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PENNILESS BOY, A MILLIONAIRE IN NINE YEARS

Romantic Story of Richard Cox — Bought Two Millions Worth of Property in Last Fortnight—Inventions Made Him.

Boston, Jan. 8—From a pennfless country boy at twenty to a millionaire at twenty-nine is the st ory of the meteoric rise to power of Richard C. Cox of Boston and Cambridge. He came east to Boston nine years ago to get an education and to seek his fortune. Having successfully passed the entrance examinations to Harvard he found his slim purse would not permit of his attending, and so he entered Boston University specializing in physics. While still a freshman he found in a classmate the future Mrs. Cox and married as he puts it, "on a shoestring" that was the end of college and he had to go to work. So successful has he been that today he has a fortune totalling approximately $8,000,000. Within the last fortnight 10 big apartment houses in Cambridge representing an outlay of $2,000,000 have been purchased by him or have come under his control.

He intends to keep on purchasing until his daily rentals aggregates $1,000 Cox was born in Mattoon near Chicago did odd jobs about town, joined the Santa Fee engineering corps was thrown out of work came east was admitted to Harvard, but being short of funds was helped to enter Boston University where he studied physics. Two small outside jobs didn't pan out so he returned to Boston in 1911 went to work in a factory and developed a steam guage tester which yielded $500 a week and which the Navy Department has bought in large quantity. But a toothache provided the foundation to his fortune. The dentist showed him an engine for boring teeth and it rettailed at $240, Cox experimented, developed a machine that he put on the market at $25 and "I needn't worry any more" as he put it in an interview yesterday.

SITUATION IN RUSSIA SAID TO BE CRITICAL

Denekine's Army Cut in Two —Reds Threaten to Overrun Northern Persia

Little to Prevent Bolshevi'ki Gaining Control of Caspian Sea—Supplies Sent by Allies Captured.

London, Jan. 8—The situation in Russia is about as bad as could be from an anti-Bolshevik point of view, according to British war office reports and there are few signs indicating any likely improvement. There are two especially alarming developments. In the first place Gen. Denekine's army has been cut in two through the Bolshevik push to the sea of Asov at Taganrog and its flanks have been thrust back, leaving a large gay. In addition comes a claim from the Bolsheviki of the capture further east of the town of Krasnovodsk, on the Caspian Sea, and while this is not confirmed it is generally accepted as true.

The capture of this important port, it is pointed out, creates the grave possibility that the Reds may over-run northern Persia and occupy Teheran, which would probably mean the establishment of Bolsheviki rule in Persia. The taking of this town permits the Reds not only to control a large part of the important Krasnovadsk-Merv railroad, but gives them free acces to the Caspian. There seems little then to prevent them from gaining control of the Caspian from the more or les sineffective volunteer fleet. Once in possession of this sea there remains only a small British force and the poorly organized Persian forces between the Reds and the occupation of Teheran and northern Persia, through which would exist the possibility of their obtaining control of the whole country.

Beku, with its important oil supplies on the western coast of the Caspian, seems likely also to fall into Bolshevik hands and its occupation would provide a base for further operations against the rear of Denekine's hard pressed right wing.

If the Bolshevik reports are true, Gen. Denekine has suffered a considerable disaster, for not only have the Reds severed all land communication between his left and right wings, but they have captured large quantities of war material, including much sent him by the Allies.

There is little hope held out here that, deprived of these supplies, the Denekine forces can hope to make a resistance that would prove effective against the overwhelming Red armies.

Health Units Amalgamated.

Ottawa, Jan. 8—(By Canadian Press)—The department of public health, which has been conducted in connection with the commission of conservation, has been amalgamated with the federal health department, under Dr. Amyot and Dr. C. A. Hedgetts, who was medical adviser to the conservation commission, is now in charge of the division of sanitary statistics and also the information, publication, library and circulation branch of the federal health department.

OLD RHYME—NEW REASON.

Who killed Cock Robin?
"I," said Senator Lodge;
"It was my little dodge.
I killed Cock Robin.

Who saw him die?
"I," said the fly;
"It does make me cry.
I saw him die.

