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THE ROMANCE OF E. R. WHITNEY

Montreal Man of Seventy Weds Telephone Girl and Is Sued for $2,258,000 --- A New York Sensation of the Day.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The Herald this morning says: In the chapel of St. Cecilia's church, Brooklyn, were married E. R. Whitney, a wealthy promoter of Montreal, and Miss Annie Bennett, formerly a telephone operator at the Grand Union Hotel. The bridegroom is 70 years old, the bride gives her age as 23.

The ceremony was witnessed by a few close relatives of both families. The bridesmaid was Miss Bennett's chum, Miss Ida Schmidt, until recently a telephone operator at the Park Avenue Hotel. The best man was Charles Schmidt, an uncle of the latter, who is treasurer of the Buena Vista Ice Company. The ceremony was performed by Father McGoldrick, pastor of St. Cecilia's church.

Bride and bridesmaid wore gowns of cream colored crepe de chene, trimmed with white lace.

The romance of the Canadian and his bride has been told at length before. Mr. Whitney wanted to be married before, but was obliged to postpone the event on account of the formation of a business combination which took up all of his time. When the engagement was announced, Mr. Whitney gave his fiancee a large sum of money and last week he added more for her trousseau. The bridesmaid was also remembered with gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, after the honeymoon at Atlantic City, will take a trip to Europe. On their return, they will live in New York. Mr. Whitney's best man was to have been his son, but the latter, who is abroad, found it impossible to return in time.

A Suit for $2,258,000

NEW YORK, May 8.—A summons in a suit for $2,258,000 has been served on E. R. Whitney, of Magog, province of Quebec, Canada, a capitalist, said to be of considerable prominence in the Dominion. The complaint has not yet been prepared and counsel for the two parties express conflicting opinions as to whether it ever will be. The complainant is Richard S. Kaufmann, of No. 42 Broadway, who is described by counsel for Whitney as a promoter.

According to the complainant, Kaufmann, Whitney is the owner of extensive asbestos mines at Thetford and Black Lake, Quebec, and other points in Canada. After securing options on a large number of other going asbestos mines and plants he made the acquaintance of Kaufmann, who says that Whitney enlisted his services to float the securities of a projected consolidation of the asbestos companies of Canada and the United States.

Millions in Stocks and Bonds

Whitney's plan, according to Kaufmann, was to issue $20,000,000 bonds and $25,000,000 stock. Kaufmann says that he took an option on the bonds and then set about interesting moneyed men in the proposed company. Henry M. Whitney of Boston, who is said not to be related to the other Whitney, in any way, became interested in the matter as president of the American Asbestos Co. although there is some difference of opinion as to who brought him into it, and to just what extent he promised aid. Edward Slade, treasurer of the American Asbestos Co., was picked out for general manager of the new concern.

Among the options which Kaufmann says he obtained was one on the Whitney properties, which were to be purchased for $3,000,000. Kaufmann exhibits letters from Mr. Whitney in which he expresses his desire to look into the scheme and to examine the Canadian properties, which had been under option as constituents of the combine, and which were valued in his list at something more than $11,000,000. He says these were only part of the properties which were to be included.

Kaufmann further asserts that he had secured a promise of assistance from a downtown trust company. He gives the names of a prominent corporation attorney, and a wealthy dealer in machinery in Liberty street, who is also heavily interested in the manufacturing companies at Niagara Falls, and another attorney as those of men who had agreed to furnish the financial backing, on the condition that a thorough examination of the properties by engineers and accountants turned out favorably.

Frustrated by Rival Option

While affairs were in this state, he asserts, Whitney suddenly announced to him that he had given some German bankers an option on the $20,000,000 bonds for six or eight months, thus frustrating Kaufmann's work of flotation. Kaufmann exhibits papers signed with the name of E. R. Whitney, in which it is stipulated that Kaufmann's compensation as promoter is to be $258,000 in cash and $2,000,000 in stock. The suit therefore, is not for the entire sum in cold hard cash, but Kaufmann says he will demand $258,000 in that form and $2,000,000 of stock in any company Whitney forms, or some other satisfaction for the losses he claims.

The summons was served on behalf of Kaufmann by the law firm of H. A. & C. E. Heydt of No. 27 William street. A member of that firm said yesterday that the papers had been served on Whitney just before the latter's departure on his wedding tour. He believes Whitney to be a man of considerable fortune.

