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NEILL WILL PROBABLY BE HANGED ON NOV. 8

Now That He Has Been Convicted Many Stories About the Criminal Are Current in Quebec—What the Police Are Said to Have Found Among the Dead Girls' Effects.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Thomas Neill, who was Saturday convicted of the murder of Matilda Clover, will probably be executed Nov. 8.

Found Among the Girls' Effects.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Star states that the police have found among the effects of the girls who were murdered by Thomas Neill Cream, letters from many well-known persons, including one member of Parliament and several holding prominent positions.

Report that Neill Has Confessed.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The News of the World declares that it is in a position to state that Neill, the doomed woman poisoner, in an interview in jail, confessed that he poisoned Matilda Clover, Emma Shrivell and Alice Marsh, but declared that he had not poisoned Ellen Donworth, and said that up to the last moment he had a feeling that he would be acquitted.

Since he was sentenced Neill has been as impassive and as cool as before. When he was taken to Wandsworth Jail on Friday night he said: "Thank heaven, it is all over. The judge was dead against me, but perhaps that was his duty."

On Saturday Neill asked to be allowed before the day set for his execution to see Laura Sabbatini, to whom he was engaged to be married.

Neill's Doings in Quebec.

QUEBEC, Oct. 24.—Now that sentence of death has been pronounced upon their unfortunate fellow-citizen Cream, alias "Dr. Thomas Neill," Quebecers who were afraid to say all they knew of his antecedents for being called as witnesses are talking freely.

As instances of his early licentiousness, stories are told of women kept by him here when he was less than 20 years of age and of the unsuccessful effort of one to shoot him. Two of the servant girls in Banchard's Hotel here to whom he gave medicine last winter were suddenly taken ill with spasms and vomiting, but subsequently recovered.

His brothers and mother-in-law died under most suspicious circumstances a year or two ago while under his care. He gave some chewing gum to one of her daughters, who, instead of eating it herself, gave it to her mother, who at once became ill. She took a dislike to Neill and begged to have another doctor sent for, but on his arrival at the house Neill met and told him a long story about her case and what he was doing for her and the doctor left after assuring the lady that Neill was doing all that was possible for her and telling her to take his medicine. She did so and death soon ended her sufferings.

Neill's remaining relatives here, with whom the utmost sympathy is felt and expressed, believe him insane, and will endeavor to have this view of the case pressed upon imperial authorities.

The Mercury some time ago suggested that the remains of one of his supposed Quebec victims be exhumed and analyzed.

MUST PROTECT THEMSELVES.

Imperial Troops Will be Withdrawn from the Colonies.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Considerable surprise was caused in political circles, and especially in colonial circles, Saturday by a report that Mr. Gladstone proposed to withdraw British troops entirely from the North American colonies and require that Canadians and Newfoundlanders maintain their own means of defence. It is known that the question has been seriously discussed among members of the Cabinet, and that Mr. Gladstone is decidedly favorable to throwing the colonists in all parts of the world as much as possible on their own resources. He has no idea of abandoning territories that are directly under Imperial jurisdiction, but believes in training the self-governing colonies to be able to rely upon their own resources, both military and naval.

It is not improbable that before another 12 months has elapsed the Canadians will be called upon to occupy the forts now garrisoned by Imperial troops, and that the Cape Government will also be required to undertake similar responsibility. It is said that Mr. Gladstone has expressed the opinion that if the colonists should learn something by experience as to the cost of military strength and display they will be less likely to involve themselves and the Empire in costly and unprofitable wars.

Meantime, however, it seems certain that the British Government will not abandon Uganda. Lord Rosebery has intimated as much, and public sentiment, without regard to party, is in favor of retaining that African possession. There is a general impression that, as Lord Rosebery says, Uganda may prove the key to Central Africa and strengthen British influence both in the Nile region and on the lakes.

Since Lord Rosebery took charge of the Foreign Office there has been no abatement of a vigorous African policy. The essential departure from Lord Salisbury's methods is that what Lord Salisbury did, through chartered companies Lord Rosebery proposes to do through and in behalf of the Imperial Government. Uganda will not be abandoned. So much is certain. But it is also certain that the reign of the British East Africa Company in Uganda will come to an end. Uganda will be occupied by British troops for Great Britain.

