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COMMERCIAL MEN GETTING UP PETITION

Want Hotel Conditions Throughout Ontario to Be Improved

LAW CLERK A SUICIDE

Toronto Man Drinks Carbolic Acid—Bar Association Approves Principle of Provincial Divorce Court—Report Against Making Witnesses Kiss The Bible

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—It was announced at the annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, held in St. George's Hall, last night, that a petition had been placed in circulation, calling upon the Ontario government to remedy improper hotel accommodations throughout the province, especially in local option municipalities, to appoint a special inspector or inspectors, entirely independent of political influences, to inspect and supervise such hotel accommodations. The petition will be signed, it is reported, by thousands of "drummers," and will likely be presented to the government some time during the coming year. Specific charges of improper accommodation will then be laid before the government.

Frederick Brooks Hill, a law clerk in the employ of Louis M. Singer, barrister, committed suicide at his home yesterday, by drinking carbolic acid. He was thirty-five years old, married, and had one child. For the third time within almost as many years, the Ontario Bar Association wrestled with the question of establishing a divorce court in the province, at the continuation of the annual meeting yesterday, and while adopting the principle, made no progress towards stating grounds upon which divorce should be granted. The discussion arose out of the adoption of the report of a committee on laws which contained many clauses obviously directed against alleged maladministration of justice in Toronto. The report proposed to prohibit crown attorneys in cities of more than 50,000 population engaging in private practice, directly or indirectly, to have crown attorneys paid by salary and in cities like Toronto have a regular assistant.

It sought to prevent search warrants being issued without the consent of the town attorney, or a magistrate, to have "respectable" offenders segregated from common prisoners of the vagrant type, and to prevent the removal of a prisoner's personal effects on arrest, excepting stolen articles and dangerous weapons, etc. It was felt that witnesses and jurors should receive more reimbursement, and the practice of kissing the Bible when making a deposition should be discontinued.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R.F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. 9 A. M. WEATHER REPORT. Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto. Max. Min. Dir. Vel.

Forecast—Strong winds and gales from west and northwest, colder with snow showers today and on Saturday. Synopsis—The storm is now centered north of Newfoundland and northwest gales prevail through the maritime provinces. Extreme cold continues in western provinces; to banks and American ports, northwesterly gales.

Saint John Observatory. The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.50 and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 47th Meridian, equivalent to five hours Greenwich time.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 24 Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 6 Temperature at noon 11 Humidity at noon 54 Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 22 degrees Fah.) 29.66 inches. Wind at noon: Direction, N. W. Velocity, 52 miles per hour. Fair. Same date last year: Highest temperature, 38; lowest, 23. Snow turning to rain.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director. THE TROOP BUILDING. The special committee of the council of the Trade, which was appointed to deal with the proposed purchase of the Troop building, to be used as permanent offices for the board, met this morning in the office of the board in Prince William street. Plans for the purchase of the building were discussed, and it was decided to inaugurate a whirlwind campaign for the purpose of raising the necessary funds.

HESPERIA'S CARGO. The S.S. Hesperia, which sailed on the 23rd, took away Canadian cargo valued at \$145,243, and foreign goods worth \$246,712, a total of \$391,955.

DR. SUN YAT SEN FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Eighteen Provinces of China Choose Him at Nanking Conference

Jubilation in Shanghai—A Sketch of the Man and a Forecast of His Policy for Bringing Peace to the Troubled Country

(Canadian Press)

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—Immediately following the receipt of word from Nanking that he had been elected president of the Republic of China, Dr. Sun Yat Sen handed the following statement to the press: "I consider it my duty to accept the presidency. My policy will be to secure peace and a suitable government by the promptest methods possible. My single aim is to insure the peace and contentment of the millions of my fellow countrymen." Shanghai, Dec. 29.—The news of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's election to the presidency by the delegates of the eighteen provinces of China proper at their conference in Nanking, spread with extraordinary rapidity among the population. Crowds made their way to the house in the French concession, in which he has resided since his arrival here. When he appeared he was greeted with an enthusiastic ovation. The city shows evidence of great activity. Members of the provisional cabinet, which was formed by Dr. Wu Tingfang on November 6 and delegates who were sent to the peace conference, which is now regarded as having lapsed, pass frequently along the streets on their way to President Sun Yat Sen's headquarters.

