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NO INTERRUPTION IN WORK OF HYDRO

Minister of Power and Contractor McGuigan Say Materials Are Being Assembled for Building Transmission Line.

An article appeared in a London newspaper on Saturday that hydro-electric power was having a stormy time, construction work had been stopped, and on account of dissension in the provincial cabinet, the whole proposition has received a setback.

Enquiry from Hon. Adam Beck last night brought a summary denial of the entire story.

"There is not a word of truth in it," he said. He would pay no attention to it.

To The World F. H. McGuigan of the McGuigan Construction Co., who are contractors for building the transmission line, said that he had received no instructions to stop work. He had a car of copper wire in Toronto for the telephone line, and another car was about to be shipped. Nearly sufficient steel had been fabricated to enable him to commence making the towers, and the aluminum cable was being rolled at Shawinigan.

The reported contracts for copper wire and insulators, as far as he knew, were bona fide. In fact, the representative of the Ohio Brass Co. had shown him the contract for insulators.

Chief Engineer Sothman of the hydro-electric commission is taking a well-earned rest in Europe, where he hopes to get some new ideas to be applied to the new line. "On his return," says the minister of power, "there will be no holiday for a long time. The work will go right ahead."

GASOLINE YACHT OSPREY IS TOTAL LOSS BY FIRE

Handsome Pleasure Craft of W. J. Commeford Destroyed—Cause Unknown.

Early Sunday morning W. J. Commeford's splendid gasoline yacht "Osprey" was completely destroyed by fire on the bay. The yacht had been left over night at Hanlan's Point, and Mr. Commeford, who went over early to bring her to the city, smelt gasoline when he stepped on board. The yacht was in tow of the "Dart," when an explosion took place, forcing the cabin door, which nearly knocked Mr. Commeford overboard. Flames immediately broke out, and he was obliged to take refuge in a rowboat. The dense smoke prevented those around fighting the fire until Haney & Miller's tug, came alongside and threw one stream on it. Sometime afterwards the fire tug Nellie Bly rendered assistance with another stream, but it was too late to save the boat, which was finally towed into shallow water and scuttled.

No explanation can be given as to the origin of the fire, unless from spontaneous combustion. The yacht is exceptionally well-provided with devices which prevent accumulation by leakage from the gasoline tanks. The craft is a total loss. She was fitted with a specially constructed Fairbanks-Norse engine, and had always been regarded as one of the safest on the bay. Mr. Commeford places the value of the boat at $4600. Insurance to the value of $3000 was carried in the Insurance Co. of America.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Former London Woman Is Killed at Flint, Mich.

WINDSOR, May 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Atkinson, who, previous to her marriage, resided in London, was accidentally shot and killed at the home of her husband in Flint, Mich., this morning.

An ancient shotgun, in the hands of a neighbor, was discharged, the whole charge penetrating Mrs. Atkinson's body.

Atkinson was nearly crazed, and had to be forcibly restrained from doing himself violence.

TOT LOSNS LEG UNDER CAR.

ST. CATHARINES, May 23.—(Special.)—At Merritton Saturday afternoon Marie, the 6-year-old daughter of William Bradley, was run over by a trolley car and sustained injuries, which resulted in the amputation of the left leg below the knee and the three middle toes of the right foot. The child had been spending the day with her grandmother and had been to a candy store.

Car's Peculiar Stunt.

Car No.30 of the College-street line performed a peculiar stunt about 9.30 last night. When near the Hospital for Sick Children it left the track and made a turn almost completely around on the other track. It was crowded with passengers and they were pretty well shaken up, but no one was injured.

WHERE TO SPEND THE HOLIDAY

Woodbine races, 2 p.m.
Lacrosse, Tecumsehs v. Shamrocks, Rosedale, 3.30 p.m.
Eastern League baseball, Newark v. Toronto, Hanlan's Point, 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.
Marathon race, 20 miles, Hanlan's Point, Longboat v. Coley, 3.45 p.m.
Single-fare excursions on all railways.
Steamboat excursions — Niagara Navigation Co., Hamilton Steamboat Co., Str. Argyle to Olcott Beach N.Y.; Turbinia to Hamilton, Lakeside and Garden City to St. Catharines.
Amusements at Hanlan's Point and Scarboro Beach.
House of Providence picnic, 2 p.m.
Gipsy Smith lecture—"From Gipsy Tent to Pulpit," 8 p.m.
All theatres, 2.15 and 8.15 p.m.
Long Branch Rifle Ranges, 48th Highlanders' outing.
Decoration of monuments by S. A. veterans, morning.

