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ANNOUNCEMENT

Changes Which are in Progress in Connection With the Courier—An Editor Selected For Social Department.

In connection with the fact that this paper has passed into the hands of "The Brantford Courier, Limited" with a strong list of stockholders, and Board of Directors, and also greatly increased capital, it is the intention to make many improvements.

The paper will be enlarged as to number of pages, the all-round machinery facilities greatly increased, the editorial and reportorial staffs and other departments more heavily manned, and so on.

The leased wire service will of course be maintained and other special features be introduced.

All that is proposed cannot of course be accomplished with care and efficiency in a few days, but matters are progressing as rapidly as possible and it will be for the public to judge the outcome.

Meanwhile the indulgence of a little time is asked, and will, no doubt be readily given.

The board are pleased to announce that Miss Nellie VanNorman has accepted a position on the permanent staff. She will have a separate office on the editorial floor, at which she will be in daily attendance for those having matters of concern in connection with her department—society and personal items, the reporting of theatrical shows, concerts and so on.

Miss VanNorman has done much of this class of work in spare time, in other years, and is thoroughly capable. The fact that she is to hold such a post, will be generally pleasing, and especially so to the fair sex.

All letters or phones with regard to her branch of staff, should in future be addressed to "Society" editor.

Those sending such are asked to sign their names, not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

The editorial floor and the rooms thereon will be rearranged, and made more convenient, alike for members of the staff and those of the public having business with them, and other internal improvements will be inaugurated immediately.

The Board of Directors hope to shortly make some other important announcements, and they ask for the hearty co-operation of the residents of the city and of the county.

THE TURKS

Make an Important Advance Towards Meeting the Demands of the Allies—The Latest News From Peace Conference.

(Courier Leased Wire)

LONDON, Jan. 6.—An important advance has been made by the Turks toward meeting the demands of the Balkan allies, according to the opinion expressed by the representatives of Bulgaria in regard to the new Ottoman proposals as to the future frontier between Bulgaria and Turkey. The Ottoman delegates are expected to present a definite project during today's sitting of the peace conference, suggesting that the western frontier of Turkey should follow the course of the rivers Maritsa and Tundje, the Turks to retain the fortress of Adrianople, but to abandon Kirk-Kiliseh.

The allies declare that if this proposal is put forward, they will consider it as affording sufficient reason for the withdrawal of their threats to break off negotiations, and will continue the discussions in London in the hope of obtaining further concessions from Turkey. At the same time they anticipate the early capitulation of the beleaguered garrison of Adrianople, and this is calculated to alter radically the Ottoman point of view. The conversation between Dr. S. Danef, the chief of the Bulgarian peace delegation, and M. Jonescu, the Romanian minister of the interior, have assumed a rather serious character. The Romanian statesman insists that Roumania must receive immediate satisfaction by the grant of compensation, which was promised in return for her neutrality during the war. Otherwise, he says, it will be impossible to control the feeling of the Roumanian people, who demand from the Government prompt and adequate action.

Dr. S. Danef, in reply, repeated the vague promises already made to the Rumanian Government during his sojourn at Bucharest before he came to London, but M. Jonescu insisted on an explicit answer and Dr. Danef thereupon telegraphed to the Bulgarian Government at Sofia for definite instructions on the subject. The Turkish delegates are very indignant over the attitude of the European powers toward the Ottoman Empire. They remark that when the Turks are defeated nothing is done to moderate their enemies' pretensions, but when the Turks are victorious, they are also prevented by the powers from reaping the fruits of their efforts. They cite the war of 1907 in which Greece was utterly defeated by Turkey at Domakos and the Greek army was compelled to withdraw on Thermopylae and to conclude an armistice. Five days later, however, a collective note was sent by the European powers to the Porte in which the conditions of peace were practically drafted and the annexation of Thessaly was prevented, although it had been occupied by the Turkish troops. The payment of Greece of a war indemnity was also stopped by the powers. Thus Turkey gained nothing by her victories in that war, but now that Turkey has been defeated by the allied forces of Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Serbia, the allies are supported by the powers in their demands for that which they have not even conquered.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

(Courier Leased Wire).
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 6.—Geo. Ade, humorist, author and playwright, sustained serious injury here last night as the result of a fall on a slippery sidewalk. He is reported to have suffered concussion of the brain, and was unconscious for nearly an hour after the accident.

A COMPETITION

To the individual, man, woman, or child, who is a citizen of Brantford, and sends in the most popular name for the new vaudeville theatre on Dalhousie street, I will give a free seat for each performance, during six months. JAMES O'REILLY, to warn off strikebreakers. It was

NOT A DRINK THIS YEAR SO FAR—TALK ABOUT RESOLUTION EH!



