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THE MAN IN MAINE IS NOT HERB READ

College Chum Fails to Find Anything Definite

Bert Robinson Badly Hurt While Working on a Steamer—Several Marriages are Announced.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 23—The question as to whether or not J. W. Rouse, of Cornhill was right in thinking that the young man seen by him at Sheridan, Maine, in November, was Herbert Reid, is still unsettled. Indications, however, are that Rouse was in error. On Monday a former Mount Allison student who knew Reid well, made a trip to Sheridan. During his stay he was unable to learn much that was definite. People in Sheridan when shown a picture of the missing man, said that a man who resembled the likeness had been in town, but they were under the impression that he was not Reid but another man who belonged to that part of the country. The former collegian was unable to find the man in question at the time but further attention is being given the matter so that something definite may be learned.

Bert Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Robinson, met with a bad accident while at work loading a steamer at the wharf on Monday afternoon. He sustained painful injuries about the head as well as some bruises about the body and a general shaking up. One of his knees was also badly injured. One of the large hoisting hooks caught in Robinson's coat and swung him from his feet. When suspended in the air the young man fell from the hook and struck heavily on the deck below him. The fall was a very bad one and it is surprising that the injuries resulting were not even more serious. As it was, Robinson narrowly escaped falling into the steamer's hold. Had he done so the result of the accident might have been fatal. Robinson is now doing well.

Archibald Blakney died at his home at Upper Sackville yesterday after a very short illness. He was taken ill as he returned from work Saturday evening and lapsed into unconsciousness. A doctor found him to be suffering from the formation of clots of blood on the brain. The deceased was a man of forty-five years and is survived by his wife and four children. Mrs. Blackney was formerly Miss May Harper, of Anagance. The eldest child is a boy of eighteen.

At West Sackville this week the death took place of James Tower, aged thirty-eight. He was a son of the late Judson Tower, of Rockport. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss. Sarah Estabrooks, of Midgic. Interment was made at Rockport, Rev. B. O. Hartman, of Dorchester, officiating.

It is understood that four or five young men will be applicants for the Rhodes scholarship which will be awarded by the University of Mount Allison early in the new year. One of the applicants will be a young man from Bathurst, another will be from a Nova Scotia town. The third will be from Moncton, while it is expected that the fourth will be a Sackville [illegible] of these, several [illegible] graduates of the University.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Edna Howard, of Cornwall, P. E. I., to Edward Woolley, of Langdon, England. Both young people attended Mount Allison this year. Mr. Woolley at the University and Miss Howard at the Ladies' College. Mr. Woolley is about to take charge of a Methodist Episcopal church in Maine.

On next Tuesday at East Amherst the marriage will take place of Miss Helen Louise Atkinson to Arthur Trenholm. Miss Atkinson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Atkinson, East Amherst, while Mr. Trenholm is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey Trenholm, Fort Lawrence.

LONGSHOREMEN PREPARE FOR FIGHT

Bitter Struggle Expected in Montreal Next Spring

Quebec Medical Men Favor the Reddick Bill — An Amendment Offered.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23—There is a possibility of a strike among the longshoremen next spring and the men are taking measures to get their demands in shape. They are sending their business agent to all the Atlantic ports to make a report on the wages and methods of pay. They object to the bonus system here and will make a big fight against it next season. With bigger ships coming here next year they think that they have a better chance to force the companies to grant their demands as leaving the larger ships idle would entail great loss.

The medical men of the Province of Quebec yesterday discussed the Reddick bill for a Dominion registration instead of a provincial one all day and accepted it in principle. They, however, favored a change allowing examinations at all university centres instead of at Ottawa alone and a special examination for those who wished to practice in one province only.

STEAMER ROSTREVOR IS SAFE IN PORT

LONDON, Dec. 23—The railway companies steamer Rostrevor for which fears have been entertained, arrived at Holyhead, Wales, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The captain reported that he had been delayed by fog and also by stopping to assist a schooner which had been dismasted in the storm.

PEARY INTIMATES HE WILL SEEK THE SOUTH POLE NOW

Speaks at a Banquet of the New England Society

Royal Geographical Society to Give Him Royal Welcome

Thinks He Has Been Very Badly Treated--Will Make Amends

No Trace of the Man Who Fooled the World

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Commander Peary very strongly intimated to-night in a speech at the banquet of the New England Society that the expedition which he led successfully to the North Pole might also try for the South Pole.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—At the headquarters of the Royal Geographical Society it was said to-day that arrangements were well in hand to give Commander Peary a Royal welcome when he arrives in England at the end of April. May 4 has been fixed for a big demonstration at Albert Hall, when it is expected that the King and the Prince of Wales will be present.

