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BOTH THEFT AND ARSON CHARGED AGAINST AGENT

Samuel Hoover, Mountain Grove, Out On Bail

BURNING OF STATION

ON JANUARY 20th LED TO HIS ARREST.

Charge Will be That Hoover, Who Was Agent, Set Fire to the Building to Cover Up Shortage in His Accounts.

Samuel Hoover, former C.P.R. station agent at Mountain Grove, will appear at the next sitting of the court of general sessions, to answer to the charge of theft, with that of arson pending. On Thursday morning he appeared before Magistrate Smith, of Sharbot Lake and was sent up for trial.

Although the charge of arson has not been pressed as yet, it is stated that when the case comes before the court the arson charge will be included. It was expected on Friday, that Hoover would be released on bail of \$1,000.

The case arises as a result of the fire at the Mountain Grove C.P.R. station, at noon on January 20th, when building was burned to the ground.

The fire started in the freight sheds at the station at noon. The station men were all at dinner, and for that reason the fire got a head start in the shed at the time. The books in the office and most of the household effects belonging to Mr. Hoover were saved. The wind was blowing very hard from the north-east and carried the sparks upon the roofs of the buildings in the village. Several were on fire many times, but the blaze was extinguished by the excellent work of a bucket brigade.

It is evident that the C. P. R. officials thought that something was peculiar as they sent a couple of detectives to that vicinity a day or so after the fire. On Wednesday one of them placed Hoover, the agent, under arrest. It is believed that Hoover is finding a deficit in his accounts, and that something must be done to cover up the leak.

NO MILITARY CONFERENCE.

The Military Men Not to Meet This Year.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—There will in all probability be no military conference this year. For the past two years there have been these conferences, and representative delegates from all parts of the country were brought here to discuss military matters. It is stated that Col. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has decided not to hold these every year, chiefly on account of the expense, and because he does not think they are necessary every year. While they have been very beneficial, it is thought that the same advantage could be accomplished by holding them every second year or so. The other military meetings, such as the annual meeting of the different military associations, will be held as usual.

Fielding Steps Out.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Hon. W. S. Fielding has stepped out of the editorship of the Montreal Herald-Telegraph. He says Sir Hugh Graham controls.

Golden Barbadoes table molasses, 25c. a quart, at Gilbert's. "Head, Iron and Wine," 50c. Gibson's.

DAILY MEMORANDA

Band at covered rink to-night. Band at the Palace rink to-night, and Saturday night.
See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probable.
Allen Musical Comedy, Grand Opera house, 8:15 pm.
Band at covered rink Saturday afternoon and evening.
Band at the Palace rink Saturday morning for children. Admission 10c.

The New Currency Bill

is not nearly so much personal importance to you as the new dollar bill you have stowed away in your pocket.

Parliament may debate. Bankers may petition. Orators may orate. Well and good. But afterward you are much more interested in knowing where you can get 100 cents worth of goods or service for that dollar of your own.

You are not so much interested in the price of bonds in Mexico, but you do want to know about the best market at your own front door.

You find that the very best and most up-to-the-minute guide to this market is the advertising in *The Whig* and in other good newspapers.

The advertising tells you what goods are being offered and where and what the prices are.

People who get the most for their money are the students of advertising. They buy with knowledge. They buy where dealers are competitors and that insures the lowest market price.

WANTS LOSSES REFUNDED.

Chinese Ambassador Lost \$50,000 in Bank Crash.

Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 30.—The Chinese ambassador at St. Petersburg, who yearly spends the winter at his villa at Lugano, lost \$50,000 in the recent crash of the Cantonal bank at Lugano, stated he had applied to the federal government with the view of having the money refunded.

By the failure of the Credit Suisse bank of Locarno, \$180,000 of share obligation belonging to the New York banks are lost. The total losses of these two Swiss banks amount to nearly \$5,000,000. Many directors have been arrested, including one federal councillor.

OCEAN LIMITED DISCONTINUED.

Run at Big Loss Last Winter and Traffic Now Less.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, informed Hon. H. A. Emmerson in parliament that the Ocean Limited train on the Intercolonial railway would be discontinued during February and March. Last year it had been run at a great loss and this year the traffic was much less than last year.

Hon. G. P. Graham—"The hard times have struck the Intercolonial."

Mr. Cochrane stated that a number of trains in the Maritime Provinces were also being taken off.

Mr. Emmerson asked if a change would be made in the Maritime Express so that people leaving Ottawa could catch the train without having to spend the night in Montreal. Before the Ocean Limited was put on the Maritime Express left Montreal at twelve o'clock noon. Then it was changed to 8:30 a.m. Now that the Ocean Limited is being taken off the Maritime Express should again leave at twelve o'clock so that the people from points like Ottawa could leave in the morning and catch this train at night.

