WORLD'S NEWS TERSELY TOLD

Shocked to Death by Stepping Into Electrically Charged Water.

Woodstock Man Given Three Months For Perjury.

St. Thomas Business Man Killed at San Francisco.

John A. Kasson, former United States Minister to Austria, died at Washington.

Charles P. Forbush, sen., president of the American Canoe Association, died at Buffalo.

Tenders for the beaver and other skins were too low and the Government will call for others.

Brazil, Argentina and the United States will attempt to mediate between Peru and Ecuador.

Mr. Joseph Griffin, a prominent business man of St. Thomas, was killed in an elevator at San Francisco.

On a charge of bigamy William E. Herrington, of Bowmanville, was sentenced by Judge Benson to one year in the Central Prison.

The French trawler Beluga was i ncollision with the steamer Invermore, off North Sydney, and punched a hole in her bow. In docking the Beluga she ran into the tug Zadee and sank her.

Thomas Earl, of 7 Bruce street, Toronto, 76 years of age, is dead as a result of having been knocked down by a horse and buggy on Queen, near Crawford street, Tuesday afternoon.

Julius Sluder, aged 20, porter at the Alberta Hotel, Wetaskiwin, Alta., was electrocuted by stepping into water four feet from a metal-clad building charged electrically when a heavy rain storm swung the electric light wires against the walls.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. A. Cranston, M. A., of the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood. The call carries with it a stipend of $1,800, a manse and one month's holidays.

Verna, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Arthur Brown, of Dorchester, N. B., was fatally burned. Alone in the house, she was cooking dinner when her clothes caught fire. She rushed from the house enveloped in flames, but the neighbors put out the fire.

Last evening a young son of Alexander Mathew, 450 Eighth avenue east, Vancouver, was accidentally drowned. He was playing alone in a neighbor's garden, and, unobserved, fell into an open hole partly filled with water. He was drowned before being discovered.

The Turner Company, Limited, of Toronto, which was convicted in the Police Court for shipping liquor into the unlicensed district of northern Ontario and fined, which led to the cancellation of the license by the provincial authorities, has given notice of appeal.

C. P. Walker, a clerk in Mr. J. B Martyn's store, was arrested at Bowmanville by Chief Jarvis on a charge of bigamy. He is said to have a wife and three children in the old country and a wife and one child here. The information was laid by his first wife.

The sealing schooner Agnes G. Donahoe arrived on Wednesday at Halifax from Cape Town, South Africa. The Donahoe sailed from Cape Town on March 17. She made the largest catch of the fleet, her catch totalling 1,054 skins. The skins were all landed at Cape Town and reshipped to London.

Eli Parmer was sentenced at Woodstock on Wednesday to three months' hard labor for perjury. In a recent High Court case he swore he overheard a conversation, when actually he was twenty miles away. He confessed his crime, and on account of this and for the sake of his wife and family his sentence was light.

William Jones, ex-chairman of the London Water Commission, lies at his home in a serious condition as the result of a fall at Labatt's Brewery. He was looking up at the ceiling, when he slipped back into a hole in the floor, injuring his leg, knee and shoulder. His condition is regarded as serious.

Badly bruised and cut, and suffering from shock, Joseph Symons, 60 years old, a farm laborer from near Markham, is lying in a critical condition in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Just before noon yesterday the old man was struck and run over by the in-coming Grand Trunk "flyer" on the high bridge, south of Markham.

P. Costin, the Italian who fatally stabbed his countryman, Sissie Piori, at Vancouver, was arrested in a shack on Gravely street on Tuesday night, apparently dying from a knife wound under his left shoulder. The knife pierced the left lung. A trivial dispute over the competitive skill of their workmanship caused the fatal quarrel. Piori stabbed Costin in the back. Costin retaliated by the fatal thrust in the neck.

General Manager Chamberlain, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, is back in Winnipeg from a trip to Prince Rupert, and says steel will be laid to Yellowhead Pass before the season closes. Tracklaying on the mountain division out of Prince Rupert has been commenced, and it is expected one hundred miles will be completed to Copper River by the end of July.

After a fight in a barroom, A. E. McAuley, mining promoter, went out at Cobalt, bought a forty-one Colt revolver, and returned to the place, which was cleared in a few seconds. McAuley pulled the revolver on Inspector Cuddihick, but the chief was too quick for him and knocked it out of his hand. McAuley was fined $25 and bound over to keep the peace under a bond of $1,500.

KING GEORGE.

Lord Rosebery Has Confidence That He Will Do His Duty.

