

TEN THOUSAND ATTRACTED TO LILY LAKE BY THE CANADIAN AMATEUR SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ideal Weather, Fast Track, and Cream of Speed Kings from United States and Canada All Combined to Provide Day of Unusual Worth for Lovers of Sport—Jewtraw, the Lake Placid Flash, Makes New Record in 220 Event—Hard Luck Befell St. John's Championship Contender—Great Programme for Today's Entertainment.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Points. Includes Jewtraw, Lake Placid (50), McWhorter, Chicago (30), Moore, New York (20), Hoarn, New York (10), Freeman, New York (10).

Between ten and twelve thousand spectators were delighted with the Canadian Amateur Championship races on Lily Lake yesterday afternoon, and if weather conditions prove favorable this afternoon there will easily be well over fifteen thousand people present.

Never before in the history of St. John, or in fact the Maritime Provinces, was there such a grand skating meet, and the scene about the race track and close vicinity was one that was well worth seeing.

The officials who were present from Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, Chicago, Montreal and other sections of the United States and Canada, state that this is undoubtedly the best meet in history, and the year perfectly satisfied that St. John can handle a meet in such a praiseworthy manner.

Nothing has been left undone to make the meet a success—the rink as laid out is one of the best in Canada or the United States, the ice yesterday was in the very best of condition, the officials worked well and, taking it all through, there was not the slightest chance for any kick.

There was plenty of enthusiasm and the visiting skaters as well as the locals were given plenty of encouragement.

Lynchings Continue in Southern States Despite Protests

Two Negroes Kidnapped and Hanged from Limbs of Trees

New York, Jan. 18.—(By Canadian Press)—News of two more lynchings in the Southern States was received in New York this morning.

The body of Jake Brooks, a negro, who was kidnapped from his home in Oklahoma City, Okla., Sunday night, was found yesterday afternoon hanging from the limb of a tree six miles from that town. No details of the cause of the lynchings are contained in the despatch, but it was stated that Brooks had been working at an Oklahoma City packing plant, since the calling of a strike of packing house workers.

At Mayo, Florida, a mob overpowered officials yesterday, seized a negro who was alleged to have killed a rural mail carrier, and lynched him on the outskirts of the town.

ACUTENESS OF BRITISH CABINET DIFFERENCES HAS DISAPPEARED

Lloyd George Reluctant to Leave Office Before Completing Act of Parliament Involved in the Irish Treaty—Anxious for Success of Genoa Conference.

London, Jan. 18.—The London Times says that the cabinet differences were so acute at the last week-end that there was a possibility that Premier Lloyd George would withdraw from the Government, and hand the reins to Auston Chamberlain, who, heading a United Unionist party, would have a working majority of about 100 in the House of Commons from which the Sinn Fein members still remained absent.

The Times adds that this possibility may now be said to have disappeared; that Mr. Lloyd George was reluctant to leave office before completing the Act of Parliament involved in the Irish Treaty, and was also keenly desirous of realizing fully the possibilities of the Genoa Conference.

New Irish Gov't Prompt in Getting Down to Business

Money Difficulty Surmounted by Loan Secured from Bank of Ireland

Dublin, Jan. 18.—James McMahon, under-secretary for Ireland, and A. W. Cope, assistant under-secretary, spent the greater portion of the afternoon at the Mansion House which, for the present is the headquarters of the new Government presumably in consultation concerning the details of the transfer of powers, as outlined in an official statement today.

The new Provisional Government has been busy from the first in settling the numerous officials who will leave tomorrow morning who his new official chief of staff. The money difficulty has been surmounted by an arrangement with the Bank of Ireland, which has agreed to a loan of £1,000,000 to the Provisional Government.

Dublin Castle, it is reported, will be converted into a museum.

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IRISH NATIONALISTS SOON TO TAKE THEIR SEATS IN NORTH PARLIAMENT

Belfast, Jan. 18.—As a consequence of developments in connection with the establishment of the Irish Free State, the Irish Nationalists will soon take their seats in the Northern Parliament, which they have boycotted since its establishment. The Belfast Telegraph says today, it has learned on good authority. A conference also has been held to consider such a move, and a coalition of the Sinn Fein and Nationalist forces, under Joseph Devlin, Sinn Fein member of Parliament for Belfast, has been suggested. Mr. Devlin holds two seats, one of which he must resign if this plan should be worked out.