COMMENDABLE PRIDE.

THE VERY LATEST DESPATCHES

Well Known Humorist and Writer is Seriously Injured—Time Extended For Two Railway Presidents Charged With Violating the U. S. Anti Trust Law—Two Vacancies Exist in Canadian Senate—Big Gas Well is Struck in East Elgin—A Big Fire in Saskatchewan.

TWO VACANCIES IN SENATE.

(Courier Leased Wire).
OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 6.—Hon. Arch. Campbell's death leaves two Ontario vacancies in the Senate, the other being the seat of Senator Sullivan of Kingston, who has been absent for two sessions. E. I. Shully will probably get one of the appointments.

STRUCK ANOTHER WELL.

(Courier Leased Wire).
ST. THOMAS, Ont., Jan. 6.—The Medina Gas Co., which has natural gas wells near Vienna East Elgin, has struck another well on the Laur farm, two miles east of Vienna. The capacity of the new strike is 800,000 cubic feet per day.

BRITISH STEAMER ON BEACH.

(Courier Leased Wire).
GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 6.—The British Steamer Albanian, Leyland Line, from Liverpool to Texas City for a cargo of cotton, went on the beach at Galveston Island, last night in a strong south wind. The ship is believed to be in no danger.

HAS BEEN EXTENDED

(Courier Leased Wire).
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The time when Charles S. Mellen and E. J. Chamberlain, presidents respectively of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway, must decide finally what they will do with reference to the Federal indictments charging

them with violating the anti-trust law by attempting to monopolize the railroad traffic of New England, was extended to-day for a week. The defendants will have until next Monday to demur or change their tentative pleas of not guilty already entered.

PICKED UP CREW.

(Courier Leased Wire).
DELEWARE BREAKWATER, Del., Jan. 6.—The British steamer Sydney, from Cardinals for Philadelphia, which passed here last night, reports having on board the crew of the Bark Winslow. The bark was lost.

COLD ON PACIFIC COAST.

(Courier Leased Wire).
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The sharpest cold wave which the Pacific coast has experienced for many years crept down from the north yesterday and to-day. The temperature here to-day averaged 35 degrees. Sacramento recorded the lowest temperature of fifteen years with the mercury barely above the twenty degree mark. Damage to the orange groves throughout the state is feared. The minimum temperature in Seattle today was 27 degrees. The Great Northern Transcontinental line is still tied up by an avalanche and overland trains are being routed to Spokane over the Northern Pacific. Gales at sea were heavy.

BIG FIRE

(Courier Leased Wire).
SOUTH BATTLEFORD, Sask., Jan. 6.—Fire Saturday night destroyed the Gaiety Theatre and the Occidental Hotel, and a poolroom, while the Press newspaper was only saved by the editor using wet blankets. The lodge rooms of the Masons, Oddfellows and Foresters were all destroyed.

REVIVED INTEREST

(Courier Leased Wire).
MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—Announcement has been made of the intention of the United States Steel Corporation to build a \$30,000,000 plant in Canada, has revived interest here.

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

(Courier Leased Wire).
WINNIPEG, Jan. 6.—Samuel Grigg, a well-known evangelist, was arrested Saturday night on a warrant charging alleged bigamy, sworn out by a London, Ontario, woman, who claims she is his wife. Grigg is now in a cell in the central police station, and will probably be brought before Magistrate MacDonald in the police court to-day. Grigg is supposed to have married the complainant several years ago.

THE DEATH

(Courier Leased Wire).
MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—The death

ANOTHER BOON

Is Secured For the City of Brantford by Mr. Cockshutt M. P.—Will be of Special Interest to Old Country Residents Here.

Another improvement is announced in connection with the Brantford Post Office, and it will prove of especial interest and gratification to many Old Country people now residing in this community.

Some time ago it was pointed out at a Board of Trade meeting, that British mails for Brantford were held over at Hamilton, to be re-sorted for this city, thus causing a delay in delivery here for some hours. Nothing came of the request then for a change. After Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., went back to Ottawa he at once took the matter up and as the outcome Mr. W. G. Raymond has received the following letter:

Ottawa, Dec. 19.

Post Office Department, Canada.

The postmaster general is informed that this department is in receipt of a letter from the General Post Office, London, England, dated Dec. 16th, stating that the Business Exchange Offices, which make up mails for Hamilton, have been instructed to include therein labelled bundles of letters and postcards for Brantford in all cases where this course is practicable and is justified by the amount of correspondence. This will insure the promptest possible forwarding from Hamilton of correspondence from Great Britain addressed to Brantford.