It is believed that he will demand the withdrawal of the so-called imperial troops from their strategic positions in order to avoid the possibility of conflict with the troops of the republican government. As soon as this has been effected, the armistice now existing will be extended and the Manchurian troops will be ordered to lay down their arms or to enter the service of the republic. As soon as military arrangements have been completed, negotiations will be opened on the subject of the pensions to

NEW BATTLESHIPS FOR UNITED STATES

Admiral Dewey Recommends Four a Year; Congress Will Likely Say Two

Washington, Dec. 29.—Peace but with four new battleships each year to assure it, is Admiral Dewey's wish for the future of the United States in its foreign relations. As head of the general staff, the admiral recommends that four new men of war be built each year, but congress will probably cut this to two.

THE SKULL FOUND

Had Been Taken From Grave of Serbian King's Father

Vienna, Dec. 29.—A group of children playing near St. Mark's cemetery, near the city, found the skull of King Peter of Serbia, which was stolen from the grave some days ago. The unknown ghoul, who broke into the grave and stole the head, did not take any of the orders, decorations and jewelry, which was buried with the prince, and they did not disturb the body of his wife.

At first, the robbery was ascribed to some Serbian revolutionaries, who took this action as a revenge on King Peter, who has prepared a splendid tomb for his parents in Serbia, and had arranged for the transfer of the bodies in 1912.

INSANITY MAKING STRIDES IN STATES

Twenty five Per Cent Gain Against Eleven Per Cent Population Increase

Washington, Dec. 29.—While the total population of the United States increased about eleven per cent in the last six years, the number of insane people was augmented during the same period by twenty-five per cent. In 372 institutions censused by the census bureau up to January 1, 1910, were 187,454 insane patients, or an increase of 57,302 since 1904. Massachusetts led the states with 34.6 insane per 100,000 population, with New York a close second, 33.3 for every 100,000 persons.

Cut Down Rate on Lenons

Washington, Dec. 29.—Lemon growers of this country today won a signal victory over foreign competitors and the transcontinental railroads, when the interstate commerce commission reaffirmed its previous order, upset by the new commerce court, reducing freight rates on lemons from California to all other points in the United States, from \$1.15 to 81 per 100 pounds.

The fight over lemon rates has been in progress since 1902, and originally involved the question of competition with Sicily.

New President of Ecuador

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 29.—The troops stationed in this city proclaimed General Pedro Montero as president of the republic last night.

FORMER WIFE OF NOTED WHIP AGAIN A BRIDE



Word has just been received from San Francisco of the issuance of a marriage license to Montgomery H. Clark, of that city, and Mrs. Mai Chatterton Baudoine, who last week obtained a divorce in Reno from John F. Baudoine, of New York, noted as a whip and yacht enthusiast. At the time she received the decree Mrs. Baudoine told Judge Orr during the course of a severe questioning that there was no other man in the case and that she did not intend to marry again.

TEACHERS TO MEET IN CAPITAL

Fredericton to Have Provincial Institute—Canadian Clubs Also—Death of L. A. Belyea

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 29.—(Special)—The executive of the Provincial Teachers' Institute met here last evening and decided to hold the next biennial meeting in this city from June 26 to 28. A committee was appointed to arrange a programme.

The executive of the local Canadian Club will this evening confer with the executive of the United Canadian Clubs of Canada to arrange for the next meeting of the latter, which is to be held here. Dr. W. S. Carter was elected president in Winnipeg last year.

Lewis A. Belyea, a prominent resident of Gibson, died last night, aged eighty-two. He leaves seven sons and three daughters. One of his sons is Glen L. Belyea, of St. John.