Louis Walsh, a leading Sinn Fein of Northeast Ireland, today strongly advocated that the Nationalists should attend the Northern Parliament.

Home-sick, Weary Miss Quits Academy of Sacred Heart

Mystery of Disappearance of Windsor Girl Solved—Begs to be Taken Home.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 18.—Margery Healey, 14 years old, daughter of A. F. Healey, prominent Windsor barrister, and president of the Mutual Finance Corporation, trundled in the hydro-electric car barns on London street very early this morning, cold and weary, and pitifully asked to be taken home. Her request instantly proved the solution to a mystery which all day yesterday had driven her parents almost to a state of distraction, and had set the wheels of the Detroit Police department revolving with added vigor.

Home-sick and weary of her studies at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grosse Pointe, the young girl decided to return to her parents after partaking of her breakfast at the school yesterday morning. Until located in the Windsor car barns by one of the employees today, her whereabouts had remained a mystery. A reward of \$1,000 had been offered by the girl's parents and this will be divided between the two men who telephoned the parents from the car barns.

Prisoner's Death Causes Enquiry At Dorchester

Coroner's Jury Decided Death Was Due to Heart Failure Following Indigestion.

Dorchester, Jan. 18.—The death of a prisoner, by the name of John White, at the Maritime Penitentiary on the 16th inst., was made the subject of enquiry by a Coroner's Jury this afternoon at the prison. The deceased prisoner, who was about 33 years of age, belonged to Pictou, N. S., and was brought to the penitentiary last year to serve a four years sentence. He had been ill about a week, and the jury, after hearing the evidence, including the medical testimony of Dr. A. R. Myers, of Moncton, found that following an attack of acute indigestion.

Possibility of Mexico Going Dry Causes Some Worry

Present Gov't Starts Campaign to Diminish the Liquor Traffic at Least.

Mexico City, Jan. 18.—The possibility of prohibition in Mexico has been so seriously considered in some quarters within the past few days, following the increasing taxes of alcoholic beverages from 16 per cent to 32 per cent, that President Obregon has received numerous inquiries from industrial quarters requesting information. The present government intends to prosecute its campaign for at least a diminution in the liquor traffic.

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Jury Says Mrs. Fletcher Is Guilty of Manslaughter

Because of Extenuating Circumstances a Sentence of Three Months' Imprisonment Was Imposed.

St. Scholastique, Que., Jan. 18.—Sarah Ann Wilson Fletcher was found guilty here this afternoon of manslaughter, in connection with the shooting of her husband, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment in St. Scholastique jail. A feature of the closing scene of the trial was the testimony of the prisoner herself. Describing the shooting of her husband, she told the court that, as she came into the kitchen of her home with a gun in her hands, her husband shouted at her: "I'll put your brains out."

"Don't do it, dad," Mrs. Fletcher said. "I was backing to get out," said the witness, "and he rushed at me. I swear I did not deliberately pull the trigger."

Mrs. Stillman Back in New York Home

Completes Her Canadian Sojourn—Interviewing Witnesses to Fight Husband's Divorce Proceedings.

New York, Jan. 18.—(By Canadian Press)—Mrs. Anne O. Stillman and her son, Alexander and Guy, are back in New York after three weeks' sojourn in Canada, where Mrs. Stillman interviewed a number of prospective witnesses in the Stillman divorce suit. The taking of testimony in Canada was postponed, pending the decision of the appellate division in Brooklyn on a motion of Mr. Stillman to set aside an additional expense award to Mrs. Stillman of \$7,500 by Justice Morechauser, of the State Supreme Court.

Boycott Everything British in Egypt

Two Killed, Several Injured in Attack on British Company's Market at Shandewil

Cairo, Jan. 18.—In connection with a boycott of everything British, natives attacked a British company's market at Shandewil, Upper Egypt, last Saturday. The police, who were sent, were obliged to fire in self-defence. Two natives were killed and six wounded. One of the wounded men died later. Some of the company's employees and several policemen also were injured.

