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# DOWN HIGHWAY ACT

Principal Council Passes  
Strong Resolution  
Against It

Privatives as Well as  
Cerals Vote Against  
Act

First Municipal Coun-  
to Deal With It—  
ers Will Follow

ERICTON, N. B., Jan. 10.—  
is again on Mr. Hazen and  
ay act. Instead of bringing  
into force, as intended, the  
several days ago that  
be referred to the municipal  
throughout the province for  
and amendment. The first  
county to take up the refer-  
that of Sunbury, Mr. Hazen's  
attorney, and at its annual  
his week a resolution con-  
the act was passed with only  
bers of the council, Conserva-

ME CHILDREN  
CANNOT LEARN

coterie of French doctors is  
studying school children,  
the moment under its ob-  
servation that infantile phre-  
nia as the disease. The exis-  
tence of the disease is frequently  
they declare, as faulty hy-  
giene, unsuitable food, or  
environment, often characteris-  
tic of the age. Incidentally they  
a disposition for mathematics  
is no criterion whatever of  
for original or vigorous  
and that the ability to deal  
with numbers is often observ-  
able in the mind, says the New

they say, is often an-  
er, disease. The poor child may  
weakness of sight, or inot-  
ness and his teachers fail to  
fact. Morbid shyness and  
tensions, often characteristic  
as, are frequently as no-  
tation of the so-called dul-  
lity to learn. All children  
agrees with the same alert-  
phenomenon of grown-ups  
in years behind their age, in  
mentality, has been noted by  
ans. Corvisart, Napoleon's  
laring that these minds of  
the finest when they reach  
rity, and that the fact of  
wardness is invariably a  
ripe old age will be reached

RIDERS POUR  
EY INTO HOUSES

RO, Ga., Jan. 9.—An out-  
scent on Flint River was  
t night by so called "Night  
the dwellings of several  
Clayton county. The sup-  
light riders," masked and  
red, approached a dwelling  
it is reported and with-  
nite aim, poured a volley  
firing, then quickly disap-  
far as is known no one was  
d. Solicitor General How-  
Stone Mountain circuit has  
one of the latest outbursts  
steps to stop the lawless

WORKS  
EQUALLY WELL  
IN  
EITHER HOT  
OR  
COLD WATER

T. JOHN N. B.

# WILL PRESERVE SCENIC BEAUTIES OF THE FALLS

Canada and United States  
Reach Agreement With  
Respect to Niagara

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—The govern-  
ment of Canada and the United States have  
come to an agreement in regard to the  
restriction of power development, en-  
terprises at Niagara with a view of  
preserving the scenic beauty of the  
falls. The question of saving the falls  
has engaged the attention of the au-  
thorities of the two countries for sev-  
eral years past. In view of the gen-  
eral alarm that was felt over the pro-  
posals of great industrial companies  
for power development works and the  
prospect that all the water of the Ni-  
gara River might be diverted from the  
falls to the turbines of electrical com-  
panies, thus destroying the present  
grandeur of the falls, Canada and the  
United States appointed an interna-  
tional commission in 1905 to deal with  
the whole question. That commission  
made a thorough study of the problem  
and in 1906 reported that no more than  
26,000 cubic feet of water per second  
on the Canadian side and 18,500 feet  
on the American side in addition to the  
10,000 cubic feet taken by the Chi-  
cago drainage canal could be  
diverted for power purposes without  
marrying the present beauty of the  
falls.

These were the quantities of water  
which would be taken when the works  
of the various companies then under  
construction were completed and the  
full quantity of water allowed by their  
charters used. Since that time there  
has been a slight increase of the power  
taken on the American side but not  
on the Canadian side.