Who'll toll the bell?
"I," said the bull;
"I'll give it a pull.
I'll toll the bell."

—The Passing Show, London.

Manitoba Farmers Call For Sweeping Changes In Government Policy

Grain Growers' Association Resolves Itself Into United Farmers

Resolutions Call For Reduction in Canada's Militia, Express Sympathy With Labor and Action of Veterans Regarding Gratuity.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 7—(By Canadian Press Limited)—Having commenced at 2 o'clock as the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association the same organization adjourned three hours later as the United Farmers of Manitoba. The change was made almost unanimously and with the purpose that there should be any misunderstanding as to our relation to the general farm movement throughout Canada in the words of W. R. Wood, secretary.

This was but one of the day's outstanding events; unanimously the convention, the greatest in the organization's history with more than 600 accredited delegates and several visitors, agreed that no more grants should be accepted from the government of Manitoba. An item in the annual report showing receipt of $3,000 from the government raised the question.

Suggestions and predictions of increase of political power for the farmers of Canada were popular and it was promised that a resolution on "political action" would be introduced on Thursday.

Resolutions will be presented to the convention calling for a reduction of Canadian military forces; expressing sympathy with labor and returned soldiers calling upon the federal government to resign; demanding the abolition of the board of commerce; endorsing "the action of the Great War Veterans Association regarding the great grauity"; demanding an inquiry into the spread in wool prices; opposing a tariff commission; favoring an inquiry into lumber prices by the board of commerce and another resolution favored the abolition of appeals to the privy council.

SOVIET RUSSIANS SHOULD BE BARRED

Plan to Organize Veterans and Citizens to Keep Them Out of Canada.

Sarnia, Ont., Jan, 7—Prominent citizens working in conjunction with the veterans of the great war, will shortly call a general citizens' meeting here to give birth to an association which they hope will become nation wide and which will have for its aim the frustration of sovietism in the dominion.

Those behind the movement tonight stated that one of the first moves to be made will be the sending of a deputation to both the Ontario and the dominion governments, which will be asked to cooperate with the newly formed association in its efforts to keep soviet Russians from migrating to Canada. The two governments will also be asked to use every influence to keep for the time being the immigration to Canada confined to English-speaking persons.

P. T. Harrison, one of the prime movers of the association, states that the association will get in touch with every veterans' association in Canada and ask those organizations to help frustrate Reds and radicals of any nationality from gaining a foothol din Canada. The churches also will be invited to send deputations to the initial meeting of the association which will be held here the latter part of the week

LABOR PRESENTS ITS CLAIMS TO THE GOVERNMENT

Ask for 44-Hour Week, Minimum Wage, Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining.

Ottawa, Jan. 8—(By Canadian Press)—Organized labor presented its claims to the government at its annual interview this afternoon. This year's representations are of specially wide interest in view of the provisions of the treaty of Versailles and of the part played by dominion government delegates at the international labor conference at Washington. The delegation was headed by Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress. The chief requests were:

Legislation for an eight hour day and a forty-four hour week with establishment of a minimum wage adequate to insure a fair standard of living.

Repeal of recent amendments to the criminal code, imposing heavy fines for possession of certain literature.

Action to restore to all workers the absolute right to organize.

Encouragement of the principle of collective bargaining.

Assistance and encouragement to the formation of co-operative societies with a view to reducing the cost of living. Further, that legislation be enacted to make the incorporation of such societies easy.

ONE BIG UNION TO HOLD CONVENTION

Winnipeg, Jan. 8—The central council of the O. B. U. announced at its regular assembly that arrangements were being completed for the holding of the Canadian convention of the body in Winnipeg. Delegates will attend, they said, from all industrial points in eastern and western Canada.

WEEKLY CLEARINGS.

