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Some Light Thrown on Le Canada's Publication

A Letter and a Contradiction—What Mr. Brown Says.

MONTREAL, April 4 (Special)—Le Canada, the French liberal organ, today publishes the following letter:—

As the name of our hotel has been mentioned in the course of the charges recently made against Hon. Mr. Emmerson, we wish to declare officially that never in the twenty years since we have known him has Hon. Mr. Emmerson been expelled from St. Lawrence Hall, under any pretext whatever.

This charge is absolutely false from beginning to end so far as we are concerned. We remain,

Mr. Editor, W. H. Brown, Manager, St. Lawrence Hall, St. Lawrence Hall.

JOHN HUMPHREY, Of St. Lawrence Hall.

Harry Brown, manager of St. Lawrence Hall, when shown the above letter, denied ever having written or having authorized, any such letter.

"A man came to me last night," he said, "with Humphrey who is carriage agent in the hotel, but has nothing to do with the management whatever, and has no authority to speak for the hotel."

"Humphrey pointed me out to this man, who asked me 'Was Hon. Mr. Emmerson ever expelled, to your knowledge, from this hotel?' I replied 'He was not.'"

"That is the only statement I have ever made and I do not wish to make any other statement."

"DEAL ENDS" DUTY FREE

Mill Buttings from Canada can Enter U. S. Ports Free of Charge.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A claim for free entry of mill buttings of wood known as "deal ends" has been granted by the Board of General Appraisers in a decision written by General Appraiser McClelland.

The entry of such goods was entitled to free entry as paper stock, fit only to be converted into paper, or as pulpwood or firewood; or that they were dutiable at 10 per cent. under paragraph 403 as waste.

In the preparation of deals in Canada for the English market, it is the practice to cut them about three inches thick with square edges and from thirteen to fourteen feet in length.

The ends of such goods are entitled to free entry as waste, by reason of jamming in the river or over the falls, frequently become so damaged at the ends that when cut into deals they show imperfections.

In order to perfect the deal, it is necessary to cut from the ends pieces ranging from six inches to three feet in length, and it is such imperfect ends which are known as mill buttings or deal ends.

In Canada they are principally used at the mills for firewood, while the only purpose for which they have been imported into the United States and actually used is in the manufacture of pulp.

General Appraiser McClelland holds that there is nothing in the record to justify the Collector's classification, while on the other hand the goods can not, strictly speaking, be classified as waste.

The only purpose, according to the evidence, for which these deal ends are employed in the United States is the making of pulp for the manufacture of paper, the Appraiser holds that they are entitled to free entry as pulp wood.

The entry of such merchandise free of duty has been sanctioned by the Government since 1892, or by the enactment of the present tariff law.

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, April 4.—The weekly bank statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserves decreased £ 235,000. Circulation decreased 29,000. Bullion decreased 652,000. Other securities decreased 1,124,000. Notes received decreased 1,094,000. Public deposits decreased 5,211,000. Government securities decreased 2,000.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 41.2 per cent., as compared with 40.5 per cent. last week. The rate of discount of the Bank of England remains unchanged today at 5 per cent.

R. S. Ritchie, who recently slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk, while coming out of his house, is rapidly recovering from his injuries.

BARK FAMOUS FOR HER FIGUREHEAD IS LOST

(Boston Herald.)

SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Daniel McPherson Acquitted of Manslaughter, and Out on Suspended Sentence for Assault.

LONDON, Ont., April 4.—(Special)—Daniel McPherson, who was placed on trial yesterday for killing his father on the morning of March 8, was acquitted.

When the medical testimony was all in, the judge took the case from the jury and changed the charge from manslaughter to common assault, on which the prisoner was let go on suspended sentence.

The boy's mother testified as to the drinking character of her husband. The latter's late hours and irregular habits elicited lamentations and had disposition when drinking, was emphasized. Mrs. McPherson said she saw her husband lying on the floor after the boy had struck him, and the boy told her he had hit his father in self defence.

Medical evidence showed that the elder McPherson was suffering from pneumonia in an advanced stage and that a large growth of fat had accumulated near his heart. Pneumonia it was stated might have been the cause of his death.

SHANGHAI IS A "SEETHING HELL"

Horrible Atrocities Reported From That District of China.