Secretary.

P. O. Department.

THE REVISION

Of the U. S. Tariff by the Democrats Has Actually Commenced—Some of the Features of the Situation.

(Courier Leased Wire).

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Democratic revision of the tariff actually got under way to-day when the House Ways and Means Committee began hearings which will be the basis of the new tariff bill of the next congress, to repeal the Payne-Aldrich law. To-day's hearing was on schedule "A," the chemical schedule. The committee plans to go down through the list taking a new schedule every other day until all have been covered.

With the full membership of the committee sitting in the big hall in the House Building, the first hearing of a month-long series, looking to the preparation of a law to carry out the Democratic party pledge of an "immediate downward revision," and "tariff for revenue only" was begun.

Most of the Democratic majority of the present Ways and Means committee will go into the next congress, which is to convene in extra session probably between March 15 and early April. When the tariff hearings are ended, Democrats of the committee will devote themselves in daily executive sessions to the formulation of the tentative tariff legislation which they hope to have ready by March 15, if not earlier.

The concrete result of their deliberations, the new tariff rates, from acids and zinc, the expansions

of the free list and so on, will be formally passed upon at a caucus of the representatives of the new house to be called soon after the opening of the extra session. This caucus will determine whether the new tariff legislation shall be in the form of a single measure or in separate bills, schedule by schedule along the lines of the tariff procedure of the last session, when chemical wool, cotton, iron and steel, and free list bills, went through both houses, but met presidential veto.

Chairman Underwood, of the Ways and Means committee and his associates are inclined to favor the same course as that of last session. By that procedure it is urged by its advocates, "log rolling," or trading on rates on various articles could be avoided. The chemical schedule is one of three or four that command the greatest interest. Democratic committee men claim revision along the lines embodied in the chemical bill of last year would save American consumers \$7,000,000 by reducing the prices of all chemicals and at the same time increasing the revenue to the government. The plan of the committee is to levy low rates of duty upon non-competitive articles produced in this country, especially the chemicals used in the textile industry and chemicals and drugs used for medicines.

THE BIG COST

Of Running United Kingdom For the Next Year—A Total of One Billion Dollars is Announced.

(Courier Leased Wire).

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: The cost of running the United Kingdom for the next twelve months will amount to the colossal sum of \$1,000,000,000. The navy estimates alone will reach an aggregate of almost \$250,000,000. This increase of upward of \$20,000,000 is due to many causes, but chiefly to the higher cost of ship-building.

All contracts that have been lately placed and that will have to be placed in the near future reflect this movement. The calculated cost of

constructing an ordinary merchant vessel has advanced more than 300 per cent, in the last two years and in the case of warships the difference is proving not less remarkable. Everything required by the admiralty, guns, torpedoes, ships' plates, all show advances. The period of cheap ship-building from which the country gained an immense advantage has come to an end.

The army estimates will also show an increase, and there will be heavy charges in civil service estimates for old age pensions, labor bureaus and insurance.

took place here this morning of Brigadier-General Charles William Drury, C.B., A.D.C., a well-known Maritime Province soldier-officer, commanding the Sixth Division, and a Fenian Raid and South African veteran. Brigadier-General Drury was on a visit to friends here.

HAMILTON ELECTIONS.

(Courier Leased Wire).
HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 6.—Interest in the municipal elections here today centres in the by-law to cut off 27 tavern and live shop licenses and the mayoralty battle between Controller John Allan and Controller

William G. Bailey. Both candidates have already been defeated once while seeking the mayor's chair. Although sleet was falling this morning and there was a covering of slush on the streets, the vote will probably be heavy, as the mayoralty candidates and the hotelmen have strong organizations. There is a warm aldermanic contest in every ward, and eleven aspirants for the board of control are in the battle.

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TO-MORROW'S WEATHER

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THE GRAND OPERA

HOUSE, BRANTFORD

Grand—Wednesday, January 8th—Messrs. Schubert and Lewis Walter have the honor to submit A RUTTERLY ON THE WHEEL. The play with the greatest trial scene ever presented on the stage. Coming to Brantford with the original all-English cast and production after its highly successful run at the 39th St. Theatre, New York. One solid year in London, Eng. Same company that played Toronto. Prices 25c. to \$1.50. Seats Monday.

Grand—Thursday, January 9th—The dramatic thunderbolt, "THE GAMBLERS," by Chas. Klein, author of "The Music Master," "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Third Degree." This is Mr. Klein's greatest play, and ran one whole year at Maxine Elliott's Theatre, New York. The story is of everyday life, and is of absorbing interest. Prices 25c. to \$1.00. Seats Thursday.