The first report of weekly clearings for the new year makes an auspicious beginning, being a decided increase over last year and the year previous. The figures are: For 1918, $2,517,818; 1919, $2,846,402, and for 1920, $3,996,327.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "Mayor Hayes tells me he will not again be a candidate for that office. A number of my friends—and I think I may say without egotism that I have many friends among the noble and high-minded people of this great and splendid city—have suggested, I may even say urged me, in view of my wide knowledge of civic affairs and my well-known devotion to the welfare of dear old St. John, to permit them to put my name forward. I need not say to you, my dear friend, that this is an unexpected honor. I have always regarded it as a privilege to be of service to my fellow-man, in even the humblest capacity. I am really quite overwhelmed. Nothing was farther from my thought than that my noble fellow citizens, who are the very salt of the earth, would deem me worthy of so exalted a position. I may say in all sincerity, and with a heart overflowing with gratitude, that I could ask no greater distinction than to preside over the destinies—"

"One minit," broke in Hiram. "Slow down the injine till I ketch up. If you was addressin' the free an' unbought electorate you might spill over some—but why begin on me? What hev I done? When Sile Jones run for councillor he talked wuss'n that—but the people knowed what Sile wanted. He wanted to git after the 'sessors that put up his taxes—an' grab off a little slice for himself when nobody was lookin'. We didn't do a thing to Sile."

"Your levity shocks me," said the reporter. "I am amazed, in this new era of lofty ideals and noble purposes, when the bosom of every man swells with a desire to 'do it for St. John,' that you should hark back to the hideous past and scoff at the new evangel. We are living in a new world of thought and feeling. Let me hear no more about Sile Jones."

"Mister," said Hiram, "until sich time as in the course o' natur Sile is translated to another speer you got to keep an eye on Sile. Gen'ally speakin', if a man's a good man this year it's because he was a good man last year—an' the year afore. I aint sayin' there aint never no change, but you better let the Lord be the judge—if the feller was real bad afore—an' go on keepin' a padlock on the dairy an' the hen-house—yes, sir."

FIRE IN FAIRVILLE.

Fire broke out this morning about half-past six in a tenedent house on Prospect street, Fairville, owned by Geo. H. Tippett and occupied by the families of Ira Stymest and Andrew Morrow. The alarm was at once sounded and members of the fire department responded. Fortunately there was very little wind and so houses in the immediate neighborhood did not appear to be in danger. The property was quite badly gutted, particularly the ell, where the fire originated, it is said, near the chimney. Both families had the greater part of their household goods removed to safety and their loss will not be heavy. It is understood the property was insured.

"Chief" Bender to New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 8—Charles Albert Bender, better known as "Chief" Bender, has been engaged by George Weims, owner of the New Haxen Baseball Club, of the Eastern League, as manager and pitcher.

Bender, with "Chief" John Meyers, will constitute next season the only Indian battery in the country.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Toronto, Jan. 8—The shallow disturbance which was over the great lakes yesterday has moved to the lower St. Lawrence Valley and another disturbance is centered this morning north of the Gulf of Mexico. The weather is moderately cold in Manitoba and Northern Ontario and mild in other parts of the Dominion. Light snow has fallen in Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Snow or Rain.

Maritime—Moderate southwest winds, cloudy and mild today and on Friday. Some light local snow or rain.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Cloudy with a little lower temperature tonight. Friday northwest winds with snow.

Lower St. Lawrence—Cloudy and comparatively mild today and part of Friday followed by snow.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, cloudy and comparatively mild today and on Friday, light local snow.

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest during Yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	44	44	42
Victoria	40	36	40
Kamloops	14	26	12
Calgary	26	34	14
Edmonton	28	32	26
Prince Albert	6	16	4
Winnipeg	*2	18	*4
White River	2	24	*8
Sault Ste. Marie	20	32	20
Toronto	34	37	33
Kingston	34	32	32
Ottawa	34	30	30
Montreal	34	32	28
Quebec	30	30	26
St. John, N. B.	24	36	32
Halifax	34	34	30
St. Johns, Nfld.	16	24	10
Detroit	32	36	30
New York	34	38	34

*Below zero.

Grand Mufti of Egypt Demands Independence; Refuses to Discuss Matter

"We Can Have No Discussion Until Protectorate is Withdrawn" He Tells Viscount Milner—Warning of Possibility of Revolt.

