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## News of a Day

### Committed For Trial.

Guelpin, Ont., Dec. 22.—William James Strode, was committed for trial on the charge of shooting at a woman named Harrison in Wonderland Theatre. Mrs. Harrison testified Strode demanded payment of an account, and on her refusal to speak to him, as he appeared intoxicated, he drew a revolver and fired at her. The place was crowded at the time.

### For Fireman's Widow.

Moncton, Dec. 22.—A subscription has been taken up about the city for the widow of Robert J. Whelan, who was crushed to death in the intercolonial wreck at Nash's Creek, and the sum of \$118.70 was realized. A portion is being devoted to paying off the small balance on the dead driver's property. The only insurance left by Whelan was \$250 from the railway which went to his mother.

### Prince Rupert.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—The provincial government has declined to advance \$75,000 for installation of an electric plant and equipment at Prince Rupert. The Government agreed to give favorable consideration to an application for a site at Prince Rupert for municipal buildings. It is understood that Prince Rupert will become incorporated at once, adopting government by commission at the start.

### Another Arrest.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—J. Parr, alias J. Connolly, restaurant keeper in Cobalt, was arrested here last night at the request of the Toronto police, making the 12th arrest in connection with the thefts at the mines. With G. Neilson, alias Barber, arrested at Cobalt on Sunday night, Parr will be brought to the city tomorrow by Detectives Murray and Guthrie, who left for the mining town last night. Parr, like others, is charged with illegal selling of ore, and is known to have received more than \$9000 from the Wilkinson Company during the past year. Neilson is known to have received over \$8000 during the same period. More arrests are expected.

### Placed in Jail.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Allan Gibson and Owen G. Morrison, respectively engineer and confidential clerk in the employ of the E. W. Gillett Manufacturing Company, were placed on trial here yesterday, charged with conspiracy to defraud the company by disclosing the company's trade formula.

## LOCAL

### Book Debts Sold.

The book debts of George E. Price were sold at Chubb's corner yesterday by Mr. F. L. Potts and realized \$11.

### Customs Parcel Post.

For the convenience of the public the Customs parcel post office will be kept open on the evenings of the 23rd and 24th until 11 o'clock, and on Christmas morning until 12 o'clock.

### Meeting of Creditors.

At a meeting of the creditors of Joseph E. Danaher, tailor, held in the office of G. H. V. Belyea on Tuesday, L. F. Moneyenney and Edmund S. Ritchie, were appointed inspectors. A statement of assets and liabilities showed the former to be about \$600, and the latter between \$1,100 and \$1,200.

### In the Police Court.

In the police court yesterday Captain William Gale laid a complaint against William Laskey for abusive language to him. Laskey denied the charge. The case was amicably settled. Henry Belyea, reported by Officer Ross for using abusive language on Main street, and also for using insulting language to John Vincent, doorknocker of the Star Theatre, Saturday night last, pleaded guilty, and having apologized to Mr. Vincent was dismissed with a caution. George Aronson, a lad of twelve years, reported for trespassing on the government wharf at the foot of Charlotte street, and stealing coal, was cautioned and released.

## POET WATSON ONCE AN INMATE OF ASYLUM

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The American today reprints an item from The St. James Gazette (London, England) of Dec. 3, 1892, which chronicled the appearance in public court of William Watson, the poet, on a charge of being a dangerous lunatic. The Gazette story says "about 12 years ago Mr. Watson met with a disappointment in a love affair, and this induced for a time a strong suicidal mania. The care and attention of his friends, and a visit to Algeria, restored his reason." He was arrested because he had rushed forward and tried to stop the horses in the carriage in which the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and one of the princesses were driving. He gave as his reason that he wanted to see if one of the two leading royal personages was in it. He was committed to an asylum by the magistrates.

## LYDD GEORGE'S FOREIGN TREATY TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR COREA

Thick of England's Budget Fray Surrounds Chancellor at All Times—What He Said to the Marquis of Bute.

London, Dec. 22.—Wherever Lloyd-George goes he is the hottest corner of the battlefield. He is spending Christmas among his own people in Wales and has chosen the Marquis of Bute, a millionaire land and mine owner of Cardiff, for a bit of attack. The Marquis owns 117,000 acres, also the Cardiff docks and some of the mines, which pay him substantial royalties. It is only necessary to mention these facts in Lloyd-George's style to inflame the working class. The audience's picture from the Radical standpoint is completed by the enumeration of his titles as follows: Marquis of Bute, Earl of Dumfries, Lord Crichton of Sanquhar and Cumoch, Lord Mount Stuart of Camrose and Inchmaroch, Baron Carduff, Earl Windsor, Viscount Mountjoy, with five princely residences in England, Scotland and Wales. It is also true, though Lloyd-George does not mention this, that the Bute estates are excellently managed, that he made large gifts of land for public parks and is a munificent donor to Welsh causes. Lloyd-George finds that such charges \$1200 annually as ground rent on land occupied by a theatre, whose agricultural rent was formerly £56, 12s.

