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Officials Determined to Prevent Their Escape to Foreign Parts

McCall, on Deathbed, Has Further Charges Against Him—Roosevelt Much Annoyed Over Report That an Invitation to Miss Alice's Wedding Has Been Sold for \$400—How Prominent New York Lawyers Financed Woman in Breach of Promise Suit, and What the Fair Claimant Got.

New York, Feb. 14.—Another bright ray of illumination is thrown upon the methods of certain classes of lawyers by the developments in the "Public case." This time the law firm is that of Black, Olotis, Gruber & Bouyne. The head of the firm was Governor of the State of New York. Olotis was New York's district attorney, and Gruber is a well-known Republican political leader.

Mrs. Katherine Pollon was interested in W. Gould Brokaw, a millionaire society man and yachtman of international fame. She was interested also in some other men who were neither millionaires nor yachtmen (one was a policeman), and Mr. Brokaw finally decided that his interest in him should cease. Mrs. Pollon cast about her for monetary help and told her troubles to Governor Black's firm. Immediately a suit for \$200,000 for breach of promise was brought against Brokaw. No one who knows Brokaw and Mrs. Pollon, ever believed for a second that there was the promise of marriage.

The Black-Olotis firm speculated. Mrs. Pollon had little or no money. The trial started her and did it liberally. They kept her going for a year and a half, until the case was finally brought to trial. Brokaw had refused all overtures of settlement. It was generally understood that the woman had a very bad case and the trial had been postponed from time to time at the request of the plaintiff's counsel. Suddenly, just when the trial had begun, it was called off, the complaint was withdrawn.

It develops now that \$17,500 was paid in Brokaw's behalf, the settlement being made against Brokaw's wishes by his brother-in-law, Carl Fischer Hansen, "acting for the family."

Fischer Hansen also a connection of Olotis, Mrs. Pollon's counsel. He got \$2,500 for his share in the transaction. The money advanced to Mrs. Pollon was deducted, also various large sums for other "expenses" etc., so that what she actually received was about \$3,000. The little "speculation" of the law firm of the Governor of the State and the district attorney had turned out for her, then, there were certain old-fashioned lawyers who call it pretty sharp practice.

McCall's Rise from Poverty.

John A. McCall is the first of the big insurance men who went under in the early cyclone to succumb entirely. McCall has had lots of friends. He had a bluff, hearty manner, and was generally spoken of as "the strongest man in the insurance world." A large man, he was born in Albany on March 2, 1849. McCall entered upon his business life at the age of sixteen. The first salary he received was \$10 a week as a clerk in the employ of the assuring house for state currency. Later he became a bookkeeper in the employ of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. From there he went to the firm of Levi Parker & Co. Five years after his business career started he was appointed to the state department of insurance. He worked hard and in 1885 was made state superintendent of insurance by Grover Cleveland, who was then governor. Declining a reappointment McCall relinquished the important state job to accept the control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which post was retained until he was elected president of the New York Life Insurance in 1892. Since then McCall was chosen a director of half a score of business concerns and enterprises and he was recognized as one of the leading business men of the country.

McCall always insisted that his methods of handling the company's funds arbitrarily, as if they were his own, was for the best interests of the company. He strenuously defended his campaign contributions for the recovery of which today, as McCall lay dying, his own investigating committee announced they would sue "Secret" monetary transactions were laid to the necessity of legislative bribery. It is well known among insurance men that it has been no uncommon thing for a man to appear at a large agency with an order for money signed by the president. The money would be handed over as a matter of course. It was charged to "agency expenses," and the books balanced.

McCall Prepared to Die.

McCall's son, John C. McCall, said this afternoon: "All the family know that Mr. McCall is a very sick man. We are prepared for the worst, but we have not given up hope."

"There is nothing the matter with his mind, as has been reported. It is never more. The trouble is with his liver, and just what it is even the doctors disagree. My father realizes that he is a

desperately sick man. Yesterday he said to me: "If it is God's will, I am prepared for it. I have lived a clean life, and no man, woman or child can say that I ever did them any wrong. I have lived my life as I saw it."