Cairo, Saturday, Jan. 3—(By the Associated Press)—A conversation between Viscount Milner, special British commissioner, with the Grand Mufti of Egypt, who is the religious chief of the Mohammedans in Egypt, is reported in the newspaper in which the Grand Mufti attributed the present troubled spirit to the country's disappointed expectation regarding its independence. Lord Milner contended that a protectorate was necessary to Egypt's interests and that a discussion could settle nine of ten disputed points. The Mufti replied that no Egyptian would enter into a discussion except on the basis of independence. Lord Milner maintained that some Egyptians were willing to discuss the subject, but fear deterred them.

The Grand Mufti replied: "Every country has its traitors. But any patriot would refuse to enter into such a discussion."

The commissioner sought to convince him that Great Britain was actuated by friendship and did not wish to impose her will forcibly, although able to do so. To this the Grand Mufti replied:

"[illegible] affirm that it is impossible to convince a [illegible] I myself am unconvinced. The entire nation claims its independence and it would therefore be useless to speak in any other language. I do not forget your power, but if Egyptians bend today before force they will seize the first occasion to revolt. The guarantee of force is not eternal.

"Between Syria occupied by France, and Tripoli, occupied by Italy, it is better for you that Egypt be independent and friendly."

Lord Milner contended that the Mufti's argument did not prevent a discussion, and asked him to discuss the questions. But the Mufti replied: "We can have no discussion until the protectorate is withdrawn."

Casualties More Than 2,000 in Mexican 'Quake

Eighty-Five Bodies Recovered from One Village

Pitiable Plight of Survivors —Some Fear of Further Shocks — Relief Measures Under Way.

Mexico City, Jan. 8—The estimated number of casualties attending the earthquake Saturday evening in the western part of the state of Vera Cruz still stands at 2,000 or more.

Fragmentary advices received here would seem to indicate that the toll of death would amount above the first estimates. It is said the village of Saltillo has been virtually destroyed and that eighty-five bodies were recovered from the ruins on Tuesday. Thirty bodies have been taken from the Pescades river at Apazapam, Pueblo, Viejo and San Carlos. Despatches from special correspondents in the earthquake zone, which lack in specific details, tell of the pitiable plight of survivors of the disaster, many of whom lost their homes and are living in the open in hourly fear of renewed shocks.

Relief measures are gradually taking form and a fund has been started in this city, foreign colonies making liberal contributions.

Many petitions have been sent the archbishop of Mexico to send the famous Virgin de Los Remedios into the earthquake area from the shrine at Bastolo Naucalpan, where it is jealously guarded by Indians. This virgin has figured in many disasters during the history of the country. New earth shocks were felt here this morning and fears were entertained that they were vibrations from another serious earthquake in the region of Mount Orizaba. Until a late hour tonight no further advices had been received from the east and some apprehension was still felt by the people. The shocks as registered at the astronomical observatory near this city were slight, beginning at 9.17 o'clock and lasting three minutes.

BOYS FOURTEEN TO SEVENTEEN

Should Be Better Looked After — Vocational Training Needed.

Ottawa, Jan. 7, (By Canadian Press Limited)—K. Sydney Kirby, member of the Ottawa public school board, was elected president of the urban school trustees' association of Ontario at the concluding session of the two day conference of that body here this afternoon. Many important resolutions were passed and a committee having as its members the trustees on the new executive, was named to take the questions included in them before the department of education as early as possible.

Dr. John Merchant of the Ontario department of education appealed to the trustees to consider the problem of looking after the boy after he had reached the age of fourteen. There was the period in the boy's life from fourteen to seventeen in which he should be carefully looked after. He suggested vocational training as a good solution, but there should be a sound flexible system, he thought, from which these boys would really benefit.

CONGRESSMEN HEAR DE VALERA

He Wants the United States to Help the Irish Republicans.

Washington, Jan. 8—Hope that the old Irish cry of "God give us war in our time," would be the watchword of the Irish until the overthrow of British rule, was accomplished, was expressed by E. De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," last night in his first address in Washington.