David M. Neuberger, attorney for Whitney, who accepted service of the summons and gave notice of appearance, made the following statement:

"Kaufmann and his suit are both a huge joke. I am willing to bet that the complaint will never be served. Certainly the case will never come to trial, for there is no case. Mr. Whitney does not owe Kaufmann a single dollar, neither on any actual or contingent obligation. Suppose you came to me and said you could raise $1,000,000 to finance an industrial company, that you mentioned the men who were to furnish it and when I asked them about it they laughed at me. You might serve a summons on me, but I wouldn't owe you a dollar and you would never recover any."

A KIDNAPPER

Queer Story That Comes to the Times from Brussels Street

The following story is reported today from Brussels street:—

"On Saturday afternoon, about half-past three, two women attempted to kidnap Harry McGovern, an eight-years-old boy who lives with his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Murphy, No. 126 Brussels street. The boy says one of the women called him out of his yard and told him she was his mother. Then she caught him by the arm and dragged him quite a distance. A neighbor woman saw the occurrence and says she saw the same woman watching at the gate of the yard several times before. The boy's grandmother is very much disturbed about the matter and will report it to the police. The child is a stranger here and his mother is in Boston. Mrs. Murphy thinks she knows who the parties are who are trying to get the child and she will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."

REMARKABLE DISASTER

One of the Strangest in the History of Vineyard Sound Shippings --- Steamer Sunk in Fifteen Minutes---Only One Life Lost.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., May 8.—With the arrival here early today of the tug Patience came news of one of the most remarkable marine disasters in the history of Vineyard Sound shipping.

The Joy line steamer Aransas, bound from Boston for New York, was struck by the coal laden barge Glendower, in tow from Philadelphia for Boston, and sunk within 15 minutes, but out of 37 passengers and a crew of 29 on the steamer, most of whom were asleep at the time of the collision, only one life was lost. Miss Mamie Kelly, residence unknown, was missing when the roll of passengers was called.

The scene of the collision was about a mile and a half southeast of Pollock Rip Shoals lightship. Although the accident happened at 1.30 o'clock yesterday morning, and at a point only 33 miles distant from this port, the survivors did not arrive here until early today, the thick fog which prevailed necessitating slow navigation. Although no official report has yet been made, it is known that the disaster was due to the fog.

The Aransas, Capt. Rood in command, left Boston Saturday afternoon and was well across the bay before she ran into the fog. It was about midnight on Saturday when the steamer began to make her way cautiously across the Nantucket Shoals, keeping close to her course in spite of the fog.

At 1.30 o'clock Sunday morning, when about a mile and a half from the Pollock Rip Shoals lightship, the tug Patience, with a tow of three barges loomed up through the fog. The tug cleared the Aransas, but the barge Glendower struck the steamer amidship, tearing open a great hole through which the sea poured like a cataract.

The Glendower was uninjured by the collision. The engine room and fire room of the Aransas were quickly flooded, and torrents of water rushed through the great hole in the steamer's side. It was seen that the steamer was sinking and orders to lower the boats were given. Most of the passengers and crew were in their berths at the time of the collision, but all were awakened by the crash. They dressed hastily and rushed up on deck. Although there was great excitement, there was no panic. Captain Rood and Mate Crocker preserved excellent discipline among the crew, quickly calming the fears of the passengers and maintained order.

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The Conqueror's Indignation. A.D. 1066

"Edward died at the age of 65, and was buried in Westminster Abbey, which he had built. On account of his religious character he was known as 'The Confessor.' At his death, Harold, son of Earl Godwin, seized the throne. William of Normandy on receipt of the news flew into a great rage, and resolved to stake on the issue of a battle the English crown, which he claimed as his own by the bequest of the Confessor."

---The New History of England.

ALMOST FABULOUS FIND OF GOLD

Richest Ever Discovered in Nova Scotia --- It Is Estimated It Will Yield Fifty Millions of Dollars---Colorado and Yukon Miners Say They Never Saw Its Like.

SYDNEY, N. S., May 8.—(Special)—Mayor Burchell, of Glace Bay, and J. R. Blackett, auditor general of the Dominion Coal Co., have just returned from Goldboro, Guysboro county, where the Seal Harbor gold belt property is located, and they say that experts present on the ground claim the find to be by far the richest in Nova Scotia, and rivals anything on the continent.

President Hayward, of the Nova Scotia Mining Society, expresses a similar opinion. Every lead shows magnificent sights of gold, with more sights as the leads are further developed.

In Donkin lead, which is about 27 feet, there are now 3,250 tons of quartz exposed and proven, and experts estimate it will show some one and a half million tons, at a profit of ten dollars per ton.

There is a 66 foot lead in which 5,000 tons are exposed and proven, and it is estimated that this lead will show three and a half million tons at a profit of five dollars per ton.

