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ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE TIMES YIELD RESULTS.

THE WEATHER. Moderate winds, cloudy and cool showers. Thursday, fair and higher temperature.

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HAIGING DOES NOT ALWAYS KILL

Jersey City Clergyman Who Bitterly Opposes CAPITAL PUNISHMENT Makes Startling Statement--Says Victims' of Hangings Retain Consciousness and Memory After Neck Has Been Broken.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—According to the World the Rev. E. A. Meury, pastor of the Second Reformed Church in Jersey City, made this astonishing statement yesterday: That to him and five others a murderer proved, while being executed on the gallows that he retained consciousness, memory, and the power of voluntary motion after his neck was broken.

The Rev. M. M. Meury has been chosen to serve on the sheriff's jury at the hanging of Edward Dapley in the Hudson county jail, and has been asked to minister religiously to the doomed man. He will serve on the jury, although he is still opposed to capital punishment.

He said tonight: "I have seen several unfortunates hanged, one was Paul Gens who was executed in the Hudson county jail, April 13, 1897, for the murder of Clara Armin. In the night I shall make to abolish capital punishment in New Jersey. I shall argue that sometimes a man is conscious after his neck is broken. Paul Gens was in my charge, and I discussed the question whether a man's brain might be active after his cervical vertebrae were broken. Gens was certain he would be conscious after his neck was broken. He said to me: 'Watch me closely. After my head is jerked upward and I fall to the rope's end and my neck is broken, I will wait about a minute then I will close my hands in mine, then once, then twice, again I arrange this signal now so that none of the doers who may be looking at me can say that my movements are only involuntary twitches.'"

The clergyman continued: "When Gens fell being jerked into the air by the fall of the weight of his body stiffened. About three quarters of a minute passed then Gens closed his hands twice, opened them again, closed them once, then twice again. I distinctly saw his pinnated hands make the signal he said he would make. So did six other men whom I had told Gens' promise of what he would do. The horror of it was almost overwhelming."

Then Sheriff Heller of Hudson Co. and Dr. Schneider were as positive as Meury that Gens did as he arranged.

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION Nine Italians Killed by Dynamite—Thought to be Work of Assassins.

ELKINS, Va., Aug. 16.—Nine Italian were blown to shreds and their bodies reduced to atoms by a dynamite explosion at the construction camp of Dunley Brook about six miles from Harrison yesterday. This is thought to be only another chapter in a feud between a gang of desperadoes and Italians. The crime was not discovered until yesterday, when members of the camp found parts of the bodies of the foreigners hanging to the trees. The deed was premeditated, there is no doubt, by the perpetrators.

WORTH FORTY MILLIONS (CHICAGO) Aug. 16.—The valuation of the property of Marshall Child in Chicago was fixed at forty million dollars, yesterday by the board of review. Of the sum named thirty million dollars is in real estate and the balance in personal property. The personal holdings in his residence on Prairie Ave. are valued at two million dollars.

PARENTS CANNOT KEEP THEIR BOYS AT SCHOOL But if Manual Training Were Introduced They Would Take a Deeper Interest—Should be Trained for the Post They Are to Fill.

T. H. Estabrook gave the Times very good reasons for his statement that manual training should be made a part of the public school course. One reason is that parents frequently find their boys as he has no doubt they do to school. There seem to be more of them seeking employment all the time, that do not get enough education to fit them for anything more than manual labor. We don't train our boys enough for the post they are to enter upon. That is why so many business men, who do not want university men. The trend of university education is toward the learned professions. The students get imbued with that idea, whether they are intended for the professions or not, and are unfit for commercial work. But if there were a course they could take with the idea of becoming merchants or manufacturers, the result would be more satisfactory.

Mr. Estabrook remarked that if we had manual training in the schools there would be a better attendance, better results, and fewer boys in the police court.

FRANCE LOVES BRITAIN NOW

Great Change in the Attitude of Today and FOUR YEARS' AGO In Dread of the Kaiser--Uneasiness Caused by Movements Affects Europe--Will Not Meet King Edward.