HOLDS TIGHT TO NICKEL SWALLOWS NO WATER

Italian Boy's Anxiety For Safety of Coin Prevents Drowning in Bay.

His anxiety to save a nickel, saved the life of Tony Murillo, an 8-year-old Italian boy who lives at 268 Wellington-street, who fell into the Canadian Northern slip west of York-street yesterday afternoon.

Altho there were a great many people about attempts at rescue were few, and the lad couldn't swim. Some one threw a life buoy which Tony struggled with for several minutes, before Wm. Commerford, the owner of the launch that was burned earlier in the day, grabbed his collar and hauled him into a dinghy. Believing that the boy had swallowed considerable water, somebody started jerking him up and down with a pressure on the stomach. With a gasp Tony's mouth flew open and he coughed up a nickel. He had kept his mouth so tightly compressed in trying to preserve the coin that he didn't swallow a teaspoonful of water.

KING EDWARD RIDES TRICYCLE

Uses Machine to Get Exercise Necessary to Health.

LONDON, May 23.—King Edward finds that he has neither the strength nor the time to take the amount of walking exercise prescribed by his medical advisers. So with their assent he has had a tricycle made, and on this he pedals about five miles every fair day in the secluded paths of the large park attached to Buckingham Palace.

King Edward's "official birthday" is to be celebrated at London and at all home stations, The Gazette officially intimates, on June 25. At all other stations his real birthday, Nov. 9, will be observed. Setting the home birthday adds gaiety to the London season and aids the shopkeepers.

TRIUMPH FOR SUFFRAGETTES

Two Members of Asquith Cabinet Announce That They Support the Cause.

LONDON, May 23.—After uproarious suffragette scenes at Westminster Hall Secretary of War Haldane declared himself in favor of votes for women on the ground that the whole tendency of the age is toward minimizing differences of sex and their political consequences.

He said there had lately been a reaction against woman suffrage, which he regretted, but it would only be temporary, and women would get the right to vote as soon as it became the general will of the nation, which it was the business of parliament to interpret.

A deputation of women at Sheffield interviewed Walter Runciman, president of the board of education, who pronounced himself in favor of their cause.

The English suffragettes expect their campaign of riot to culminate at the Lyceum Club banquet, at which the Earl of Crewe, secretary of state for the colonies, and Liberal leader in the house of lords, is to be the guest of honor.

Hitherto the Lyceum Club, under the management of Miss Smedle, has had a most prosperous career, its hospitality being an affair of wide fame. The announcement that Lord Crewe would be the guest stirred the suffragettes in the club and they are planning to entertain him with loud cries of "Votes for women," and such other attentions as may make it impossible for him to speak. They are deaf to all appeals and refuse to regard either the club's reputation or their duty as hostesses of the earl.

Last week John Burns called the suffragettes "female hooligans."

ITALY WON'T WAR ON CHURCH

Government Recognizes That Religion Thrives Under Liberty.

ROME, May 23.—A motion in the chamber of deputies for the suppression of religious institutions and convents was defeated by a great majority, it receiving only 45 favorable votes.

Signor Orlando, minister of grace and justice, in defending in the chamber the government's policy in connection with religious corporations stated that Italy was powerless to avert the growth of religious institutions, which thrive under the regime of liberay.

ST. JOHN'S HARBOR IS OPEN.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 23.—The ice blockade, which has shut the entrance to the harbor for the last week, was raised Saturday. Two vessels reached port. One of them, the steam tug J. B. Gravel, from Glasgow for Montreal, was somewhat damaged, was short of coal and was leaking.

NEW WARSHIPS GRIMLY ARMED

Big Guns So Arranged That They Can Command a Terribly Effective Range.

LONDON, May 23.—Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, in replying to criticism on the naval policy of the government, has said that the battleships to be built under this year's program would be at least 30 per cent. superior to their immediate predecessors.

