

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Toronto's Civic Car Service Started Yesterday.

CANADA STEER WINS

Montreal Marriage Case Will be Appealed.

The House of Commons adjourned for the Christmas recess.

The first civic car was put in operation by Mayor Hocken at Toronto.

The shoe firm of F. E. Frank & Co. made an assignment in Toronto.

The British steamer Robert Dollar, for whose safety fear has been expressed, is safe at Yokohama.

A fire in the harness factory of Geo. A. Rudd & Co., Toronto, did damage to the extent of \$25,000.

Kingsley Rand, a Berford township farmer, was arrested by High Constable Kerr, charged with arson.

The Canadian Soo lock will remain open for another week to accommodate boats said to be on their way up and down.

The body of Thomas Stiff was found at his cottage at Toronto Island, with escaping gas in the room. A dog was not affected.

The extension of the main transmission line of the Hydro-Electric Commission from St. Thomas to Windsor is believed to be assured.

The buildings of the Vancouver County Club, worth approximately \$50,000, and situated at Point Grey, facing on English Bay, were burned.

Convicted of stealing a dollar bill from a letter, Edward J. Herrod, a Downie Township mail carrier, was let go on suspended sentence by Judge Barron.

London Park Commissioners at a meeting held this afternoon adopted by unanimous vote the plan of Commissioner Hamilton for a boulevard drive around the city.

The Imperial Oil Company has announced another advance in the price of crude oil of three cents per barrel. This is the fifth raise in a short time, and brings the price up to \$1.62.

Mr. Arnold Wainwright, counsel for the woman in the Tremblay-Deputie marriage case, at Montreal, in which the parties are fourth cousins, has decided to appeal direct to the Privy Council.

George Wilson, the hold-up man who was last week captured, was positively identified at Vancouver as the bandit who held up a Canadian Pacific train two weeks ago and robbed many passengers.

A valuable stallion owned by Dan Donovan, a well-known Chatham horseman, died in stall. The animal was imported from France and cost \$3,000. The owner refused an offer of \$2,000 on Saturday.

A western Canadian bred and fed steer has won the blue ribbon event of the Canadian fat cattle at Chicago. This beast was owned by Mr. J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, Manitoba, and was a two-year-old Angus grade.

Water Works Engineer C. T. Fellows, who was censured for neglect of duty by Judge Winchester in his report on the intake repairs enquiry, was asked by the Toronto Board of Control yesterday to tender his resignation forthwith.

LUITPOLD'S BURIAL

Many Royalties Follow Dead Regent's Body.

Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 23.—The body of the late Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria was carried this morning to its sepulchre beneath the altar of the church of the Theatines, in this city, where it was laid beside that of King Maximilian II.

The German Emperor, the King of the Belgians, the King of Saxony, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and a number of princes, representing the royal houses of Europe, followed the coffin in the procession, which passed through streets crowded with silent mourners. All the time the procession was on the way to the church, and also during the service, minute guns were fired and the church bells throughout the city were tolled.

The heart of the dead regent was embalmed.

THIS ARTICLE REMOVED

parlors and tobacco stands suggested by the Middleton decision has in every part of the Dominion been welcomed and has proved efficacious.

The attitude taken by the alliance with regard to the opening of canals was that the rule of the department should prevail this year as in other years until it was clear that the pre-

sure of traffic demanded the opening. With regard to the Intercolonial railway, the alliance merely asked that clearance be paid to the strong sentiment in that part of the country against such Sunday service.

Appreciation was expressed with the beneficial results accruing from the enforcement of the order of the Postoffice Department closing to the public on the Lord's day all postoffices in cities and towns in the west.

Great activity was reported from Winnipeg in the enforcement of the law, Sunday dance halls being closed and convictions being recorded in connection with Sunday labor and Sunday entertainment.

The financial report presented by the treasurer was most encouraging. The contributions this year amounted to about four thousand dollars more than the previous year. The general secretary, Rev. W. M. Rochester, was appointed a delegate to the World's Congress at Portland.