A London cable of Aug. 15 says—The feature of the week here which has stood out prominently has been the visit of the French fleet. It has been a feast of friendship with every mark of genuineness. The comments of the French press show how deep an effect it has had on French public opinion. Columns could be filled with quotations showing that. Let one taken haphazard suffice: "The Echo de Paris says—"

"Now 90 per cent. of the French are as strongly Anglophile as they were strongly Anglophobe. Four years ago Frenchmen regarded King Edward as a weak and far-seeing monarch and a friend. Great Britain's behavior in the first stage of the Moroccan controversy won France's friendship. She was loyal to the backbone, ready to back me no matter what occurred. We felt this deeply and Germany realized it, too."

The editor of the same journal in an interview said: "I hope that France, now that she and Great Britain are real friends, may be able to convince England that it is to her interest also to cement the friendship of France's ally, Russia. The United States would make a fourth, and the friendship of these four nations would form a foundation for the peace of the world."

Walls France and England are thus cementing their friendship, there does not seem to be any real uneasiness in the air which is emanating from Berlin and permeates the whole of Europe. A week ago the Kaiser's visit to the British coast and Emperor William would meet some time in the coming week. This is now definitely contradicted.

As King Edward's movements on the Continent are always watched with such keen interest the following outline of his immediate movements may be interesting. His visit to Marienbad is, of course, entirely for rest and health. So far from meeting the Kaiser he will cross Germany during the night, so even the usual repugnance of the German authorities will be overcome. He will leave for Flushing on Monday and will take a special train direct to where Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is spending a holiday. The visit will be private and the Kaiser will be the shortest notice between the two courts without the intermediary of the English and Austrian Foreign Offices. No Ministers will be present.

King Edward will spend one night in Flushing and then go to Marienbad. As stated a week ago, King Edward is determined to bring Germany into the peace line, but apparently he does not consider the time ripe for a personal interview.

There is no disputing the fact that the British Foreign Office regards the Kaiser with no small suspicion and relations between the two courts are strained. An illustration of this appears in a long article discussing Anglo-German relations, written by the Berlin correspondent of the Neue Zürcher Zeitung, who says that some weeks ago when a high English personage was leaving Berlin the Kaiser did not request him to transmit his greetings to the English court. The Kaiser said: "Our relations with England are practically suspended."

It will be wrong, perhaps to accept this as the actual, literal truth, but those who know the conditions under which the German press works, especially when the Kaiser himself is concerned, cannot fail to appreciate the significance of this statement.

THEY ARE DISCUSSING THE RAILROADS IN THE EAST TODAY

Cession of the Chinese Eastern Railway to China Occupying the Peace Plenipotentiaries--Russian Correspondent Sends Bitter Report to His Paper.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 16.—The Japanese envoys, after a trip from Newcastle in an uncovered motor car, though a cold rain prevailed, arrived at the navy yard at 9:40 today. The Russian plenipotentiaries reported there a few minutes afterwards. It is understood that the subject to be considered today will be number seven of the peace conditions, that relating to the cession of the Chinese Eastern Railway to China.

A Bitter Memory PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 16.—Alexandre Brianchonoff, correspondent of the St. Petersburg Slovo, writing on the questions involved in the surrender of the Manchurian railway, which is being considered by the peace conference today, and also regarding the general question of the restoration of Chinese sovereignty in the province says: "Notwithstanding the secrecy so strictly observed regarding the discussions of the peace conference, it is now known that the second article discussed concerned the question of returning Manchuria to China and that the article has been agreed upon. So it is understood that Manchuria is going to be restored under the Chinese administration. For four of Russia's outlying provinces has been prevented from completing her work of civilization in that province, where she spent millions of rubles, retaining in return only unpleasant memories, and now they say that it is better to give Manchuria to nobody than to Russia, for to return Manchuria to China means to return that province to the state of barbarism. It is even asked that the railroad which cuts that province in three parts and which should be an instrument of civilization, of development of her riches, be abandoned to Chinese neglect."

