

NO CREDIT TO EITHER.

President Roosevelt on Sampson-Schley Controversy.

SAYS WAS CAPTAIN'S FIGHT.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt's memorandum upon the appeal of Admiral Schley was made public to-day.

It says, in part:

"The majority of the actions which the court censures occurred five weeks or more before the fight itself, and it certainly seems that if Admiral Schley's actions were censurable he should not have been left as second in command under Admiral Sampson.

"The point raised in the appeal is between Admiral Sampson and Admiral Schley, as to which was in command, and as to which was entitled to the credit, if either of them was really entitled to any unusual and pre-eminent credit by any special exhibition of genius, skill and courage."

After a brief summing up he says: "The question as to which of the two men, Admiral Sampson or Admiral Schley, was at the time in command, is of merely nominal character. Technically, Sampson commanded the fleet, and Schley, as usual, the western division. The actual fact, the important fact, is that after the battle was joined not a helm was shifted, not a gun was fired, not a pound of steam was put on in the engine-room aboard any ship actively engaged, in obedience to the order of either Sampson or Schley, save on their own two vessels. It was a captain's fight."

Referring to the advancement of Capt. Walworth over Capt. Clark, he says:

"It was just to Admiral Sampson that he should receive a greater advance in numbers than Admiral Schley. There was nothing done in the battle that warranted any unusual record for either. In short, as regards Admirals Sampson and Schley, I find that President McKinley did substantial justice, and there would be no warrant for reversing his action.

"There is no excuse whatever from either side for any further agitation of this unhappy controversy. To keep it alive would merely do damage to the navy and to the country."

SCENES IN BARCELONA.

Strikers Hold Up All Business and Traffic.

SHOPS AND MARKETS CLOSED.

Madrid, Feb. 24.—All business and traffic in Barcelona is still held up by the strikers. The city presents a strange aspect. There are no public vehicles in the streets, and the shops, markets and theatres are closed. Mail carts are only enabled to move under the protection of strong cavalry escorts. There are frequent conflicts between the troops and rioters. An unconfirmed report states that a large number of the rioters have been killed or wounded. It is stated that the strikers are determined to prevent the sale of food, with the idea of starving the citizens into supporting them. They are represented as controlling secret stores of food. The movement is spreading through the Province. The working population at Badalona, Sabadell, Terrassa, and other manufacturing towns have joined the movement, necessitating further concentrations of troops. The Governor is trying to mediate between the employers and strikers. Late this evening some of the street cars in Barcelona were running, but every car was escorted by cavalry. A few factories are working with a reduced number of hands. Between the strict official censorship in Barcelona and the union formed reports current here it is difficult to arrive at the truth. Rumor represents Barcelona and the neighborhood as being under a reign of terror. It is said that several convents have been burned, and that there is constant bloody fighting and wrecking of property. The official statements affect to state that although the strike continued, the authorities are successfully imposing martial law and that troops are holding the streets, preventing excesses. The Cortes has voted the suspension of the constitutional guarantees in the Province of Barcelona, as was requested yesterday by the Minister of the Interior.

Wounded by the troops.

Barcelona, Feb. 24.—The report of the captain-general in regard to yesterday's disorders, which were caused by rioting strikers, who were fired on by the troops, shows that two persons were killed and 15 wounded. Twenty arrests were made. All the above were working people. At midnight quiet had been restored in the town, and the troops returned to their barracks early in the morning.

Warships at Trieste.

Trieste, Austria-Hungary, Feb. 18.—Three Austrian warships have arrived here and have landed bluejackets to protect the harbor and the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company's docks.

Four notorious Anarchists have been arrested.

ROBBED TRAVELER'S TRUNK.

Arrest of a Negro at Montreal for the Theft of \$10,000.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Charles Savage, alias Charles Scott, alias Will West, who, it is claimed, is well known to the police across the border, was arrested here to-day on a charge of stealing a trunkful of jewellery valued at \$10,000 from the Portland Hotel, of Portland, Oregon. Following the man's arrest, the detectives arrested a woman named Frankie Thomas, with whom the negro had been living. The accused were taken to police headquarters and locked up to await examination.