WINTERY SCENES IN EUROPE.

Snow Prevailed Along the Tyne and in Norfolk County.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The weather in Northern England is cold and stormy. Along the Tyne a heavy storm of hail and snow is prevailing, and many vessels are returning in search of shelter. They report heavy weather outside. In Norfolk the ground is white with snow, and the whole country presents a wintry appearance.

A Mount Bridges Man Fatally Hurt.

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 24.—James Sutherland, lumber dealer of Mount Bridges, met with a shocking and probably fatal accident at the C.P.R. station here yesterday. He was on his way home and in attempting to board the express as it was moving out fell under the wheels, with the result that both his legs were amputated above the knees. He was quickly removed to the City Hospital. It is not thought likely that he will survive his injuries.

Tore His Arm Off.

LONGFORD MILLS, Oct. 24.—William McRae, filer in the Longford Lumber Co.'s mills, was in the act of adjusting a belt to start his filing machine when his shirt sleeve became caught in the belting and his arm was drawn round the shaft and broken off at the elbow. The cords and nerves of the arm were pulled out of the fleshy parts. Dr. A. E. Arasgh of Orillia amputated the arm close to the elbow.

A Brakeman Killed.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE, N.Y., Oct. 24.—John Doherty, a brakeman in the Grand Trunk freight yards at Clifton, Ont., was run over by a car about 3 o'clock yesterday morning and received injuries from which he died about five hours later. He was knocked off the top of the car by a brake and thrown under the wheels. He had a leg cut off and was otherwise injured. He was about 28 years old and well and favorably known at Clifton, where he leaves a wife and other relatives.

Mercier's Trial Postponed.

QUEBEC, Oct. 24.—The cases of Mr. Mercier, charged with malfeasance in office, and Ernest Pacaud, charged with bribery, were fixed for a hearing Saturday, but the other cases on the list not being concluded they were postponed until Tuesday.

Novel Method of Suicide.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 24.—Lawrence Markt, drunk and in jail at Saginaw, swallowed small pieces of his undershirt until he choked to death. A doctor took a cigar box full of cloth from his mouth and throat.

Ocean Steamship Movements.

Date.	Name.	Sources at.	From.
Oct. 22	—Gellinian	ather Point	Liverpool
"	—Moravia	Sour. Station	New York
Oct. 21	—Aurania	Queenstown	New York
"	—Aller	Southampton	New York
"	—Pomeroia	New York	Glasgow
"	—Essex	New York	Rotterdam

OCCUPATION OF UGANDA.

Lord Rosebery Will Not Abandon the Country.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Lord Rosebery certainly does not share the uncompromising view entertained by his colleagues in the Cabinet against the occupation of Uganda. It was in deference to his views that, as a result of the Cabinet Council held earlier in the month, the compromise was arrived at providing for an extension of the stay of the agents of the British East Africa Company by a period of three months. The Times seizes the opportunity to incite the Tingo party to bring every influence to bear upon the Government to induce them to take this leap into the dark of Equatorial Africa. It is not likely that the Cabinet, otherwise unanimous, will be induced to depart from the attitude assumed, and take charge of the white elephant which Punch this week aptly represents the British East Africa Company proffering to dubious John Bull. The impression in some quarters is that the prolongation of the term of occupation by the East Africa Company will suffice to bring the matter within the purview of the House of Commons when it meets next session. That would, however, be too late, as so remote is the district and so arduous the route that fully three months would be required between the issue of an order, whether for withdrawal or occupation, and its accomplishment. The final decision of the Cabinet will have to be taken before the end of December, and may possibly be reached at one of the Cabinet councils to be held within the next fortnight.

THE FEAT OF A WOMAN.

An English Woman Rides 220 Miles in 67 Hours.

VIENNA, Oct. 24.—A remarkable feat of horsemanship, requiring great endurance and a wonderful amount of determination and persistence in its wonderful accomplishment, has just been performed by a woman. This is a long distance ride on horseback, which, considering the many difficulties encountered in the route traversed and the rugged and mountainous nature of the country, was made in very good time. The equestrienne is Miss Tomasson, a young English woman.