VANCOUVER, April 4.—(Special)—Advice received at Vancouver by the Oriental liner Empress of Japan are to the effect that English speaking residents in the Shanghai district are in terror. Pirates and desperadoes are masters of the situation.

One despatch describes that section of China as a "seething hell." A missionary, in a letter, tells of lives being cut out of dead bodies and eaten.

FINDS FORTY ANGELS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE 400 IN NEW YORK

Temperance Worker Dunne Declares Henry Watterson's "Unclean Bird" Theory False.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—According to James Dunne, a temperance worker of New York, who spoke here last night, the 400 of New York is not what Henry Watterson said it was.

Mr. Watterson declared the 400 was a pack of unclean birds, said Mr. Dunne, "I do not wish to accuse him of deliberate falsehood, but I know the assertion is false. I am acquainted with forty of them who are ministering angels—two visit the Tombs, two the hospitals, two visit the 'Let us pray'."

"LET US PRAY," SAYS MAN JUST BEFORE WEDDING

Bride-to-be Joins His Plea for Happiness and a Numerous Progeny.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—Just as Justice Sobieski started to pronounce Robert G. Jackson, the ten-dollar-week bachelor, and Mrs. Belle Williams in wedlock today Jackson halted him.

"Let us pray," he said. Then he dropped on his knees and fervently besought heaven to shower upon his marriage the blessings of happiness and a numerous progeny.

In this pious wish the bride-to-be heartily joined.

Some weeks ago Jackson asked a judge if a man should get married on a salary of \$10 per week. The justice replied in the affirmative, published Jackson's letter, and the laborer received marriage proposals from eighteen women, including the bride.

POSTAL REVENUE

OTTAWA, Ont., April 4 (Special)—The revenue of the post office department for nine months of the fiscal year closing March 31, was \$5,964,347; an increase of \$809,383 over the corresponding period of 1905-06.

The revenue for March was \$610,412; a decrease of \$13,758, as compared with March, 1906.

The recording angel is not wasting any ink on the good you are planning to do later on.

TEMPERANCE FEDERATION TAKES THE DIRECT ISSUE WITH PREMIER PUGSLEY

At a meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick Temperance Federation, held last evening, the following statements were adopted and ordered to be published:

"The meeting of the executive of the N. B. Temperance Federation has had before it the answer of the premier, the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, made in the house of assembly, to a question of R. Maxwell regarding the government's answer to the request for the passing of a prohibitory law at the present session of the house. The federation would place on record the several steps taken by it.

"On February 7th the deputation met with the government at St. John, and were promised an answer in a few days, and on asking how long that meant, the premier answered likely within ten days. Mr. Tweedie continued in office after that sixteen days before Governor Snowball's death, but no answer was given.

"We waited until March 6, and then called to the fact that our request for a prohibitory law and our complaint against the government officials had not yet been replied to. The premier replied on March 12, and closed by saying: 'You may expect an answer in the course of a few days.' Weeks passed without the reply, and Mr. Maxwell, a member of our executive, was requested to ask the question in the house, and the premier's answer now is: 'He trusts he will be able to do so shortly, perhaps not before the close of the session, but very soon afterwards.'"

"The federation do not consider the government's answer at all satisfactory as to the reasons for not carrying out the promises to the federation made by both premiers. The delay in answering the request after the session closed, is an indirect refusal of the federation's request for a law at the present session.

"The federation does not consider the government's course marked by reasonable courtesy. If, after promising an answer, there were reasons why the twice-made promise could not be carried out, the persons to whom the promise was made were reasonably entitled to a statement of the difficulty of the way."

"In respect to the statement of the premier that 'no complaints have been made to the government respecting the inspection of the liquor license commission in St. John, and that officers of said and evidence were given, and statements of violations of the laws were made with offers to prove them, but that so far as we knew no action had been taken. This was supplemented by a verbal statement as to the character of the evidence. We offered our complaint to the government, the truth of our complaint. That the Hon. Mr. Pugsley then understood we had made a complaint is clear from his indignant enquiry as to why we had not made the complaint earlier and had we done so he said he would have had it at once entered into and it would now be considered."