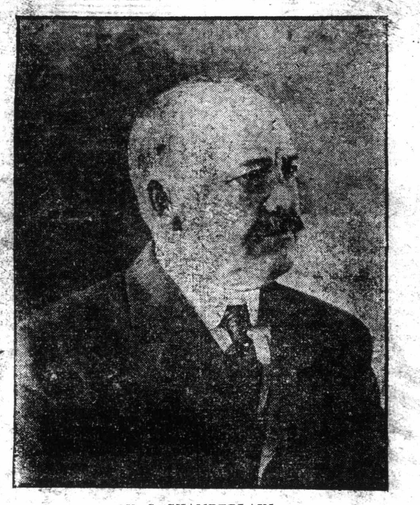
Discussing the Copenhagen report on Dr. Cook's claim, a prominent official of the Geographical Society pointed out that the use by the commission of the Danish word "untilladelig" in the phrase in connection with Dr. Cook's so-called records, "lacking in clear information to an untilladelig degree," was very strong language, as the correct translation of the word is "impudent or illicit" not "inadmissible," as it was translated in the report sent out.

It is safe to say that none of the members of the Geographical Society ever seriously entertained Cook's claim, but now that the matter is finally settled their concern is for Peary, and one member said to me today, "He has been very badly treated, but let us hope they will make up for it now."

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Efforts of Cook's friends, and even his closest relatives, to locate him are unavailing. His brother and his counsel both admitted tonight that they did not know of the explorer's whereabouts. Although they were making efforts to do so, they said no trace of him could be found.

The members of the Arctic Club of America, at a meeting tonight, adopted a resolution to refer the question of further membership of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to the board of directors with power to act. It was said that charges would be preferred against Dr. Cook by some of the members and presented to the directors for consideration.

Cook is a member of the executive committee of the club.



E. J. CHAMBERLAIN,
General Manager og the Grand Trunk

Grand Trunk Pacific to be Ready by 1912

Road Will be Completed by That Time, Declares General Manager

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 22.—Mr. E. J. Chamberlain, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, stated to-day in Ottawa that the road would be completed to the Pacific coast by the end of 1912, and perhaps before. The new joint terminals of the G. T. P. and C. N. R. at Winnipeg, he said, would be completed by March, and will only be equalled on this continent by the Pennsylvania in New York and the great depot at Washington.

The National Transcontinental commissioners expect to have the Government end of the road from Moncton to Winnipeg completed during 1912.

PRISON FARM FOR ONTARIO CONVICTS

Means Life Sentence for Aged Crooks

Gillett Employees Found Not Guilty—Triple Murder and Suicide—Thin Ice Caused Boys' Death.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—A farm of 513 acres has been bought by the provincial government for a central prison at Guelph. The prisoners will be put to work next month, and the building will be done by them as far as possible. It will accommodatee 500 prisoners, and they will be employed on the farm.

CHATHAM, Ont., Dec. 22.—Fritz Diehn, alias Chapman, the famous crook, convicted a few days ago for the Tilbury valise switching case, was sentenced this afternon to ten years in Kingston penitentiary. He is now sixty-four years of age, and it will likely mean life. He has served terms in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Tennessee state prisons for diamond robberies.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Charged with conspiracy to defraud E. W. Gillett Co., Ltd., by agreeing to disclose certain information relative to the manufacture of yeast and other goods, two former employes of the firm, Owen Morrison and Allan Gibson, were found not guilty in criminal sessions today.

LONDON, Ky., Dec. 22.—A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pittsburg, Ky., a mining village, today, when William Murray, a miner, shot and killed his wife and her mother, and Albert Cole and himself. Murray's objections to the alleged attentions of Cole to Mrs. Murray was given as the excuse.

CRANTON, R. I., Dec. 22.—Attempting to cross over Spectacle Pond on thin ice, two boys, Leroy J. Linkletter, aged eleven, son of James W. Linkletter, and Charles Glasner, aged eleven, son of William Glasner, broke through and were drowned late today.

Giovanni Pagliarini, who saved a boy from the same pond the [illegible] attempted to save the [illegible] too late. The boys' bodies were recovered.

