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CITIZENS PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE LAUNCHED BY ENTHUSIASTIC RATEPAYERS

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Executive Board of Twenty Men is Representative of Trades, Business, Professions and Ministry

Platform and Principles Will be Formulated by Board and Voted on at Next Meeting

Great Interest of Citizens is Shown by Warm Contests on Membership of Executive Board and Officers

The Citizens Progressive League was launched last night at a meeting of two hundred citizens, representing the business, professions and trades of Calgary, that filled the hall in the basement of the Blow block.

The officers elected were: President, W. J. Trebilcock; Vice-president, W. J. Dymon; Secretary, George Ross; Treasurer, T. A. Dymon; Executive board of twenty members, William Geoghegan, Alex. Ross, F. D. Steadman, J. G. Hester, A. R. Schragg, H. J. Gordon, William Ross, George Hedges, H. A. Simons, D. Hope, Thomas Underwood, Alderman S. C. Carscallen, R. K. Fisher, Rev. Mr. Kirby, Rev. Mr. Bell, W. M. Davidson, A. E. Darg, H. E. Lambert.

WHAT THE GREAT WEST DID YESTERDAY

In Calgary: A noted irrigation representative of the Russian government, Editor of the National Land Irrigation Journal, Chicago, and representative irrigation interests of the Canadian valley, British Columbia met here.

In Vancouver: A. P. Husted, superintendent of construction, returns from an inspection tour. He says the double-tracking service between Calgary and Vancouver is progressing rapidly.

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In Regina: A prosperous farmer at Magrath, 40 miles from Lethbridge, makes a shipment of one ton of currants to a local wholesale fruit firm.

HOBOS SHOOT AND PROBABLY FATALLY WOUND R. J. BLAIR, C. P. R. BRAKEMAN

Ordered Off Train Near Morley By Conductor, Hobos Show Fight

Blair Comes to the Conductor's Assistance and is Shot in the Groin

Hobos Make Dash for Liberty in Darkness and Succeed in Escaping

Police Scouring Country; One of the Men is Captured; Blair in Banff Hospital

Brakeman R. J. Blair, of the Vancouver train which left Calgary last night at 9:30, was shot in the abdomen, probably fatally, by a hobo who was stealing a ride, and whom the brakeman was trying to put off the train.

Just after the train left Morley two hobos were discovered trying to climb into a baggage car. They were ordered off by the conductor and showed fight. Blair came to the conductor's assistance.

One of the hobos drew a gun and fired, the bullet taking effect in Blair's groin. The hobos jumped off the car and escaped in the darkness. One of them, but not the fellow who is believed to have done the shooting, was captured at Calgary by the police and is in custody. He will be brought to Calgary this morning.

The man who is thought to have done the shooting was at large early this morning. He is believed to have gone north and the mounted police and Indians are scouring the north country for him. It is believed that he cannot escape the dragnet that is certain to close around him, as by morning there will be fully 100 men engaged in the hunt.

C. P. R. CONDUCTOR IS HELD TO STAND TRIAL

Peter McLellan, Accused of Intoxication on Duty, Committed

Five Vagrants Are Fined for Stealing Rides on Trains

Peter McLellan, the former Canadian Pacific conductor, who was arrested by Special Agents Grison and Mason of the C. P. R., July 18, on a charge of having been intoxicated while in charge of a passenger train running from Calgary to Aldersyde, was yesterday committed for trial by Inspector Sweetapple. The case will come up for hearing at the next session of a court of competent jurisdiction. McLellan is held in custody for the defense.

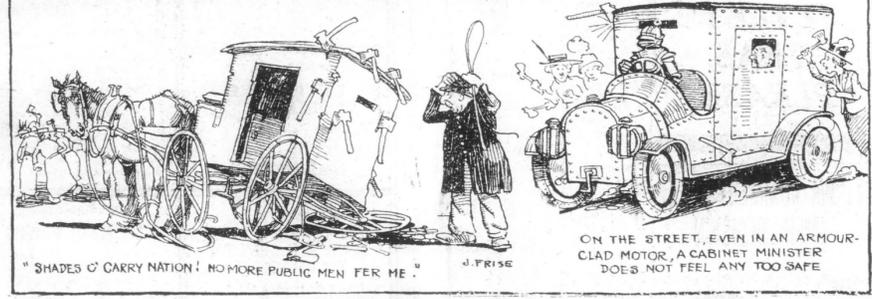
Monday afternoon five vagrants caught stealing rides on trains, were found guilty by Inspector Sweetapple and fined \$25 each and costs, with the alternative of spending thirty days in jail.