The ten and twelve-inch guns with which the ships are to be equipped, will be capable of developing a muzzle energy of 53,000 foot-tons, compared with the energy of 47,000 foot-tons of the Dreadnought.

In addition to this increased power these new twelve-inch guns may be fired on either side. For this purpose the deck erections have been reduced to the minimum, and the two pairs of guns placed in the centre of the ship in barbettes on each wing, but are arranged in echelon, can sweep thru almost a complete circle and fire on the port or starboard side. The other three pairs of guns will be mounted in barbettes in the centre line, one barbette being forward and two aft. In one of the latter the guns will be carried at a high elevation.

This is considered an improvement on the centre line arrangement of the big guns on the new American ships by which the bow and stern fire is considerably reduced.

The Mauser magazine myth, to which attention was first called by Sir John Barlow, has been contemptuously dismissed by War Secretary Haldane in the house of commons as "an exceptionally silly story," but it has been quite surpassed during the past week by accounts of mythical nocturnal visitation of a German airship. The phantom "flying Dutchman" soon developed into a large fleet, the competing papers vouching for the accuracy of their respective stories.

Descriptions of the secret fly-by-night became more and more graphic, until certain advertisers who had been experimenting with model airships attached by ropes to motor cars, confessed their part in the affair and exploded the various theories.

RUBBER INTERESTS MERGED

American Capital Becomes Interested in Canadian Enterprises.

MONTREAL, May 23.—(Special.)—The American Rubber Co. has secured a substantial interest in the Canadian Consolidated Co., but the control remains as before, in the hands of D. Lorne McGibbon and his associates.

It is understood that there is no foundation for the rumors to the effect that S. H. C. Miner would join hands with the Consolidated interests. Mr. Miner is applying for a charter, and is about to begin work in rubber plant alongside his large rubber footwear plant at Granby.

MINORU

His Majesty's Horse, Winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, Favorite for the Derby—"Shimonese" is a Relative.

HAD TO SPEND $70,000 TO HUSH THAW STORIES

Now the Counsel For Defence Has to Sue For Reimbursement—Says Thaw is Insane.

NEW YORK, May 23.—An affidavit was filed in the U. S. Circuit Court by Clifford W. Hartridge, who was counsel for Harry K. Thaw in his trials for the murder of Stanford White, in his suit for $70,736 for legal and other expenses. He declares that he expended more than $40,000 at the request of Mrs. Thaw to protect her son's name from public scandal, and "from the accusation of guilt and offences and misconduct involving great moral turpitude and in protecting him from the machinations and attacks of numerous people."

Mr. Hartridge declares this money was expended among two hundred persons, many of them women belonging to a class which, to say the least, are nomadic.

"From the time I took the case," said Mr Hartridge, "I began to hear stories about Thaw which, if they had become public, or had been known to the district attorney, would have meant that he would have gone to Matteawan, and it was to prevent that more than anything else that both he and his mother insisted on at that time.

"These stories concerned his conduct not alone in New York, but in Pittsburg, London and Paris. Mrs. Thaw has never believed that Harry was anything but the best of sons, and almost a model young man. He knew how the money was being spent, and he might have prevented the use of part of it if he had been truthful. He would deny all knowledge of some person or incident until we had investigated it and found that it was all true.

"Persons who knew these things were receiving offers of large sums of money by the newspapers for the stories. We had to make them see that it was to their interests from a financial view point to remain friendly with our side."

WOULD RETIRE GOUIN

Quebec Liberals Said to Have So Expressed Themselves.

MONTREAL, May 23.—(Special.)—There is a story going the ronuds today that at a recent caucus of government supporters, or at least a good number of them, at Quebec, a resolution was adopted asking the prime minister to retire.

It is also stated that Sir Henri Taschereau, chief justice of the superior court, has expressed a strong desire to retire, and should his wish be granted, Sir Lomer Gouin will be appointed in his place. The leadership of the Quebec Liberals would then likely go to Hon. Mr. Taschereau, who was assaulted by Oliver Asselin a few nights ago.

FIRE-CRACKER CAUSED FIRE

Sparks Ignited Other Explosives in Store Window.