The start was made from Innsbruck, the capital city of the Tyrol, at the entrance of the Sill into the Inn, 84 miles from Trent. From Innsbruck she rode to the town of Botzen, at the confluence of the Talfer and the Eisach, 35 miles from Trent. Passing through Botzen she proceeded to St. Valentin and thence to Landeck, a town of Prussian Silesia, on the Biala, at which point half her journey was accomplished.

Miss Tomasson then retraced her route, returning to Innsbruck by the same road which she followed on the first half of her long and wearying ride.

She reached the goal in comparatively good condition, and her arrival was greeted by a large crowd of admirers, who enthusiastically showered her with praise for her plucky and notable work in the saddle.

The entire distance ridden over by Miss Tomasson was 220 miles, and was covered in the surprisingly short time of 67½ hours. She rode the same horse throughout the journey.

The task was made more noteworthy by the fact that Miss Tomasson had not previously undergone any training and that the route included the celebrated Brenner Pass and the monotonous Maiser Haide.

CARNEGIE THE KIND.

He Expresses Admiration for Mr. Frick of Homestead.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Carnegie are stopping at the Hotel Bristol in this city, the hotel at which the Prince of Wales always stays when in Paris. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie dined with the Hon. T. Jefferson Coolidge, the American Minister.

In an interview to-day with a reporter of the Associated Press, Mr. Carnegie said he was delighted at the return of Mr. Schwab to the management of the Homestead works, which were most difficult to manage since the company undertook the making of armor. He expressed great pleasure at the promotions of Messrs. Gayley, Kerr and Potter, and declared that all these appointments proved that Mr. Frick was one of the foremost managers of men.

Mr. Carnegie added: "If any words from me retain influence with the men at Homestead I wish to say to them as friends; all of you for whom Mr. Schwab provides places, take them promptly, for never will you work for a kinder and abler master."

Coast Guards Captured by Smugglers.

GIBRALTAR, Oct. 22.—The southern part of Spain, from Gibraltar west along the strait and up the coast, is infested with smugglers. Many bloody fights have occurred between them and the guards. An incident that has just occurred in the contest is in some of its aspects ludicrous. A band of 200 armed smugglers made a descent upon one of the carabineer stations between Tarifa and Cape Trafalgar. The eight carabineers detailed at this station had no warning of the approach of the smugglers and surrendered without making any resistance. The smugglers took the guns away from their prisoners, sacked the station and set fire to it. With their eight prisoners they then made for the mountains and have not since been heard from.

Storm in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 24.—Heavy snowstorms have prevailed in the Syzran district, and railway communication is interrupted. The snow lies in heavy drifts along the line, and several trains are stalled. One of these trains is a special, on which the Grand Duke Nicholas is travelling. Large gangs of men have been sent out to clear the road.

Corpse Dropped Through Church Floor.

ASHLAND, Mich., Oct. 23.—While funeral services were in progress in a church here the floor gave way and congregation, corpse and furniture fell through into the basement, a distance of nine feet. A panic ensued; women screamed and fainted; men struggled to extricate themselves and, strange as it may appear, not a bone was broken, and but few of the victims received other than slight injuries. In a few moments the church was surrounded by a rescuing party, and with the aid of ladders the victims were taken out of the debris. The coffin was unharmed, although it was at the bottom of the heap, and within an hour the funeral services were completed at the cemetery. The church was badly wrecked.

Father of Sixty-One Children.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A special from Kentucky says: John Milton Kingsley, of Lost Creek, is seventy-two years of age. Just one year ago he was married to Mrs. Winnie Beltz as his sixth wife. His first marriage occurred in Bath county fifty years ago. Five of his wives lie buried in different parts of the state. He is the father of sixty-one children all alive but ten. His last wife's child is a healthy babe of three weeks.

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A Safe Investment.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A special from Batavia, Ohio, says Mrs. Sarah A. Shade, living near here, has a churn she has used steadily for fifty-five years. She estimates that in that period she has churned in it 68 640 pounds of butter which has brought her $10,296.