Through the excellent work of Special Agents Grison and Mason, the "free riders" of the genus hobo on the Canadian Pacific lines have been largely stopped.

GETTING VACCINATED FOR TYPHOID FEVER

Moore's law, July 30.—"Get vaccinated" is a local slogan just now. But not for smallpox this time. The typhoid season is again with the prairie cities and the new vaccine treatment is getting such about in the local press that many are applying to the city hospital for inoculation. C. P. R. employees have nearly all been treated with the exception of those who stubbornly refuse to be treated.

There are ten cases of typhoid in the city now and the health department is carrying on a campaign in favor of vaccination.



HOW THE CARTOONIST VIEWS THE ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTE IN THE LIGHT OF HER LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS—While Premier Asquith was driving through the streets of Dublin recently, an ardent suffragette stepped to the side of the road and hurled a hatchet at his carriage. The artist sees wonderful possibilities in this development.

RAKE-OFF OF NEW YORK POLICE ANNUALLY IS \$2,400,000

Sworn Statements to That Effect Are in the Hands of the District Attorney

That is the Word of Jack Rose, Self-Accused Graft Collector for Lieut. Becker

Killing of Rosenthal Will Bring Out Story of Loot of a Great Municipality

NEW YORK, July 30.—Sworn statements tending to show that the annual graft collected by high police officials in New York city, from gambling houses and other illegal resorts, in the last year has amounted to \$2,400,000, is in the hands of the district attorney.

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This annual collection of \$2,400,000 of protection money was equally divided, according to the story told by Rose, among four high officials of the police department, one of them being Becker, and from other evidence the district attorney has collected, he has reason to suspect that each \$600,000 was further distributed.

In other words, there were four separate systems of bureaus of graft collection, each headed by a high police official.

Mr. Whitman, it is learned, has the names of the three other police officials whom Rose has named and has further efforts in this new most denigrational "police exposure" that New York has ever seen, will be decided which points against him. One of the officials named, it was learned, holds a position at headquarters and is in a strict sense a civilian employee.

Detectives Follow Evidence. The name of a former prominent city official has been brought to the attention of the district attorney, who has been closely connected with graft systems, but it was learned that the evidence thus far obtained against him is not of a tangible nature. The evidence however, is being closely followed by the detectives in the employ of the district attorney. It was also known that if Lieut. Becker will tell all he knows, not only in respect to his own alleged complicity in the murder, but unfold the inner workings of the graft system insofar as it may involve the "men higher up" that he will be granted mercy and on that condition only.

The alleged fact of the \$2,400,000 graft fund was told to Rose by Becker, the little bald-headed gambler said, in a sworn statement today. Becker, he said, told him that he handled \$600,000 a year, and that equal amounts were handled by three other officials. This, he said, came in collections from gambling houses, pool rooms, houses of ill-fame and the like.

Was Given Liberal Commission. He said he had collected gambling graft for Becker for months, and he promised the district attorney that he would obtain for him the rates paid by gambling houses, make a tabulation of what these receipts amounted to, and carry on a campaign in favor of the repeal of the Canadian reciprocity act.

HOUSE REFUSES TO REPEAL RECIPROcity ACT

Washington, July 30.—The house today refused by a vote of 127 to 107 to agree to the senate's amendment to the excise tax bill providing for the repeal of the Canadian reciprocity act.

THE MOUNTED POLICE WILL BE THE LARGEST BRICK FACTORY IN THE DOMINION

Trailed Wm. Ropp More Than 1,000 Miles in Trackless Land of the North

The Chase Remarkable for the Persistence of the Officials

He Confesses to Many Thefts; is Tired of the Pursuit; Ready to Go to Jail

Pursued for months through the wilds of northern Canada by members of the Royal North West Mounted Police, William Ropp, perhaps the most notorious horse and cattle thief that the western country has had in a decade, was apprehended through the clever and persistent work of Captain Dean and his subordinates, and forced to confess his guilt.

Ropp now faces a long term in prison. The chase covered more than a thousand miles in all, and was remarkable for the persistence with which the Mounted Police followed the man whom they were satisfied of many crimes. From town to town, over mountains and prairies, in all kinds of weather, the men of Captain Dean's department followed the fugitive and had their efforts rewarded by Ropp's capture.

