

## CONGRESS FAILS TO PASS THE REVOLVING FUND

Railroad Men Look Upon the Childish Action as Most Serious to the Transportation Interests of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 4.—Samuel H. Kays, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, regards the failure of Congress to pass the \$750,000,000 revolving fund for the railroad as a serious blow to the industry.

In a statement today Mr. Kays said: "I regret the passage of the \$750,000,000 appropriation, recommended by the railroad administration and deeply regret it has failed, because it leaves the railroad situation in a state of confusion, and may mean the immediate stoppage of a large amount of construction now in progress. The situation, however, is no more serious than it was before, and I suppose some relief plan will be devised and promptly adopted; otherwise it is difficult to see how the operation to secure needed money falls hard on many companies in Pennsylvania and other states who supply fuel, material and other supplies to the railroads, and who depend to a large extent on railroad orders."

## TO RESUME S. S. SERVICE TO U. S.

New York, March 4.—An early extension of the French Line steamship service between France and the United States was announced today by Pellerin De La Roche, president of the company, who arrived here yesterday on the steamer La Torrance. The steamer La France, which has been in the French Government service, would soon be put back into the regular Havre and New York service, he said, and the steamers La Fayette, Savoye and Paris, the latter now nearing completion, would also be available soon for passenger traffic.

## SYDNEY MAN A SUICIDE

Sydney, N. S., March 4.—E. H. Russell, chief clerk construction department, Dominion Coal Co., committed suicide by throwing himself into Glace Bay harbor early this morning. He had been acting strangely for several days.

## HON. J. A. MURRAY SUFFERS RELAPSE

Will be Unable to Attend Opposition Caucus Today—Hon. J. B. M. Baxter Will be Delayed a Few Days by Legal Business in Ontario.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Mar. 4.—Members of the opposition are arriving here tonight for the caucus which opens tomorrow. Word has been received from Dr. Pearson, of Sussex, to the effect that Hon. James A. Murray has suffered a relapse from an attack of influenza which had him confined for some time, and he is again confined to bed, and, according to the doctor, it will be some days or about the first of next week at least, before he will be present to take up his duties in the legislature.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, who has been in Ottawa before the Supreme Court of Canada, has been delayed and today has been engaged at Chatham, Ont., where evidence is being taken under a commission of a witness in the Fitz-Randolph divorce case which was set for trial here last Monday.

Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., of Fredericton, is also at Chatham, Ont., in connection with the same case. There is a large number of the opposition here tonight.

## CAPT. McKINNON AS MODERATOR

Presbytery of Ottawa Nominated Him to This Responsible Position in the General Assembly.

Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—The Presbytery of Ottawa in session here today, nominated for the moderatorship of the general assembly for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Captain Clarence McKinnon, of Pine Hill College, Halifax. Captain McKinnon has done exceptionally good service as a chaplain overseas.

It is the desire of the Presbytery to nominate a chaplain to do honor not only to the 100 Presbyterian chaplains who have served overseas, but to the many thousands of the sons of the church who have been fighting in the army.

## THREATENED TO GET SOMEONE AT BREST

A Reprimanded and Degraded Major Author of Unfounded Criticisms of American Camp at Brest.

Washington, Mar. 4.—A cablegram from General Pershing made public today at the war department charges that a campaign of criticism against the handling of the embarkation camp at Brest, France, grew out of the trial by court martial of Major Alfred W. Birdsall, formerly of the New York Evening Telegram.

The message said that "the violent newspaper attacks" upon the Brest camp began about the time Major Birdsall returned to the United States after having been reprimanded, reduced in grade and fined for striking an enlisted man. It added that Major Birdsall threatened before he left that he "would get someone at Brest."

## FLU SITUATION IMPROVED LITTLE

Jerneg Still Has Many Serious Cases — Funeral of Miss Wright, First Victim of the Disease, Held Tuesday.