With regard to the Harbin-Liao Tung railway line, the initiation of a Chinese administration can be understood as this line has no strategic importance except for China. But it is quite different with the line uniting Vladivostok to Renshan which is of the greatest importance to the Russian empire, because of its strategic value, to make dependent upon a Chinese administration. Technical reasons have shown the enormous difficulty of uniting Vladivostok and Port Arthur with Europe without the Amur. So the civilized world welcomed the decision of Russia to build a railway through Manchuria, Russia made its immense effort, which considering the policy of the open door, will be of great and equal advantage to the commerce of the whole world. It is therefore just that Russia should have the material guarantee that the railway line would not run the risk of being destroyed or cut by the brigades of that

it should suffer in case of a misunderstanding with China. The commerce of the world will gain very much if Japan is entrusted with the guarding of the Southern railway line and Russia with the protection of the Northern line, mutually planning themselves to follow the policy of the open door in the whole province."

The Asahi's View TOKIO, Aug. 16.—The Asahi in discussing the proceedings of the peace conference at Portsmouth, suggests that the plenipotentiaries demanded the open door in Siberia and the opening of Siberian rivers to the navigation of the world. Vladivostok as a free port, it does, would not benefit Japan much, but it would greatly assist the development of American commerce.

A New Arrangement PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 16.—Beginning today, the peace plenipotentiaries are to be served with breakfast in their dining room at the naval stores building at the navy yard. Heretofore luncheon and afternoon tea had been served in the dining room and the arrangement proved very attractive. Breakfast will be ready each morning at 9:30 and it is the intention to have the most concluded on that the sessions of the conference may begin at ten.

THE PREMIER IS ALL RIGHT

Ottawa Denies Story Sent From Montreal That Laurier's Health Is Failing.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 16.—(Special)—Enquiry goes to show that there is absolutely no truth in the alarmist story from Montreal about Sir Wilfrid Laurier being again in an indifferent state of health. The fact is that he has not been as well in four years and is present at the Manchester Club, near Shawinigan, is transacting business and is able to eat absolutely anything that is set in front of him. The premier expressed all his friends by the way he stood during the long preliminary session. Since then he has picked up still further and is freed from the restrictions which have placed upon him in the matter of diet after his attack of acute indigestion in the old country. From Shawinigan he will return to his old home in Artibonackville and will be here with several of his colleagues for a cabinet council on Tuesday next.

THE LATE JAMES MURPHY The body of the late James Murphy, the young man who was killed in a mill at Madison (Me.), was brought to his home in Milford yesterday. It was brought down by Mr. Landers, a friend of the family, who lives in the Madison mill. A brother from Boston, and a sister from Antigonish yesterday. The body is expected home to attend the funeral.

RAISED TO THE PRIESTHOOD SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 16.—(Special)—The following graduates of St. Francis Xavier college were raised to the priesthood at Antigonish yesterday: Adrian Butts, Sydney Mines; J. J. Mackinnon, Bayview Brook, Antigonish; Donald McNeil, Mabou; W. J. Ryan, Cabano, and Patrick LeBlanc, Margate.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Bishop Cameron, assisted by several priests from the diocese. The ordination was the largest at one time in the history of the college.

Manager Dunham of the St. John ball team completed arrangements this morning whereby the Montreal Trojans will play the St. Johns on the Victoria grounds on Friday and Saturday afternoons. These games will decide the provincial championship.

The steamer Penobscot, Captain Mitchell, from Boston via Eastport, landed 122 passengers last evening.

MUST LAY OUT THREE MONTHS

Moncton Beer Sellers Who Did Not Pay Their Fines Are Placed In Jail.

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 16.—(Special)—Three proprietors of saloons who were convicted in May last for Scott Act violation received an unexpected call from the police last night and were asked to come to the police station and pay their standing fines. The proprietors, who were standing against each of the parties and were placed in jail, because of being unable to pay their fines. The police thought it time the fines should be paid and executed on them. The proprietors were not prepared to pay their fines and on this morning were taken to the county jail to lay out three months. The proprietors are: Fabien Volet, Selig G. Robichaud and Anthony McNeilson.

