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DAVID RUSSELL BEGINS ACTION

Writes Against Head of Pinkertons Issued SUES FOR \$200,000

Case Arises Out of Declared Attempt to Play Badger Game—Pinkertons Were Employed by Him—Charged They Conspired Against Him

(Canadian Press) Montreal, Que., Jan. 21.—Writes were issued today at the instance of David Russell, in a suit for \$200,000 damages against the head of the Pinkerton Detective Agency and John W. MacNamara, the local manager of this agency. Mr. Russell has been working since last October on a case which had its inception early that month in an alleged attempt to make him the victim of what is commonly known as the "Badger Game."

A woman, who was registered with a male companion at a leading hotel, endeavored to induce Mr. Russell to meet her at the hotel. Mr. Russell, who was at the time the ordinary attempt to extort money by subsequent threats of exposure had the trick worked. Mr. Russell proceeded to investigate the matter. In the course of his enquiry, which took him several times to New York, and Pittsburgh, Mr. Russell affirms that an attempt was made to have him sent surreptitiously to a sanitarium for the mentally unsound.

There was a man in the case also, Mr. Russell alleges, who under the name of J. S. Patterson, stayed at the hotel with the woman. Mr. Russell engaged the Pinkertons to investigate the standing of both the man and woman, and alleges it was reported by the agency to him that the woman was a New York adventuress, while the man was said to be reputable member of New York society and the general manager of a company capitalized at \$700,000. Later, it was admitted, so the writ sets forth, that the man was not as represented, but instead, had a bad reputation and character.

The Pinkerton men were dismissed by Mr. Russell from his employ, and he demanded a return of \$2,000 he had given them. When the Pinkertons refused to return the money, Mr. Russell, who was then a resident of Montreal, alleged that he had been defamed and injured in his person, character, reputation, position, sensibilities and feelings.

This alleged plot included the spreading of rumors in Montreal and elsewhere, that the plaintiff was of unsound mind and mentally deranged, and that he should be restrained in an asylum. Another part of the plot, it is alleged, was to lure Mr. Russell to New York by means of a false telegram, there to overpower him and secure his inspection in an asylum.

Mr. Russell has had detectives at work on the case for months, latterly the W. J. H. Bureau agency of New York, and has retained Donald MacMaster K. C., M.P., under whose supervision the papers were issued.

H. BEVERLEY ROBINSON TO MONTREAL NEXT WEEK

Mr. Beverley Robinson, of the firm of J. M. Robinson & Co., bankers and brokers, Market Square, has been elected a member of the Montreal stock exchange, and will leave for Montreal on Thursday next to open a branch office there at No. 85 Hospital street.

The firm of J. M. Robinson & Co. have been members of the Montreal stock exchange for some time, and they will now be represented there by a member of the firm. Mr. Robinson will engage a staff in Montreal, so that the local staff will remain as at present.

Mr. Robinson has given up his residence here, and will make his home in Montreal. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends in this city.

WEST SIDE WATER

The water supply continues to be the most interesting subject of discussion on the west side. Yesterday and today the supply was a little better and the engineer said the cause was the milder weather.