LONG AERO TRIP

French Airman Crosses the Mediterranean Sea.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The French airman, Garros, started this morning in an attempt to cross the Mediterranean from Tunis to Rome, via Naples and the coast of Italy. The distance is over four hundred miles. Garros left Cape Bon Tunis at 10 o'clock and arrived at Marsala, in Sicily, at midday, after a flight of about ninety miles over the Mediterranean. He afterwards flew to Trapani, which was reached at 4.30. In landing he damaged the petrol tank.

Garros will continue his flight towards Rome to-morrow morning. Special arrangements were made for the flight. Five Italian torpedo boats cruised along the route. The aeroplane was fitted up with floats and buoys, which lighted up automatically on coming in contact with the water.

FRIEDMANN'S CURE

Tuberculosis Treatment Gets Public Test.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Hermann Friedmann, who says he has discovered a preventive and cure for tuberculosis, yesterday opened his first institute for demonstration.

Personally he inoculated with his serum several patients, women, children and men, in the presence of eminent physicians and scientists from Berlin, London, Paris and America. Dr. Friedmann still refuses to give out any of his serum, saying that from a tiny drop of it a bacteriologist could propagate enough of the bacilli to supply the world.

Dr. Friedmann's small quarters were swamped by patients, physicians and scientists. The physicians numbered more than fifty.

Dr. Friedmann told all the patients and their physicians that results from his serum begin to show in most cases within five weeks.

OFFICIALS BLAMED

For Misuse of Union Funds In Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—Walking delegates and officials who do not work, but who use the funds of labor unions to enhance their own power even if they must resort to crime, was the government's description in its argument to the jury at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today of the forty men charged with complicity in the McNamara dynamite plots.

Olaf A. Tveitmo, San Francisco, was charged with helping to spend \$250,000 "collected from honest working men" in connection with the strike at Los Angeles, which culminated in the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building, and all of the defendants were declared to have used the funds of the ironworkers' International Union in violation of the by-laws of the union to pay dynamite to blow up non-union jobs.

NEW YORK DOUBLE MURDER.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Colborn, an aged couple who lived on the top floor of a five-story apartment building on Washington street, were found dead in bed early today. The bedding and some of the furnishings in the room were burned, but the fire was out when the tragedy was discovered. Detectives declared that there was evidence that the couple had been murdered before the fire started.

SUFFRAGETTE GETS SENTENCE.

London, Dec. 23.—Another militant suffragette, Norah Lackey, was sent to jail today for giving false fire alarms. The sentence meted out this time was one of three months' imprisonment, and the Magistrate of the Westminster police court admonished the defendant that she would be even more severely punished if she repeated her offence. The prisoner was only 22 years old.

ROBBED DANISH KING.

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—The private life of King Christian has been the field of operations for a thief. The fact was discovered to-day, and an assistant secretary is charged with being involved. The loot included rare and unique books, miniatures and pictures. The stolen articles were sold to dealers in second-hand goods, who are said to have disposed of a large part of them in the United States.

WILL DISCUSS CANADA'S PLANS.

London, Dec. 23.—Replying to Keir Hardie in the House of Commons to-day, Premier Asquith gave assurance that, before this country was committed to the acceptance of Premier Borden's naval proposals the British Commons would be given effective opportunity for discussing them.

DO AWAY WITH SPOILS SYSTEM

Feature of Report On Civil Service Reform.

MINISTERS' POWERS

Should Be Enlarged, Says British Expert.

Ottawa despatch: A report on the organization of the public service of Canada, made by Sir George Murray, at the request of the Dominion Government, was laid on the table of the House to-day by the Prime Minister. The report is a lengthy one, containing some 30 printed pages.

The report is divided into four parts. These are:

First: Methods employed in transaction of public business. Second: Control of appropriations and expenditures. Third: The administrative methods and operations of the chief spending departments, and Fourth: Miscellaneous suggestions.