The story of the crime dates back to last November. Savage was employed as a bellboy at the Portland Hotel, and robbed F. Lowenthal, a jewellery salesman, of New York city, who was a guest at the hotel, of his samples, consisting of rings, pins and brooches, altogether valued at \$10,000.

ELEVEN HURT IN WRECK.

Snowplough and Engine Derailed Near Peterborough.

WERE THROWN INTO DITCH.

Peterborough despatch.—A snowplough, engine and caboose on the C. P. R. made a bad wreck five miles from here between this station and Cavanville, about midnight last night. Hard snow on the track caused the plough to leave the rails and turn over on one side of the track, while the engine and tender went over on their sides in the opposite ditch. The engine was badly wrecked.

Eleven men were on the engine and plough. All were shaken up, and several badly bruised. John Morran,

A. O. UNITED WORKMEN

Debate the Proposed Increases of Rates.

OLDER BROTHERS OPPOSE IT.

Toronto, Ont. despatch says: The afternoon and evening sessions yesterday of the 25th annual meeting of the Ancient Order of United Workmen were devoted largely to a lively discussion of the proposed new tariff of rates. Those taking an active part were E. A. Inwood, Toronto; J. M. Peregrine, Hamilton; J. A. Doyon, Ottawa; Rev. James Skene, Hillsdale; Judge D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia; J. W. Park, Hagersville; C. W. Naville, Newburgh; Thomas Ryley, Toronto; Thomas Lee, Toronto; C. Hamilton, Slyth; W. A. Logan, Cardinal; and George P. Graham, M. P. P., Brockville. Although a special committee reported in favor of the proposed tariff, which would mean a decided increase in rates affecting men past the middle age, the majority of the delegates seemed to oppose it, seeing no necessity for it, and judging from the impression given and yesterday, the proposal will be defeated. The Special Committee of fifty representative Workmen brought in a report strongly in favor of a considerable increase in the rates. The report was signed by 19 members of the committee, while a minority presented by a number of members of the association more than the younger men. The former claim that as the society is now in a flourishing condition, there is no need for any change, and an officer of the Grand Lodge stated last evening that the proposition would probably be de-

\$40,000 FIRE AT MERRITTON.

Spoke and Wheel Factory Destroyed—Partial List of Insurance.

St. Catharines despatch.—Shortly after 6 o'clock this evening fire was discovered in the boiler-room of the E. H. Phelps & Co.'s spoke and wheel works, Merritton, and quickly spread until the whole main building was entirely destroyed, together with a large quantity of stock and machinery. By good work of the firemen, who worked under great disadvantage owing to the bitterly cold night and the huge piles of snow, the office and storehouse were saved, as also was a large quantity of lumber piled in the yards. About fifty men were employed in the works. The loss will be from \$35,000 to \$40,000, partly covered by insurance. Among the companies interested are: Western, \$6,700; Northern, \$8,140; Royal, \$6,140; Queen, \$5,140; Hartford, \$5,140; North British and Mercantile, \$2,000.

TO ASSIST THE WELSH.

Money for Prospective Settlers to Canada.

CHAMBERLAIN CONTRIBUTES.

London, Feb. 24.—The suggestion offered by Mr. Chamberlain yesterday to the deputation which waited on him on behalf of the Welsh settlers in Patagonia, viz., to open a public subscription in order to raise a fund sufficient to hire a transport to convey the settlers to Canada, where the Dominion Government would assist them with land and building material, was acted upon. The Colonial Secretary contributing £20. After the luncheon given by the Chairman of the delegation, Sir John Llewellyn, it was announced that £1,500 had already been subscribed.

MISS STONE SET FREE.

Brigands Have Handed Her Over in Good Health.