Mr. Cochrane could not say what would be done. The best interests of the whole country would be considered.

BUSINESS IS CHECKED

By Big Contraction in Loans—Bankers Playing Politics.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The statement of Canadian banks for December furnishes food for reflection upon the causes which led to the business depression from which Canada suffered. Compared with a year ago, there is a decrease of nearly fifty millions in current loans in Canada. Such a tremendous withdrawal of money must have had a serious effect upon business conditions in this country and the opinion is quite freely expressed among members of parliament that political reasons have been at the bottom of the situation. If that is so, it may be expected that the matter will be discussed in parliament at an early date.

Compared with November, the December statement shows a decrease in upwards of twenty millions in total assets and liabilities, and a large decrease in paid up capital due to the liquidation of the Sovereign bank.

TEMPERANCE CARRIED.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—The Canada Temperance act elections carried in three western Ontario counties yesterday, with these majorities: Huron 2336, Peel 56, and Welland 36. Returns will be likely take place in the latter two. One hundred and four bars are involved.

MOTHERS ONLY ELIGIBLE.

A Requisite for Women Candidates for Kansas Legislature.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 30.—A woman to be a candidate for the Kansas legislature must be at least forty years old and the mother of children. These are requirements, according to Mrs. Lillian Michner, president of the Kansas W.C.T.U.

It also is preferred, according to Mrs. Michner, that they have held office and mixed to some extent in politics before, such as having been county superintendents or in some of the other offices to which women frequently have been elected in Kansas.

Since the passage of the suffrage amendment that fall the women are taking a prominent and active part in Kansas politics.

CHICAGO TO MARKET BUTTER.

Tariff Reduction Enables Windy City Merchants to Profit.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Butter that has travelled 12,000 miles from New Zealand soon will be placed on sale in Chicago and other sections of the United States.

A Chicago produce firm announced that it has signed contract for 300,000 pounds of butter to be shipped this year. Reduction of the tariff on butter from 5 to 2 1/2 cents a pound is said to have enabled merchants to profit on importations.

Part of the shipment will be received by way of the Pacific coast and others by way of London.

COTTON IN MOROCCO.

France Should Develop Its Cultivation, Says Barthou.

Paris, Jan. 30.—France's national duty is to develop the cultivation of cotton in Morocco, so that the country shall not be dependent on the United States for that product, according to Louis Barthou, former premier. In the course of a debate in the Chamber of Deputies, M. Barthou suggested that a sum of \$250,000 or \$300,000 should be devoted to this purpose yearly.

No further action, however, was taken in the matter, although the chamber voted the issue of a loan of \$46,000,000 for public works in Morocco.

Use White Rose flour to get best results.

STEAMER SANK

And Forty or Fifty Lives Were Lost

A COLLISION OCCURRED

OFF NORFOLK, VA., EARLY FRIDAY MORNING

One Vessel Crashed Into Sleeping Quarters of Another—Survivors Got Away in Lifeboats Before Steamer Sank.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—Between forty and fifty lives were lost near here at 11:30 o'clock this morning, when the merchant line steamer Nantuxet, in a dense fog, crashed into the old Dominion line steamer Munroe cutting her in two. The Munroe was bound from Norfolk to New York. She carried fifty first class passengers, and a crew of ninety or so. The collision occurred when most of the passengers and crew were asleep.

It is thought many were killed in the first crash as the Nantuxet struck the Munroe broadside right in the sleeping quarters. The Nantuxet with bows stove in, stood by and wireless for help.

From all accounts the Munroe's survivors got away in life boats before the vessel sank, twenty minutes after the collision. Responsibility is not decided. The victims were mostly all New York and Virginia people.

Wife-Beater Lashed

Quebec, Jan. 30.—The sentence of the court was carried out yesterday, and Robert Mitchell, the young Scotchman, sentenced to ten days in county jail and five lashes for wife-beating, was strapped to a triangle and given five strokes of the cat. Two doctors were present. The prisoner took his punishment without a whimper.

THEFT OF MONEY BAG

ONE LAD WAS SENT TO THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Another Was Given Taste of Cat-O'-Nine Tails and the Other Dismissed—They Stole Money From R. H. Toye's Bread Wagon.

When Harry, Tommy and Freddie noticed a driver's bag in one of the bread wagons when they were passing the bakery, a few days ago, they were tempted to steal it. The driver was in the bakery preparing to load up his wagon again, so they would have a good chance. The scheme was soon planned. Harry purloined the bag. When it was opened it was found to contain heaps of money, about \$15 in all, but it appeared to the youngsters like a fortune. A good deal of it was in small change. In addition to the money there was a goodly number of bread checks.