Sir George states that he was most impressed by the enormous amount of work the Ministers have to do under the present system in force in Canada. They both have too much to do and do too much.

The number of orders-in-council passed a year is between 4,000 and 4,500. This is too many. They deal with everything from a foreign treaty to the appointment of an excise man.

Moreover, in theory at any rate, almost every decision of the Minister, however trivial, goes before his colleagues for approval. With the growth of Canada this system will break down by its own weight.

Sir George recommends a greater devolution of authority, that is, much that is now done by order-in-council should be done by the individual Ministers should be given greater authority without submission to the Cabinet. Legislation would be necessary to effect such changes.

ABOLISH TREASURY BOARD.

A committee of Ministers should be appointed to deal with this matter and to recommend such duties as may be left to the individual Ministers. No harm would be done, says the report, if the Treasury Board were abolished and the duties performed by the several departments concerned.

The report also considers the relief of individual Ministers by the transfer of some of their duties to deputies and to others. This matter is gone into in detail. The present system of oral consideration of estimates in council is declared a poor one. The matter should be dealt with in writing with the Finance Department, and thus the whole matter preserved in the form of correspondence.

Political deputies of Ministers, the report suggests, should be appointed to relieve them of much of the time now spent in interviewing members and conducting negotiations of a political character.

Sir George recommends that the provisions of the Civil Service Act be extended to the outside service of the Government, thus taking it from the political arena. Certain other recommendations are made in both directions, however, that it is undesirable, however, that the commission should interfere in the matter of promotions.

PROMOTION ON MERIT ONLY.

Sir George finds that there have been cases where considerations of "otherwise than merit" have resulted in promotions in the civil service in the past. He makes the recommendation that promotion should be left to deputy heads only on the understanding that merit alone would count.

A pension system of retirements is suggested. No retirements are to be allowed for ill-health unless there is a medical certificate that the ill-health and incapacity for work is to be permanent.

The provisions which allow certain officials to serve over the usual number of years is declared to be of doubtful value. The practice of deducting from salaries a certain amount for pensions is of doubtful value and should be abolished.

Sir George goes extensively into cases where work is duplicated in different departments, and makes recommendations concerning this.

The bulk of the report deals with conditions in the inside service at Ottawa, and it is not until the method of classifying clerks and paying salaries in different departments is fully divergent though the work in each case is similar. A committee of deputy ministers to regulate classification is strongly advocated, and the need of promotion by merit alone is emphasized.

THREE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS.

Because their work is similar, the report suggests the amalgamation of the Customs and Inland Revenue Departments would not be impossible.

The report concludes as follows: "I desire to urge as strongly as I can that for the creation and maintenance of an efficient service three essential conditions are required:—

(1)—The best material in the country must be attracted to it and induced to remain there. (2)—To this end the service must be so regulated as to provide a permanent career in which promotion will depend on individual merit exhibited in the daily performance of duty. (3)—It follows that the mutual relations of ministers and civil servants must be conducted with a loyal and single-minded devotion to the public service, from which all considerations dependent upon the political views of individuals should be wholly excluded.

"Whether and how far it is possible to realize these conditions it is not for me to say, but I feel confident that until they are realized, the civil service will not be such as the Dominion is entitled to expect, or such as is essential for the proper transaction of its business."

LA PATRIE NOT SOLD

Owners Issue Denial of Recent Report.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Mr. L. J. Tarte, president of La Patrie Publishing Co., has published the following statement:

"There is not one word of truth in the despatch that La Patrie has been sold to the Conservatives. You may please accept my word of honor that there has been no negotiations going on for that purpose. Several weeks ago we were approached, an offer was made but refused. To be more positive, we are not now even discussing the matter of selling La Patrie, as we intend not to part with it, believing that it is a good proposition for others and is equally good for us."

There is not a word of truth either in the rumor that Mr. Beauchamp would become editor-in-chief of La Patrie. Mr. Robillard is, since the death of Hon. J. I. Tarte, and will remain editor-in-chief. You can be assured that should my brother and myself part with our interests in La Patrie, which we do not intend to do, we will announce it to our readers, as we would not care to be connected with the paper and allow it to be published under our responsibilities if we did not own it.