REV. TSILKA IS ARRESTED.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The Temps publishes a despatch from Constantinople, which announces that Miss Stone has been released by the brigands who have held her captive since September 3rd, last, and has been handed over in good health to the dragoman of the American Legation.

The despatch adds that the "Reverend Tsilka" has been arrested on the charge of complicity in the kidnapping of Miss Stone.

Doubted the Husband.

London, Feb. 24.—The Rev. Tsilka, who, according to the Constantinople correspondent of the Paris Temps, in a despatch announcing the release of Miss Stone, has been arrested on the charge of complicity in the kidnapping of Miss Stone, is the husband of Mme. Tsilka, Miss Stone's companion. It was announced recently that the Turkish authorities suspected the Rev. Tsilka of complicity in the abduction of the missionaries.

MARCONI'S PLANS STATED.

Will Challenge Critics to Intercept Messages.

COMING TO CANADA SOON.

London, Feb. 24.—At the meeting of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company to-day, Marconi, who was present, referring to the transatlantic experiments, announced that the next series of tests would include the transmission of words and messages. He added that there was nothing to prevent the company from undertaking commercial communication with ships at sea. The system at present was in permanent use on board seventy ships, and there were twenty-five land-lines. His transmission of twenty-two words in a minute did not compare badly with the work of the cables. The defects with reference to secrecy had been removed. After the meeting, it was stated that Marconi would challenge Sir William Preece and Prof. Lodge to intercept messages.

The monopoly maintained by the British Postal Telegraph had hitherto impeded the establishment of a wireless service in England and Ireland. Marconi will sail for Canada on Feb. 22nd.

SPECULATORS CAUGHT.

Stamp of 4 to 5½ Points in Some Stocks.

New York, Feb. 24.—Wall Street.—The decision of the administration at Washington to test the legality of the Northern Securities Company, came up on the stock market with a shock. The weakening was already manifested in the London market before the opening here. The stock market opened in a semi-demoralized condition, and very large blocks of stocks were unloaded in all directions, at acute declines. Naturally the stocks of the transcontinental railroads as being immediately interested were most affected, but large losses were shown in other stocks where speculation for the rise has been extended, the coalers, the high priced industrials and the local traction lines showing sharp losses. Great Northern preferred dropped 5½, Tennessee Coal & Iron Pacific, St. Paul, Missouri Pacific, Sugar, Met. St. Ry., Reading and Atchafalpa from two to over three points. Many stocks in the miscellaneous list including U. S. steel stocks, showed losses of a point or more.

Support for the market was prompt and powerful. The buying on this account had to absorb very heavy offerings for a time without any indication of a check to their flow. The evident fact that confident buying was going on however, relieved apprehension and the selling became less urgent.

