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THE WEATHER. Fresh to strong west to northwest winds, mostly fair, with local snow flurries, turning much colder. Saturday, fine and cold.

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ONE CENT

"EXPERT'S" REPORT IS THE BIGGEST JOKE YET

The City Laughing Today at Premier Robinson's Puzzle as Published in the Sun--Wizard Pugsley and Supporting Jugglers in Vaudeville at the Opera House Tonight.

"The biggest joke yet," is the way the majority of the people on the street speak of the expert auditor's report in this morning's Sun. First and foremost an expert is needed to explain the statements so far no one has been discovered whole equal to the task. The statement is so mixed up that the financial experts in the Star office had to call in one of the government advertisement writers to try and straighten out the mass of figures...

ENGLAND IS AROUSED OVER ASQUITH'S LICENSING BILL

LONDON, Feb. 28--Chancellor Asquith's bold and drastic licensing bill which was introduced in the house of commons yesterday, is raising a storm of denunciation in the opposition press. Mr. Balfour gave his party a lead in a brief speech, signifying the measure as "robbery."

TOLSTOY'S BIRTHDAY

Preparations for an International Celebration of His 80th Anniversary. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28--The preparations for the international celebration of the 80th anniversary of the birth of Count Leo Tolstoy are progressing steadily under the auspices of the committees having the matter in charge...

SMALLPOX FOLLOWED FAMILY CARD PARTY

Three New Cases Developed Yesterday at Fox Creek--Seven Houses Quarantined. MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 28--(Special)--Three new cases of smallpox developed yesterday at Fox Creek village, a few miles from Moncton, and seven houses are now quarantined at that place.

THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL TODAY

LISBON, Feb. 28--The council of state has endorsed the decisions of the cabinet on Tuesday last to annul the decrees of Franco dissolving the Chamber of Deputies and reforming the House of Peers and to summon the dissolved chamber in order to permit King Manuel to take the oath of office.

WHAT THE OPPOSITION HAS SECURED OR URGED

- (1) Open competition for the building of steel bridges. The demand for the extension of this principle to all public work. (2) One man one vote. (3) The secret ballot--the right to vote free of undue influence. (4) Better educational facilities. Fairer pay for school teachers. (5) Protection of municipal rights from crippling extortions. (6) Cheaper school books. (7) The appointment of an independent auditor general, with every power for the people's protection. (8) Reform of crown land policy: fair play for lumber operators. (9) Extension and encouragement of local schools.

RAISING THE RACE CRY AMONG THE WESTMORLAND ACADIANS

Quebec M. P. P. Trying to Save Premier Robinson's Neck. He Appeals to French Canadians of Westmorland That the Defeat of Premier Robinson Would Be a Direct Blow at Premier Laurier--Desperate Straits of a Discredited Government.

MONCTON, FEB. 28 (SPECIAL)--MR. GAUTHIER, THE QUEBEC M. P. P., BROUGHT TO WESTMORLAND TO TRY AND SAVE PREMIER ROBINSON FROM DEFEAT IS APPEALING TO THE FRENCH ACADIANS TO STAND BY SIR WILFRED LAURIER. THIS IS GAUTHIER'S WHOLE CRY. HE, OF COURSE, MAKES NO APPEAL ON THE RECORD OF THE LOCAL OR EVEN DOMINION GOVERNMENTS, BUT IS CLAIMING THAT THE DEFEAT OF PREMIER ROBINSON WOULD BE A BLOW AT LAURIER.

THE DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT CAUSE IN THE PREMIER'S OWN COUNTY MAY BE JUDGED WHEN IT HAS BEEN FOUND NECESSARY TO IMPORT QUEBEC SPEAKERS TO MAKE SUCH RACE APPEALS AS THIS. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS WHERE THESE APPEALS ARE BEING MADE, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT FRENCH ACADIAN ELECTORS CANNOT BE DIVERTED FROM THEIR INTENTION TO VOTE AGAINST THE MALADMINISTRATION AT FREDERICTON BY SUCH INFLUENCES.

CRACKING THE WHIP FOR DR. PUGSLEY

Government Supporters Here Making Use of an Impertinent and Untrue Canvass. ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTY IN ST. JOHN IS USING AS A CANVASS THIS MORNING THE STATEMENT THAT IF THE ROBINSON GOVERNMENT WAS NOT RETURNED DR. PUGSLEY WOULD TAKE IT AS A NOTIFICATION THAT IT IS USELESS FOR HIM TO ATTEMPT TO DO ANYTHING FURTHER FOR ST. JOHN.