As the result of negotiations between  
the two governments during the past  
year an agreement to limit the use of  
Niagara water for power purposes has  
now been reached. Hon. Wm. Pugsley,  
minister of Public Works for Canada,  
visited Washington last week and he  
with British Ambassador Bryce and  
United States Secretary of State Root,  
embodied this agreement in a treaty  
which has been signed on behalf of  
the Canadian and the American au-  
thorities. It is understood that by the  
treaty on that subject, it is agreed in  
addition to the ten thousand feet of  
water taken by the Chicago Drainage  
Canal Power Companies will be per-  
mitted to take 26,000 cubic feet of  
water per second, which will allow  
the development of 236,000 horse power.  
On the Canadian side the diversion of  
water for power purposes is limited to  
26,000 cubic feet of water per second,  
allowing a development of 435,000  
horse power. The total diversion of  
water at Niagara Falls is therefore re-  
stricted to 56,000 cubic feet per second  
and no more which can be diverted  
from it is 661,000 horse power. The  
treaty will run for a limited term of  
years. The period is understood to be  
long enough to allow of a demonstra-  
tion on the effectiveness of the pro-  
posed limitation. It is subject to the  
approval of the American Senate and  
the Canadian parliament, before which  
it will be laid at the opening of the  
session this month. If approved by the  
senate and by parliament the two  
countries will name a joint commission  
to see that the terms of the treaty are  
adhered to by the power companies of  
both countries.

OPERATIC SENSATION  
PROMISED IN DRESDEN

Celebration of Strauss Week  
Will be Opened on  
January 25

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—Strauss week at  
Dresden at the end of January, pro-  
mises to be the operatic sensation of  
the year in Germany. The week will  
be opened with the premiere of Elek-  
tra on January 25, and will be con-  
tinued with performances of Salome,  
Fruentia, and other Strauss operas.  
Berlin's musical world will send a  
large representation to Dresden, in-  
cluding a numerous American contin-  
ent, who will have a special train and  
will return to Berlin immediately after  
each opera. The Dresden Opera House  
has already been sold out for both per-  
formances of Elektra.

On Lincoln's centenary anniversary,  
February 12, Felix Adler will deliver a  
commemorative address at the Berlin  
University. He will present the uni-  
versity with a bronze bust of Lincoln,  
which he has just received from the Na-  
tional Museum at Washington.

TURKEY TO REPLY  
TO AUSTRIA TODAY

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 11.—The  
reply of the Turkish government to the  
Austro-Hungarian offer of \$10,000,000 as  
indemnity for the annexation of the  
provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
will probably be delivered tomorrow to  
Marquis Pallavicini, the Austro-Hun-  
garian ambassador. Although the  
amount is generally thought by mem-  
bers of the Turkish government to be  
too small, it is believed that the nego-  
tiations will lead ultimately to an  
agreement.

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's  
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herbs and roots, has been the stand-  
ard remedy for female ills, and has  
positively cured thousands of women  
who have been troubled with dis-  
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Mrs. John Scott, 489 Grand Trunk  
St., Montreal, writes Mrs. Pinkham:  
"I was very much run down in  
health from a female trouble, was thin,  
nervous, and very weak, and suffered  
from bearing down pains. Indeed I  
did not care whether I lived or died. I  
felt so badly sometimes.  
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pound completely cured me of all my  
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all women's ailments, knowing what it  
has done for me."

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# BOARD STRIKES STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Cancel New Express  
Rates

New Classification Made  
Under Misconception,  
Says Mabce

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—The railway com-  
mission took prompt and effective  
measures this afternoon to protect the  
public against the increases in express  
rates all over Canada involved in the  
new classification which went into ef-  
fect on the first day of the year. Chief  
Commissioner Mabce, after hearing to-  
day further evidence from the com-  
panies and from shippers, handed out  
judgment summarily cancelling the  
increase that the new classification would  
bring in force prior to January 1st.

He explained that the board's order  
approving the new classification had  
been issued under a misconception as  
to the real effect of the changes ap-  
plied for by the companies. It had been  
understood by the commissioners, he  
said, that the new classification would  
on the whole mean a slight reduction  
in rates to the general shipping public  
and they had relied on the companies  
keeping the agreement entered into  
with the late chief commissioner.