The Fowler investigating committee of the New York Life Insurance Company today made a supplementary report. It finds that \$30,000 in 1896, \$30,000 in 1897 and \$20,000 in 1898 were contributed for campaign purposes from the funds of the company. The committee finds that these sums were contributed at the direction of President McCall and certain trustees.

CANADA'S BUSINESS SHOWS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Returns for Seven Months Are More Than \$44,000,000 Greater Than Last Year—Exports \$9,000,000 Over Imports—The Fishery Differences.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—(Special)—The aggregate trade of Canada for the seven months ended with January was \$44,261,143 greater than for the same time last year.

An idea of the enormous growth of the trade of the dominion during the past few years may be formed when it is pointed out that the seven months shows a greater volume of business by over \$66,000,000 than the same period of 1907 when the British preference was adopted.

The imports dutiable and free for the seven months were \$19,584,453, compared with \$18,684,625, an increase of \$1,774,778 over the previous year.

The exports were \$15,054,453, compared with \$12,200,463, being an increase of \$2,853,990.

It will be seen that the increase of exports is greater by over \$9,000,000 than the imports.

The output of the mine shows an increase of over \$500,000; the fisheries over \$2,500,000; the forest, \$1,500,000; animals and their products, \$4,200,000; manufacturers, \$1,700,000, while agriculture leads the list with a little short of \$14,000,000. This is one of the best statements of trade ever given out by the customs department.

The total aggregate trade for the seven months were \$33,616,803, as against \$27,366,809, showing, as already stated, an increase of over \$6,000,000.

The duty collected showed an increase of \$2,000,000. The January imports show an increase of \$500,000 over the exports for the month of over \$5,500,000.

The interim report of the commission of which Prof. Prince is chairman, is pointed to investigate the fisheries on the Pacific coast, was up for consideration at yesterday's cabinet meeting.

The report emphasizes the necessity of an early adjustment of the differences between the provinces and the dominion on fisheries matter. It also suggests that a definite declaration is desirable as to the territorial or non-territorial nature of Heats straits waters, where extensive foreign fishing is now being carried on.

Reference is made to the danger of the overcrowding of canners on the coast of the River, Rivers inlet and other northern localities, which the commission regarded as somewhat excessive and recommended that a limitation be imposed. It was suggested that the most feasible limitation would be the issuing of boat licenses by the dominion government.

Another recommendation asks for a survey of the fishing banks to be carried out by experts with a view of showing the limits of the deep sea resources of the province, and the locations of the school of salmon before they migrate up the river.

It was recommended that there should be an increase of the number of patrol vessels to suppress extensive poaching in harbors and inlets on the west coast of Vancouver, and also on the coast of the province generally. The report of removing artificial and natural obstructions to the navigation of the coast was approved and its extension asked for.

The report closes with the recommendation for a more powerful snag boat on the Skeena river.

At the cabinet meeting today an order-in-council was passed appointing D. D. MacKenzie, M. P. Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Victoria, to the bench of the late Judge Dodd. This will create a vacancy in the exchequer. It is said that A. C. Ross will be the Liberal candidate. The writ will be issued for the election very soon.

DEPLORE ASSES OF LAX MORALS WEARY DAYS AND SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

Associated Charities Monthly Meeting Held Yesterday—Urge Poor to Take Up Farm Life.

The prevalence in the city of cases where couples are living together without having gone through the marriage ceremony was referred to at the monthly meeting of the Associated Charities held in the office of the Relief & Aid Society, Dock street, yesterday afternoon.

The fact that such a regrettable condition of affairs is permitted to exist here will evidently arouse the authorities to action, and at the meeting yesterday one particular case was mentioned.

The president of the board, W. Shives Fisher, presided and the others present were Mrs. H. M. Smith, Miss Reynolds, Mrs. R. C. Skinner, William Young, Rev. G. F. Sovell and Dr. W. E. Christie.