Colorado and Yukon miners who have examined samples of the quartz brought to this city say that in all their experience they never saw such rich and beautiful sights, and those of them who have visited the property say that Seal Harbor belt is without question one of the richest gold discoveries in the world.

An approximate value of between forty and fifty millions is placed upon the property but it is thought that even this is very low. The belt was discovered last fall by Percy White, after it had been sought for by numerous gold miners for nearly thirty years, indications of the existence of an immense deposit being discovered in 1875.

Seal Harbor mine is owned by the Beaver Hat Gold Mining Company of Glace Bay, which is comprised of the following: J. C. Douglas, Mayor Burchell, J. R. Blackett, Percy White, Clifford MacLellan, Dr. R. A. H. MacKeen, J. A. Templeton, Stewart MacCawley. Only 236 shares were issued at par, and on Saturday $1,000 was refused for one share. Holders will not sell for any price. All of them believe they are already practically multi-millionaires.

This is certainly one of the biggest things in gold mining today on the continent.

SOME TALK OF FIREBUG

In Connection With the Blaze of Sunday Morning, on City Road.

"Is there a firebug in St. John?"

This question is agitating the minds of some of the people in the vicinity of City Road, where a fire occurred early Sunday morning. The fact that the origin of the blaze is a mystery, and that a similar fire occurred on the same premises about a year ago, lead some persons to believe that it is the work of an incendiary.

None of the people in the house or the neighborhood seem to know anything about how it started.

Mr. Thompson returned home from his work in the telephone building about one o'clock, and saw no sign of fire then. Officer Henry passed the store only a few minutes before it was discovered and he saw nothing to indicate that there was a fire. In view of this the people think an investigation should be held to determine if possible how the blaze originated. The same mystery surrounded the cause of the last fire in this building about a year ago.

The building is owned by Wm. Hall, now in Fall River, and was occupied by Mrs. Hall, R. B. Smith, Robert Thompson and L. S. Peters.

Mr. Peters' shop was completely gutted, as was also the flat above, occupied by Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Hall's and R. B. Smith's apartments were badly damaged by water. The fire was discovered about two o'clock by Mr. Walker of the Telegraph, who rang the alarm from box 412. When first seen the fire had obtained great headway, and the plate glass front collapsed with a loud report.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and their children had a narrow escape from the burning building—barely getting out in their night clothes. They were cared for at the house of Mr. Thompson's mother just opposite.

Mrs. Hall had $1,000 insurance and Mr. Peters had $200, both in the Equitable. Mr. Thompson had no insurance.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Distinguished Visitors Who Are Touring New Brunswick.

Rev. George O. Brewer, of Nashville, Tennessee, John Brower of Chicago and Professor Tullar of Chicago, left on the Atlantic express this morning for Hampton. These gentlemen are touring in the interests of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association. They are holding services throughout Canada, but will give most of their attention to the Sunday Schools of this province.

The following is a schedule of the services to be held in New Brunswick; May 8th, Hampton; May 10 and 11, Hillsboro; May 12 and 13, Sackville, May 15, Moncton and Rexton; May 16 and 17, Dalhousie; May 18, Bathurst; May 19 and 21, Chatham; May 22 and 23, Fredericton; May 24 and 25, Debec; May 27 and 29, St. Stephen, May 30, Blissville; May 31 St. John; June 2, Hampstead; June 3, Chipman; June 6, St. John.

Rev. Mr. Bachman, has charge of one of the largest churches in Nashville, and expresses himself much pleased with the Sunday Schools of this province.

Mr. Bachman informed the Times that in Tennessee there are no Sunday School buildings. Owing to the warm weather, the Sunday studies are carried on out in the fields under the shade of the trees.

The attendance at these meetings is very large, no less than five hundred children often being present. Mr. Bachman will probably return to Nashville as soon as the missions in New Brunswick are completed. He occupied the pulpit in Germain street Baptist church yesterday afternoon. In the evening he addressed the congregation of Douglas avenue Christian church.

Professor Tullar, is of the firm of Meredith & Tullar, music publishers of Chicago. He visited this city about a year ago, and led a song service in St. David's church. Professor Tullar has with him about five hundred copies of his latest edition of song books.

John Brower is a member of one of the largest church choirs in Chicago. He sang in Germain street Baptist church yesterday morning and made a favorable impression on the congregation.

OBITUARY

George Henderson

George Henderson, a respected resident of Rothesay, Kings County, died at his home this morning.

He had been ill with pneumonia, for about two weeks.

A wife and four children survive.