ST. CATHARINES, May 23.—(Special.)—Saturday the jewelry and novelty store conducted by A. J. Jackson was gutted by fire and the stock completely destroyed. Jackson was showing some children how to manage fire works and had lighted a fire cracker. He was swinging it, when it slipped and sparks caught on to other fire works in the open window. Fire works shot in every direction. Loss about $3500, $1200 insurance.

BOOKMAKER SUCCUMBS

John McCarpy, Here For the Races, Dies Suddenly of Apoplexy.

John McCarpy, aged 38, of Chicago, a bookmaker, who came here for the races, died in St. Michael's Hospital at 7 o'clock Sunday night from apoplexy.

He attended the races Saturday afternoon and was taken ill Sunday afternoon in the Hotel Trader, where he was staying. He has a wife in Chicago.

HATES TO LEAVE TORONTO LAST OF SMITH MISSION

Gipsy's Series Will Be Brought to Close With Autobiographical Lecture To-Night.

"I hate to think this is the last verse," said Gipsy Smith last night in Massey Hall as the densely crowded audience sang the hymn "Never Give Up." "Trust in the Lord and take heart," was the chorus, and it went with a swing that spoke of the fountains of the great deeps broken up in the past two weeks.

"I've come to think Toronto a nice sort of place," continued the Missioner, "and you're not half so bad—when you do what I tell you."

For the last regular service great crowds assembled, and the women's meeting at 2.30 was the largest of the three that had been held. The men's meeting following equalled previous ones, and at 7 o'clock the hall was as full as it could hold.

It was the request of the committee that $600 be contributed at the evening service so as to clear up all the expenses. Half the collections go to the English committee of the National Council of Free Churches, the other half going to the local committee. Three members of the English committee have been in Toronto since Gipsy Smith's mission began—Rev. Dr. Horton, J. Allan Baker, M.P., and Sir Robert Perks, M.P.

Last Meeting To-Night.

Gipsy Smith's final appearance in Toronto will take place to-night when he delivers his great lecture, "From Gipsy Tent to Pulpit." There are only 2843 tickets, one for each seat in the hall, and over 3000 are already sold. The remainder will be on sale at 9 o'clock this morning at Massey Hall.

Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, the Toronto evangelists, took part in the prayer services yesterday. Rev. W. F. Wilson, D.D., spoke at the men's meeting, and Rev. Dr. Harris, who had recovered from his illness, was present.

Nothing could have been in finer taste than Gipsy Smith's appeal at each of the three services. There was no maudlin sentiment, but the hearty affection and the cordial interest of a manly friend. He spoke to the women as mothers with Herodias' daughter as a text.

The Tragedy of It.

"There is not much chance for a child, naturally speaking, who has a bad mothers," he said. In an exquisite picture of wild bird life he brought home the tragedy af theunmothered lives.

"You may dress your children to death, but they will never be refined until they have a deep reverence for God."

To the men he told something of his father and two brothers, and a man arose in the audience who had known the three Gipsy Christians at Croydon.

"We've seen Jesus," they told their mother in the gipsy tent, and the Missioner related how he found Christ.

"I didn't get it from your books. I got it from the transformed, beautiful life as I saw it daily in the tents," he declared.

The vening text was Jeremiah viii. 20. "The harvest is past. The summer is ended and we are not saved." He pleaded with calm, but pathetic earnestness and at the close he asked for all who could say that they would try to follow Jesus just a little better because of the mission to stand up. Nearly everyone present rose.

SHOULD SEEK THE SINNER

Church is Accused of Being Too Aristocratic.

DENVER, Col., May 23.—Less "stately treating," and more democracy; less lounging in the luxury of the church waiting for the sinner to approach, and more evangelism among the lowly, were the keynotes sounded at the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church. The leader in advocacy of this doctrine was John Convers, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee on evangelistic work.

Berry Gets There.

BOSTON, May 23.—(Special.)—Berry of Toronto has been elected vice-president of the Order of Railway Conductors.

SHIMONESE WAS THE BEST OF THE LOT

Victory in King's Plate Truly on Its Merits—The Winner, Her Good Race and Her Rivals.

The opening day.
Attendance 15,000.
Weather was of the finest.
It was the fiftieth race for the Royal Plate.
And there were 51 licensed bookmakers.
Hon. Adam Beck won the first event with "Jack Parker" at odds ranging from 30 to 60 to 1.
And his colleague in the Whitney cabinet, Hon. J. S. Hendrie, captured the great event with the 9-10 favorite.
The other winners were. Flying Squirrel 1-2; Donald Macdonald 7-1; Canvas 15-1; Lady Esther 3-1.