The monthly report submitted by the secretary, as follows:

Applicants.....\$100
 Waiting relief.....\$100
 Recommended for relief.....\$100
 Advice given.....\$100
 Records given to employers and others.....\$100
 Employment found for.....\$100
 Not to be taken into consideration.....\$100
 Letters written.....\$100
 Vitals made.....\$100

THE LATE DR. CHRISTIE

The regular meeting of the board of health was held yesterday afternoon and in addition to routine business a resolution on the death of their late colleague, Dr. William Christie, was adopted.

James Reynolds was in the chair and Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., James Ready and John Kelley were present with Thomas Burns, secretary.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered to be entered in the minutes:

Resolved, that we place on record our feelings of sincere sorrow for the loss sustained by this board in the death of our late colleague, Dr. William Christie.

Dr. William Christie had been connected with the board for many years and his death is a great loss to the public health of this city.

During that period there have been many occasions in which the members of this board have been required to devote a good deal of time and attention to the duties of their office, and on these, as on other occasions, Dr. Christie was always willing to share in the labor and responsibility, and assist with his careful judgment and ripe experience.

By his death this board has lost one on whom it could always depend for valuable counsel and advice, whose members individually feel they have lost a friend.

We also wish to convey to Mrs. Christie the expression of our warmest sympathy with her in her affliction.

Resolved, that the above resolution be entered in the minutes and a copy sent to Mrs. Christie.

A copy will be sent to Mrs. Christie.

The adjourned meeting of the Central Telephone Company was held at Hampton yesterday morning. About twenty shareholders were present. The reports were read and considered satisfactory. T. H. Estabrooks was re-elected president, S. H. White, vice-president, and H. P. Robinson, secretary and manager.

FALMOUTH, N. S., WOMAN'S ABSENCE CAUSES NO ALARM

Libbie Barkhouse Has Been in the Habit of Going Away and Coming Back Without Consulting Anyone

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 14.—(Special)—The story of supposed murder in Falmouth as reported in a Halifax paper tonight is all moonshine. About three months ago Libbie Barkhouse, daughter of Benjamin Barkhouse of Upper Falmouth, went home and has not yet written announcing her arrival anywhere. She is supposed to be in Halifax.

Parus returning from the country few weeks ago had been absent from home for some time, and his parents were very anxious to hear from him. He has always returned in due season.

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PROTEST AGAINST ROYAL MARRIAGE

King Edward Petitioned by Protestants to Withhold His Consent to Princess Ena's Alliance.

London, Feb. 13.—The anticipated Protestant protest against the marriage of Princess Ena of Battenberg to King Alfonso of Spain have commenced with a petition from the Imperial Protestant Assembly, declares that the proposed marriage has caused the deepest sorrow and distress to Protestants, and that the Pro-Federation appealing to King Edward to withhold his consent.

The federation, which has a large membership, intended entry into the Roman Catholic Church has greatly shocked them. The king's answer to this first official protest of disapproval is awaited with interest.

TEST CASE FOR DAMAGES IN MILFORD WRECK

O. M. Olmstead Sued Dominion Government for \$2,000 for Injuries, Loss of Time and Property in I. C. R. Smashup.

Halifax, Feb. 14.—(Special)—The exchequer court met this morning, Judge Burdidge presiding. The case of O. M. Olmstead v. the King, the plaintiff belongs to New York and he is suing the dominion government for damages for injuries, etc., received in the Milford wreck on the I. C. R. in 1904. He was one of the passengers on the train leaving Halifax on the morning that the railway disaster occurred. He claims he was slightly injured, that he lost a diamond valued at between \$400 and \$500, and other personal property. He also claims \$2,000 damages for loss of time.

The trial of the case did not take place as the plaintiff telegraphed that his son was seriously ill in New York and he could not leave. The trial was adjourned until April 4. This case is a test case as several other passengers on the same train have filed claims for damages, and whether they will or not be settled depends on the outcome of Olmstead v. the King.

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