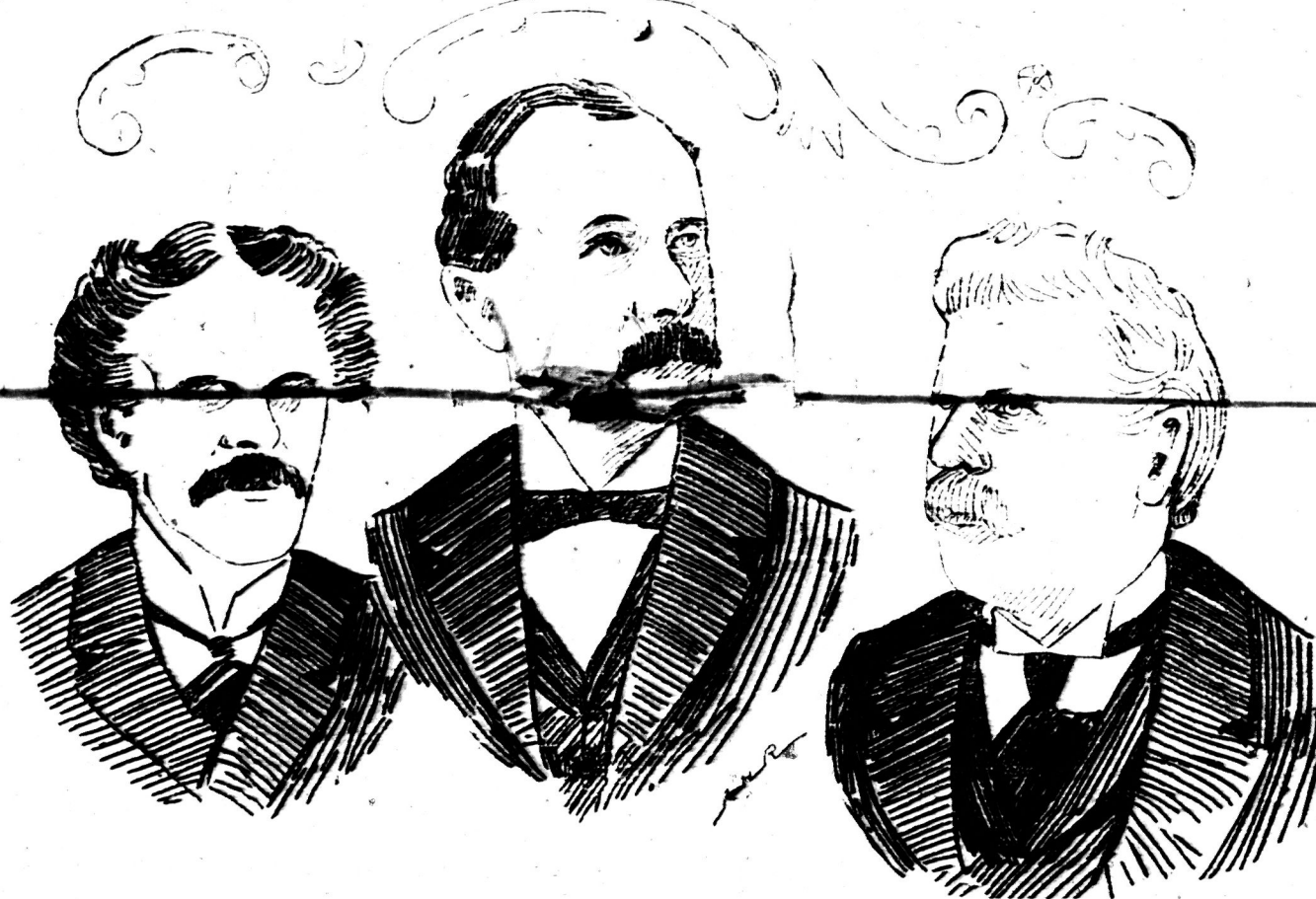
Cause of the Trouble.

New York, Feb. 24.—Bankers of this city, identified with the formation of the Northern Securities Co., were greatly surprised to learn, and at first refused to believe, that U. S. Attorney General Knox was preparing a case against the company. They pointed out that a decision on a cognate case from the Supreme Court of the United States is expected on Monday next. A long legal battle is promised, but it is understood that no matter what the decision may be the dominating idea which brought the Northern Securities Company into life will be substantially maintained.

MISS STONE NOT YET FREE.

Commissioners are Anxious Over the Delay in Her Release.

London, Feb. 24.—Miss Stone, the abducted missionary, has not been released by her captors. The Daily Graphic prints a despatch from Serres, sent by its special correspondent, Mr. Maud, saying that Dr. Peet, one of the American commissioners to obtain the release of Miss Stone, has gone to Constantinople. Dragoman Gargiulo and Dr. House, the other members of the commission, are still in Serres. They are growing anxious over the delay in the release of Miss Stone. They expected that she would be released a week ago. The Turkish Government declines all responsibility in the affair, as the transaction with the brigands was without its knowledge. Mr. Maud adds that Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka, her companion, are now undoubtedly in Turkish territory.



HON. H. G. CARROLL,
Solicitor-General for Canada.

HON. MR. FITZPATRICK,
Minister of Justice.