After the trio had divided the spoils the next thing to do was to get rid of the bag. One suggested one place and another a different place. Finally they decided to leave the bread checks in the bag and hide it around Swift's coal chutes.

And this they did. But the police got busy on the case and as a result of their work Harry, Tommy and Freddie found themselves in the juvenile court on Friday morning charged with theft. The youngster who stole the bag denied it until he was strongly pressed, and then he admitted that he had taken the bag and told where it could be found. Constable James Bateson was sent to get the bag. It had been thrown into a secluded corner of the coal chutes, and it was found necessary to remove a plank before it could be taken out.

The case was heard by the magistrate and as a result one boy who has been before the magistrate several times, was sent to the Industrial school, another given a taste of the cat-o-nine-tails, and the third was discharged.

The lad who was sent to the Industrial school has given the police a great deal of trouble and it is felt that a term in the school will do him good.

Rev. A. E. Smart, inspector for the Children's Aid Society, will leave tonight for Toronto with the boy for the Industrial school.

SECRETLY MARRIED

An English Lord Weds an American Actress.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Hon. Angus McDonnell, a close friend of the Connaughts, second son of the Earl of Antium, announced to-day from Rideau hall where he is a guest, that he was secretly married on December 13th last to Miss Ethel Wyn Sylvia Arthur Jones, an actress who is now touring in the United States. The marriage took place at Evansville, Ill. The Hon. Angus runs a large fruit ranch near Vancouver, B.C.

BURNED TO DEATH

IN CHICAGO FIRE

Two Women and an Infant Met Death in Apartment

Confignation

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Two women and one infant are believed to have been burned to death in the destruction, at three o'clock this morning, of a "babies' row," a five-story apartment building on the south side, so called because so many infants always swarmed around the entrance. The heroine of the occasion was Mrs. Massover, who discovered the fire from spontaneous combustion of rubbish in the basement and alarmed the occupants, being herself badly burned before escaping. In ten minutes after the alarm was given a hundred women and thirty babies in night gowns were being cared for at neighboring buildings, while their homes crumbled to the ground. Few men were in the building, most of the husbands being night workers.

Store Window Smashed

During Thursday night a window at the rear of the store of John Green, shoe merchant, Princess street, was smashed, and it was believed that an robbery had been committed. So far as can be ascertained, nothing is missing.

"Dr. Chase's Pills" at Gibson's.

SLIGHTED BY KAISER

Reichstag Vice-Presidents Were Not Cordially Received.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—The Kaiser is being sharply criticised by the judicial press for an alleged slight to the present and two vice-presidents of parliament on his fifty-fifth birthday. It is reported that the Kaiser merely nodded to the officials of the Reichstag, while he shook hands cordially with the corresponding officers of the Prussian diet.

Slighted by King

Munich, Jan. 30.—King Ludwig III of Bavaria administered a snub yesterday to a society of aristocratic women who asked him to become patron of a movement to establish homes for sick animals. He said: "Do not worry about diseased cats, dogs and horses. Sick animals ought to be killed. Bestow your money on the sick poor and thus do some good with it."

Taft With Governor-General

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—W. H. Taft will be the guest of the Duke of Connaught when he arrives here this afternoon from Toronto. A banquet will be tendered him by the Canadian Club. The Chateau Laurier, Premier Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will also be prominent guests.

PAYMENT OF MONEY TO QUEBEC MEMBER

As Evidence of Good Faith That Bill Would Eventually Go Through

Quebec, Jan. 30.—The first evidence was taken in the parliamentary investigation of the graft charges against former members of Quebec legislature to-day. Mr. Beck, former editor of the Montreal Herald, was a witness, and told of the payment of five hundred dollars cash to Mr. Moisseau through the medium of one Sampson. "This was just as evidence of good faith that the total of twenty-five hundred would be forthcoming when the bill was pushed through. The evidence caused quite sensation."

ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Montreal Man Placed Under Arrest by Constable Bateson

Edward Lane, aged 25, giving Montreal as his address, was placed under arrest at noon on Friday by Constable James Bateson on a charge of theft. He is accused of stealing a pair of hockey skates and boots from a local batteryman. The theft was reported to the police a couple of days ago, and Constable Bateson traced the skates had been sold by Lane to a second-hand dealer, and that the latter had resold them. Lane, so it is believed, is ready to plead guilty on the charge.