A Curiosity From China.

Is shown at Wilson's Pharmacy, in the shape of a basket, containing "Chinese Sacred Lillies. It seems to be made of a species of rush and is well put together. Drop in and inspect it.

Dr. Allah, of Deadwood, Da., son of Wm. Allen, of this city, will be married in Gananoque to-day to Miss Tayler, daughter of the member for Leeds.

Dr. McIntosh, veterinary surgeon, of Seattle, is a brother of Dr. D. McIntosh, professor of veterinary science in the state university of Illinois.

The village of Kegawong, Manitoulin Island, has been destroyed by fire.

The potato rot has been very extensive in fields north of Barrie.

Ed Hammond returned after a week's visit to Belleville.

A BREAK FOR FREEDOM.

PERRY, THE TRAIN ROBBER, ESCAPES BUT IS TAKEN.

Although a Special Guard Was Stationed in Front of His Cell, Yet He Dug His Way Into the Next Apartment—After Being Eight Hours in Hiding He Is Recaptured and Secured.

AUBURN, Oct. 24.—Oliver Curtis Perry, the train robber, has carried into execution the threat made when he entered Auburn Prison, that he would not remain to finish his sentence, and has added another to the long list of desperate deeds which have brought him unenviable fame. His latest exploit was to escape from his guards late Saturday, and so far he has succeeded in eluding their search.

Perry's cell was located in the basement of the north wing. The cells on the other side were occupied by men who work in the shops, and through one of these he made his escape by digging through the brick partition, a distance of 12 inches. At 4.15 Saturday afternoon Keeper Willard, an ex-Assemblyman from St. Lawrence County, who has been only a short time on the prison force, gave Perry his supper. Nothing unusual was noticed at this time by the guard; excepting that the prisoner seemed in great good humor and more submissive than at any time since his entrance into the institution.

This was the last seen of the wily bandit. At 5 o'clock when the other convicts were marched from the shops a man named Edmunds, who occupied the cell next to Perry's, reported that there was a hole through the dividing wall. A hasty examination by the officer confirmed the report. A towel had been pinned over the opening in Edmunds' cell to conceal it. A glance into Perry's cell revealed what appeared to be his form stretched on the cot, but closer inspection proved it to be only a dummy.

When Perry escaped from the building or where he went is yet a mystery. Warden Durston maintains that he is hidden inside the walls, but many of the keepers openly express the belief that he is safe outside and beyond their reach. The walls about the institution are patroled by a double guard, as well as the yard inside, while a posse of officials are searching every available hiding-place. What instrument was used by Perry in making the opening in the wall cannot be surmised by the prison keepers, and they have not the slightest idea where he procured it.

Warden Durston is greatly worried over the affair and is making every possible effort to recapture the fugitive. If he has not succeeded in getting outside the walls his discovery is only a question of a few days, as it will be next to impossible for him to elude the double force of guards.

Recaptured and Secured.

AUBURN, Oct. 24.—Oliver Curtis Perry has been recaptured and is now safe within a dungeon cell in Auburn prison. The celebrated train robber who escaped from his cell yesterday afternoon enjoyed his limited freedom for just eight hours, when he was again thrust back into confinement more secure than ever before. Perry was found at 1.30 o'clock hiding in the marble shop. The stowaway at once started in a race for liberty, closely pursued by several prison guards. He ran into the tailor shop, where he was met by one of the watchers, who thrust a bullseye lantern and a revolver in his face. Perry at once withdrew, but in his precipitate retreat he ran directly into the arms of Keeper Smith. The desperado did not surrender immediately, but made an attempt to kill the keeper with a large stone, which he hurled at Smith, striking him on the leg. Smith retaliated by striking Perry on the head with a heavy cane. This ended the scrimmage and the bold express robber was carried to a cell from which it is unlikely he will ever escape. Perry was game to the last and remarked that he would make another attempt to escape as soon as he was able.

SUING THE COMPANIES.

The Owners of the Burned Corinthian After the Insurance Men.