Now the prisoner has confessed and the list of admitted crimes was a revelation even to the officers themselves. Ropp has admitted committing so many thefts during the past year that he cannot remember them all. The story of his thefts of horses, cattle, sheep and his flights and escapes reads like a novel. Many of his crimes were committed in order to escape from the ever active police. He is tired of being hunted and is willing to pay the penalty of the law.

To Captain Dean and his men is due credit for one of the most interesting chapters in the annals of Western Canada.

The buildings at their big No. 1 plant are being pushed to completion, and the machinery is being placed ready for operation. It is expected that this will be made an ordinary station at a very early date, as great deal of freight and traffic will be handled as the district builds up, in addition to the transportation created by the large brick plant.

The company will operate three plants throughout the winter in anticipation of the large volume of building material which will be required in the spring to carry on the building work now outlined in the city of Calgary for the next year.

Calgary certainly is fortunate to have within her bounds a company with the magnitude and possibilities of the Tregillus Clay Products company, which must add materially to the business of the city.

NEW MANITOBA FOR MANITOBA TELEPHONES

Winnipeg, July 30.—W. H. Scott, one of the best known telephone experts in Canada, a native of Prescott, Ont., and former local manager of the Bell Telephone company at Montreal, has been appointed general agent for the Manitoba government telephone.

CEMENTING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE AND CANADA

Visit to Paris is Over; Franco-American Committee Gives Final Dinner

Premier Poincare Makes Eloquent Speech, Referring to France's Sons in Canada

Hanotaux Wishes Canada Future Worthy of Great Nation From Which She Sprung

Paris, July 20.—The visit to Paris of Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden and other Canadian ministers, closed tonight with a dinner given by the Franco-American committee in their honor. The dinner was presided over by Premier Poincare and Gabriel Hanotaux, president of the committee. Mons. Poincare, during the course of a lengthy speech, said he was sure that the Canadians felt in France the same cordial atmosphere of home which the Champlain delegation felt in Canada.

Leaders of the French Iron and Steel industry, finance, the army and the navy were present to applaud in person the French premier, the regent of the Bank of France, M. Poincare, Paul Herriot, of the Academy, Rodin, a celebrated artist, Jean Bruguere, and representatives of the British and Spanish embassies.

The Franco-American committee in Canada is expressed most strongly in the sentiment, esteem, friendship and Canada, he could see nothing to hinder the friendship.

At the citizens' banquet given by the committee of the Franco-American committee in Canada, Hon. L. P. Pelletier referred to the future of the great nation from which it sprang.

When Premier Borden had spoken, Hon. L. P. Pelletier referred to the time when Canada had to raise a voice in the world's affairs, when she would be led to be guided by the experience of the two mother countries, Co-operating, Great Britain, France and Canada desired to preserve the world's peace. Loyal applause, in which the French premier joined.

RAILS FELL; LEG BROKE

Moose Jaw, Sask., July 30.—Otto Olson, aged 20, a Swede, only four months in the country, was brought into the city today from Belle Plaine and taken to the hospital, suffering from a badly mangled leg and a dislocation of the other ankle.

While working on a steel gang, the mule pulled on him, and the mangled limb will be necessary.

Sam Willinsky Confessed Murder of Lakotcz Night Before He Was Executed

NEWS dispatches from Macleod, reporting the execution Friday of Sam Willinsky for the murder of George Lakotcz, stated that Willinsky went to his death without making any confession or admission of his guilt of the crime of which he was convicted. It transpires that the statement was in error and that Willinsky did make a full confession of his crime.

To The Albertan, Superintendent P. H. C. Primrose, of the mounted police at Macleod, made the statement yesterday that Willinsky sent for him the evening before his execution and voluntarily made a confession of his guilt.

Superintendent Primrose informed the prisoner that any statement he had to make should be entirely voluntary and Willinsky then proceeded to detail the circumstances of the murder. At the trial of Willinsky the evidence was entirely circumstantial, yet the murderer's statement conformed in detail to the theory of the crime as developed by the police in the circumstantial case.

It was the theory of the police and the crown prosecutor that Willinsky was infatuated with the wife of Lakotcz and in the hope of getting the woman for himself, he killed the husband. While the murderer declined to talk of his infatuation for the woman, he unreservedly related to Superintendent Primrose the circumstances of his lying in wait for Lakotcz and shooting him as he was going to his work in the mine at Frank.

