thomas Ogilvie, of Aberdeen, sole partner of Thomas Ogilvie and Sons, Toronto, appealed against the payment of the income tax of £10,000 estimated by assessment in default of returns as to profits of the firm. The court dismissed Ogilvie's contention that the business is entirely controlled in Toronto and ordered payment of the tax.

Saturday Book Sale.

A special sale of recent copyright novels—regular authors $1.50 editions—will be held by R. Uglow & company tomorrow, Saturday only. Five hundred volumes will be sold at 39c. per copy. Remember special price for to-morrow only.

May Go By Steamer.

It is rumored around the city that the steamer America will carry the 14th regiment to Quebec for the celebration. It is not definitely known yet whether this is so, but it would be fine for the regiment if they went down this way.

REPLY OF DR. MACKIE

TO PROF. ROSS ON QUEEN'S QUESTION.

He Shows That the Theology Professors Would Receive Pensions—Recess For "Keeping Abreast of the Age."

Kingston, June 18.—(To the Editor): I have no desire to repeat the disagreeable but I desire to be courteous to my very courteous friend, Professor Ross, whose letter appeared in your issue of yesterday.

1. The professor says that had the petition which he supported been granted no financial advantage would have accrued to the professors in theology.

My answer to this is a quotation from the petition which he supported: "In any case as the theological professors would not participate in the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation they might be pensioned out of the funds raised by the recent endowment."

This is surely a proposal for an annuity for Professor Ross, an annuity from funds raised for other purposes.

2. To my statement that four young men were added to the ministry of the church as the fruits of a year's work in Queen's divinity hall, the professor replies that seven finished their course. This then is the full showing—seven young men received from the church a free education in theology for three years, and only four have entered the ministry. Of the remaining three I know that one who entered college seven years ago to study with a view to the ministry has turned aside to journalism. The fact, therefore, confronts us that the ministry of the church does not get even the few that enter the divinity hall.

3. When Professor Ross proceeds to reveal the cause of this paucity of divinity students he enters on new ground and I shall not accompany him. It is quite probable that enquiry will be instituted in the proper place, when the cause which he assigns—namely St. Angrew's congregation and such like congregations—and all causes discovered or suspected will be carefully examined.

4. Meanwhile, it seems to me only right that St. Andrew's congregation, to which an annual appeal is made for financial support to the divinity hall, and which never turns a deaf ear to such appeals, should know the exact position of things and should form an opinion and fearlessly express it if so disposed as to whether or not, with regard to Queen's divinity hall, the church is reaping what she sows.

5. I perceive and enjoy the professor's humor when he says the recess of six months is devoted to keeping abreast of the age.—Yours, etc., J. MACKIE.

Probabilities

Toronto June 19, 1908, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence. 10 a. m.—Fresh to south and south west winds, fine and warm. Saturday, westerly winds, thunderstorms in a few localities, but mostly fair and warm.

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MARRIED.

THOMPSON — SEARLE.—At St. George's Cathedral, June 17th, 1908, by Rev. Canon Grout, assisted by Rev. William Lewin, Charlotte Searle, formerly of Devonshire, Eng., to Robert Alexander Thompson, Kingston.

DIED.

McNEILL.—In Kingston, on June 18th, 1908, Charlotte Mary, youngest daughter of the late Charles McNeill.

Funeral at 9.15 o'clock, Saturday morning, from her late residence, 102 Clergy St., to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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