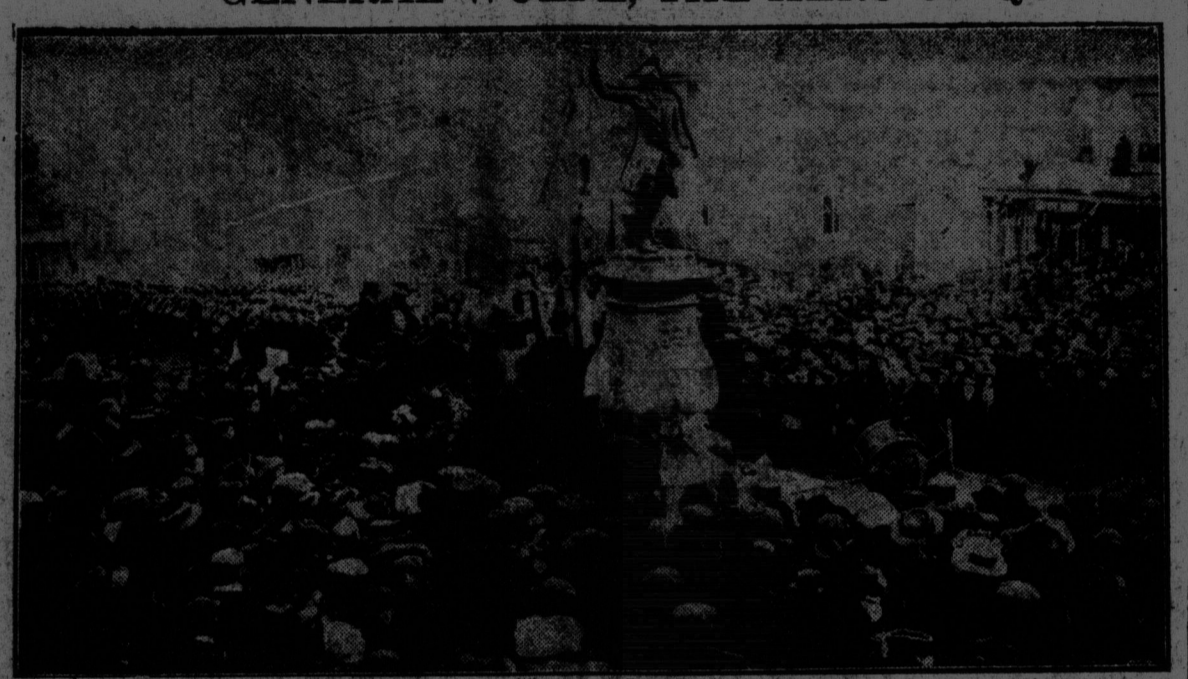
Mr. Murdoch said this morning that he had appointed a special inspector to go from house to house on the west side to ascertain if there was any unnecessary draft on the pipes. The leak in the service pipe in Queen street, he said, was caused by a stop cock blowing out, the water flowing under the surface and finding an outlet under the house of Mr. Alton.

The engineer is still of the opinion that there should be a pump installed to supply the houses on the higher levels, but in consequence of the action of the council on Thursday in deciding against this proposal, nothing has been done. Yesterday the engineer made a trip to Spruce Lake, but found nothing wrong there.

THE WEATHER

Strong winds and gales, southerly, shifting to westerly, and easterly and north westerly; snow and rain; sun day, clearing and becoming colder again.

PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF GENERAL WOLFE, THE HERO OF QUEBEC



Unveiling of a memorial to General Wolfe at Westminster in England, in the presence of an immense throng of people.

LAST HOURS OF CONFERENCE ON RECIPROCIITY

Canadian Delegates to Leave Washington Tonight—Not a Treaty but Agreement for Concurrent Legislation

(Canadian Press) Washington, Jan. 21.—While the general expectation that yesterday afternoon would see the wind up of the reciprocity negotiations was dispelled, when, after a conference of only forty minutes, the representatives of the two countries left the meeting room, there is little doubt that, with their work finished, the Canadian delegates will get away this evening. There is another meeting scheduled for today, and the twenty-four hour day in the final arrangements is not likely to be a large extent.

It is now rumored that the final agreement will be in the form of a treaty, but it will be put before congress as a joint resolution, to be moved and voted upon in both the house of representatives and the senate. This resolution would take the form of an amendment to the Payne-Aldrich tariff act, and the various schedules affected would be set forth in detail. In this form it would be handled more quickly.

There will likely be nothing but a bald announcement that the negotiations have concluded.

