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SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
WILL TAKE OVER THE HOME LIFE ASSETS BY DEAL CLOSING TODAY

Negotiations Which Will Be Concluded This Morning Cover About Two Million Dollars, Including Adelaide Street Building—Policy-Holders Will Be Protected.

This afternoon a meeting will be held to complete negotiations for the absorption by the Sun Life Assurance Company, Montreal, of the assets of the Home Life Assurance Association. T. A. Macaulay, the Sun Life managing director, meets directors of the smaller company to settle a few undetermined questions. Until the negotiations are terminated and ratified officials of the companies affected refuse to give details of the financial arrangements made. It is quite likely, however, that the amount involved will reach two million dollars. John A. Life, said last night that negotiations had been progressing for two or three weeks, but he had not been advised that they were practically completed. The World heard yesterday. Home Life officials declared the policyholders were being fully protected in the deal. The transaction for the Home Life is entirely independent of the Union Life Assurance Company and the National Agency Company. The three companies have the same directorate with H. Pollman Evans president of each, the only exception being that of J. K. McCutcheon is managing director of the Home Life. The deal, it was declared, was entirely separate from the affairs of the Union Life, although the two companies appeared to be interlocked.

If today's meeting successfully concludes negotiations, the Sun Life will make the Home Life building, at the northwest corner of Adelaide and Victoria streets, its Toronto headquarters. This property, opposite the postal extension site, is valued at from \$550,000 to \$600,000. The building will be remodelled.

TRADE MINISTER FOR ONTARIO SUGGESTED

Retail Merchants Will Ask the Government to Create a New Department—Dominion Labor Bureau Was Criticized as Distributing Misleading Information.

"That the executive be requested to lay before the Ontario Government the fact that there is no proper provision made whereby many important trade subjects that affect the Province of Ontario can be dealt with in a proper manner, and that they should provide a department of trade, with a minister of trade presiding over it, similar to the department of agriculture and the department of labor."

The above resolution was unanimously passed at the 14th annual convention of the Ontario Retail Merchants' Association, held in Massey Hall yesterday. It was the outcome of the declaration on the part of President Wesloch, of Berlin, that such a department in the Ontario Government was now an absolute necessity.

"There is a pronounced lack of facilities possessed by the Ontario Government in giving information on the conditions of the province," said President Wesloch. "They have a department of labor, of agriculture, of mining, and for almost every other interest. But the most important of all—the commercial interests of the province—has been overlooked and has no department at all."

"At the present time some very important rules and regulations concerning retail merchants are placed under the direction of the department of agriculture or the department of labor. The result is that we have inspectors giving us instructions who are not familiar with our work."

A Little Censure.

The Dominion Government also came in for censure in the following resolution:

"That it is the opinion of this convention that the publication issued by the department of labor, at Ottawa, giving the wholesale prices in Canada of various articles, does not in any way assist either the merchants or the general public, and that it is misleading in its intentions, and apt to leave a wrong impression in the public mind. We, therefore, ask this convention to censure the publication."

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CLEANING UP

Color ran riot last night at the armories when the nineteenth Canadian National Horse Show was opened under most auspicious circumstances. Fine weather, music, brilliancy, gaily-garbed women, well-groomed line, and the finest horses in the Dominion. What more could be desired by even the beautiful Queen City of Canada?

The decorations alone were a sight to behold. In their first night freshness, the billowing dome being lighted by many electric clusters suspended from its waving boudoirs. Groves of flags and graceful drapings of red, blue and yellow bunting were profusely in evidence. In the centre stood the neat stand of the judges. This was circled by a pretty white lattice with handsome hydrangea about it. Great potted plants topped the gates and lined the avenues to the inviting entrances.

The arrival of Sir John and Lady Gibson with their suite was heralded by a few bars of the national anthem, the spontaneous rising of the audience, and the equally spontaneous waving of a forest of tall silk hats.