ACTRESS' CHARGE

Woman Cannot Go Straight and Get on Stage.

London, Dec. 23.—Miss Kitty Marion, an actress, was sentenced to-day in the Bow street court to a month's imprisonment or a fine of \$100 for giving a false alarm of fire. The Magistrate made the sentence exceptionally severe owing to the large number of such outrages recently perpetrated by suffragettes.

Miss Marion made a statement in court throwing a curious light on the working of the suffragette mind. Three years ago, she said, she appeared in Bow street charged with breaking a window. She did that in order to attract public attention to the conditions of the stage, which made it almost impossible for a woman to earn an honest living.

It was an unwritten law that the woman who wanted to go straight would not get on the stage. She challenged the Actors' Association to deny the truth of her statements. Since then she was practically boycotted out of the profession, and had to turn to other employment. "All went well as a domestic servant," she went on to say. "I was asked for my insurance card. I told her I refused to pay any insurance tax. Then it happened the Irish women were betrayed in the Home Rule Bill. I intended to make a much stronger protest, but my friends of the Women's Social and Political Union begged me not to do so. Therefore, I contented myself metaphorically with turning the hose on the Government to turn them out."

PEACE CELEBRATION PLANS.

London, Dec. 23.—Early Grey was the principal speaker at the Mansion House to-day at a meeting to arrange celebrations of the century of peace between the English-speaking peoples. Earl Grey was heartily applauded in his remark that, although the boundaries of Canada and the United States were side by side for four thousand miles not a sentinel, fort or gun was placed along them. He recalled the visit to Ottawa of Elihu Root and the impression created by his emphatic declaration that peace between the two countries would remain unbroken.

The sum mentioned as indispensable for an adequate celebration is \$250,000.

TO CEDE FORBIDDEN CITY.

Peking, Dec. 23.—The Dowager Empress of the Manchus has offered to hand over to the Chinese reformers the halls of the erstwhile Forbidden City, which for hundreds of years harbored the Manchu dynasty, and give the same time to transfer the imperial family to the summer palace. She was impelled to this act by the desire to provide suitable accommodation for the Chinese Government.

The Government apparently intends to accept this drastic offer when funds are available to carry out the necessary repairs.

The primary elections up to the present indicate a large progressive majority.

HICKEY DEFENCE INSANITY.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Evidence introduced by the prosecution to-day to prove that J. Frank Hickey was the murderer of Joseph Josephus, the 7-year-old Lackawanna boy, went unchallenged by the prisoners' counsel. But when any testimony was given tending to show Hickey's dissolute habits, his attorney, Daniel V. Murphy, promptly seized upon it for lengthy cross-examination, evidently to impress the jury with the idea that Hickey's manner of living had resulted in insanity, which he has repeatedly said would be the sole defence.

NO MINES PORTFOLIO.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—No new portfolio of mines will be created this session. This department, which has hitherto been under the supervision and control of the minister of the Interior, was to-day transferred to that of the Secretary of State, and hereafter Hon. Louis Coderre will be minister of mines in addition to secretary of state.

LASH FOR GALT BOY.

Galt despatch: On a charge of attempted criminal assault, which was reduced to incest as set out with the consent of Acting Crown Attorney M. A. Secord, T. Bullock was yesterday sentenced by Magistrate Blake to one year in the Central Prison and twenty lashes, ten to be administered a month after entering the prison, and ten a month being released. "The girl of Galt must be protected, and this will be a warning," commented his wife.

CUT IN TWO, TALKED

New York Youth's Marvelous Vitality

With His Body Severed At the Abdomen.

New York, Dec. 23.—With his body cut in two by a railroad train, according to a half dozen witnesses who saw him, Rubin Frenberg, eighteen years old and normally strong and healthy, lived long enough to hold conversation with those who found him on the Erie rails at the main station in Passaic, N. J., last night.