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, through their attorneys, Messrs. Girouard and Delorimier, have entered suit for the sum of $20,000 against the following insurance companies: Commercial Union, Liverpool and London and Globe, Norwich Union, Queen, London and Lancashire, Quebec, Fire Insurance Company of Manchester, Northern Insurance Company, North British and Mercantile Union Assurance Society, Phoenix of London, North American, Lancashire, Manchester and Alliance, as well as Messrs. Joseph Samson, Quebec; Franklin B. Polson, Toronto; Robert Logan, Owen Sound and Herbert S. Hunter, Montreal, misen cause. The company claim that the decision of the arbitrators in the case of the burning of the Corinthian was not just. Only two of the arbitrators decided the question, the third retiring in disgust, when they would neither hear the company nor their advocate. Under these circumstances the company sues for the balance of its policy.

SHOOTING DEER OUT OF SEASON.

Four Offenders at Bracebridge Fined $20 and Costs.

BRACEBRIDGE, Ont., Oct. 24.—The first trial in this district under the Ontario Game Law was held Saturday before Mr. James Boyer, J.P. On information of R. D. Brown, deputy warden of the Township of Stephenson, the following persons were arraigned and convicted of hunting deer out of season: L. Markle, R. Cotterell, J. Preble and A. Markle, all of Brunell Township, and were each fined $20 dollars and costs.

These convictions will have a salutary effect throughout the Province and will show that the Ontario Government intend to prosecute any cases which come under their notice.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

The Government Sustained, But Mr Blair is Defeated.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Oct. 24.—Latest returns yesterday show 25 Government supporters and 16 Opposition members elected, not including Gloucester, where polling takes place to-day. The Government gains three and loses eight seats. In York County, with three places to hear from, Attorney-General Blair is 200 behind the lowest Opposition candidate.

Took Poison But Died of Heart Failure.

LINDSAY, Ont., Oct. 22.—Mr. James McGill of Burton, in the Township of Manvers, on Saturday last took a dose of Paris green. He had been ailing with kidney trouble for the past five years and so bad had he become that at times he was almost driven out of his mind, and it was whilst in one of these low spirits that he committed the deed. As soon as the discovery was made that he had taken the poison, medical aid was summoned and the poison removed effectually from the stomach, but his constitution and heart were so weak that the latter could not stand the excitement and he died virtually of heart failure.

A Pauper for Over 90 Years.

BARRIE, Oct. 22.—Miss Betsy Trumbell, who died recently at the almshouse in Skowhegan, Me., at the age of 92, was supported by the town from the date of her birth to the date of her death, for, although able to do considerable work both indoors and out, she was of feeble intellect and unable to take care of herself. Nine-two years on a poor farm is the longest time on record.

The Driver Was a Corpse.

HALIBURTON, Ont., Oct. 22.—Yesterday William Beamish when last seen alive was driving a wagon. Shortly after the horse and wagon were found without a driver, and on search the body of Beamish was found lying in the road. There was a bad bruise on his forehead. It is supposed that he was suddenly seized with heart allure and fell out of the wagon. He was 3 years of age and was greatly respected.

A Corpse Held the Reins.

BRAMPTON, Ont., Oct. 22.—William R. Marshall of lot 22, Chinguacousy, drove to Edmonton to procure some help for a threshing. He had proceeded but a short distance on the return journey when he was noticed to fall forward in the buggy. When assistance reached him he was dead.

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A TRAGEDY OF THE SEA.

Particulars of the Murder of Captain Buckley and His Wife.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 24.—The mate of the American bark William Hales, the master of which, Capt. Buckley, and his wife were murdered at sea by the Chinese cook while the vessel was on a voyage from New York to Capetown, has made a further statement. He says the captain frequently remonstrated with the cook for his incompetency, but that nothing serious occurred until Aug. 18, when the cook was scalded by the captain for some bungling act, after which the cook seemed to be meditating revenge. The mate noticed this and warned the Captain of his danger, but the warning was not heeded.