Judge Killam, who no radical changes  
would be made in the rates pending the  
result of the general inquiry into rates  
now pending. But now it was made  
evident that the new classification in-  
volved serious changes and general in-  
creases. The board's plain duty was to  
recall the order of approval issued un-  
der a misconception. The companies  
are ordered to notify their agents at  
once to restore the old rates. The ques-  
tion of claims for rebates on over-  
charges under the new rates from the  
first of the year until now will be set-  
tled according to individual cases.

A CURIOUS SPANISH CUSTOM.

Ellen Maury Slayden in the Century  
in an account of her own and her hus-  
band's lavish entertainment in a Span-  
ish household says:  
"No custom of the house was so ac-  
countable as that of having people  
come to see you eat. Enjoying a  
square meal while our guests inhale  
cigarette smoke seemed so inhospita-  
ble that I sometimes playfully in-  
sisted upon their having something with us.  
It was always laughingly declined, ex-  
cept once when a particularly lively  
youth took a piece of ham and ate it  
with all sorts of self conscious little  
antics, as if he were acting a pantomime."

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FIG-  
URES.

The estimates of the various Pro-  
vincial Governments furnish one basis  
of calculation for the volume of grain  
produced. The final figures for the  
year issued by the Government of  
Manitoba, a few days ago show that  
the total production of wheat was  
49,325,540 bushels, of oats 14,686,044  
bushels, of barley 18,135,737 bushels,  
and of other grains 983,848 bushels,  
making a total of 113,635,189 bushels,  
as compared with 99,010,285 bushels in  
1907. The final figures for Saskatchewan  
have not yet been issued, but the  
harvest estimate of the Provincial De-  
partment of Agriculture issued at the  
end of September gives the production  
of wheat as 43,839,608 bushels, of oats  
14,686,044 bushels, of barley 2,696,113  
bushels, and of flax 1,570,000 bushels,  
making a total of 52,801,765 bushels,  
as compared with 53,767,251 bushels in  
1907. Final estimates for Alberta are  
still to come as well, but an estimate  
issued by the Provincial Department  
of Agriculture late in November gives  
the production of wheat as 5,242,176  
bushels, of oats 12,058,597 bushels, of  
barley 1,442,065 bushels, and of flax  
62,935 bushels, making a total of 18,  
365,831 bushels. Using these figures as  
a basis, the total western production  
may be placed at 88,034,324 bushels of  
wheat, 98,412,706 of oats, 22,772,934 of  
barley and 2,816,840 of flax. This  
gives a grand total of 221,335 bushels  
of all grains.

RECORDS WERE BROKEN.

It is admitted that the figures as  
prepared by the various Provincial De-  
partments are conservative in their  
calculation of both production and  
acreage, although the acreage yield  
per acre for each grain works out  
at about the same figure. The com-  
parative figures issued by the Dominion  
government, covering the three prairie  
Provinces, show a variation in the es-  
timates on all the grains, as compared  
with those of the Provincial depart-  
ments and a large production is in-  
dicated by their calculations. The  
Northwest Grain Dealers' Association,  
in its final estimate, places the  
total yield of wheat at 107,000,  
000 bushels and the Canadian Pacific  
Railway calculates it at 106,633,253  
bushels, other estimates made by men  
who are in close touch with the grain  
trade in the west, range from 85,000,  
000 to 110,000,000. A fair average would in-

dictate a crop of 106,000,000 to 107,000,000  
bushels. This means that previous re-  
cords have been broken, the crop of  
1908, amounting to 101,000,000 bushels,  
having heretofore held first place. The  
estimate of 98,412,706 bushels of oats  
is also believed to be under the mark,  
and the total is likely to run about  
104,000,000 when the final returns are  
available. The figures of the Provincial  
Governments for barley and other  
coarse grains may be accepted, espe-  
cially as these do not loom up promi-  
nently in the total. Other estimates would  
probably indicate better results, but the  
difference is not great enough to be  
material.

GRAIN GRADES WELL.