He was on the train which arrived at Passaic at fifteen minutes before 9 o'clock last night, but was asleep until the train started out of the station. Then he leaped from his seat and ran to the platform, where he fell between two cars in his haste to get off.

Randolph Rowe was wheeling a truck of Christmas packages near the rails when he heard a cry for help.

Taking a lantern, Rowe soon found Greenberg, his head and most of his body lying outside of the rails and his hips and legs between the rails. He said the wheels had run over the lower part of his abdomen and that the hips, pelvic bones and legs were completely severed from the upper part of the trunk.

"Say, help me off the rails, won't you?" he said Greenberg called to him. In a perfectly clear but weak voice.

"I did not answer," said Rowe, "but ran for Policeman Radcliffe, and he went back with me." Both Rowe and Radcliffe said that the following conversation was held with Greenberg after Radcliffe had lifted his head to his knee:

"Oh, officer, take me off the track, please," said Greenberg.

"Right away. What is your name?" "Greenberg. I guess I'm pretty badly hurt."

"Do you live in Passaic?" "Yes, at No. 41 Van Buren street. Please take me off before another train comes."

Other men appeared and the policeman and Rowe lifted Greenberg's head and the upper part of his body from the ground. The wheels had severed the body and the lower part of the abdomen and the legs remained on the ground.

Greenberg was alive when carried into the station, but he died without saying anything more and before a physician arrived.

DRAPER NOT GUILTY

Caledonia Arson Case Falls Very Flat.

Cayuga despatch: William Draper, of Caledonia, was acquitted at the close of the assizes this afternoon by a jury on three charges of arson, two of attempted arson, and one of conspiring to commit arson. The various charges for which Draper was tried occurred during the month of July, when a number of attempts were made to burn the O'Rourke block of the village, which consisted of a hotel, a general store, and other buildings.

It was alleged by the Crown that there had been ill-feeling for some time between the accused and Barney O'Rourke, the owner of the block. This, it was claimed, was the result of O'Rourke refusing to give a contract to Draper for the erection of a building. The fires were all confined to a stable adjoining the block, and were extinguished before much damage was done. Evidence was also submitted to show that kerosene had been sprinkled on the walls of the stable at various other times.

The chief witness for the prosecution was a private detective, who swore that he had heard Draper make threats against O'Rourke, and that when Draper was arrested a small bottle of kerosene had been found in his pocket. Draper stated that the threats he had made against O'Rourke were to the effect that he would assist the local option movement in the village, and explained the bottle of kerosene by stating that he had purchased it for his wife. His evidence was corroborated by other witnesses.

In charging the jury Mr. Justice Leitch instructed them to find the accused not guilty, as he did not think that there was evidence to convict. The jury reached a verdict in ten minutes.

WILL AID PEELEE ISLANDERS.

Toledo, Dec. 23.—To prevent a Christmas famine at Pelee Island, in Canadian waters, Lake Erie, the Canadian Government has granted special permission for the American ice-crushing steamer Olcutt to touch consecutively at more than one Canadian port. The Canadian steamer Clark, upon which the islanders depended, was put out of commission in a gale last week. Since then the islanders have been out of short of provisions. The Olcutt will make her first trip to-morrow between Pelee Island and Kingsville and Leamington on the north shore.

A LONG SPEECH RECORD.

Vienna, Dec. 23.—Mr. Fred, a Czech deputy, has broken all records for long speeches in the Dual Monarchy by speaking sixteen hours, from eight last night till noon to-day, in the lower House of the Austrian Parliament in the debate on mobilization laws.

PICTURES IN STUDIO BURNED.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The well-known American painters, Frederick Frieseke, Oscar Miller and Charles Hawthorne, lost pictures valued at \$40,000 in a fire which destroyed their studios at 51 Boulevard de Jacques to-night. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas engine in a soda water factory on the ground floor of the studio building.