The Sarabass. When crimes of shame arose from the audience, Lloyd-George proceeded: "I was so astonished I could hardly believe that extortion could go to that extent that I made very careful inquiries and find they are charging something like 5s. per square yard per annum." (Renewed cries of shame.) "and who is Harabass, I would like to know." (Loud cheers.) "I say to the Marquis is this: 'You ought to contribute at the rate of £100 per annum.' (Cheers.) 'How could you expect me to do that? I would like to know.' (Loud cheers.) 'I record as that to let the budget through. Of course they throw it out but it is going through.' (Loud cheers.) 'and many another bill will follow it.' (Renewed cheers.)

To this Lord Bute replies: "For imperial and local taxation I pay on annual return of land to me, whether £15 or £1200, what is fair. Lloyd-George wants me to pay on £1200 when only receiving £56, which would be grossly unfair." In the opinion of stock-brokers, the Marquis is getting twenty-five thousand dollars each in cash or stock from the new company for the plans procured.

Parting Too Much. Montreal, Dec. 22.—William Ellingwood, who shot himself at Montreal Junction, last night, after parting on the C. P. R. Boston express with Maud Torrey, is still alive at the Western Hospital, but the four bullet wounds he inflicted on himself are serious and there are doubts about his recovery. The girl, for love of whom he shot himself, was on her way to Hanover, Mass., but she returned to the city this morning on receipt of a telegram telling her of the shooting, having gone only part of the way to her destination. After Ellingwood shot himself he dragged himself a quarter of a mile through the snow to Thornhill restaurant, leaving a trail of blood. It is believed Ellingwood wanted to accompany the girl but that she did not wish it and his feelings at parting gave way to such an extent that he tried to end his life.

### Harrison Farm Sold.

Hampton, N. B., Dec. 22.—The Harrison farm at Gondola Point, at present in the possession of Miss Mary L. Harrison, containing seventy-five acres with residence and farm buildings, was sold by auction this morning at the court house under a decretal order issued out of the supreme court wherein Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford trustees of the estate of the late Charles Lawton, were plaintiffs and Mary L. Harrison was defendant, to satisfy a mortgage of \$1200 and costs making a total claim of \$1412.68. The sale was made subject to unpaid taxes and a second mortgage unsatisfied. The property was knocked down to Mr. H. P. Puddington at \$1300 the purchaser. It is understood being Mr. George Pettigall, the holder of the second mortgage, Mr. J. Roy Campbell referee and Mr. J. Arthur Freeze were present at the sale and H. J. Fowler was auctioneer.

### Gold at Ottawa

FOR THE ROYAL MINT

Fifty Thousand Dollars of Yukon Gold Reach Capital—To Be Turned Into Bright Canadian Coins.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The first big consignment of gold from the Yukon has been received at the Royal Mint here. Mr. Jos. Boyle, now of Dawson City, and formerly of Ottawa, has arrived with a grip containing gold bricks worth \$50,000, which is to be sent to the Mint to be coined into gold currency. It is probable that the first Canadian gold pieces will be coined from the bricks brought out by Mr. Boyle. A number of English sovereigns were coined last summer from Canadian gold, but so far no Canadian gold pieces have been coined. Mr. Boyle announced in his Budget speech last week that arrangements were being made to begin a Canadian gold coinage, and next year a considerable number of Canadian five and ten dollar gold pieces in circulation. At present practically all the gold taken out of the Yukon is marketed at Seattle or in other American cities. Efforts are now being made to secure the establishment of a Government purchasing office in Dawson, where miners can get full value for their gold. At present there is a discount of nearly two per cent. charged by the bank, although it can be sent to the Mint at Ottawa by mail for less than one per cent. of its value. It is asserted that the Mint can coin Yukon gold at a small profit, the same as is done in other countries using gold currency, while at the same time there would be a considerable amount saved to the producers in the Yukon.

Canada's Trade Relations Likely to Suffer by Ottawa's Haste in Ratifying Pact With France.

BELGIUM, ITALY AND GERMANY CLAMORING

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Even before it has gone into effect the Franco-Canadian reciprocity treaty is causing grave concern to Belgium. Not only will it give France and seventeen other nations lower rates than are enjoyed by Belgium, but the eight clauses of the treaty promises to impair the large transshipping trade now held by Antwerp.