The concert and cantata to be given in Exmouth St. church tomorrow night promises to be a great success. The choir under whose auspices the entertainment is to be held have spared no pains in endeavoring to make it one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season. Already a large number of tickets have been sold and the prospects are that the entertainment will draw a crowded house.

The Times New Reporter

The rain yesterday and last night was timely. The fountain on King square was dying of thirst.

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After last night's rain the watering carts will be very busy for several days.

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The thunder and lightning last night cleared the air of vampires and all that sort of thing, and the citizens breathe more freely today.

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A NOTABLE WEEK.

This is the week the members of the city council had set apart for a thorough tour of the streets of the city, to learn how badly they are in need of repairs, and to take counsel together on the best means of making the necessary improvements. It is understood that the aldermen are filled with a new zeal, and a restless determination to make this year memorable for business-like methods in the street department. Any citizen seeing the procession moving along on its tour of inspection will confer a favor by giving it right of way. No doubt it will occasion some surprise by its novelty, but the announcement will prepare the people in a measure for the remarkable spectacle of city fathers interesting themselves in the welfare of the city.

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Both theatres will be closed for three days. The other fellows have the field to themselves for that period, and Mr. Jamesey Jones says he has no doubt they will take advantage of the splendid opportunity to get a grip on the affections of the people.

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The arrest of Sam Slick is believed to be the result of a dark design on the part of the police to get a new cook for the police station.

STETSON CO. GET THE MISPEC MILL

City Offers to Lease It for Two Years at $5,000 Per Year---Meetings of Water and Sewerage Board and Council.

The city of St. John through the medium of the council assembled this morning decided that it could not accept the offer of Stetson, Cutler & Co. to lease the pulp mill at Mispec for the sum of $3,000 a year, for the first five years but submitted a counter proposition to lease the mill to them for two years at $5,000 a year without a provision for a renewal for one year at the same rate and expressly reserving the right to the city to take water from the Mispec stream as provided under the act.

The matter came before a meeting of the water and sewerage committee and after that committee adjourned the council practically ratified its action.

At the committee meeting Mayor White presided and all the aldermen and officials were present. Mayor White announced that he had called the meeting to receive a report from the special committee to consider the application of Stetson, Cutler & Co. for a lease of the Mispec pulp mill.

He then read the report of the committee, which, in effect, was that they could not recommend the acceptance of the offer. As an alternative they recommended that the city offer to lease to the said Stetson Cutler & Co. the pulp mill without guaranteeing any flow of water for two years at $5,000 a year with the option of a further lease for one year at the same rental.

The Original Offer

Ald. Macrae moved the adoption of the recommendation. He pointed out that in their offer to the city Messrs Stetson, Cutler & Co. asked for a five-year lease at $3,000 a year with the right to renew for five years more at $4,000 a year and at the expiration of the second five years, for a third and similar term, at $5,000 with the option to purchase at any time at $50,000. Stetson Cutler & Co had laid much stress upon their right to remove any machinery, and from this Ald. Macrae was led to infer that they wish to experiment with the mill to see if it could be worked as a financial success.

Considerable discussion followed.

Ald. McGoldrick, who came in after the report was read, said he was sorry if any action should be taken as he knew that the mill could have been sold.

Mayor White said ample opportunity had been given to anyone who wished to buy the mill to come in and say so. The mill had been advertised for sale but no reply had been received.

Ald. McGoldrick—A man told me Saturday that he would buy the milll for $50,000. If anything goes wrong during the Stetson & Cutler occupancy it must be replaced and the mill put in good condition.

Ald. Frink asked if George Cushing did not intend opening the mill this week.

The mayor explained that Mr. Cushing asked permission to make one cooking of pulp there to test the machinery.

Ald. Pickett thought it would be hardly wise to pass the recommendation as in that case the city bound themselves to Stetson & Cutler. The interests of the city would be better conserved if no binding resolution was passed.

Ald. Bullock's Scheme

Ald . Bullock was opposed to leasing it for $5,000 a year. It might be converted into an electric plant, and he believed sufficient power could be generated there to light the entire city. The result would be more, better and cheaper lights. He felt that the saving in the light bill under such a plan would, if capitalized at five per cent. be sufficient to pay the expense of the plant necessary for such lighting.

Mayor White pronounced himself in favor of leasing the property for $5,000 a year. At present the city is under considerable expense for caring for the mill as well as guarding against fire. There must also be considered the depreciation of the value of the plant through standing idle. He though to lease it would be the cheapest way to care for it. If the lease were made for two years the city would, at the expiration of that term, know to what extent the water power had suffered. With that knowledge it would be possible to dispose of the property to better advantage than at present.