RETURNS \$10,700 OF FARMERS' BANK MONEY

(Special to Times) Toronto, Jan. 21.—Restitutions in the Farmers' Bank case have begun and \$10,700 has been returned by F. Crompton, of the Crompton Trust Company. This is the first amount to be so returned, but it is understood that other money regularly from the bank has made offers of restitution. Prosecutions may follow in some cases, in spite of any restitution, the money returned by Mr. Crompton is \$10,000 received by him for \$100,000 Kealey Mines Ltd. stock, given by Travers to induce him to deposit \$100,000 in the bank and afterwards returned at Travers' request upon payment of \$10,000. The \$700 balance is money paid by the bank to Crompton as interest.

THREE TO DORCHESTER FROM P. E. ISLAND

(Special to Times) Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 21.—In the supreme court today the chief justice sentenced George Edward Leder to Dorchester for four years, and James Leder and Charles Dowton to four years each for larceny from the store in Stanley Bridge, on September last, George was out on ticket of leave.

Mr. Lloyd George Resting

(London, Jan. 21.—Canadian Press)—David Lloyd George, chancellor, who has been resting for some time on account of throat trouble, attended yesterday's council of ministers, but on the advice of his physicians will again go into retirement after parliament meets.

Battleships for Uncle Sam

(Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Canadian Press)—Two battleships, two colliers, eight torpedo destroyers and four submarine boats constitute the United States naval increase programme for next year.

FERGUSON MUST ANSWER

(Special to Times) Halifax, N. S., Jan. 21.—The full bench gave a unanimous judgment today in the case of Duncan Ferguson to the effect that Ferguson must answer the questions put to him at Amherst. Accordingly, he will be taken back to Amherst jail. This is the arson case.

MAY BE PARDONED

(New York, Jan. 21.—Canadian Press)—According to the World today, Captain Win. H. Van Schaick, master of the Steamer General Slocum on which 1,000 lives were lost on June 15, 1904, by fire, is to be pardoned soon. He has served more than a third of a ten years sentence at Sing-Sing.

SHEDIAC FIRE

Home of Councillor Tait Destroyed—Family Driven Out in Zero Weather

(Canadian Press) Montreal, N. B., Jan. 21.—The residence of Coun. E. G. Tait in Shediac, was destroyed by fire between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning and members of the household had a narrow escape, having hardly time to flee from the building. The thermometer registered several degrees below zero.

JOHNSON PUTS UP \$10,000

(Canadian Press) Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 21.—Jack Johnson today offered to bet \$10,000 to \$10,000 that he can knock out either Al Kaufman or George Cooney, his opponent of Ontario, in less than ten rounds or forfeit \$10,000. Johnson made out the \$10,000 check and was disappointed when the local newspaper refused to hold the money.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence

DEWITT BROS. AFFAIRS

The firm of DeWitt Bros., dealers in lay, cat, potatoes, etc., with offices in this city, Orleans county, and Havana, Cuba, are reported to be in financial difficulties, and it is stated that proceedings will be taken next week by a petition for a winding-up order. DeWitt Bros. is being taken by W. D. Turner, of Sussex, at the instance of Wm. G. Gibson, of Sussex, a creditor.

SWAPPED WIVES; A JACKKNIFE "TO BOOT"

(Canadian Press) Worcester, Mass., Jan. 21.—A deaconess from Boston, with the aid of two detectives, has found that Frank J. Allen, a visit potashman woodchopper, swapped his wife Minnie for Hilda, the wife of Hubert Houton, of South Athol, and gave Houghton a jackknife as a bonus.

SELLS LAND TO MCBRIDE AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN

(Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Canadian Press)—Dealing with Hon. Richard McBride, not as premier of British Columbia, but as a private citizen, the dominion government has sold him a plot of 4.14 acres which, according to the official record, has been used by him for years as a camping ground. Mr. McBride is allowed to purchase the land at \$10 an acre.