A BANGOR FIREMAN TAKES HOME BRIDE

Wedding of J. H. Macaulay and Miss Kinsella the Culmination of a Pretty Romance. A pretty romance dating from the Firemen's Tournament held here on labor day culminated in an interesting wedding at Holy Trinity church at 5.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning when Miss Mary A. Kinsella, daughter of P. Kinsella, of this city became the bride of J. H. Macaulay, a member of the Bangor Fire Department.

ITALIAN CABINET WAS VICTORIOUS

Religious Teaching in Italian Schools Will Not Be Abolished. ROME, Feb. 28--The cabinet was victorious yesterday in its opposition to the abolition of religious teaching in the schools. The motion brought in the chamber of deputies by the Socialist party proposing the complete abolition of such teaching was defeated by a vote of 323 to 106. The bill was supported only by the Socialists, the Radical Republicans and a few independent Conservatives.

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GOOD STORY ON MAYOR SEARS

How His Worship Helped "to Buy an Overcoat" for an Opposition Voter. A rather good story on Mayor Sears was going the rounds on the streets today. The truth of the yarn is not vouched for but it is given here just as it was being told on the street. It appears, according to this story, that the mayor in canvassing in the region of York Point yesterday called at a certain house to ask for the support of a citizen who had always voted for him. The man of the house was out, but his wife, in answer to the mayor's inquiry as to how her husband would vote, said he was going to vote opposition this time. "Why," said the mayor, "the always supported me before." "Yes, I know," she replied, "but he has been promised an overcoat to vote for the opposition this time." "Promised an overcoat?" ejaculated the mayor, seeming a violation of the purity pledge, at once. "I'd give \$5 to you who promised him the overcoat." "Well, I don't mind telling you for the \$5," she replied. "His worship, so the story goes, produced the money. "Now," he said, handing it over, "tell me who promised him the overcoat." "Why, I don't know," and this \$5 will help to pay for it." "Nough said."

HOT CAMPAIGN ON IN ONTARIO

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FREDERICTON NEWS

FREDERICTON, Feb. 28 (Special)--Rev. E. E. Gibson, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, is to leave on Monday for Youngstown, Ohio, where he has accepted an appointment. The league hockey match at the Arctic rink this evening between the Moncton Victorias and the Capitals is looked forward to with the keenest interest. Soit weather has interfered with the ice so much that it is not expected that the teams will be able to put on lightning hockey. The Capitals won the last time the teams met here, and local fans are confident that they will repeat the trick this evening. Joe Hall, of Montreal, will referee, and is said to be well qualified for the job.

BLIZZARD IN SASKATCHEWAN

ROSTHERN, Sask., Feb. 28 (Special)--The worst blizzard in years is now raging. Snow is piled up three and four feet high. Country roads are all blocked and farmers are unable to get to town. Captain John McMulkin, who has been confined to the house with a heavy cold, was better Thursday.

SBARETTI OVERRULED ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI

Consequently Prof. Pfister Was Buried in Consecrated Ground in Montreal. MONTREAL, Feb. 28 (Special)--An incident that has aroused considerable discussion in Roman Catholic circles has just occurred. Some days ago Professor Pfister, a prominent educationalist and founder of the polytechnic school, one of the leading Roman Catholic establishments in the city, died suddenly. The professor was a materialist and had not attended church for years, so that when it came to a question of his burial, the Roman Catholic archbishop refused to give his consent to burial in the Roman Catholic cemetery with the usual services as the professor had died without the last rites of the church. The matter was referred to the papal legate, Mgr. Sbarretti, at Ottawa, and he gave special permission for the deceased to be buried in consecrated ground. A service was accordingly held and the remains interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE FIRST VICTIM. Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. James Jones, was taken today this morning to the lunatic asylum undergoing treatment for mental aberration. All the way over in the coach he kept up such a jabbering that the coach he kept up and pity. It appears that James got up this morning and seized the Sun with his usual avidity for the latest news. When he read the head lines on the first page, showing that the expert auditor's report had at last arrived he gave utterance to a cry of joy. Then he settled himself down to study the document. The more he studied it the more his brain reeled. At intervals his wife observed him tapping his forehead and bumping his head against the back of his easy-chair. Presently he gave a wild scream and began talking to himself at a terrific rate. His wife, greatly alarmed, summoned other members of the family and finally telephoned for the doctor. The latter immediately ordered his removal to a padded cell. Later in the day the superintendent reported that James was much quieter, and at times rational, but that his recovery depended entirely on keeping his mind diverted from the auditor's report.

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