This clause provides that products originating in France of the "most favored" nations shall be conveyed direct from one of those countries, without transshipment, to a sea or river port of Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway now has a steamship line direct from Montreal to Antwerp, over which a large amount of Canada's European imports are shipped. Under the terms of the new treaty France, Swiss and other favored nations products coming by that line will not be entitled to the lower rates of duty carried by the French treaty. In addition the trade between Belgium and Canada now amounts to \$5,000,000 annually and the products dealt in must continue to pay the rates of the Canadian general tariff.

Mr. C. I. De Sola, Belgium Consul at Montreal, says the accession of Albert I. means Canadian trade extension, but at present the French treaty prevents.

### Affects American Ports.

Belgian business and shipping interests are concerned and wish at least to be admitted to the "most favored nation" class if not to enter into a special treaty. The treaty will prevent goods of the favored class being transshipped at American ports.

Italy is pressing the Canadian Government harder if anything than Belgium. Although the trade between Italy and Canada is small, as indicated by the official returns, the Italian authorities insist that it is really much larger for many Canadian products are shipped to Italy from the United States. The Italian people, Italian annually get \$1,600,000 worth of Canadian fish from the United States. The French treaty carrying a duty of 25 per cent. ad valorem for French silks looks like a death warrant for the Italian silk trade, which much pay 37.

Of course, the difficulty may be easily solved if Belgium and Italy are willing to enter the "most favored nation" class, but it is a question whether Italy desires so to do without some concession from Canada.

Germany Also in Tangle.

In the background of the situation is Germany, whose trade has been greatly crippled by the competition of the Canadian surplus of 23 per cent. The Germans wish to resume workable trade relations with Canada, and are anxious that the Government should put itself in a position to enter the vast German market. The French treaty, however, had first to be negotiated, assuming that Canada would give any concession that France extended to any other power.

When ratifications are exchanged at Paris and the treaty is in effect, probably on January 1, the situation with Italy, Belgium, Germany and finally the United States will have to be met.

## UNCLE SAM'S FORESTRY BUREAU IS ATTACKED

Representative Mondell in U.S. House of Representatives Assails Mann Bill—Socialistic Bureau, He Says.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Two Republican locked horns in the House of Representatives yesterday over the question of federal control of water power. One was Mr. James R. Mann, of Illinois, chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, who is the author of a measure carrying out to a great extent the Roosevelt idea on this subject, and the other was Mr. Frank W. Mondell, a fervent states' rights advocate from Wyoming.

It was the opening skirmish in the big conservation battle that is likely to take place at this session. So heated did the argument become at one time that Mr. Mann, losing his patience, flung at Mr. Mondell this declaration: "Any sort of measure relating to water power control introduced by a member of any place east of the Rocky Mountains is like a red flag to the bull from Wyoming."

Obtaining Consent.

Mr. Mondell brought the question to the attention of the house by obtaining unanimous consent to deliver a speech. He directed his attack in general against the United States forestry service, which he accused of being a "socialistic bureau," and in particular against the Mann bill, which provides for non-navigable streams on one or both sides of which is land owned by the Government.

This bill is by long odds more extraordinary than the proposals of Secretary of the Interior," he declared. "For in framing it the gentleman from Illinois seems to have entirely overlooked a fact which I trust I shall not be considered impertinent in referring to in this day of paternalistic federalism, to wit—that this is a Government against which the people reserve certain powers to themselves to be exercised through state governments, and that Wyoming and Oregon, while not as far east as Illinois and New York, are, nevertheless, states of the

National Death of Kingdom Ahead Thinks Washington—Annexation by Japan Is Declared Inevitable.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Corea is doomed to be annexed to Japan, presently as forecast in the special cable despatch to the New York Herald Tribune from St. Petersburg yesterday morning, and the State Department has joined the ranks of those foreign powers now giving the matter serious consideration.

There will be no protest made, so far as can be learned. It is considered already too late for either Russia, the United States or any other nation to have a pretext to loosen Japan's grip on Corea, and the time for the annexation depends solely upon Japan. It may come in a week and it may come in a year. Meanwhile reports that Japan is arming have been received here and the rumors of annexation current in Russia are entirely credited.

The Herald despatch had only one phase which is questioned by officials here. That is the important statement that Japanese officers have already received orders to rejoin the colors and that military supplies are being ordered prepared. Officials at the State Department do not deny this, but they have no confirmation and have reason to believe that the recent death of Prince Ito, which would make too precipitous action look as if the annexation of Corea were a retaliatory measure against his assassins' countrymen.

### Seeking Commercial Pretext.

Japan, according to advice received here, wishes to put the annexation of Corea on another basis just as she placed the successive treaties with Corea whereby she became in control of the territory on the basis of economical, commercial and military necessity.