The quality of the various crops has  
been a gratifying, if not a surpris-  
ing feature of the year's agricultural  
activity. During the four months which  
elapsed since September 1, the begin-  
ning of the crop year, the inspections  
of wheat amounted to more than 50,000  
times, that of barley to 10,000, and of  
oats to 10,000. Of this vast quantity 48 per cent. graded No. 2 or better and about 24 per cent. graded No. 3. For the whole of the crop of 1907 the proportion of wheat which graded No. 2 or better was only 32 per cent. More than 6,000 cars, or 10,000,000 bushels, of oats were inspected during the four months, and of these about 55 per cent. graded No. 2 or better. Out of 2,240 cars of barley inspected about 62 per cent. graded No. 2 or better. In the case of these coarse grains the quality showed a decided improvement over last year, and the gain in this respect was even more marked than in the wheat grading.

PRICES ON HIGH LEVEL.

The quality of the grains exercised an important influence on the returns to the producer, and the high gradings and upon the appearance of the crop, the demand began yelling for instant death. The effect upon the crowd was the most horrible feature of the execu-  
tions. As one of the condemned men  
marched defiantly toward the steps of  
the platform cries of rage broke from  
the crowd which endeavored to break  
through the lines of soldiers closely  
formed around the guillotine. The  
man brutally repulsed, a pest, who  
sought to console him. Shouts of joy  
broke from the crowd as the knife  
dropped. The troops immediately after  
the executions dispersed the crowd and  
observers as a degrading spectacle and  
as suggesting terrible scenes of the  
mob's thirst for blood during the revolu-

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DAYS OF REVOLUTION  
RECALLED IN FRANCE

A Bloodthirsty Crowd Sur-  
round the Guillotine at  
Execution

BETHUNE, Pas De Calais, France, Jan. 11.—The first indications of civil  
punishment in France for a number of  
years past were witnessed in this town  
today when four murderers were de-  
capitated by the guillotine. The execu-  
tions were public and took place in the  
presence of a large crowd.

The record of crime against the four  
men was a long one. Working together  
they formed a band which had terror-  
ized Northern France and Southern  
Belgium for several years, robbing, as-  
saulting and murdering at will.

As the condemned men were led out  
of prison, cries of vengeance arose from  
the assembled crowd, and as the knife  
fell four times in rapid succession the  
people present did not hesitate to evi-  
dence their satisfaction.

The French Parliament recently passed  
a resolution in favor of the reten-  
tion of the death penalty in France and  
the Cabinet a fortnight ago decided  
to carry out Parliament's ruling. The  
law permitting the infliction of capital  
punishment had been practically a  
dead letter, for it had been the custom  
of the President of the Republic to  
commute all death sentences to life  
imprisonment. There remain today  
eighteen persons in France under sen-  
tence of death and the guillotine will  
be used for these executions. The exe-  
cutions were carried out rather quickly,  
yet the multitude from the town and  
the surrounding country which gathered  
at the last night was most impatient  
and upon the appearance of the con-  
demned began yelling for instant  
death. The effect upon the crowd was  
the most horrible feature of the execu-  
tions. As one of the condemned men  
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ALEX. McDONALD  
DEAD AT DAWSON

King of the Klondike Stricken  
With Heart Failure  
Last Week

VANCOUVER, Jan. 11.—A private  
telegram from Dawson announces the  
sudden death of "Big Al" McDonald,  
one known as the King of the Klondike.  
McDonald was stricken with heart  
failure on Wednesday morning  
last at Clear Creek while splitting  
wood. Born in Nova Scotia, McDonald  
reached the scene of the big finds of  
'96, when Dawson was in the height  
of its prosperity. McDonald owned  
half the town site and was worth five  
millions. He met later with misfor-  
tune but rose superior to them and  
at the time of his death was rated the  
richest man in the Yukon. He was  
extensively interested in Alberta coal  
lands, was 52 years old and leaves a  
widow, the daughter of the late Col. G. H.  
Cuthbert, ex-chief of police of Van-  
couver.