"In the conversation regarding the federation's action we stated that it was the general opinion in St. John that the officials were enforcing the act as well as the government wished it done, and that they were really responsible for its not being carried out. Both the premier and Mr. Pugsley indignantly denied the truth of this, and said it was their wish the law should be fully carried out. The newspapers at the time published the report of the meeting, and said we had made a complaint. The inspector in two St. John papers published his defence against our complaint, proving our statements by his own words, but saying he was not afraid of government action in the matter."

"As late as Nov. 9 the premier's attention was called to the memorial containing the complaint. He promised a reply in a few days. The above facts all make it impossible for us to understand the statement made by the premier in the house. The federation would desire to express its conviction that no measure before the house at its present session is of greater importance to the country than the question submitted by us to the government. We feel further in duty bound to those who are interested we are representing to present these facts fully to them and to the public for their intelligent judgment and for their decision. The electors in respect of this matter will eventually have to decide this matter, and we leave it confidently in their hands, assured that the many counties in this province which have adopted the Scott Act will not for all time continue to allow the liquor law to be made a cover under which the Scott Act is made easy of violation and hard of enforcement; that a province which by a large majority voted for prohibition will not allow their wishes much longer to be overridden at the exigencies of any political party."

THE MONCTON OPERA HOUSE

Present Building May Be Permanently Closed Tomorrow.

MONCTON, N. B., April 4.—(Special)—If the decision reached by the market committee is approved by the city council the Moncton Opera House will be permanently closed tomorrow.

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MINISTERS GET HIGHER SALARIES

Premier of Ontario Now Receives \$10,000 a Year, and Other Cabinet Officers \$7,000.

TORONTO, April 4.—(Special)—A bill to increase the ministers' salaries was introduced in the Ontario legislature today.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Eunice Arters

The death of Eunice, widow of the late William Arters, occurred yesterday at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock, from the residence of William McGarrigle, Germain street, West End.

Mrs. Louis Foley

The death occurred this morning at two o'clock of Mrs. Frances Foley, wife of Louis Foley, her residence, 65 Gilbert Lane. Besides her husband she is survived by one child, her mother, Mrs. John Donnell, of King St. East, and five brothers and two sisters. The brothers are John, Joseph, William, Frank and Russell, and the sisters are Misses Josephine and Ellen.

Mrs. Margaret Dean

The death occurred this morning at 11 o'clock of Mrs. Margaret Dean, widow of the late Thomas Dean, at her residence, Garden street. Heart trouble was the cause of death. She was a daughter of the late William Howe, of Lepreau, who is survived by seven children, B. H. Dean, of South Dakota, W. Dean, of Masquah, Thomas E. Dean, grocer of this city, and Mrs. W. H. Hannaford, of Boston. Mrs. George Milne, of Moncton, Mrs. A. B. Fowler, of this city, and Miss Edith Allen, of Pleasant Point, were present at the funeral.

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DOMINION HOUSE WILL PROROGUE THIS MONTH

HELD AT BAY BY A WOMAN

Mrs. L. C. Drew Defied Louisiana Officers for 20 Hours.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 4.—Armed with a rifle and standing guard over her dead husband's body, Mrs. L. C. Drew held a sheriff and four deputies at bay for over twenty hours at Watervally, La., according to despatches reaching here last night.

It is charged that Mrs. Drew shot her husband. When the sheriff's posse arrived to arrest the woman, she opened fire, shooting whenever one of the officers showed himself. She was not captured until her ammunition was exhausted.

Another woman, whose name has not been made public, was found with Mrs. Drew, but so far as is known she did not take part in the shooting. No cause for the shooting of her husband is known. He was 48 years old.

AN AWFUL REVENGE

Rejected Suitor of Schenectady Girl Sends Infernal Machine to Accepted One.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 4.—By the explosion of an infernal machine, believed to have been sent him by a rival in love, Daniel Miller, of 431 Liberty street, was terribly mangled at six o'clock last evening, but the surgeons who have been working over him say that he has an even chance to recover, although he will be totally blind and a cripple for life.

The machine was sent to Miller by express from North Adams, Mass. It was handed to him when he returned from his work at the American Locomotive plant. He took it to his room and a few minutes later there was a terrific explosion, which practically wrecked the house.