Special to The Standard. Jerneg, March 4.—The funeral of Miss Nellie Wright, the first victim of the influenza in this village, took place today, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown, pastor of the Baptist Church, of which the deceased was an active and valued member. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wright, have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

The "flu" situation is a little better today. A number are held out for recovery. Among the most serious cases are Herman and Arnold Dyke, man, but latest reports from them were to the effect that there was a slight change for the better.

Dr. Wade, who was sent here by the Provincial Health Department, arrived this afternoon.

## METHODIST CHURCH ST. JOHN DISTRICT

Third Meeting Held Yesterday in Carmarthen Street Church — Interesting Addresses Heard—Strong Resolutions Were Passed.

The third meeting of the St. John District of the Methodist church met yesterday morning in Carmarthen street church, Rev. Geo. P. Dawson, chairman of District, presiding and with Rev. Geo. Morris, secretary. Nearly all the nineteen circuits of the District were represented.

A certain amount of business was transacted, but the prime object was for the inspiration and uplift of the members. Interesting addresses were given on the following subjects: "How to Keep the Young People in Sunday School and Church" by Rev. J. M. Rice. "How the Minister Should Prepare for the People" by Rev. A. E. Chapman. "The Reading of the Minister" by Rev. Robt. Crisp, and "The Social Life of the Minister" by Rev. J. B. Gough. All of these addresses were carefully prepared and elicited a lively and profitable discussion.

Among those who took part were: Rev. Neil McLaughlin, J. C. Berrie, E. J. Woodhouse, H. E. Boothroyd, J. D. Carey, H. A. Goodwin, Mr. Wm. Young and the secretary.

A resolution was unanimously passed directing instructions to forward the same to Sir Thos. White (acting premier), and to the local representatives of parliament asking that the federal government make permanent the order-in-council regarding prohibition, until such time as a plebiscite should be taken, and that such be not taken until after the return of the soldiers, nor until six months notice of such plebiscite be given. An additional resolution was ordered to be sent to the Premier of the Province as follows:

That the District Meeting consisting of ministers and laymen of the Methodist church, representing nineteen circuits in the city and county of St. John, and in the County of Kings, desires to express to the Premier and members of the government of New Brunswick, their earnest hope that no measure will be taken to increase the percentage of alcohol allowed in the manufacture of beer, and that the federal government will present prohibitory law, except in the way of strengthening them. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the pastor and officials of Carmarthen street church for the use of their premises and hospitality given.

## N. S. GOVERNMENT CONSIDER PROHIBITION QUESTIONS

Representatives of Social Welfare Organizations Make Demands — Reception for R. C. R. — Betts Admits Guilt.

Halifax, N. S., March 4.—A delegation, representing social welfare organizations, met the Nova Scotia government today, asking for amendments to the Prohibition Act. The system of vendors, as operated by municipalities, was criticized, and it is asked that the government take over the administration of these offices.

The statement was made that in the small town of Inverness, for instance, a reception will be arranged, where vendors showed \$59,000. This left more than \$10,000 for the revenues of the town, which went a long way to reduce the tax on the town. The same thing prevailed in other towns, and which, the delegation said, made the system a farce, and was their reason for demanding a change. They also asked for an increase in penalties for violation of the law, and for the appointment of an inspector in chief, who should give all his time to the inspection.

A tentative programme for the reception of the R. C. R., when the battalion arrives on the Atlantic coast, has been arranged. A salute will be fired from the Citadel as the ship enters the harbor, and every steam whistle on the harbor will join in a joyous noise. From Pier 2 the men will march to the Common, where they will meet relatives and friends. In the afternoon the official civic celebration will take place. There will be a parade through the principal thoroughfares. Storekeepers and householders will decorate their premises with flags and bunting. The school board will look after the school children, who will play an important part in this celebration. In the evening there will be a banquet for officers and men in the several mess rooms at Elliot Barracks, on the Common.

Walter Betts was arraigned today charged with Sunday night burglary. He pleaded guilty on four charges. Betts admitted having taken goods from W. J. Stairs' residence, where he stole \$350 worth of jewelry and other articles. From Harry Marshall's residence he took \$165 worth of jewelry, clothing, money and other valuable articles. At the residence of Frank Maskell he stole \$80 worth of goods and \$30 in cash. W. A. Morris was victimized to the extent of \$100. He will come up tomorrow for sentence.