SEVERAL COURTS ARE TO BE HELD BY KING AND QUEEN IN 1912

Two Likely Before Easter—Lord Chamberlain Issues Notification of Requirements

London, Dec. 29.—The lord chamberlain, Earl Spencer, has issued the following notification:

1. Their Majesties will hold a series of courts during the coming year, two of which will probably be before Easter.
2. Ladies who have been presented and who wish to be summoned to one of these courts are requested to make a written application to the lord chamberlain, St. James' Palace, S.W., on Jan. 1, next, before that date.
3. A lady attending a court may present one lady, for whom she must be responsible, in addition to her daughter or daughter-in-law. The names of ladies to be presented should be forwarded by the lady who presents to the lord chamberlain at the court at which she is presented.
4. A lady presenting her daughter or daughter-in-law at the court at which she is presented.
5. No applications can be received from ladies who wish to be presented. Their names will be open to her husband's signature, if the latter has been presented, and to her father's signature, if she is presented by him.
6. Ladies may be accompanied to court by their husbands, if the latter have been presented, and gentlemen do not pass before the king and queen. Ladies are requested to forward the names of their husbands, if they wish to be accompanied to court, at the same time as their own, in order that they may be submitted together, as, once the summons card is issued, the attending of a summons card in order to include a lady's husband can be permitted only under the most exceptional circumstances.
7. Summons are issued about three weeks before the date of each court, and should it not be convenient for a lady to attend the particular court to which she is summoned, it will be open to her to make her excuses to the lord chamberlain in writing, when her name can, if desired, and if possible, be transferred to another list.
8. Ladies who have been presented at drawing rooms held during the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and at courts held during the reign of His Late Majesty King Edward VII., will not require to be again presented to their Majesties, the king and queen.
9. The dress regulations are:—Ladies, full court dress with feathers and train; gentlemen, full court dress.

ST. YVES IS INJURED

Marathoner Touched Wrong Button in Trying to Stop Motor Cycle

New York, Dec. 29.—Henry St. Yves, the champion French Marathon runner, sustained a brain concussion in a tumble from a new motor cycle last night. He had taken the machine out for a trial spin in Fifth Avenue, and was attempting to stop it suddenly to avoid collision with a cab, when he turned on the high speed throttle in mistake for the emergency brake.

Unable to stop the machine, St. Yves fell from the curb. It is thought he will be all right again in a few days.

LOSES LIFE TRYING TO SAVE HIS HORSES

Brookville, Ont., Dec. 29.—Alfred Chapman, aged fifty, was burned to death by a fire which broke out in his barn this morning. He endeavored to remove his horses. He got one out and, going back, was shut off by the flames.

SEVEN WOMEN IN MAYOR'S GOVERNMENT

Santa Monica, Cal., Dec. 29.—Seven women have been selected by Mayor Elect R. H. Dow to act in an advisory capacity during his term of office. He has chosen fourteen men to serve in a similar capacity, and the twenty-one voters will comprise a cabinet.

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REAL ESTATE MEN TO UNITE. The real estate men of the city are preparing to unite in an organization which will be for their mutual benefit and which they believe will be of advantage to the city as the result of the campaign which they will inaugurate for the purpose of increasing interest in properties in the city and throughout the province.

QUEEN OF SOUTH AMERICAN PARISIENNES



Madame Gonzales, who is the head of the South American colony in Paris. Her parties are on a colossal scale, and invitations are sought eagerly not only by Spanish-Americans but by the people of every nationality.

INVESTIGATE DISEASE EPIDEMIC IN QUEBEC

Some Say Smallpox, Mayor Says Chickenpox — Inspector Will Make Sure

Montreal, Que., Dec. 29.—The provincial health authorities, notwithstanding denials from Quebec about a small-pox outbreak of serious proportions, maintain that they had good grounds for the suspicion that the statement issued yesterday, in which it was asserted that epidemic conditions were in evidence in the capital of the province and that the Quebec health authorities were not taking adequate measures to cope with the situation.

COUNTESS KIDNAPPED

Italian Lady of Title Found in the Woods — Husband Badly Beaten

Rome, Dec. 29.—The police of Orvieto yesterday found the Countess Cabanini in the woods near Allerion. She was carried into a nearby house, and when she recovered, said she had been kidnaped by a brigand with the object of blackmail. The countess' husband, who was with her at the time of the kidnaping, was badly beaten and threatened with death. No arrests have been made so far.

OFFICIAL OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEAD

London, Dec. 29.—Sir Francis Alexander Campbell, who had been assistant under secretary of the foreign office since 1902, died yesterday. He was born on May 2, 1850, and was the son of the late Colonel George Campbell of the Grenadier Guards.