Ald. Lewis favored the recommendation. Any legal questions could be decided by the persons whom the city pays for this service.

Ald. McArthur favored the acceptance of the committee's recommendation to lease to Stetson, Cutler & Co. for $5,000 a year.

Ald. Pickett moved that the recommendation be made general and merely state that the city was willing to lease the mill for $5,000 without mentioning Stetson, Cutler & Co. This would open the way for others who might lease the property.

Ald. Christie moved that the original recommendation should be adopted with the addition of a clause that the offer remain open until June 1, at which date occupancy of the mill could be given.

Ald. Baxter thought that if Mr. Cushing's experiment in testing the mill should make it possible for him to offer to lease it he would not favor closing with Stetson Cutler & Co. now, but inclined to the idea that there should be as much competition as possible. He thought more information should be secured about the value of the mill and other questions relevant before any decision to sell or lease for a long term was arranged. He favored a lease for a short term, but did not want to choke competition. He figured that Stetson Cutler & Co. had same 16,000,000 feet of pulp wood at hand at the mill and could turn it into pulp in two years.

An Expert Called

Mr. Gressett, of the pulp mill, was called as an expert, and stated that from the wood at hand some 16,000 tons of pulp could be made. He would not undertake to say what a fair rental would be.

Ald. Baxter said his own idea was that the mill as it now stands would be worth nearer $10,000 a year than $5,000 a year. He favored Ald. Pickett's motion, and would even go so far as to contend that the amount of rental should be eliminated.

To Ald. Frink Mr. Gressett said the mill machinery was in perfect order when it stopped work last May, and was in good shape now.

Ald. Macrae said the $5,000 rental would be worth $7,000 a year to the city, as it would save expenses of caring for it. He did not consider that the figure of $5,000 as placed now upon the mill was any indication of what it would be worth in two years. Anyone taking the mill now would be doing it on a gamble, and the $5,000 a year would be no indication of its future value. He favored the recommendation.

Mayor White said that even if the city did not lease to Stetson Cutler & Co. they should not complicate matters by dealing with others. No other firm or individual had approached the city in the matter.

The amendment to the amendment, recommending that the property be leased to Stetson, Cutler & Co. for $5,000 per annum, the offer to be open to June 1 and the occupancy of the mill to be given at the same date, was then taken up and passed on division as follows:

Yeas—Millidge, Christie, Macrae, Bullock, McGoldrick, Holder, Tilley, Lewis—8.

Nays—Hamm, Pickett, Frink, Vanwart, McArthur, Sproul, Baxter—7.

The board then adjourned.

The Council Meeting

The city council then went into session and the matter was taken up.

Ald. Holder moved that the report of the water and sewerage board in re the Mispec mill be adopted. It was agreed that the report be amended by the addition of the following words "and expressly reserving to the city the right to take water under the act," and in this form it passed.

E. H. Eagles and John Hughes were appointed lumber surveyors.

Ald. Millige asked for information on certain matters pertaining to the water department, which was referred to the officials.

ARE TRUE SPORTSMEN

The Crew of Lord Brassey's Sunbeam Do Not Expect to Win, but to Encourage the Sport---They Favor the German Yacht Hamburg.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The Times says: "There were hundreds of curious visitors to see Lord Brassey's Sunbeam, the latest arrival for the ocean yacht race across the Atlantic, as she lay in the dockyard in South Brooklyn yesterday.

The arrival of the veteran English yachtsman with his auxiliary seemed to arouse a new interest in the international event. The Sunbeam was berthed next to the Hamburg, and the crews of the two yachts fraternized freely. The Englishmen have a high regard for the German schooner, and were quite free in their opinion that she would win the race.

"What chance have we against a racer of that type? I tell you American yachtsmen are figuring wrong if they are ignoring her. She'll outfoot anything in the race with conditions her way and make new figures, you mark my word. We're only in the race to encourage the sport, and do not expect to win. But we'll make a creditable showing. England's representatives may not finish first, but an English boat will. You take my tip."

This was the line that most of the Sunbeam's crew took. They seemed to feel the same sportsmanlike spirit that actuated Lord Brassey in entering, and they expressed good feeling. They were the centre of an admiring crowd a good part of the day. The yacht will be placed in dry dock today. Thursday she will be ready to leave the yard and seek anchorage outside with daily spins.

The Hamburg, which lay beside her, will be docked tomorrow for a trifling overhauling, but it is expected she will leave the yard Wednesday, ready for the race.