The judging began early and as the beautiful horses appeared in the arena, bursts of applause greeted their appearance, and the good showings achieved in the different features of the program. Probably the most exciting was the hurdle competition, and as the graceful beasts essayed the white gates and bars and vaulted lightly over or perhaps balked at the task, interest and anxiety rose to fever point among the audience. The trotting was magnificent and the splendid Clydesdales shook their decorated manes as they snipped round the ring, seemingly anxious as their masters to gain the ribbon, blue, red, yellow, or white.

The Grenadiers' band furnished the musical program and a bevy of pretty girls in white and nearly all wearing Horse Show colors waited ready to serve the guests in the pretty tea-rooms at the close of the performance.

Everything points to the Horse Show of 1913 being the best in the history of such exhibitions in Toronto.

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Italy May Be Austria's Ally

LONDON THINKS ALARM NEEDLESS

Optimism Has Not Vanished From Diplomatic Circles, Despite Messages From Vienna and Berlin.

Must Leave Town.

Special Cable to The World. VIENNA, April 29.—(Copyright.)—It is announced from Cattaro, the Austrian frontier town near Cetinje, that the inhabitants have been informed by the military commander that they must leave the town within 48 hours. Cattaro is dominated by a formidable Montenegrin mountain fort, and is sure to be destroyed by the Montenegrin guns in the event of war.

AUSTRIA WANTS ITALY'S SUPPORT

Majority of Powers Are Against Adopting Warlike Measures—No Definite Action Yet.

LONDON, April 29.—(Can. Press.)—Up to a late hour tonight the British foreign office had no news that Austria was actually taking separate action against Montenegro. It is understood that Austria is waiting the result of the ambassadorial conference on Thursday and employing the interval in an endeavor to induce Italy to join her in military action.

The meetings of the ambassadors in London have shown almost conclusively that a majority of the powers are not prepared to adopt warlike measures against Montenegro. It is thus practically certain that within a few days, whether Italy consents or not, Austria will despatch an ultimatum to Cetinje demanding the immediate evacuation of Scutari.

Not without reason, Essad Pasha's doings in Albania have come through. Ismail Kemal Bey, head of provisional Albanian government, has arrived in London to enlist British support. He and other Albanians do not regard Essad Pasha's coup very seriously, but the opinion seems to be growing among diplomats here that an administration under Essad Pasha in Albania might not be such an impossible solution of a difficult problem.

It is considered that Essad Pasha, as an industrial Albanian, might be more acceptable to Albanians than a foreign prince, and that if allowed to retain his self-chosen post he might be inclined to make territorial concessions which would compensate Montenegro for the loss of Scutari and satisfy European claims.

TROOPS NOT YET OVER FRONTIER

Austrians Are, However, Reported to Have Seized Railways—Albania Is Storm-Tossed.

LONDON, April 30.—(Can. Press.)—A Graz despatch to The Daily Mail says that the Austrian military authorities have taken possession of the railways running to the south, but that no movement of Austrian troops across the Montenegrin frontier has occurred as yet.

The Vienna correspondent of The Chronicle gives details of a plot according to which the Turco-Albanian committee at Constantinople appealed to Essad Pasha and King Nicholas to save Albania for the Koran by overthrowing the provisional government at Avlona. This was described as an instrument set up in the interests of the great powers.

The committee also summoned Djavid Pasha to assist Essad Pasha. The latter concluded a compact with Crown Prince Danilo, which afterwards was signed by King Nicholas. This compact provided for the sultan's sovereignty over Albania, the state which was to join the Balkan league, while Scutari and San Giovanni di Medua were to belong to Montenegro. Russia is understood to have sanctioned the plan.

The committee designated Prince Abdul Meshid for the Albanian throne, with Essad Pasha as viceroy, but the latter proclaimed himself as king. It is rumored that Djavid Pasha has overthrown the provisional government at Avlona.

An Antivari despatch to The Express says: "Fifteen thousand troops are here and soldiers are arriving continually. Every preparation is being made to hold the town against attack. The town is crowded with refugees, and the smallest supplies can be given to the starving thousands."

OUTBREAK MAY YET BE AVERTED

(Special Cable to The World.) LONDON, April 29.—(Copyright.)—Dr. Dillon in a Vienna despatch to the Morning Telegraph, indicates that unless at their meeting in London on Thursday the ambassadors of the powers reconsider their attitudes, Austria will reassert her liberty of action, and adopt suitable measures, either in conjunction with such other powers who may be willing to aid her or alone, to evict the Montenegrins from Scutari.