POPE BENEDICT HAS SYMPTOMS OF DREADED "FLU"

Rome, Jan. 18.—Pope Benedict is confined to his bed with an attack of bronchial catarrh and symptoms of influenza, but his condition is not serious. This announcement was made by the Observatore Romano, the official Vatican organ.

LOYALIST CITY BROUGHT INTO PROMINENCE

Figures in Alienation Case Being Tried in Massachusetts Superior Court.

PLAINTIFF FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Wants \$25,000 Heart Ease from Cambridge Man—Woman Committed Bigamous Marriage in This City.

Special to The Standard Boston, Mass., Jan. 18.—The suit of Walter Melnis, of Cambridge, Mass., formerly of St. John, New Brunswick, against Otis E. Young, of 74 Washington Street, Malden, Mass., to recover \$25,000 for the alleged alienation of the affections of Agnes Melnis, wife of the plaintiff, is occupying the attention of Chief Justice Alken, and a jury in the second session of the Superior Court here. The trial opened this morning before a crowded courtroom, the prominence of the parties involved bringing out an immense throng of greater Boston and Malden society members.

The plaintiff charges the defendant with inducing Mrs. Melnis, who is a lady of unusual beauty and refinement, a gentleman in every sense of the word, with leaving him.

Bigamous Marriage Opening testimony this afternoon brought out the facts that the couple were married in St. John in 1906, but several years later Melnis, testified, learned that Mrs. Melnis had committed a bigamous marriage, that she had at the time of their marriage an other husband living in St. John, from whom she had never been divorced.

Regardless of this fact, it was brought out he continued to live with his "wife" until they were remarried in 1917. Melnis testified that his wife left him in St. John, and came to the United States. Later he followed and on Thanksgiving night, in 1917, he found her in the defendant's house. He tried to reason with her, he stated, and made every effort that a man could make to have her return with him. He did succeed in getting her from Young's house, but later, in 1918 she again disappeared and again he found her at Young's house.

Direct testimony of this incident, Melnis testified, Young moved from his Concord street residence, in Malden, to Washington street in the same city, and that Mrs. Melnis went with him, where, according to testimony, his wife and Young had adjacent rooms, occupying them nightly. Several points of questions, which served to bring out testimony of the couple's relations with each other, were asked by the attorney on the ground that such was hearsay. An effort will, however, be made to bring these facts out later after the way has been prepared through other testimony.

On cross examination, Melnis said that he was not aware of the alleged fact that his wife was acting as the supervising house matron for Young. He also insisted that such knowledge had never come to him, and he denied that any one had ever mentioned such a fact to him.

Cross examination of the Melnis marriage and home life in St. John was halted by the court adjournment.

Renewed Interest Taken in Nomination Proceedings Today

With Contests Certain in Two Federal By-Election Ridings, Politicians Are Looking Up.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—(Canadian Press) With contests certain in two of the Federal ridings in which by-elections for the return of ministers are being held on Feb. 2, the holding of nominations tomorrow takes on renewed interest. The announcement that J. A. St. Armand, former member of Parliament in North York, would oppose the return of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, came somewhat as a surprise, and it will probably mean that the only other member of the Cabinet ready to resign is certain, against whom opposition is certain, the Progressives of South Essex having decided to contest his re-election. The ministers in Ontario who at present appear likely to be returned by acclamation are Hon. W. C. Kennedy (North Essex), Hon. Charles Murphy (Russell), and Hon. James Murdoch (Kent, Ont.). Quebec, Hon. E. LeBlond (Quebec East), Hon. J. Bureau (Three Rivers), Hon. J. A. Robb (Chateauguay-Huntingdon), Hon. H. S. Boland (Beauce), and Hon. Sir Lester B. Pearson (Laurier-Outremont).

From the Maritime Provinces there comes no definite word of opposition to the three ministers who tomorrow will seek re-election. These are Hon. W. B. Fielding (Queens-Shelburne), Hon. D. D. McEwen (North Cape Breton and Victoria), and Hon. A. E. Copp (Westmorland). Hon. W. R. Motherwell appears to be assured of an election in Regina, Sask.

SOVIET RUSSIA IS SKEPTICAL OVER FRENCH ATTITUDE

Trotsky Hints That Soviets Have Too Many Troubles to Bother About Reparations.