should be delayed the consequences  
might be as serious as they were in  
1907. It is an index of the trend of  
agricultural development, however, to  
learn that the increased acreage of  
wheat in the coming season is al-  
ready estimated at 20 per cent. This  
guess is based on the amount of land  
which has been prepared for crop.  
The figures of the Manitoba Govern-  
ment show that 2,273,892 acres have  
been made ready for the coming sea-  
son, as compared with 1,843,016 a year  
ago. In Saskatchewan and Alberta  
the increase is believed to be larger, as  
the fine autumn weather greatly facili-  
tated breaking and other work on the  
land. The Provincial figures place the  
aggregate area under grain cultiva-  
tion in 1908 at 3,285,913 acres. With a  
decent spring, it would not be out of  
the way to look for a total acreage  
of 12,000,000 in 1909, and of this at  
least 7,000,000 acres would be in  
wheat.

# SHOULD NURSE LIE TO SAVE A LIFE, SHE ASKS

Woman Trying to Live as  
Jesus Would, Wants  
to Know

CLEVELAND, Jan. 11.—"Should I  
yes to an excited, nervous patient's  
proposal of marriage, then I shall ex-  
plain that I did not mean it except to  
soothe him at the time, or shall I re-  
fuse the proposal and perhaps have a  
death on my soul?"

This is the query put to the leaders  
of the movement by which 11,000 young  
people of Cleveland are attempting for  
two weeks to live as Jesus would. A  
trained nurse, Miss Bessie Charles,  
asks the question.

Miss Charles' letter reads: "A trained  
nurse has an excitable, nervous patient  
who must be kept quiet at all cost.  
This patient falls in love with his  
nurse and wishes to marry her—after  
he is well.

"Should she say yes to quiet him and  
tell a lie by so doing, or shall she say  
no and let the patient become excited  
and unstrung, which might possibly  
result in his death?"

"Which is worse—a lie or the death  
of a patient on your soul?"

"If she says yes it would quiet him,  
and after he is well and stronger she  
could reason with him and convince  
him of the fact that she was only try-  
ing to soothe his shattered nerves."

"The nurse is trying to live as Jesus  
would. Now, what would you do?  
What do you think Jesus would do?"

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LOVED IN MARBLE

Pittsburg Heiress Admired Statues at St.  
Louis and Weds Man Who  
Posed for It

PITTSBURG, Jan. 11.—When Miss  
Katherine Vilsack saw the heroic sta-  
tues of "Power" and "Strength" at the  
World's Fair at St. Louis, she was  
thrilled by their expression of man-  
ly beauty. Later she met John J. F.  
Mulchey, the living, breathing model  
of the statues, and a romance had its  
beginning. Yesterday in St. Paul's  
Cathedral Miss Vilsack became Mrs.  
John J. F. Mulchey.

The wedding was the most important  
social event for months past in Pitts-  
burg. Miss Vilsack is the daughter of  
the late Leopold Vilsack, a wealthy  
brewer, banker and real estate owner.  
It is estimated that Miss Vilsack's por-  
tion of her father's estate will approx-  
imate \$6,000,000. She has not appear-  
ed much in society lately, owing to the  
recent death of her father. The wed-  
ding ceremony was performed in St.  
Paul's Cathedral, Bishop J. F. Regis  
Canevin, of the Pittsburg diocese, of-  
ficiating, assisted by Bishop Kennedy,  
of the Catholic University at Washing-  
ton.

DIED IN PARTNER'S  
ARMS DURING WALTZ

New Yorker Expires Suddenly from Heart  
Failure While Waltzing at Ball

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—While wait-  
ing with Miss Ann DeWitt at the Ma-  
jestic Hotel for a waltz partner, John  
Hall, No. 125 East 125th street, ex-  
pired yesterday morning, James J. Mc-  
Donnell, No. 891 Eighth avenue, collapsed in the  
arms of his dancing partner and died  
of heart failure.

DeWitt was a member of the Treas-  
urer Social Club which gave a ball at  
the Majestic. He attended the ball  
with his mother, Mrs. Anna DeWitt,  
and his aunt, Mrs. Anna DeWitt. He  
made in a dance on the programme and  
had complained several times of feeling fatigued.

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