On the morning of August 18 the mate was startled by hearing the captain's wife screaming for help. He instantly rushed to the cabin. As he hurriedly descended the hatchway the cook rushed up on deck. When the mate entered the cabin a horrible sight met his gaze. He found the mutilated bodies of the captain and his wife lying in a pool of blood, the cook having slashed and hacked their bodies.

The mate at once summoned the crew to assist him in capturing the murderer, who hid himself after leaving the cabin. The men proceeded cautiously, as they feared the fiend would offer a desperate resistance. At length the cook was discovered crouching in a corner, and the crew prepared to seize and overpower him. But the Chinaman suddenly jumped from his hiding place, and with a wild cry rushed to the vessel's rail and flung himself headlong into the sea. Efforts were made to save him, but he made no attempt to catch hold of the articles thrown into the water and soon drowned.

The American Consul here is conducting an enquiry into the matter.

A $500,000 Fire in Hamburg.

HAMBURG, Oct. 24.—A fire broke out early Saturday in the Hamburg-American Packet Company's warehouse in the Kleine Grasbrook quarter of the city. Firemen were promptly at the scene, but despite their efforts the building, which contained a great quantity of inflammable material, was burned out. After the fire had been raging for some time one of the walls of the warehouse was seen to be tottering, and almost immediately afterward it fell upon an adjoining boilerhouse, smashing it and destroying a large and costly boiler. The chemical works of the St. Homebreack Company, which stood close to the warehouse, were also badly damaged by the falling wall. Several firemen were struck and injured by flying bricks. The loss is placed at 2,000,000 marks ($500,000).

A Clergyman's Crime and Sentence.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Rev. Robert Baynes, 58 years old, of Twickenham, who was arrested in August on a charge of attacking a little girl named Miriam Louisa Cogswell, was found guilty and was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. Baynes is an honorary canon of the Church of England.

The Cholera.

HAMBURG, Oct. 24.—Again the official cholera figures contain no report of deaths, but 10 new cases of the disease, however, occurred here yesterday.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22.—Four new cases of cholera and two deaths from the disease were reported here yesterday.

The Imperial Clemency.

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—The ceremony of christening the infant daughter of the German Emperor and Empress, born on Sept. 13, took place yesterday. To mark the christening day, 400 women who were imprisoned for various offences have been released.

The Wreck of the Bokhara.

HONG KONG, Oct. 24.—The steamer Ancon, which was despatched to Sand Island, on which the steamer Bokhara was wrecked, has returned to Hong Kong. She reports that the wreck of the Bokhara is now invisible and that a strong monsoon is blowing. Fifty-three of the bodies of those lost have been recovered.

FOUND A BUFFALO SKELETON.

The Find Considered an Important One in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, N.Y., 24.—A special from Plainfield, N.J., says Geo. H. Fountain, of this city, unearthed, this week, in excavating in the western part of the city the complete skeleton of an unknown animal. He took parts of it to Columbia college, New York, and Prof. Dean pronounced the bones to be those of a buffalo. Mr. Fountain's find is looked upon as an important one to as much as this is the first time the bones of buffalo were ever found east of Erie, Pa., or north of Virginia. Mr. Fountain has been offered a large sum of money for the skeleton mounted and received a commission from the colleges to continue his searches. He has been excavating in this locality. The peculiar landscape formation leading him to think it was at one time the home of the mound builders. This he has proved having found the peculiar formation characteristic of these old monuments, and also the remains of carefully laid pavements. From the mound he has taken many skulls and other human bones, many peculiar implements of war and other traces of prehistoric man. It was while continuing these investigations that he exhumed the Buffalo skeleton last week. Under the direction of Columbia college, he expects to make other discoveries. This is the only mound builders known in New Jersey.

A PIANO PLAYING CONTEST.