Superintendent Primrose wrote out the confession and forwarded it to the commissioner of police. Some time prior to the date of the execution, Willinsky, in the hope of delaying his execution, made another confession in which he denied killing Lakotcz, but said he was the murderer of Constable Willemott, who was killed at Frank some years ago, and for the murder of whom, Fritz Eberts is under sentence of death at Macleod and whose case is awaiting appeal. In his confession, Willinsky also acknowledged that his former statement was untrue and had been made solely with a view to procuring delay in his own execution.

ALBERTA, PEACE RIVER AND EASTERN IS TO COMMENCE GRADING ITS ROADBED

Edmonton, July 30.—"The Alberta, Peace River and Eastern is ready now to commence the work of grading its railroad," said J. H. Williams, engineer in charge of the company, which intends building a railroad from the American line in Alberta to Fort McMurray and from there east and west to Hudson's Bay and the Pacific coast.

Mr. Williams, who is the man upon whose shoulders rests the netre business of locating the railroad, returned to Edmonton last night after a two months' stay in the north country.

ALL OF JAPAN MOURNS FOR THE DEAD EMPEROR

Widespread Grief Prevails and All Business is at a Standstill

Body Lies in Simple State, With Only Members of Family in Attendance

Members of Diplomatic Corps Visit Palace to Express Condolence

Tokio, July 31.—The era of Taisho—"Great Righteousness" has commenced. The era of Meiji—"Intelligent Administration" closed with the accession of Yoshihito. The death of the Emperor Mutsuhito, while causing widespread grief, has had small effect on normal conditions here. There has been a remarkable absence of demonstrations of any kind, and aside from the closed banks and commercial houses, the crepe-bundled flags at every entrance and evident signs of mourning by foreigners and natives alike, the nation moved along on its accustomed business.

A special chamber in the palace has been arranged for the reception of the coffin containing the body of the dead emperor. The coffin reposes on a raised dais covered with a white cloth in the centre of this simply furnished apartment. It was surrounded throughout the day by the members of the royal family. The emperor and empress, the dowager empress, and the imperial princesses and princes formed the sole guard and kept vigil, which will be maintained throughout the private lying-in-state previous to the funeral. This is expected to take place about September 1st, although the exact date has not yet been determined.

A company of imperial infantry surrounds the palace. Thousands of prominent personages called at the palace during the day. These included the entire diplomatic corps. The emperor Yoshihito was occupied today with business of state. He conferred with the councillors, took an active part, and appointed the chief officials of his household.

The order issued included the suspension of the official administrative officers for five days, the retention of mourning flags until after the day of the funeral, and the establishment of a committee on arrangements for the funeral.

Prince Katsura, who is returning from St. Petersburg, has been notified of the death by Baron Motono, the Japanese ambassador to Russia, and is expected to reach here August 9th. It is understood that no special session of parliament will convene, owing to the necessity of 40 days' notice.

ASQUITH AND CHURCHILL TO VISIT CANADA; COMING ON DREADNOUGHT

London, July 30.—The Mail states that it is now understood that premier Asquith and Winston Churchill will visit the dominion after premier Borden's return. The date is not yet definitely fixed. In any event the journey will be made in one of the British dreadnaughts. The visit might not be the occasion of an imperial demonstration, declares the Mail, and direct to the Canadian provinces. An ideal place, any reserve that may have been felt by a section of French Canadians ought to be removed by the speeches which have welcomed Borden and his colleagues in France. France will be first to encourage them in any decision that will strengthen the naval power of Great Britain, for on that power and upon the army of France rests the foundations of an understanding which is the assurance of peace.

DUN OPENS IN MOOSE JAW

Moose Jaw, Sask., July 30.—R. G. Dun and company, financial agents, open up an office in this city tomorrow. The local manager will be J. D. McLellan.

RUST IN ONTARIO

St. Mary's, Ont., July 30.—Many farmers in Rindhard and Pulleton townships complain of the fall wheat being rusted and in a number of fields shrivelled up. Harvesting of the grain is now general in this territory.

WEATHER OF THE WEST FAIR AND WARM

Calgary, clear, 78; Port Arthur, fair, 62; Winnipeg, cloudy, 68; Minnedosa, clear, 62; Qu'Appelle, clear, 72; Swift Current, clear, 74; Prince Albert, cloudy, 78; Battleford, clear, 78; Medicine Hat, clear, 90; Edmonton, clear, 78. Fine warm weather has prevailed today throughout the western provinces.

Table with columns for location, weather, and temperature (Min. Max.).