London, May 23.—Lord Rosebery, at a meeting of the Scottish Corporation to-day, paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of King Edward. They might look with real hope and real confidence, he continued, to the reign of the new ruled. King George had led the life of a sailor, and Britain loved sailors. He had led a pure, healthy, abstemious life. He was a good husband and a good father. He would exhibit on the throne the domestic virtues, which are dear to this country. He had explored ever region of the Empire over which he was called to rule more than any other Sovereign in the long line of ancestors. He knew that he had to govern at home, and he had spared no pains to make himself acquainted with every phase of political life. If honest and earnest endeavor to do his duty be any guarantee of success, that, he was sure, would be found in the new King.

KIPLING'S TRIBUTE.

London cable: Rudyard Kipling has written a tribute in verse to King Edward. After detailing the greatness of his inheritance, and how all looked to him for advice and encouragement, the poet says:

And God poured him an exquisite wine
that was daily renewed to him
In the clear welling love of his peoples
that daily accrued to him.
Honor and service we gave him, rejoicingly, fearless,
Faith absolute, trust beyond speech and
a friendship as peerless.
And since he was master and servant
in all that we ask him
We leaned hard on his wisdom in all
things knowing not how we tasked him.
For on each new day laid command
every trayannous hour
To confront or confirm or make smooth
some dread issue of power,
To deliver true judgment aright at the
instant unaided,
In the strict level ultimate phrase that
allow or disuaded;
To forsee, to allay, to avert from us perils unnumbered;
To stand guard on our gates, when he
guessed that our watchmen had
slumbered;
To win time, to turn hate, to woo folly,
service and schooling
His strength to the use of his nations
to rule as not ruling;
These were the works of our King.
Earth's peace is the proof of them.
God gave him great works to fulfil, and
to us behoof of them.
We accepted his toil as our right, none
spared, none excused him;
When he was bowed by his burden, his
rest was refused him;
We troubled his age with our weakness,
the blacker the shame to us;
He heard that his people had need of
him, straightway he came to us;
As he received so he gave, nothing
grudged, naught denying,
Not even the last gasp of his breath,
when he strove for us, dying.
For our sakes, without question, he put
from him all that he cherished.
Simply as any that serve him, he served,
and he perished.
All that Kings covet was his, and he
flung it aside for us.
Simply as any that died in his service,
he died for us.

THE COMET.

The Tail Did Not Strike the Earth As Was Expected.

New York, May 19.—The most careful computations of the world's greatest mathematical astronomers have gone wrong over the caudal appendage of Halley's astral vagrant, and the calm or cataclysm variously predicted for last night was not due to strike the earth until some time to-day. Despatches from the various trained observers throughout the world indicate that the comet passed between the sun and the earth on schedule time last night, but that the tail, which might be compared to the shadow of a planet or the moon eclipsing the sun, did not brush the earth. Bulletins from observatories say that the tail before daylight was sighted in the east, indicating that the speed of the comet's head was so great its tail swished out behind it in an elliptic, much like the curve in a stream of water played from a horizontally moving nozzle.

AFTER FACTORIES.

Brantford Business Men to Subscribe For Stock in New Firms.

Brantford, Ont., despatch says: The Brantford Board of Trade has launched a "Greater Brantford" movement, which has for its object the industrial growth and development of the city.

As a starter the board proposes securing an increase in membership of 500 during the next thirty days. All will then be asked to unite in upbuilding the city.

The definite plan which will be followed will consist of the organization of an industrial syndicate, into which the business men will contribute substantially for the purpose of furthering new industries. The funds will be handled by a small committee of experienced business men. Industries will be secured by means of subscribing for stock in desirable concerns which are seeking Canadian locations.

The plan has worked well in Williamsport, Pa., and the local board thinks it will be successful here.

The earliest opening of the Straits of Belle Isle for navigation on record is denoted by the passing through the northern short cut of the steamer Manchester Mariner, bound from Montreal to Manchester. In previous seasons no vessel has attempted the northern passage until the end of June, and sometimes the last week in July.

MUST FIGHT FOREST FIRES

Railways Will be Penalized For Starting Forest Fires.

Immense Forest Reserve on Eastern Slope of Rockies

Medical Expert to Deal With Health Problems of People.

Toronto despatch: A series of important communications from public men in a position to speak with authority in respect to the conservation of natural resources were conveyed to the public meeting in Convocation Hall last night, under the auspices of the Ontario Forest, Fish and Game Protective Association.

The Chairman, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Provincial Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, in declaring that to the Dominion Government was due great credit for appointing a commission to investigate, upon practical as well as technical grounds, how best to conserve Canada's natural resources, added that it was the intention of Ontario to blaze the trail in Provincial co-operation.

Later in the evening Mr. Byron E. Walker urged upon the Minister a proposal that the Government should turn over to the University of Toronto a large area of land in order that its forestry department may try the practical experiment of turning it into a dividend-producing perennial forest, the results to lighten the cost of education.