It is admitted, however, that surprising developments may be forthcoming, and the department will closely watch the attitude of other governments in view of the present situation. Not only does the annexation of Corea mean the wiping out of that nation as a power and affect the military status of Japan in the Far East, but it also affects the financial affairs of all countries doing business with Corea, as the flat five per cent. customs tariff of Corea will jump to twenty or thirty per cent. custom rates, which will be demanded by the Japanese.

It is not believed that the extra territorial rights of the United States will in any way be affected. This, however, is an all important question. The entire matter is distasteful to the United States and the powers, but on this score is effectively nullified by the retort: "On what pretext do you object?" There is no pretext for objection at this late date, according to those who have followed the Japanese. The Korean Government, they say, should have when Japan first began to absorb Corea's sovereignty and institutions and not now, when the last stage of this absorption policy is about to go into effect.

Gradually Tightens Grip.

The gradual tightening of Japan's grip on Corea is on record at the state department under Article 3, of the protocol signed by Japan and Corea February 23, 1904, stipulates that the imperial government of Japan guarantees the independence and territorial integrity of the Korean empire. But in article 4 of the same protocol it is agreed that Japan may occupy, when the circumstances require, such places as may be necessary from strategic points of view.

But Japanese-Corean affairs were not left in statu quo. The admission of the Japanese subject as a worker, and on one pretext or another a subsequent agreement was forced upon Corea. It was signed August 22, 1904. This agreement stipulated that—

"The Korean government shall engage as financial adviser to the Korean government a Japanese subject recommended by the Japanese government, and all matters concerning finance shall be dealt with after his counsel has been taken."

"The Korean government shall engage as diplomatic adviser to the department of foreign affairs a foreigner recommended by the Japanese government, and all important matters concerning foreign relations shall be dealt with after his counsel has been taken."

"The Korean government shall previously consult the Japanese government in concluding treaties and conventions with foreign powers and in dealing with other important diplomatic affairs, such as the grant of concessions to or contracts with foreigners."

base my opposition to the whole plan of federal control over the diversion and use of water from non-navigable streams, first, on the ground that it is a matter entirely beyond and outside the authority of the federal government, and second, because it is as unnecessary as it is oppressive and unjust to the states."

Mr. Mondell asserted that the proposition of Mr. Mann would turn over to a federal bureaucracy to manage and control by, and on behalf of the bureaucracy property of the people of the states.

Mr. Mann replied that Mr. Mondell had entirely failed to grasp the intent of his measure. The Wyoming member was equally certain that he had grasped it. There the matter was dropped for the present.

## BALKS AT "SKY" IN NOMENCLATURE

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Miss Eva Koliowsky, 22 years old, of 508 West 123d street, got permission from Supreme Court Justice Seabury yesterday to change her name to Kutler. In her petition she described herself as "a young girl of good family mov-

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ing in the society of young people, both Hebrew and Gentile," and said that "Kotlowsky is an obstacle to the social chances in that the termination of a cheap and solid type of American customs."

The young woman said that certain classes of people she desired to meet were prejudiced against her because of her name, and hotels, clubs and societies discouraged her applications for accommodation and membership. She said that her letters often go astray because of the peculiar spelling of her name.

**LEBLANC CAPTURED**

AFTER LONG CHASE

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Eviding the police for five months, Ben Leblanc was finally captured this morning at 3 o'clock, while sleeping at the home of his father in Cross street. For the past five months the police have been looking for Leblanc, he having escaped from Dorchester jail by breaking the bars of a window. He and his brother were awaiting trial on the charge of theft of \$40 from Fred Bourque, Shediac Road. He was arrested on August 20, and was committed for trial, and had been in Dorchester jail three days when he made his escape.

**AT THE HOTELS**

Royal.

H. B. Price, Sussex; H. McLean, Toronto; Miss Bessie N. Babbutt, St. Marys; K. T. Gray, Nelson, B. C.; P. H. Bresseau, Montreal; Miss A. E. Holstead, Moncton; Miss M. G. Holstead, Moncton; Mrs. W. K. C. Parlee, Moncton; R. H. Gingley, Montreal; A. A. Fahay, Eastport, Me.; C. Montmar, Chatham, N. B.; John K. Eas, Los Angeles, California.

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tribute of respect accompanied the body to the grave. The funeral was held from the Mission church of St. John the Baptist, Paradise Row, at 3 o'clock. Burial service was conducted by Rev. D. Conners.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Kee.**

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Kee was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 from St. James' church, Rev. W. B. Armstrong conducted the burial service. Interment was made in Fernhill. Mrs. Kee was the oldest member of St. James' church congregation.

**Capt. Dennis Colahan.**  
The funeral of Captain Dennis Colahan was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 14 Cliff St. The remains were taken to the cathedral, where Rev. W. J. Duke read the burial service. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.