DIED IN IRELAND ON HIS WAY TO STATES

Queenstown, Ireland, Dec. 29.—Thomas Broadwood, who was recently appointed British vice consul in Chicago, died this morning in Queen's Hotel here. He was taken ill yesterday, while he was on board the liner New York on the way to America, and he disembarked here.

MAN IN HER GRAVE, SHE BRINGS SUIT FOR TRESPASS

Woburn, Mass., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Anna Myerson of Dorchester, has brought suit for trespass against the trustees of the Boston Cemetery here because a grave which she had reserved for her own personal use is occupied by the body of a man.

Resigns From Government

Havana, Dec. 29.—The secretary of justice, J. Barroque, has tendered his resignation to President Gomez. He gives no reasons, but this apparently is attributed to an exchange of ardent notes between the secretary and General Nunez, president of the Association of Veterans, who demanded the removal of a judge in the town of Guan in the province of Pinar del Rio.

COBALT FIRE LOSS \$40,000

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 29.—The fire loss at Golden City is estimated at \$40,000 with very little insurance. Volunteer firemen had their faces frozen owing to the cold weather. All the homeless people are being well taken care of.

LUDLOW IS NOW IN NEED OF REPAIRS

Governor Carleton Ready To Take Up the Harbor Ferry Service

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Collectors and Mates Want Increased Pay—A Recommendation That Future Floats Be Made of Steel—What the Gov. Carleton Has Cost

In his monthly report to the Ferry Committee, which is in session this afternoon, Superintendent Whiting reports that the Governor Carleton is now ready for service, and that the Ludlow is in need of repairs. He recommends that in future the ferry floats be built of steel. The mates' and collectors' petition for an increase in pay from \$50 to \$60 a month. The superintendent reports that he will start to drive the new piling on both sides as soon as it is received, to have the work finished before the river rises in the spring.

The Ludlow has received the usual repairs and cleaning, but there has been considerable trouble with the condenser, which will have to be overhauled when she comes off. They have also had trouble with the furnace, in the boilers and tubes. He will fit Bennett's patent on the Ludlow as on the Carleton as it has been of great benefit in handling at the dock.

MONTREAL PLANS FOR A BIG APPLE SHOW

Exhibit Next November From All Fruit Growing Parts of Dominion

Montreal, Dec. 29.—In the hope of attracting buyers from all the world over, Montreal will next year, probably be the scene of a national fruit exhibition on the scale as marked the national apple show in Vancouver a couple of years ago and the exhibition given a year earlier in Seattle.

It is proposed that an exhibition of what is regarded as Canada's national fruit, the apple, shall be held here next November with exhibits from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, and all the other apple-growing districts of Canada.

The plan is a development of the exhibition held at St. Anne De Bellevue this fall by the province of Quebec pomological and fruit-growing association, at which a project was started for a combined exhibition of the fruit vegetable and flower-growing associations in Montreal next year.

NEW ENGLAND MAKERS OF SHOES ARE TO SEND UP PRICES

Increase in Wholesale Figures Will Be Put Into Effect in March

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 29.—The increase in the wholesale price of shoes, which will be inaugurated in March by the Brockton shoe manufacturers, will be put into effect at the same time by the Lynn association and by most of the New England manufacturers. The formerly was taken up later because of the convention of the national association in New York.

Lynn makers say that their advance in price will probably be from five to seven per cent. Retailers will add enough to retail prices to protect themselves.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JOSEPH BARDSELY, DRUGGIST, TODAY

Joseph F. Bardsley, druggist, died suddenly at half past two o'clock this morning. He had been at his store on the corner of Brunswick and Richmond streets until eleven o'clock last night, and when he went home he was in his usual health. He was taken ill soon afterwards and expired. Mr. Bardsley was well known around the city and his death at such an early age will be heard of with deep regret by many friends. He was formerly with George Hoban in the North End, and a few years ago took over the stand in Brunswick street formerly occupied by Mr. Moore.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Robert Bardsley, three brothers, John B., Alfred, and Walter, and five sisters, Mrs. E. J. Wall, Misses Florence, Lillian, Emily and Agnes, all of this city. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 72 Elmouath street on Sunday afternoon at half past two o'clock.

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