"It will not be hard to persuade the Government to act upon that suggestion," commented Hon. Mr. Cochrane, promptly. "The subject is before them, and a practical and successful demonstration has been made of its possibilities by the forestry students of the Ontario Agricultural Colelge."

Hon. Frank Cochrane intimated that the Ontario Government is prepared to favorably consider a proposal to turn over to the University of Toronto a large area of land for practical forestry work by students of that faculty.

The proposal would anticipate the operation of a perennial forest with annual dividends to go to the cause of education. A similar undertaking launched by the Ontario Agricultural College, the Minister said, had met with marvellous success.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, was also the bearer of important news. "We have counselled the Canadian Government," said he, "that the most prolific cause of the appalling destruction of forests is by fire, and recommended an amendment to the railway act requiring every railway company to maintain an efficient fire-fighting force along every mile of its lines, and placing the companies under a very heavy penalty for fires started by their locomotives. It is a pretty radical measure, but I am pleased to be able to tell you it has met with favor from the Government, and we may expect the legislation at the next session of Parliament."

Hon. Mr. Sifton had another Ottawa message of importance. The commission had urged upon the Dominion Government the establishment of an immense forest reserve on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. "This," he declared, "is to be carried out almost immediately." The reserve would be 400 miles in length, and from 50 to 150 miles wide. "It will be the greatest forest and game preserve in the world," stated Mr. Sifton, "and will be national property for all time to come." He suggested that Ontario take some such action relative to the district between Sudbury and Port Arthur.

"We have now two such reserves," commented Hon. Mr. Cochrane, "and I am pleased to assure Hon. Mr. Sifton that before another year goes round the Provincial Government will probably adopt a policy under which each reserve as it is set apart will become likewise a fish and game preserve."

Hon. Mr. Sifton said it was proposed on Monday next to ratify the appointment of a medical expert from Ontario to take up the investigation of great problems affecting the health of the people of Canada which could not be effectively dealt with locally. It was proposed to submit the results of the investigation to the Governments of the Provinces and of the Dominion with a view to securing legislation. The battle against tuberculosis was also to be waged.

Mr. A. Kelly Evans in his address complained of the attendance. "Sympathy and sentiment are dead in our campaign," said he. "We are now fighting on the almighty dollar principle. Every paper in this city gave our meeting an editorial. Do the people read the editorials, and, if they do, do they believe them? No! The dollar is the only thing that counts!"

Mr. George Tate Blackstock, K. C., alluding to the matter, said public opinion was decadent in Toronto. "Otherwise," he said, "we would get a decent drink of water without resorting to artificial means, and we would not witness the opportunities for scenic beauty in the eastern portion of the city crushed under the juggernaut of vandalism."

Bishop DuMoulin, of Hamilton, emphasized the need of conservation enterprise throughout Canada.

PRESBYTERIANS.

U. S. General Assembly Trying to Elect a Moderator.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 23.—With an exceptionally large attendance of commissioners and visitors, the 122nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was formally opened to-day in the Music Hall on the Steel pier.

Many questions of vital importance to the church will come up during the ten days' session, but for the time being the subject that is agitating the minds of the commisisoners is the election of a moderator. There are many candidates in the field from all parts of the country. The eastern candidates ar emaking a determined contest for the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, pastor of University Place Church, New York. The convention was formally opened with the annual sermon by the retiring moderator, the Rev. James M. Barkley, D. D., of Detroit.

PEOPLE AROUSED

Over the Acquittal of Michael Murphy For Murder.

Alleged He Has Threatened to Burn Down Shawville.

Ottawa despatch: An indignation meeting was held by the citizens of Shawville, Que., last night to protest against the manner in which Michael Murphy, the Gypsy who shot and killed two young men of the village last month, had escaped punishment through the verdict of acquittal rendered by the jury at Bryson yesterday afternoon. The feeling against Murphy runs very high and if he comes back to the village serious trouble is likely. Murphy has threatened to burn up the whole village in order to get even, and the citizens last night decided to have special watchmen engaged as long as Murphy is known to be anywhere in the neighborhood.

61 YEARS' SERVICE.

R. F. Easson, of the G. N. W., to Retire From Service.

Toronto despatch: 61 years in active service in the telegraph business, and all but a few years of that time in Toronto.

That is the proud record of Robert F. Easson, who, at his own request, retires at the end of this month from the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co., of which, since 1882, he has been superintendent of the commercial news and press department. Newspapermen and telegraphmen throughout Canada will wish Mr. Easson a long and pleasant holiday.

Mr. Easson was born in Scotland in 1838.