OLD MAN HANGS FOR MURDER OF HIS WIFE

FORT SASKATCHEWAN, [illegible] In the carpenter shop of the mounted police barracks here, at 8 this morning, the execution took place of Henry Z. Y. Heelay, for the murder of his wife at Mundare, on Sunday, September 20, last. A man giving the name of Holmes, of Winnipeg, acted as hangman, being the same who conducted the execution of Barrot in Edmonton penitentiary last July.

The condemned man was attended by the Polish missionary of the Mundare district and declared his adhesion to the orthodox Greek church. He expressed no regret at dying, having asked for a speedy end ever since his arrest. He gave his age as 69, but the records place it at 62.

Heelay came to Canada with his wife in 1900.

CZAR OF RUSSIA A COMMON SOLDIER

Did Sentry Duty to Relieve Man Who Was Ill

Walked About for Some Hours in Private's Uniform to Test the Equipment.

LONDON, Dec. 22—The Russian Court Bulletin recorded lately that the Czar walked about Livadia for two hours wearing the uniform and carrying the accountrements of an infantry soldier in order to test the equipment.

Another story has now reached St. Petersburg to the effect that while the Emperor was strolling in the park with his adjutant he noticed that one one the sentries had been attacked with a hemorrhage. He sent the adjutant to tell the man to quit his post and report himself to a doctor. The man replied that he dare not and that he was under oath to die rather than lease his post until he was relieved. The Czar then approached and told the man that the same oath compelled him to obey his Emperor was was empowered by the military code to relieve a sentry. The Czar then ordered the sentry to surrender his rifle to him and instructed the adjutant to accompany the man to the barracks and explain. Meanwhile the Czar mounted guard until he was relieved.

THIRTY AUTOMOBILES FOR CANADIAN FARMERS

Man From the West Shows Detroit What the Bumper Wheat Crop Can Do.

DETROIT, Dec. 23—J. C. Coe, a Saskatchewan farmer, dropped into Detroit Sunday and by the time he had completed his errand yesterday he had purchased thirty automobiles for his home friends, the far Northwest [illegible] agent. He told [illegible] they [illegible] bumper wheat crops [illegible] were the cause of so much prosperity.

QUARTER OF A MILLION LOSS IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—After a two hours' fight made hazardous by frequent explosions and falling walls, firemen here early today gained control of a blaze that consumed the Rialto building at Ninth street and Grande avenue and caused a loss of $250,000. A few persons slept in the building, but it is believed all escaped. The building was a total loss, not even the walls remaining.

HAS CANADIAN MINISTER BEEN TALKING TOO MUCH?

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Undismayed by Laurier's repudiation of his alleged recent interview with its Ottawa correspondent, the Manchester Guardian today publishes another column and a quarter from the same correspondent under these headlines "The Birmingham Conference Ridiculed by Canadian Minister, Makes the Very Jackasses Laugh." The correspondent says that Laurier refuses to express himself on the issue, but gives verbatim the views of what he calls a prominent colleague of Laurier's, which excite the greatest astonishment here. This minister's personal abuse of Lansdowne is especially resented by Unionists, who also declare this Canadian minister's assertions to be the grossest perversion of what a moment's inquiry has shown him to be the authoritative Unionist policy.

The opinion of Unionist leaders generally was expressed by one of them as follows this morning: "I will not pretend to guess who this astounding Canadian minister can be, though it is easy to make guesses. Laurier or Fielding certainly know far too much of real British conditions to talk such unadulterated rubbish, and I should have thought no responsible minister of any part of the King's dominions would have been willing at a moment like this, when British political feelings are inevitably inflamed, to vent his personal spite, meddle with what does not concern him, and foul the hitherto sweet waters of Anglo-Canadian relations. As Radical leaders always studiously avoid interfering with your Canadian politics, we have a right to ask your leaders also to keep their fists out of the pie. Nothing but the direst mischief to everything we of all parties in Britain and Canada hold dear must follow any imitation of this very bad Ottawa ministerial example."

The Canadian minister's statement affecting Lansdowne is as follows: "The bulk of the tariff reform case is made up of fiction, old exploded fiction at that, and when one sees a man like Lord Lansdowne, whom we Canadians respected so much, parading it up and down England in the hope of catching votes, an uninstructed one cannot but think evil communications have corrupted the good manners of the historic Tory party."