Miller says he remembers the package and that is all he remembers. The small wooden box which contained the dynamite was filled with copper nails and a dozen of these were blown into the young man's body.

Miller was to have married to Miss Lillian A. Bedard, of this city, in June. She is expected to leave tonight for New York to buy gifts for his prospective bride. The police claim that Hallanan, who is alleged to have sent the machine, and presented Miss Bedard for a long time, and that he and Miller had blown on more than one occasion because of this fact.

Miller's home was at Ellenville, N. Y., but he had been employed in this city for three years.

MARRIED IN HASTE; QUICK TO REPENT

Girl Left Her Home to Work; Wood, Won, Back Home in Week.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Mrs. Maybelle Cosmides, nineteen and pretty, before Justice Traux, in the supreme court building, sought an annulment of her marriage last October to Christy George Cosmides, a wealthy fruit importer of No. 283 Greenwich street.

It was a case of "Marry in haste and repent in haste, too."

Pretty Maybelle Ansted had run away from her father's home in White Plains and had come to New York to earn her living, renting a furnished room in East Thirtieth street. Two days later she met Cosmides, and when she told him that her father had appealed to the Children's Aid Society to arrest her, he proposed marriage.

She accepted. Incidentally there was a police court scene, in which the young woman displayed her marriage certificate, to the disappointment of her father and stepmother.

Only four days after the ceremony Mrs. Cosmides returned to her father without a word of explanation to her husband or friends. Since then she has been living at home.

Yesterday Mrs. Cosmides declared that she had never lived with her husband, and her father, who followed her, denied that he had ever threatened to kill her.

Cosmides gained considerable notoriety by reason of his alleged association with Alfred Goslin, the swindler. He made no defence to his wife's application.

WILL AID SMELTING

OTTAWA, April 4 (Special)—Mr. Fielding announced last night in the house that he was to make an amendment to the iron and steel bounties which will provide for aid for electric smelting from Canadian ore.

NEWS OF THE WORLD AS TOLD IN SHORT METRE

The Russian cabinet yesterday rejected a proposal made on behalf of an agrarian syndicate for the construction of a railroad tunnel under Behring Straits, which it was hoped ultimately to connect the trans-Siberian with the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Liberal Caucus Today to Bid Laurier Goodbye.

During His Absence Cartwright Will Be Premier.

OTTAWA, April 4.—(Special)—A government caucus was held this morning before the meeting of the house. It was purely a family gathering to say good-bye to the premier and his two colleagues who leave this afternoon for the Colonial Conference in London, England. The leadership in the house will devolve upon Mr. Fielding and Senior Privy Councillor Sir Richard Cartwright will be acting premier. This is a standing rule.

Sir Wilfrid announced that no contentious legislation will be pressed and that the session would likely be brought to a close about April 20th. On April 22nd, parliament will have been in session five months.

Among the bills to be held over will be the Dominion Lands Act, Senator Templeman's proprietary medicine bill will not be pressed should it meet with much opposition. Indeed all the legislation which is not absolutely necessary will be held over until next session and it is expected that by the end of the month at the very latest, prorogation will be reached.

When the house met today Mr. Aylesworth introduced a bill to amend the criminal code so that anyone could be tried for an offence committed in unorganized territories, wherever the defendant was found, or at any convenient point. The necessity for this amendment was introduced by a murder committed on the Arctic Ocean among the British lands. When the ship reached civilization there were difficulties in the way of bringing the case to trial.

THE ONTARIO LABOR PARTY

The Platform Adopted at the Meeting in Toronto Last Week.

Under the chairmanship of W. R. Rolfe, of Hamilton, a convention of delegates from the various centres in the province launched the Independent Labor Party in Toronto last week. There were some five or six hundred persons present. P. H. Draper, of Ottawa moved:

"That this convention of workers from all parts of the province of Ontario, representing toilers in every department of industrial life, do hereby approve of independent political action upon the part of Canadian workmen; be it further resolved, that we hereby constitute this convention of the Ontario branch of the Canadian labor party for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of the workmen of this province by nominating candidates for municipal councils, provincial legislatures, and also for the Dominion parliament."

The platform includes the following planks:

1. Free compulsory education.

2. Legal working day of eight hours