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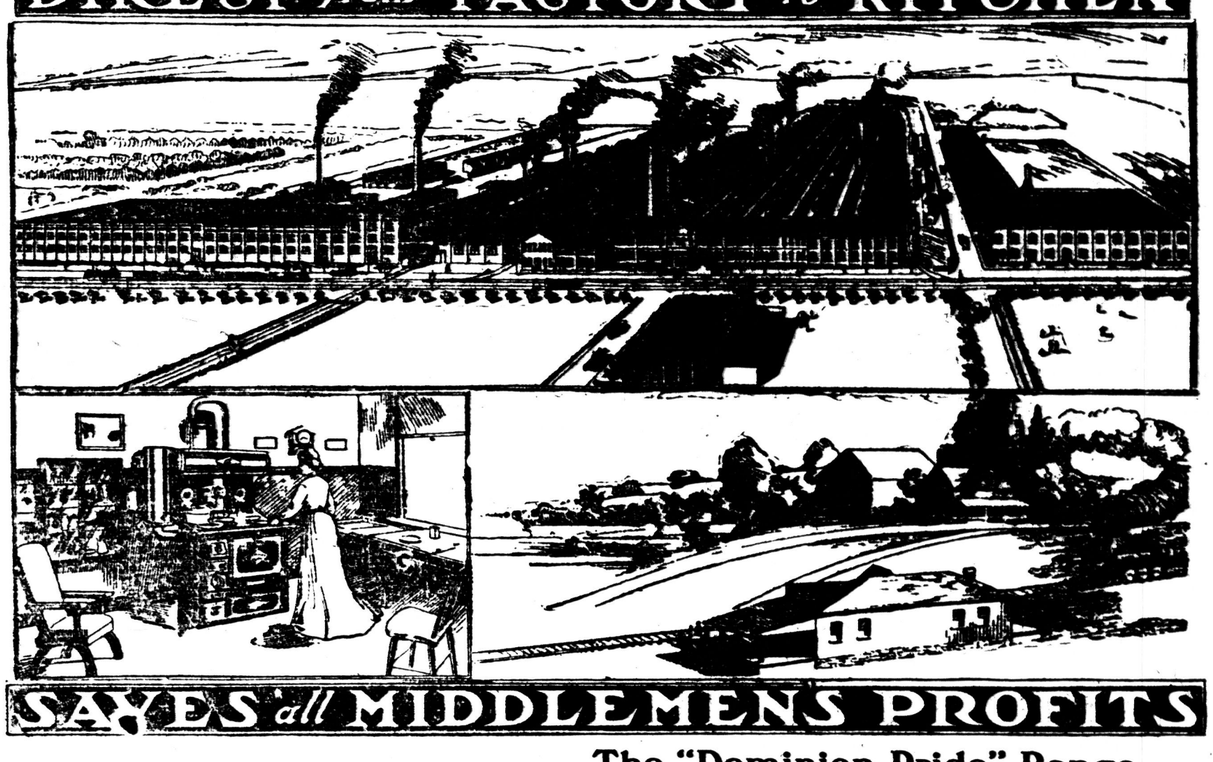

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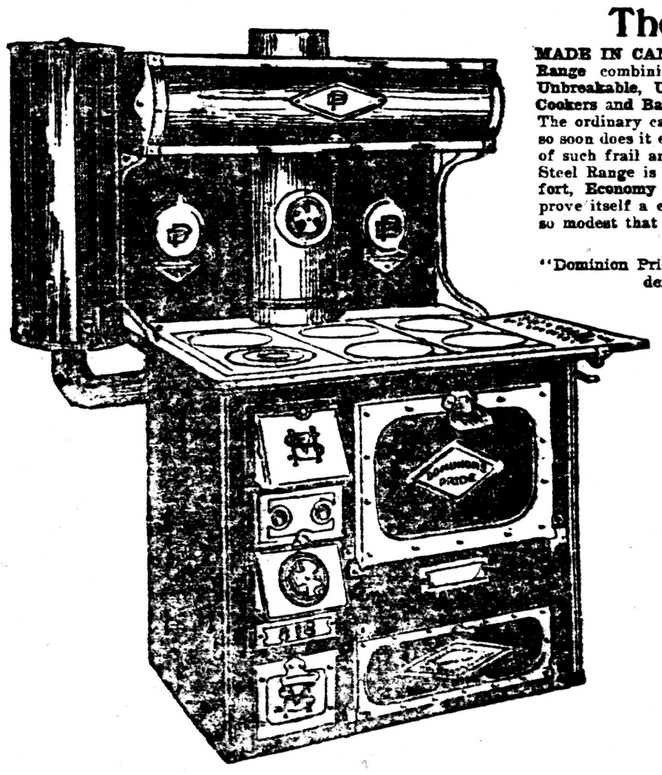

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