## LENTEN FISH VERY PLENTIFUL

Wholesale Prices Are Down and Fish Trade Has Made Extensive Arrangements for Meeting a Big Demand.

Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—Lenten fish, the Canada board is informed, has never been so plentiful or of better quality in the Dominion than it is this year. There is a greater variety on the market than at any previous time, both frozen lake and sea fish, and the pickled varieties. Wholesale prices are down, and the fish trade generally has made very extensive arrangements for meeting what it feels will be a record Lenten consumption. It is believed that the activities of the Canada food board in popularizing fish in places where it was hitherto unknown, will greatly add to the turnover, for there are now many thousands of people in the Dominion who will eat fish brought in for the increased seasonal trade because its prices will appeal. Atlantic and Pacific coast shippers have booked orders in unusual numbers and facilities installed for handling are such that the fish gets into the interior markets of Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan in better condition than a few seasons ago—it used to be able to reach the confines of the Maritimes and British Columbia provinces.

## WEDDINGS

Corscadden-Belding. A quiet wedding was solemnized on March 4th, at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. D. J. Macdonald, when he united in marriage Miss Belding, daughter of Walter Belding, of Chance Harbor, and John W. Corscadden, a prosperous fisherman of Mac's Bay. The bride was becomingly gowned in a taupe travelling suit with hat to match. The happy couple will make their home at Mac's Bay.

## OBITUARY

J. Aldrich Leger. Special to The Standard. Moncton, March 4.—Word was received by friends here today of the death of J. Aldrich Leger, which occurred this morning at New York. Mr. Leger, who was a well known citizen of Moncton, and clerk in the C. & N. general superintendent's office went to New York about two weeks ago on a visit to friends, his wife having gone.

## DIED.

MURRAY—On March 3, at her parents' residence, Harding street, Mary, eldest daughter of Robert and Sarah Murray. No flowers by request.

McINERNEY—In this city on March 4th, Kathleen Carmel, infant daughter of Fred J. and Ethel McInerney, aged one year.

WILCOX—At the General Public Hospital, March 5, after a short illness, Vera May, beloved wife of WILLIAM D. WILCOX, leaving a sorrowing husband and one child to mourn. Notice of funeral later.

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Sizes 11 to 2—Patent Button, Dull Top ..... \$5.65  
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there some time previously. He contracted the "flu" which developed into double pneumonia, resulting in his death. Deceased was 36 years old and was a son of the late G. S. Leger of this city. He was a prominent member of the Moncton Council, Knights of Columbus, L'Assomption Society and Catholic Order of Foresters. He is survived by his wife and five children, also his mother and three brothers. Alfred and Ernest of Moncton, and Edgar with the Canadian army overseas. The remains will be brought to Moncton for burial.

Mrs. William D. Wilcox. The death of Vera May, wife of William D. Wilcox, occurred at an early hour this morning at the General Public Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Wilcox is survived by her husband and one son Kenneth. Notice of funeral will be given later.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County—P. G. Spencer et al to A. H. Plimouth, property in Simonds.

S. S. Skinner to G. A. Cameron, property in Charlotte street.

May E. O. Day to W. C. Allison, property in Rochesay.

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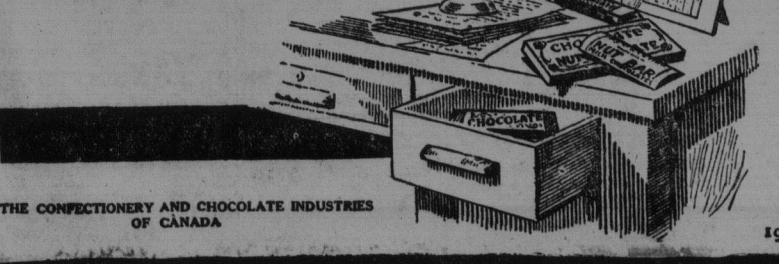
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