WANTS AMERICA AT GENOA CONFERENCE

Thinks Germany Will be Failure Unless United States Enters the Deliberations.

Moscow, Jan. 18.—The prediction was made by Leon Trotsky, Soviet Minister of War, in an interview today, that the coming Genoa Economic Conference would be a failure "unless the United States enters it with a heavy hand" and makes possible the finding of the centre of the world's political equilibrium. This, he added, was just as difficult a task as it was for Archimedes to find the centre of gravitation.

When asked what proposals Soviet Russia would make at Genoa and whether the Far Eastern situation would be discussed, Trotsky replied that Russia would not go to the conference with any idea of outlining its programme, but in the belief that all the world troubles growing out of the war would be considered.

When queried as to what the Soviet Government's attitude at Genoa would be toward the general disarmament programme, Trotsky said Russia favored such a programme, but was skeptical regarding the attitude of France.

As to the reparations question, the War Minister smilingly remarked that Russia had so many repairs to make at home she hadn't much time to help other peoples. In a more serious mood, he declared Russia would be ready to discuss reparations if the Powers demanding them would show disposition to grant honest co-operation in rebuilding Russia and make it possible to convert her great natural resources into means of payment.

Questions concerning the Chketa, the Soviet secret inquisitorial body, and regarding conditions in the prisons brought out a general discussion from Trotsky of the means used in bringing about the social revolution in Russia.

Defends Soviet Aids. "Some people may disapprove the methods adopted in the revolution," he said, "but we won against great odds with such methods. The revolution is a historic fact, and as a new order is established on a Soviet basis, it is here to stay. Efforts to overthrow it will be useless. It is legalized and permanent and people inside and outside of Russia must adapt themselves to it. People may not like a volcano, but they can't stop its eruption."

Asks Public to Aid in Avenging Brother's Death. Rev. Father Delorme Issues Open Letter to Population of Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 18.—Rev. Father Delorme, half-brother of Raoul Delorme, 24 year old Ottawa College student whose body, with six bullet wounds in the head, was found in the north end of this city on the morning of January 1, today issued the following open letter to the population of Montreal, through the columns of La Patrie, French language newspaper, of this city:

"I ask the same and honest population of Montreal, in the name of my family and of myself, to help me to avenge the death of my brother, Raoul, foully done to death. It is not words that I am asking for but acts. (Signed) Adolphe Delorme, priest, 'Chaplain of L'Assistance Publique, 340 Laguerriere St.'"

Arbuckle's Reason For Wearing Pajamas At Famous Party

Public Taking But Little Interest in Second Trial of Film Comedian.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Roscoe C. Arbuckle excused his appearance in pajamas and bathrobe at the party in which he was alleged to have fatally injured Miss Virginia Rappo with the explanation that he had "met with a serious accident." Miss Alice Blake, guest at the party, testified today in the second trial of a manslaughter charge against Arbuckle.

Miss Blake said that for two and a half months, preceding the first trial, she was detained with Miss Zay Prevost, another witness against her will, at the home of an attaché of the District Attorney's office. Certain clothing worn by Miss Rappo at the party was introduced and identified by Miss Blake.

Dr. Francis R. Wakefield, at whose hospital Miss Rappo died, followed Miss Blake on the stand. The rupture of the abdominal organ which caused the death was apparently caused by "some external force" he testified.

The appearance of Miss Blake, regarded as one of the chief presentation witnesses, had no effect in rousing the latent public interest in the trial. There were a number of vacant seats in the courtroom throughout the day.

GREAT BRITAIN OWED BY FOREIGN NATIONS MORE THAN SHE OWES U. S.

The Task of Refunding the Debt of Britain by the United States Will Prove Simple and Easy Task—Britain Can Pay Interest.

London, Jan. 18.—In connection with the proposed reuniting by the United States Government of Allied debts, the London Times says the task of refunding the debt of the British will no doubt prove the easiest and simplest of all, because Great Britain is the only country in a position to resume the payment of interest, suspended for a period of three years, ending in April. Noting that Great Britain is owed by foreign countries a great deal more than she owes the United States, the Times says that obviously the question of priority will arise in connection with British and American loans to continental governments.