BY POP.

It was a glorious day, a beautiful day, that day that the fiftieth race for His Majesty's Guineas was run. It was a day to make all the world glad, and all that part of the world that was at Woodbine, and it was a large part, too—for the district and country of course—was glad. Everybody, winner and loser alike, appeared to be happy.

"I never saw such a gathering," said a sharp-faced individual, whose nose bespoke his origin.

"My eakes, they seem to be all winners," he added, looking around after the fifth event on the card had been decided, which was the said fiftieth race for the dollars, guineas and plate, which it is the ambition of every loyal Canadian breeder to win.

"Three years from now," said Mrs. Livingstone, owner of famous Rencocas and purchaser of two farms near Cobourg, "I am going to win it with one of my own breeding." As a matter of course she had no reference to the fact that Tollendal, second to the winner, Shimonese, a real home-bred, that went to her present owners for $250 at the dispersal at the Repository of the late Wm. Hendrie's horses—was brought over from Elmendorf in intero, but simply meant what she said—that she hoped to have a three-year-old, bred, born and raised near Cobourg, Ont., that would win the main share of the money.

"I have been at the game since I was eighteen," the lady exclaimed, "and I hope I know a bit about breeding and horses."

"But that is not so very long ago," a bystander remarked and, truth to tell, it looked as if he were right.

A Good Race Well Won.

But it was a beautiful day, a beautiful race and a beautiful spectacle that presented itself as the horses flashed past the stands with Fort Garry setting a rasping pace at the end of the first quarter, as they rounded the turn, as they closed upon the leader on the back, as they chased each other, all striving might and main, to the head of the stretch and as they became strung out in the last quarter, Tollendol, son of imp. Toddington, making a vain effort to hold the flying Shimonese, and as the Valley Farm's game and good-looking mare dashed past the judges' stand full of running and with plenty in hand in the fastest time made in the fifty years of the race's history, namely 2.10 2-5, notwithstanding that the track must have been a full two seconds slow. It is not a wonder that the crowd cheered heartily. It had a right, too, for it was a good race, well won.

Gameness of the Winner.

Possibly the Seagram trio, Tollendal, Dog of War and Courtier, were not ridden in the early stages with that tactical judgment that might have been exercised, but it is doubtful if anything short of a wilful foul could have prevented the Hendrie mare from landing the race.

She was handled with discretion, not made too much of in the early part of the contest, brought up nicely at the opportune time and kept moving steadily to the end. She not only in the final struggle outfooted her closest rivals, but outgamed them and finished strong, probably fresher than any of her rivals. Undoubtedly the chestnut daughter of a Futurity winner and a King's plate winner—the first and only one of the kind—was the best of the field, and undoubtedly it was a true run race.

That Shimonese has come along during the winter, and that she has been well handled by Trainer Nixon, are certainties, but at the same time it seems to me the race she ran on Saturday also proves that last year she was not so far behind Selenic in ability and stamina as her subsequent running for the Breeders' plate would appear to indicate.

A Small Field With a Bad Tail.

The field of eight was the smallest in three years and was the fifth smallest in seven times that period. But it was a field of good average quality, altho the tail was a bad one. Tollendal, however, surprised Mr. Seagram, for it was never thought that he would be so close as he was in so fast a run race, but he once more proved what has been often times proved before, that blood will tell. If Shimonese had not been so well screwed up and in ordinary years he would doubtless have won, but the Valley Farm mare also has winning lines and stout lines in her. By Martimas, a more than ordinary memorable Futurity winner, owing to the

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IN THE MIDST OF ALARMS

Mr. BULL: Bless me 'eart, there's no use tryin' to sleep in this 'ouse.

THE TALK OF THE DAY

Since the publication of the list of candidates in The World's big popular contest people thruout the province have been constantly discussing the subject. The widespread interest aroused has been exceptional and votes are pouring into the office by thousands. Candidates who are making the greatest counts are the ones who are bringing in new subscriptions to either the daily or Sunday edition. Decide to spend part of Victoria Day in securing votes for yourself or your friends.