HON. MR. TEMPLEMAN,
Minister without Portfolio.

of Toronto, sustained severe bruises, and had the upper jaw fractured. He was brought to the Nicholls Hospital here this morning. Patrick Coakley and Geo. Glenney, of North Toronto, were the most severely bruised among the others. A wrecking train from Havelock cleared the wreck, and Dr. Young, of this town, attended to the injured at the scene of the wreck.

The train service was utterly demoralized to-day, as a result of the storm. The C. P. R. local from Toronto last evening was cancelled, and the Montreal express, which should have passed here at midnight last night, did not reach here until two o'clock this afternoon, having been all night and this morning between here and Toronto. The G. T. R. trains were also somewhat delayed by the storm.

DR. BUCKE KILLED.

Met With a Fatal Fall on His Own Veranda.

London, Feb. 24.—Dr. Bucke, for many years Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane, in this city, met with a fatal accident at his home at an early hour this morning.

As there were no witnesses to the accident, it is supposed that the doctor while walking on the veranda slipped and fell to the floor his head striking with sufficient force to produce concussion of the brain.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The Provincial Secretary, on hearing the lamentable news of the death of Dr. Bucke, of London Asylum, appointed Dr. Buckham, the assistant physician, as acting Superintendent of the asylum. The deepest regret is expressed over the accident in official circles.

Pleads Guilty of Attempted Murder
Montreal, Feb. 19.—David Sutherland, who shot his wife a few days ago, pleaded guilty in the Court of Special Sessions to-day to a charge of attempted murder. He was remanded for sentence.

fect or given a hoist for another year.

Grand Master Workman T. M. Cornett, of Gananoque, presided. The Grand Master Workman appointed as Assistant Grand Guides R. W. Longmore, Camden East; D. P. McKinnon, South Finch, and Jos. Ross, Hamilton. Rev. Jas. Skene, Hillsdale, opened with prayer. J. Baxter, St. Paul's, was appointed Assistant Inside Watchman. Past Grand Master Workman George P. Graham, M. P. P., conferred the Grand Lodge degree on the new delegates, and Grand Master Workman Cornett welcomed them. E. N. Nudel, Toronto; A. G. F. Lawrence, Toronto; Dr. G. Port Colborne; D. P. McKinnon, South Finch, and J. J. Craig, Perth, were appointed to form a Committee on Salaries. Mr. A. James, M. M. W., Bowmanville, was appointed press reporter. The report of the Committee on Distribution was presented by the Chairman, George Patterson, Searforth, and that of the Committee on Laws by J. B. Nixon, Toronto. The restrictions on residents of the Yukon District were removed, and lodge organizers are to be retained.

Mayor Howland during the afternoon session was introduced by Past Grand Master Workman T. C. Irving and extended to the delegates a civic welcome and the freedom of the city. Mr. Alex. S. Graham responded. Mr. Geo. S. Fraser, Grand Chief of the Grand Camp of the Sons of Scotland, was introduced by Mr. Irving, and conveyed the cordial greetings of the Sons of Scotland. He was ably supported by Major D. H. Robertson, Grand Secretary. Fraternal greetings were telegraphed from the Head Camp of the Workmen of the World, in annual session at Woodstock.

"Young man," said the stern physician, "do you know where the evil effects of tobacco are first felt?" "Yes," he answered, "in the throat of the degraded youngster."

There are, it is said, over fifteen hundred Welsh settlers in Patagonia, and continued reverses on account of bad weather and loss of crops have induced them to appeal for assistance.

It is understood that Lord Strathcona was unfavorable to asking the Imperial Government for either a transport or financial assistance to aid the Welsh settlers to remove from Patagonia to Canada.

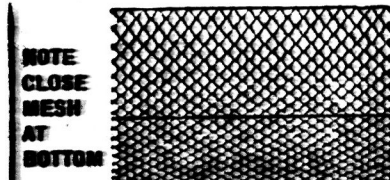
The Daily Chronicle to-day says: "Surely the Canadian Government might advance the money required and take chance of being repaid at a future date."

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