Down to Monday Austria was resolved to continue the political line she had been pursuing theretofore, unless the inaction of the powers should compel her to change her tack and resume her liberty of action, whereas today she declares her hand is free and she is accordingly busy, very busy in devising a scheme for occupying Scutari.

A Little Ground for Hope.

"Those are the rugged facts of the case," the ally hope is that on Thursday, Europe, which is now in a pathological state of divided intellect and feeling, may merge the two in some felicitous formula that can be embodied in fruitful action. Few people of critical discernment share this hope, because no reconciliation of the two opposite tendencies among the governments is possible without a compromise to which Austria, with her real and weighty interests in the Balkans, cannot and other powers yearning for prestige, will not consent.

HONEST AND STRAIGHTFORWARD DEALINGS OF HON. W. J. HANNA RELATED BY FOUR WITNESSES

Annuity for Lady Scott.

LONDON, April 29.—(Can. Press.)—The British Government, according to announcement of Premier Asquith tonight, will provide an annuity of \$500 for the widow of Capt. Robert F. Scott, as head of the British Antarctic expedition, who perished while returning from the south pole, in addition to her admiralty pension of \$1000.

The government will also provide a joint annuity of \$1500 for Capt. Scott's mother and his two sisters, and an annuity of \$1500 for the widow and sister-in-law of Dr. Edward A. Wilson, chief of the scientific staff of the expedition.

Official Investigation of the Proudfoot Charges Opened Yesterday—Heated Arguments Between Counsel Lead to Innuendoes Being Expunged From Evidence—Letter From Harry Mansonville Caused a Disturbance.

From the lips of L. E. C. Thorne, the arbitrator in the Taylor-Scott contract under investigation by the special committee of privileges and elections, now in session at the legislature, came a vindication late last evening of the honest and straightforward dealing of Hon. W. J. Hanna in the settlement of all contracts and the conduct of all government matters germane to the charges preferred by William Proudfoot of Centre Huron. In all his acquaintanceship with the provincial secretary, dealing with the issuance of the flat in which corrupt practice had been charged and the settlement of the contractor's claim which gave rise to the whole situation, he had found nothing that was in any way derogatory to the character of the minister, either by deception, self-interest or at all subversive of the interests of the province. In his knowledge further, all proceedings had been of an honest nature and without irregularity. The history of the department as he knew it, from an inside knowledge thru years of experience, was capable and reliable.

Four Witnesses Heard.

Mr. Thorne concluded a series of four witnesses appearing in succession since the initial assembly of the committee at 10 a.m. and withstood close examination from both prosecuting and defending counsel.

At the opening of the session Messrs. Hartley Dewart, K.C., and W. J. Elliott appeared for William Proudfoot, who launched the charges, and later in the day these were reinforced by the services of M. K. Cowan, Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., and W. M. Ferguson, K.C., were retained by Hon. Mr. Hanna and Sir James Whitney.

The earlier part of the examination in which S. A. Armstrong, assistant provincial secretary, J. R. Cartwright, deputy attorney-general, and Warden Gilmour of the Central Prison appeared in the witness box was devoid of incident. The atmosphere of the evening, however, became charged with legal controversy, and harsh expressions speed back and forth freely. The ruling of the chairman as to the relevancy of material was again and again submitted amid excitement to the committee and each time sustained. Parts of the evidence also, which due to the persistency on the part of the accusing counsel were entered upon the records, were as rapidly expunged. At 11 o'clock adjournment until 10 o'clock today took place.

Papers Are Lost.

Mr. Dewart began the examination by asking S. A. Armstrong, assistant provincial secretary, for the contract originally made between the Taylor-Scott Company and the government. Mr. Armstrong told that it with certain relative papers was not to be found. A letter of July 9, 1907, and one later were also missing. These were from the inspector of the Central Prison to the contractors and vice-versa.

"Was there an attachment showing the five details under which the claim was made?" asked the counsel.

"No, I do not think so," was the reply.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the papers were lost.