WATER POLLUTION

International Investigation to Start Soon.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Work will be commenced in the near future upon the year-long investigation for pollution in the boundary waters from the St. Lawrence to the head of the Great Lakes. This was the word brought from Buffalo yesterday by Dr. J. W. S. McAlough, provincial officer of health, after attending the session of the Joint Waterways Commission. Contrary to expectations practically no opposition was offered the proposed investigation, and representatives of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan joined with those from Ontario and Quebec in approving of the scheme.

The work of examining the waters on the Ontario side will be carried on by the staff of the Provincial Laboratory, and the cost will be shared by the commission.

TO BEAR REID'S BODY

Cruiser Natal Being Prepared For Service.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 23.—The British armored cruiser Natal was moored this morning alongside the jetty in the dockyard, in readiness to convey the body of the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid from England to America, after the great memorial service had been held at Westminster Abbey on Friday.

A host of carpenters and decorators, immediately on the vessel's arrival, started on the construction of a mortuary chapel on the quarterdeck, in which the coffin will rest during the voyage.

The warship will sail early on Saturday, and naval honors will be paid to the dead ambassador as the cruiser puts to sea. She will fly her colors at half-mast throughout the voyage.

A FRIENDLY PEER

Embassy Man Would Aid U. S. Boy Scouts.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Directors of the Boy Scouts of the District of Columbia are puzzled to-day not how to reply to Lord Eustace Percy, Third Secretary of the British Embassy, who has offered his services to the local juvenile brigade. It is believed to be the first time that a British peer has sought actively to join in the semi-military training of the youth of another country.

Lord Percy contends, however, that the spirit of militarism should not prevail in the organization, but that the movement should be for the physical and moral and mental training of the boys of every country. In Great Britain, where the movement originated, the Boy Scouts are semi-military.

It is altogether likely that the British diplomat will be appointed a "scout master" in the local organization.

WOODROW WILSON'S GOOD MOVE.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 23.—The days of public receptions in the big east room of the White House are numbered, and in the next Administration people will not be received at the Executive Mansion merely for the purpose of shaking hands or giving in courtesy to the President of the United States.

Mr. Wilson said that his open door policy would be preserved at the White House, so far as it was physically possible, and that he intended to have the doors of the Executive Offices thrown wide open, so that the President would be accessible at all times, but only to those "who have business to transact."

MORO MURDERS OFFICER.

Mauila, Dec. 23.—Capt. John Watson, of the English Cavalry, stationed at Angur barracks, was killed last night by a Moro, who sneaked within the lines of a detachment encamped at Seit Lake, according to reports received from Jolo this morning. Lieut. Kinzie D. Edmunds was seriously wounded.

Hearing the cries of the officers, Capt. Wells dashed into the tent and killed the Moro.

CANADIAN LAYMEN DELEGATES.

Toronto report: At a special meeting of the Canadian Council of the Laymen's Missionary Movement yesterday at East-on it was decided to send delegates to a meeting of the executive of the United States movement, which is to be held in New York to-day. The following gentlemen were selected to represent Canada: W. C. Senior, J. H. Gundy, H. E. Caskey, Rev. Canon Gould, Rev. Dr. R. P. McKay. The delegates left for New York yesterday afternoon.

TORONTO BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Toronto despatch: Caught riding "blind baggage" yesterday morning at Niagara Falls by Chief Kimmins and one of his men, Lyndall Bosworth was taken to the police station, and after being searched developed to be the man who broke into the store of G. A. E. Smith, jeweler, at 87 York street, Toronto, and stole goods valued at \$1,000.

FRANKLIN'S PORTRAIT SOLD.

London, Dec. 23.—A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, painted by Eisenberg in 1702, was sold by auction this afternoon for \$14,000. The only known copy of this picture was presented to Harvard by Joshua Bates, the chief founder of the Boston Public Library.

TURKS CLAIM A VICTORY.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—A great victory by the Turkish troops over the Greek army near Janina on Sunday was reported yesterday by the Turkish commander there, in a telegram to the War Office.

He asserts that 400 Greeks were killed and 126 wounded.