The Players Worked Hard For Victory And Suffered Pain.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Prof. W. J. Waterbury is still champion long endurance piano player of the world. His record established early yesterday morning, is seventeen hours continuous playing. Prof. Waterbury and Miss Ada Melville began playing in a museum at 9 a.m., Saturday. His record was fourteen hours, and hers was ten hours and thirty minutes. Both were confident of winning. To appreciate the severity of this test of endurance it must be remembered that there is no stop of any sort in the performance for any purpose whatever from 9 a.m. until 1.52, a stretch of sixteen hours and 52 minutes. Miss Melville never once stopped playing. At 1.52 yesterday morning she collapsed. Her hands fell from the keys to her lap and she was too exhausted to raise them; she was utterly prostrated. The professor himself, after the collapse of Miss Melville, played on for eight minutes, and established the record of seventeen hours. Miss Melville's right wrist is swollen stiff, and the middle finger of the right hand is glazed and sore. The finger tips of both hands are numb and blistered. The professor's thumbs are nearly twice their usual size.

ENGAGEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

A Daughter of a Millionaire Will Wed Suffern Taller.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Miss Maud Lorillard, daughter of Pierre Lorillard, the millionaire tobacconist, and Thomas Suffern Taller are engaged. The interesting bit of news was announced at Tuxedo Park, by Mr. Lorillard, and caused a decided sensation.

Mr. Taller is probably as well known personally and as popular as any of the Jeunesse Dores in town. Mr. Taller is a graduate of Harvard college, class 1889. He has always been partial to outdoor sports and went to Paris in the early spring to drive the coach "Comet" on its daily trips from Paris to Poissy and back during the coaching season.

Among the other noted whips on this side and in England the fact of Mr. Taller having beaten the record, both amateur and professional, in driving coach from Paris to Trouville, is regarded as a remarkable feat. It was while in Paris that Mr. Taller fell in love with Miss Lorillard.

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Capt. J. W. Lawlor, who sailed from Boston in a twelve-foot boat on a trans-Atlantic voyage, has been given up by his friends as lost.

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CHAPLEAU'S RETIREMENT

SPECULATION AS TO WHAT HE WILL DO.

Good Authority Says That He Will Succeed Mr. Fabre as Agent in Paris and That the Behring Sea Arbitrators Will Avail Themselves of His Services.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—The announcement made by the Hon. Mr. Chapleau at the Hochelaga nomination on Friday that the Hon. Mr. Ouimet would soon be the leader from the Montreal district is interpreted here as meaning Mr. Chapleau's early retirement from the Cabinet. This is not unexpected, as ever since Mr. Chapleau gave up his house last May and took rooms at the Russell House it has been pretty well understood that he would not remain long in Ottawa. Where he will go is a question. The general impression is that he will succeed Lieut.-Governor Angers at Quebec, and that Angers will come here, but it is said by close friends of Mr. Chapleau that he will not go to Spencerwood.

On the other hand it is averred on excellent authority that he will succeed Hon. Mr. Fabre as agent at Paris and that Mr. Fabre will return to Canada and resume his old place in the senate. A further rumor is to the effect that in the event of Sir John Thompson succeeding to the Premiership he will ask to be relieved from the position of Behring Sea arbitrator and that his place will be taken by Mr. Chapleau. Whether Sir John retires from the arbitration or not it is felt that it would be a material advantage to Canada to have Mr. Chapleau as High Commissioner to France at the time the Behring Sea arbitrators meet in Paris. It must be remembered that neither the Canadian member of the commission (Sir John Thompson) nor the British agent (Hon. C. H. Tupper) speak French, which will be the language of the arbitration, and it would be a distinct benefit to Canada to have so thorough a master of both French and English as Mr. Chapleau is in Paris, even if he did not participate in the proceedings as one of the arbitrators. This is only a rumor and is given for what it may be worth. Neither Sir John Thompson nor Mr. Chapleau will say anything respecting its correctness or incorrectness, but there is a very strong probability that the rumor that Hon. Mr. Chapleau is to go to Paris, possibly as one of the Behring Sea arbitrators, will prove to be true, and that the official confirmation will most likely be given in a few days.

Hon. C. H. Tupper will leave for England a week from next Tuesday with the reply to the American case in the Behring Sea arbitration, on which he and Mr. Christopher Robinson have been hard at work for some time past.

The Secretary of State Saturday received a telegram from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, stating that he had been advised that the crews of the sealers captured by Russian [illegible] had arrived at Yokohama and had sailed on the Empress of Japan for Victoria.