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THORO INQUIRY INTO MOTOR ACCIDENT

Inquest Was Opened Yesterday and No Time Will Be Lost in Placing Blame For Collision Between Street Car and Automobile—Mrs. Britnell and Miss Coad Still Very Low.

The inquiry into the street car fatality of Monday evening began yesterday when Coroner George W. Graham opened an inquest at the morgue at 10 o'clock in the afternoon. After the jury had been empaneled and had viewed the body of Albert E. Britnell, the coroner postponed further investigation until May 7. From inquiries made by the police it now appears that the auto crossed College street behind a westbound car, and that Harry Southby, the motorman, has been a motorman in Toronto for many years and previously to coming to Toronto he had six years' experience in England.

Edward Britnell, the driver of the motor car, has made no further explanation of the accident than the statement he made on Monday evening. He is still confined to his bed, propped up on pillows, and suffering from shock, and his physicians have given orders that under no circumstances must he be disturbed.

Albert Britnell's funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the home of his father, 95 Summerhill avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Patients Improve.

At one o'clock this morning the condition of the two women victims had changed very little. Dr. J. W. Russell, the only surgeon of danger that there was evidence of a change for the better in Mrs. A. E. Britnell's condition, and that even Miss Coad might recover. Mrs. Britnell at times has been conscious, but at no time has Miss Coad shown any signs of regaining her senses.

Joseph Coad, of 20 Hepburn street, the young woman's father, when at the hospital yesterday was told by the physicians that there was now a faint hope of his daughter's recovery. Mrs. Coad, the mother, has been unable to stand the shock and is now ill at her home. She was anxious to see her daughter yesterday, but her condition made a visit impossible.

BOYS FIRED BARN AND ALL ESCAPED

A daring attempt to burn down a stable at the rear of 785 West Queen street was made by a number of boys at 10:50 last night.

The fire was discovered by a man who noticed the boys running away from the building, but before an alarm could be turned in it had grown into a healthy blaze. Brigades from lower Dundas College and Portland streets and Cowan avenue responded to the alarm. The building is owned by E. White, and was damaged to the extent of \$300. The boys all escaped.

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Tyrone Power is Appreciated.

The audiences which have greeted Mr. Tyrone Power Monday evening and again last night at the Princess have been thoroughly appreciative and indicate that the people enjoy the stage's best offerings. There will be a popular-priced matinee today.

BRILLIANT HORSE SHOW OPENING

NOT OF COLOR GOOD JUMPERS AT THE OPENING ON FIRST NIGHT

Gaily Gowned Women, Brilliant Decorations, Good Music and Beautiful Horses Made a Memorable Scene.

Lack of Interest in Other Classes Causes Surprise and Disappointment Among Spectators.

The nineteenth annual Canadian National Horse Show opened at the armories last night with a very large attendance, and, judging by the enthusiasm displayed by the spectators, the success of the show is assured. Still one could not but notice that the interest among exhibitors appears to be lacking in all classes except the hunters and jumpers, as those classes seem to predominate all thru the program for the week.

Of the eight events on the program last night four were for horses under saddle, and while the performances of the hunters and jumpers are pleasing to the spectators and thoroughly appreciated, there must be some cause for the lack of interest in the other classes, and the Horse Show will fall in its purpose unless these classes are better represented.

Last night's audience was a brilliant one and included many of Canada's most noted men and women. However, the society editor will take care of them in another page.

A feature of the show last night was the brilliant performances of the Sifton horses from Ottawa, ridden by Jack Hamilton, who formerly rode for Crow & Murray of this city.

The thoroughbred hunters and Clevelands, a pair of 16-hand chestnut geldings, owned by the Hon. Clifford Sifton, performed faultlessly, and the outside critics could not very well understand how the judges did not see their way clear to place Elmhurst better than the third in the class for qualified hunters (middleweight), where Viscount and Marquis were placed first and second, respectively.

The thoroughbred hunters' class brought out no less than three King's Plate disappointments in the Hendrie cast-offs, Powderman and Whaup and Toisere, that carried the colors of the O. J. C. president. None of the three was up to much at the jumping game.

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