GOVERNMENT DOWNS

Dr. Neely's Motion to Remove Wheat Duty.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—By a vote of 102 to 57, a government majority of 45, parliament before adjourning for the winter, passed a resolution, voted down the liberal amendment calling for the removal of customs duty, submitted by Dr. Neely, the member for Humboldt. It was straight party vote, with the exception of Mr. Maclean, South York, who voted with the opposition. The reply to the speech from the throne was then passed. Before rising, Hon. Mr. Peley in the absence of the minister of finance, submitted the estimates to the house.

THE RESULT IN BRIEF

Huron	2:56
Peel	56
Welland	36

These figures are, of course, subject to correction. The official count will be made within the next few days.

Licenses Cut Off

Huron	41
Peel	9
Welland (including Niagara Falls)	54

Total 104

The Canada Temperance act (popularly known as the Scott act) is a Dominion statute, and when adopted covers the whole of a county except the cities, which are voted upon separately. Like the provincial local option provisions, it prohibits all bar and shop sales within the county limits. It is unlike local option in the particular that the provincial law affects single municipalities, whereas the federal law operates over a county area. Since 1896 no part of the province had been under Scott act until last year, when the act went into force in Manitoulin. It is claimed that most of the difficulties which in former years made the act difficult to enforce have now been removed.

Died at Brockville

Brockville, Jan. 30.—Miss Agnes Senkler, who died here yesterday, was born in Dorking, Norfolk, England, where her father, the Rev. E. J. Senkler, then resided. The family came to Canada when she was very young, and after residing in Quebec and Sorel, removed to Brockville. She is survived by one brother, Judge Senkler of Perth, and by several nephews and nieces, including Judge Reynolds and Lieut.-Col. Buell of Brockville.

Strongest overalls made, \$1. Dut-ton's.

THREE COUNTIES VOTE TO ABOLISH THE BAR

Huron Polls Up a Majority of 2536

THE VOTE WAS CLOSE

IN THE COUNTIES OF WELAND AND PEEL.

Where Returns Will Likely Take Place—How the Vote Stood—Temperance People Are Wild With Joy.

Goderich, Jan. 30.—The voice of the people on the Canada Temperance act has been heard at the polls with amazement on the part of the anti and rejoicing in the part of the supporters of the act. The campaign was carried on energetically by both sides. The most intelligent lecturers available have presented the interpretation of the act in all its possible phases, and that electorate went to the polls with all possible enlightenment.

The Dominion Alliance workers terminated their efforts in continued prayer and song service, which lasted all day and naturally felt deep gratification. The license holders and their supporters feel their defeat keenly, but have taken it good-naturedly. When their three months' lease of liquor dispensing expires it will be seen what will be the real advantage of the act and the success or failure of its anticipated workings will develop. There are six hotels and one shop affected in Goderich itself, two hotels having been cut off and closed by the municipal council over a year ago.

At Wingham the temperance workers of the town and vicinity celebrated the victory with a thanksgiving service in the town hall.

Recount in Welland Probable

Welland, Jan. 30.—Unless a recount which is almost a certainty, Welland county temperance workers have carried the Canada temperance act after one of the most extensive and well-managed campaigns ever carried on in Ontario by a majority of 36. Welland county has for a long time been held down as a stronghold of the liquor traffic, being a border county with a large number of licenses and a large foreign population. Three years ago there was a strong local option campaign.

Forty in twelve municipalities resulted in its carrying in Thorold township, twelve municipalities being made dry, namely, Welland and Thorold townships, Port Colborne, Humberstone, Port Erie, Bridgeburg, Chipewa village, Crowland, Humberstone, Bertie, Wilboughby and Stamford townships. Thorold, Elham and Wainfleet townships were voted before. Forty-one bars, seven shops and one salaried license are wiped out. The temperance people put up a splendid educational campaign. The liquor advocates were organized under the name of the Business Men and Manufacturers' Association.

Niagara Falls city presented a strong petition at the same time as Welland county did, asking for a vote on the Canada temperance act. The government claimed the city must have a special voters' list so it was not permitted to vote.

Captured Second Place

The race horse, Paddy McEue, owned by A. Stafford, Seely's Bay, captured second place in the 2:35 trot and pace race in Ottawa on Thursday afternoon. The purse was \$400. This race was bred from the mare Princess Center's Grocer from the mare Princess Fuller's Grocer, Cor. Princess & Alfred Frontenac Hotel, Ontario, St. Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square, McAnley's Book Store, 93 Princess, McGill's Cigar Store, Cor. Prin. & King, McLeod's Grocery, 51 Union St., W., McEue's Drug Store, 500 University Ave., Paul's Cigar Store, 313 Princess, Prone's Drug Store, 313 Princess, Valleau's Grocery, 306 Montreal.

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