Another astonishing perversion reads thus: "Close friendship is now existing between England and the United States and Canada, and the States would almost certainly be disturbed by the advent to office of the Tories, militant imperialists who appear to imagine they strengthen the empire by being insolent in turn to every foreign power not an actual ally. Such weighty considerations as these have made thinking men in Canada all but solidly Liberal in the sense of heartily desiring the success of British Liberals."

Who would imagine from this that it was the Tory prime minister, Salisbury, and Landsdowne, his successor as foreign secretary, who laid the whole foundation of the present friendliness with the States, a policy which Balfour always seduluously followed in the Behring Sea and every other dispute, and under which Chamberlain himself negotiated a compact which kept peace on the Atlantic fisheries. The rest of the article is, Unionists assert, grotesque, and according to semi-official Unionist utterances, a wilful misrepresentation of Balfour's policy of preference and tariff reform. He pictures John Bull under a Balfour ministry "swaggering up and down the main street of the world, gun in hand, looking for trouble and finding it after the manner of the bad man of the western mining camp." He charges Balfour's followers with being at what he calls their old protectionist tricks and with insincerity and bad faith in their preference policy. All this appears with commendatory editorial in a most influential English ministerial journal and doubtless will be reprinted in leaflet form and circulated by the million through every British constituency as Canada's official pronouncement on the present elections.

LLOYD-GEORGE CONTINUES HIS SAVAGE ATTACK ON MEMBERS OF UPPER HOUSE

Milner, Curzon, Middleton and Cawdor Objects of His Assault Last Night

John Burns' Fiery Denunciation of Those Who Endeavor to Make Political Capital Out of Blachford's Letters —Bonar Law Back in Harness--The Campaign in Full Swing

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Radicals like Unionists are taking nothing for granted in the fight. On Monday the Free Trade Union, using for the purpose $5,000, a gift to Churchill from a wealthy Dundee free trade manufacturer, are opening fifty campaign offices in various industrial centres from which eight hundred speakers be directed, and millions of cartoon leaflets distributed. Reading some of these publications and listening to radical questions at meetings, ignorant electors may be persuaded that the protectionist United States is in deep depression, with thousands of workingmen in each centre searching vainly for work and food, and that Germans, driven by tyranny tariffs to eat horseflesh, lead miserably downtrodden lives. Traces are also found of astonishing assertions that Canadians, because of the tariff, have to pay tenpence for four pounds of bread, which only cost five to six pence in England, and the Canadian people are only waiting a chance to throw over protection, which greatly increases the burdens of wage earners and covers their public life with corruption. Educated men who have travelled or read do not of course accept such stuff, but though circulated by quite irresponsible speakers it does its work among the ill-informed electorate. These platform blazers now find ample encouragement.

In his Welsh campaign Lloyd-George is turning from the dukes, whom he believes he has utterly smashed, to what have been called the prancing proconsuls of unionism. Following is an incident in his Llangeily speech yesterday: "We have four noble lords travelling the country, Milner—(booing). You know him evidently, we are still paying his debts—(laughter). Until they are all paid it would be better for him if he stayed at home. Then there is Cawdor, who has a special claim to speak his mind to the people, having been rejected twice by constituencies that knew him. (Cheers, laughter). Two other noble lords, Midleton and Curzon, have both been saying rather rude things about me. (Laughter). I do not mind it, really, but I will show them my appreciation of rudeness by telling the truth about them. Who is Lord Midleton? The heritary system has at least one advantage. It enables a man who used to be called Brodick to call himself Midleton when he wants people to forget he ever was Brodrick. (Laughter, cheers). As Brodrick, he had one claim to distinction. He wanted more public money than any living man except Milner. (Laughter, cheers). He made such a mess of the war office that even the late Tory government—and I suppose that was about the worst this country has ever seen—could stand him no longer, so they sent him to the Indian office to help Curzon muddle the affairs of the Indian empire. (Cheers). If you asked Lord Midleton whether I had been too hard on Curzon he would say I rather understated the case. If you asked Curzon whether he thinks I am too hard on Midleton he would say I was rather mild. (Laughter). They do love each other. (More laughter). These are thy savious, these be thy Gods, oh! protectionist Israel! (Laughter, cheers). It is a pretty quartette, Cawdor, Milner Midleton and Curzon singing these these Christmas carols about the country.' (Loud laughter).