CONSTABLE FINED FOR BEING ABUSIVE Magistrate Ritchie Scores Constable Hefferan and Then Fines Him \$8—A Lesson to Others.

Edwin Thomas, West End, preferred a charge against Constable Hefferan in the police court this morning. Mr. Thomas stated that he gave a note on July 17 for five weeks and that he had paid all but two dollars of it. The note is not due yet and yesterday the constable came to his house and demanded the balance. The constable stated that constables are supposed to be peace officers and patient. A man may owe money but he is not a criminal and if every man in St. John who gave a note was considered such the jail would not be able to hold them all. Mr. Thomas' statement to the effect that the constable's attitude toward the language and added that constables must consider people's feelings, that citizens are protected as well as the peace officers. He fined Constable Hefferan \$8 or two months in jail whereupon Mr. Thomas flashed over the other two dollars and the constable said: "Now you have satisfaction."

PROBATE COURT Letters of administration in the estate of the late Mary Love were today granted to Richard Stuart. Personal property \$300. J. B. M. Baxter, proctor.

THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE

SAYS 'TIS AN ABSURD RUMOR

Mayor White Gives a Denial to Report That HE WILL RESIGN

Such a Course Has Never Occurred to Me' Said His Worship--Water Works Will be Rushed to Completion.

When asked by the Times this morning with reference to the rumor in a morning paper that he thought of resigning because of difficulties in connection with the waterworks contract, Mayor White said: "The first intimation I had of such a rumor I got from the Telegraph this morning. I have no idea how such a rumor could have originated. I was elected by the citizens to the office of mayor for a year, and I propose to be mayor for the year."

"As far as not having the confidence of the aldermen is concerned, our relations have always been most cordial, and I have no reason to believe that I do not possess their full confidence as they have manifested it in the past. They have given me the most hearty support. No mayor could ask greater proofs of confidence than they have accorded me."

"As far as the difficulties in connection with the extension of the waterworks are concerned, I believe they are not greater than might be expected in a work of this magnitude. Sections 1, 3 and 5, according to the engineer's report, are progressing very favorably."

"I believe that Messrs. McArthur & McVey feel that they cannot complete section 2 in accordance with the contract. But when that contract was awarded Mr. Barbour placed himself on record as opposed to that magnitude. Sections 1, 3 and 5, which were that of an American firm, I fail to see how we could have justified our course in not accepting their bid."

"If they are not able to complete the work, others will be found who will. Some delay may unfortunately occur, but that cannot be prevented. I conceive it to be my duty to overcome the difficulties if possible, and not to shrink from responsibilities and no other course is open to me."

BRITISH ASSOCIATION CAPE TOWN, Africa, Aug. 15.—The members of the British Association arrived here today and their first session presided over by President George Howard Darrell delivered an address.

BOARDERS HAD SPASMS WHEN THEY WENT HOME An Interesting Incident of the Convention of the Funeral Directors in this City--Innocent Reminders of Man's Mortality the Cause.

There is said to have been an animated discussion yesterday afternoon between a city hotel proprietor and his "staidest" members of the British Association. It appears that a number of the funeral directors registered at the hotel, and the proprietor consented to the use of the office of the hotel. Into it therefore were taken long black coffins and deep blue ones, and pure white caskets and other things for which the healthy boarder when his blood runs warm and his appetite is keen has no particular use.

A hungry boarder is said to have rushed in and when he beheld the funeral array backed quickly up to the door with the idea that he had got into the wrong shop. But he saw another boarder leaning in a dejected attitude against the office counter, and after a cautious scrutiny recognized the general aspect of the room.

He went softly to the other boarder, and in a subdued whisper asked him what had happened. "New cod, I guess," laconically rejoined the dejected one.