P. E. ISLAND'S WEALTHIEST BUSINESS MAN DIED TODAY

(Special to Times) Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 21.—Benjamin Rogers, president of the Rogers' Hardware Company, and probably the wealthiest merchant of Prince Edward Island, died today, aged seventy-five. He was born in Wales, and came here a boy and began in the hardware business at the age of seventeen, with Thomas Bodd. He was admitted to partnership four years later, and became proprietor of Bodd & Rogers in 1892. He became president of the Rogers Hardware Co. in 1904. He was liberal member for Charlottetown in the provincial legislature 1893-1901, and was president of the Island Telephone Company, and one of the largest directors of the Steam Navigation Company, and a heavy shareholder in other companies.

He was a prominent Mason, being grand master for some years. He leaves his wife, two sons—Mayor Rogers of Charlottetown, and George J.—both in the hardware business, and one daughter, Mrs. Hunt, of Malden, Mass.

STATEMENT OF CANADA BANKS FOR DECEMBER

Decrease in Business as Compared with Active November, But a Large Gain Over Last Month of 1909

(Canadian Press) Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—The December bank statement issued by the finance department shows the usual decrease as compared with the active month of November. The total reserve had been reduced by \$800,000, notes and circulation by \$8,300,000, demand deposits by \$8,838,000, savings deposits by \$9,883,125, a decrease of \$21,185,708. Current loans in Canada show a shrinkage of half a million and November similar accommodation showed a loss of \$8,838,000 on November 20. The December statement has an increase of \$1,000,000 in the Farmers' Bank.

THERE'S A BOOM IN BRITISH SHIPPING

(Canadian Press) London, Jan. 21.—The Daily Chronicle points out the boom in the shipping business that has resulted from the removal of restrictions on the importation of frozen meat by America, Portugal and Italy and anticipated similar action on the part of Germany and Switzerland.

MAY ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEM OUT

(Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Canadian Press)—A movement is reported among the country shareholders in the Farmers' Bank to ask the Ottawa Government to relieve them of the double liability and to have the dominion assume the financial liabilities on the ground that they were innocent victims of fraud on the part of Travers from the inception of the bank. Petitions for a government inquiry are being signed by practically all the stockholders and depositors. The crown is continuing the investigation of the books.

COLORED MAN LOSES PLACE AS ALDERMAN

(Windsor, Ont., Jan. 21.—Canadian Press)—Ald. J. Evans, colored, who was elected to the city council by a very few votes over Hamilton Trumble two weeks ago and whose election was protested by the latter, was yesterday unseated by Judge McNeill who handed down a decision that Evans' property qualification was defective.

RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS' PAY

(Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—Canadian Press)—A delegation of railway mail clerks in the railway mail service waited upon Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux yesterday and asked for an increase in the mileage rate. The minister did not give any definite assurance.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

HIRAM SIZES THEM UP. "Say, Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times new reporter this morning. 'Hiram's gittin' smart, ain't he? Goin' to have a meetin' here next week, an' invites the newsies to be in on it. You'd better be there, 'cause it's a crowd. An' the Stand'ard says 'Fleming' beat out Roberson on McKewen in a meetin' at the op'ry house last night—so a people'll go to hear 'Fleming'. Well, well, well! I see they got a new dodge, too. A Conservative writes a letter to the Globe, an' signs it Liberal, an' the Globe put out pure cussedness, prints it. Then the Stand'ard copies an' says 'he's the very one to say among the Liberals. But they ain't a word about Mr. Wilson. I wonder if they'll get things coop'ered up so's he'll speak at that meetin'.' I s'pose so. But if I know Johnny I wouldn't back down 'not 'nch. Ain't it great? You'd think the Stand'ard holler that it 'x'c'lin' to happen, an' hunchy 's'pec' is out undern'ath it. Well, it 's'pec' the same. Well, if the bunch that's runnin' the Stand'ard had charge o' things somethin' would happen by Hen! But the rest of us wouldn't get a look in. Hey, what?'"

WHEATHER ITEM

When Mr. Peter Binka was coming down town this morning a neighbor stopped him and enquired: "What do you think of the weather?" Mr. Binka is a gentleman of serene temper and great affability, but when the neighbor's friends arrived on the scene they deemed it necessary to summon the ambulance.