Upon all this quiet Englishmen remark "It is highly entertaining of course, and perhaps not altogether inappropriate in the pantomime season, but only further puts Lloyd-George beyond the pale as prime minister, or even a man worthy of the trust of the great destinies of this Empire."

John Burns entered the fight in the London working class constituency of Battersea last night, where he is being opposed by a well-known Anglo-Canadian, Shirley Benn. It is common knowledge in political circles that he strenuously opposed some of the Lloyd-George-Churchill measures and methods, and in public utterances he as yet has avoided anything more than acquiescence in the budget. Last night he found it enough to denounce Blachford as a war-mongering Socialist, a mischievous wanton firebrand, whom the Tory newspapers are using to bring about one of the most colossal calamities this or any other nation could suffer—war with Germany. His chief political enemies he labelled a noisy, irresponsible liquor gang.

Bonar Law, though heavily stricken by the death of his wife, is returning t othe political campaign, but naturally his speeches lack his former fire.

Balfour is still ill with pulmonary catarrh at Whittingehame and the doctors forbid his leaving the house for some time. Thus the Unionist attack is left for the present almost entirely to the peers, who are greatly handicapped by allegations of self-interest and want of experence the electioneering.

Joseph Chamberlain's part in the campaign is confined to short letters to candidates dictated to his wife or secretary.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON AN ELABORATE SCALE

The churches of the city will, with some exceptions, have special music at the services on Christmas Day and on the Sunday following. In the past the programme of Christmas music of some of the city churches have been very elaborate, and the same is true this year. In some of the churches there will be no service on Christmas Day, the following day being observed. This is true of the Baptist churches. The Presbyterian churches of the city will hold a united service on Christmas morning in St. Stephen's Church. For that service the choir of St. Stephen's has prepared some very fine music. On Sunday the choirs of the other Presbyterian churches will sing their Christmas music.

At Centenary Methodist Church a children's choir has prepared processional and secessional hymns and a carol. The church choir will sing the following anthems:—"Break forth into joy," by Coleridge-Taylor, solos by Messr. Taylor and Pidgeon; "Before the heavens were spread abroad," by H. W. Parker, solo by Mrs. A. P. Crocket; "I desired wisdom,' by J. Stainer, with ladies' double trio.

Christmas hymns and chants are also to be sung. On Sunday the music will be repeated.

At St. George's Church, West Side, the following will be sung by the choir on Christmas Day:—"Te Deum," by Barrett; "Jubilate," by Emerson; anthem, "Glory to God in the highest," by Simper; hymns—"Christians, awake," "O come, all ye faithful," "While shepherds watched their flocks."

On Sunday evening there will be special carol singing at St. George s.

MUSIC AT TRINITY.

The Christmas music at Trinity will be particularly beautiful. The following is the order of service for both Christmas Day and Sunday:—

8 a.m.—Choral Communion, Woodward, in E flat.

11 a.m.—Processional hymn, "Adeste Fideles"; venite, Crotch; Proper Psalms xix., Monk; xiv., Ousely; lxxxv., Turle; Te Deum, Hadley; Jubilate, J. S. Ford; Anthem, "There were Shepherds," Vincent; Kyrie, Mendelssohn; Gloria Tibi, Gratias Tibi, Plummer; Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; Recessional Hymns, "The First Nowell."

GERMAIN STREET BAPTIST.

At the Germain Street Baptist church there will be no service on Christmas Day, but on Sunday the following programme will be followed:—

Morning—Carol, "Hail Christmas Morn," by Gilchrist. Te Deum, by Hopkins. Anthem, "Song of the Angels," by Louis Dressler. Hymns—"Christians Awake," "O Come all ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Chant, Psalm xix.

Evening—Carol, "In the Fields with their Flocks Abiding," by Farmer. Anthem, "Hark! What Mean those Holy Voices?" by Sullivan. Anthem. "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," by Bartlett. Hymns—"It Came upon the Midnight Clear," "As With Gladness Men of Old," "Hark the Glad Sound."

AT QUEEN SQUARE.

At Queen's Square Methodist Church the special music on Christmas Day will be as follows:—

Morning—Solo, "In Old Judea," by Adam Geible; Anthem, "Hark, What Mean those Holy Voices?" by J. C. Jeffers, M.B.

Evening—Anthem, "Peaceful Night," by J. Humfrey Auger; solo, "Star of Bethlehem," by Stephen Adams, Mr. Percy Cruickshank; Anthem, "God from on high hath heard," by Edmund Turner.