The suggestion was horrible, and he was about to ask further questions when two men entered. Evidently they were funeral directors, for they began a matter-of-fact examination of the goods, expressing their view in an ordinary and cheerful tone of voice. When they had gone out the two boarders gazed at each other and winked; for these were boarders who sometimes indulged in jokes. They procured a tape measure, and as each of the other boarders came in he was seized and measured closed.

THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE

First Session of Annual Meeting Opened Today

IN YARMOUTH, N. S. Mayor Armstrong Welcomes the Delegates--Secretary Creed Tells of the Work of the Year--Two New Boards Were Formed.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Aug. 16.—(Special)—The 11th annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade opened at 10:30 this morning with about forty delegates present. President E. K. Spina was in the chair. Mayor Armstrong welcomed the members in a happy speech. After roll call a committee was appointed to decide the order in which the subjects should be taken up. During their absence correspondence from various members and boards was read regretting they could not attend. Percy Chase M. Coet in his report said all resolutions and recommendations passed at the last meeting had been forwarded to the ministers of the various departments of the federal government and premiers of local governments. During the year two new boards were formed in Nova Scotia, Lockport and Bees River.

Parrabrook and North Sydney are affiliated. Affiliated boards on the roll are: New Brunswick, six; P. E. I., five; Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, 23; Unifamilial, New Brunswick, 2; Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, 10. An invitation was received from the chambers of commerce of the empire to be held in London, G. B. in June 1906 against delegates and subjects for discussion be sent. The meetings will continue tomorrow and Friday morning. Friday afternoon the delegates will be taken to Harrington by rail and return on the Lady Laurier, which is now here.

C. P. R. WILL GO AFTER CONTRACT

The Big Railway Company Will Put New Steamers on the Atlantic and Bid for the Mail Contract.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 16.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has notified the minister of trade and commerce of its intention to place two new twenty knot boats on the service between Canada and the United Kingdom next season, sailing via the St. Lawrence in the summer and the maritime ports in the winter. The present mail contract with the Allens expires the first of August next, and the C. P. R. has intimated to the government that it will bid when the time comes for this service.

The railway commission has approved of boat plans for eighty miles of the branch line that the Grand Trunk Pacific is to build from Fort William, connecting with the main line of the new trans-continental highway.

HONORED ETHAN ALLEN

BURLINGTON, Vt., Aug. 16.—Vermont's state holiday, the anniversary of the battle of the Bennington, was signaled today by the dedication of a memorial tower to the revolutionary patriot, Ethan Allen, in this city, with Charles W. Fairbanks, vice-president of the United States, as the principal speaker.

Battle line steamer Nema from Philadelphia sailed from Algiers for Constantinople last Monday.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER.

A NOTABLE ADDRESS. The members of the Funeral Directors Association were charmed yesterday by the address delivered to them by the Deputy Mayor.

His deputy worship, proceeding, referred to the universal demand for the goods produced by the members of this association, and the fact that not a single complaint had ever been made by any of their patrons. This was the very highest tribute to excellence. No one had ever come back to charge them with wrong doing on the part of the goods on their hands.

In conclusion his deputy worship expressed again the pleasure it gave him to meet the members of the Funeral Directors Association and be able to address them. As they went about the city they would see many objects of interest, and some things that ought to be buried. He would be glad to extend to the delegates the courtesies of City Hall would be a very good starting point for an excursion among the tombs.

By unanimous resolution it was decided to present the deputy mayor with a commemorative tablet suitably inscribed.

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 16.—(Special)—There was much consternation this morning when Baron Komura appeared in striped pants. He is always dangerous when he pants that way, and it is feared a rupture in the negotiations will result from today's deliberations. However, Mr. Witte patted a little girl on the head, and this is taken by some as a favorable omen. The little girl was very prettily attired in white. She is the daughter of Vanderbilt Astor Whitney of Woollywooly-on-the-Hudson, whose family are spending the summer here. A maid in a toilet costume was with her at the time, and many kodaks snapped after Witte had patting her. She stood pat. The incident was historic, and will no doubt figure in the final record of the peace conference.