DEPUTATION OF PUBLISHERS.

Interview the Minister of Justice on the Copyright Law.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—D. A. Rose, J. Ross Robertson, A. S. Irving and E. H. Suckling of Toronto, had an interview with Sir John Thompson Saturday in reference to Copyright. It is understood that the object of the interview was to discuss amendments to the Canadian Copyright Act of 1889, suggested by Imperial Government, which it was stated in this morning's World had been submitted to the Dominion Government. The nature of these amendments are confidential at present and the result of the conference between the Minister of Justice and the Toronto deputation could not be learned. The deputation lunched with Sir John at the Rideau Club and returned to Toronto to-night.

The Official Announcement.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—The Canada Gazette Saturday contains the announcement of the appointment of Sir Alexander Lacoste and T. M. Daly as Privy Councillors, Mr. Daly's appointment as Minister of the Interior, and Mr. Dewdney's appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

FIRE IN QUEBEC.

The Y.M.C.A. Building Damaged to the Extent of $10,000.

QUEBEC, Oct. 24.—About 6 o'clock last evening fire broke out in the Young Men's Christian Association Building, situate in St. John street, immediately outside the St. John's Gate. It seems that the janitor and his family had left the building a short time before that, leaving a lamp burning in the kitchen of their quarters, which is situated in the west end of the top story. It is supposed the lamp exploded and started the fire, which spread rapidly.

The west end of the top story is badly damaged by fire and the whole building completely flooded by water, the hose having burst in several places. There are four stores in the basement of the building, occupied respectively by the Singer Manufacturing Company, T. S. Moore, stationer; David Watters, grocer, and P. Rinfret, druggist.

The loss to the Y.M.C.A. will be between $8000 and $10,000, insured as follows: Queen's $7500, Royal $7500, Phœnix of London $2500, Quebec $2500, Scottish Union $1000.

The other insurances are: T. J. Moore, Guardian $1000, Western $2000; Rinfret, druggist, Western $3000, and D. Watters, London and Lancashire $1000. The Singer Sewing Machine Co. report about 10 machines damaged by water, insured in their own company. The janitor is said to have small insurance on his furniture.

DROWNED AT NORWAY HOUSE.

Chief Factor Belanger and His Secretary Lose Their Lives.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 24.—Winnipeg was shocked Saturday by news brought in by an Indian of the death by drowning of Chief Factor Belanger of the Hudson Bay Company, and his secretary, Stanley Simpson, also a well-known company officer. The accident occurred at Norway House, the canoe in which were the Chief Factor and Simpson being capsized by a sudden squall. Belanger was one of the best known men in the Canadian Northwest. He was 55 years old and was born at Rimouski, Que. He was a half-brother of ex-Lieutenant-Governor Letellier of Quebec and had been in the Hudson's Bay service 40 years.

Lizzie Borden's Trial.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 24.—A local paper says it is reported on good authority that Lizzie Borden will not be tried for the murder of her father before the February term of court, provided, of course, the grand jury brings in a bill against her. It is said that it will be impossible to secure three justices who can preside before February, as the engagements of the bench will occupy it fully up to the second month in the next year.

SLAVIN CALLOUS.

The Cornwall Murderer Sleeps Well and Eats Well.

CORNWALL, Oct. 24.—James Slavin, who is to pay the awful penalty of his crime in a few weeks, still maintains an appearance of perfect indifference as to his fate. He refers to his approaching execution without a sign of fear and firmly adheres to his determination to refuse the ministrations and counsel of the clergy. He talks very much with his guards of his past career, but expresses little or no regret for his misdeeds. He is closely guarded day and night but is allowed to spend the day in the general room. He is so closely watched that it would be impossible for him to make another attempt to escape, a guard being always with him. The prisoner sleeps well and eats heartily. He has been provided with a few books to read and has asked for writing material which will probably be given to him.

Mrs. Harrison Cannot Live.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Harrison is approaching the end. How long it will be before it supervenes cannot be told at the morning. It may be only a few hours or possibly may be a day or more, but the sufferer can't last much longer is current.

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