"Our condition in Ireland is so unjust," he said, "that we shall take an interest in seeing England beaten by any foreign foe whatsoever."

Commenting upon Premier Lloyd George's plan for settlement of the Irish question, De Valera asserted that there was no homogeonous Ulster that the fact that the boundaries of Ulster could not be fixed by the British premier, was proof that Ulster did not exist. In a plea for the recognition of the Irish republic by the United States, the speaker asserted that America by giving a passive judgment "in favor of the wrong" done Ireland, already had meddled in the Irish question.

The meeting, which was in Liberty Hut, a few blocks from the Capitol, was presided over by Representative Sherwood of Ohio. A score of other congressmen were present among the several thousand which packed and overflowed the hall.

PARIS NOW HAS THE GAMBLING CRAZE.

Paris, Jan. 8—The gambling clubs of Paris have never been so prosperous, according to competent authority, as they are now. Although forbidden by the police, they flourish in the centre of the city. The heaviest losers are men who made rapid fortunes during the war. The games are for high wagers, and it is reported one man won 450,000 francs in one evening, and lost it, together with another 10,000 the next day.

Boxing Tournament.

Montreal, Jan. 8—At the meeting of the executive of the boxing department of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association it was decided to accept the invitation of the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Federation for an inter-city boxing tournament at Ottawa on Friday night, Jan. 30.

SOME HOPE YET IN RAILWAY DISPUTE

Today's Meeting May Not Mean Rejection of Government Offer.

London, Jan. 8—Interest in the resumption of the railroadmen's conference here today centres around whether the men will declare another strike or proceed with a ballot of the 500.000 members of the various unions affected by the government's offer in settlement of wage demands.

The declaration of J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen last evening made it plain that a vast majority of the local unions were prepared to reject the government's proposals.

It is uncertain, however, whether a vote of individual members would give a similar result and it is believed that whatever happens as a result of today's meeting it will not necessarily mean the total and final rejection of the government's terms.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER TALKS OF DANGERS.

Montreal, Jan. 8—Hon. Sydney Fisher, former minister of agriculture, addressed members of the Local Council of Jewish Women here. He said that the present great danger in Canada was the indifference of the citizens and pointed to the control of national affairs by commissions responsible to the government and not to parliament as a proof of the menaced loss of freedom and of responsible government.

Getz to Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 8—President R. G. Allen, of the Little Rock Baseball Club of the Southern Association, tonight announced the purchase from the Toledo club of the A merican Association of second baseman Jake Getz, formerly with the Boston and Brooklyn clubs of the National League.

ESTABLISHMENT OF JUVENILE COURT ASKED

Delegation Presents Petition to City Commissioners — Mayor Makes Some Pointed Remarks.

The city commissioners this morning heard a delegation in behalf of the project for a juvenile court in St. John with its own judge and a probation officer, and promised consideration of the request made. A petition was presented signed by the presidents of a large number of representative societies urging the establishment of such an institution and read by A. R. Crookshanks. Mrs. J. W. Smith and A. M. Belding were heard in support of the petition. At its conclusion the mayor asked Mr. Crookshanks some questions as to the appointment of such a judge and the question of pension, whether it would be done by the city or the province, and remarked that it would not do to have it as at present. The appointment, he said, should be so that the city council should have some voice in the matter and not have to submit to being scandalized to any extent the appointee wished, as was the case at present. He would consent to no further appointments by the government without the city having a voice—the government, he felt, should give the city the same protection as they would themselves expect, for if one of their appointees started to scandalize them he would not hold office very long.

Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Crookshanks, "Is it not a fact that if another or younger man were sitting in the police court it would be acceptable? It has been so represented to me on several occasions." Mr. Crookshanks said that this was not the case. He said that $5,000 would be expected to cover the salary of the judge and probation officer with incidental expenses, but that $4,000 would probably be enough for this year.

He read a petition urging the need of a juvenile court with judge and probation officer. The petition spoke of the many organizations about the city which had expressed themselves in favor of such an institution. It referred to social conditions in the city and spoke of the great need of protection for the boys and girls who needed some extra care. The petition was signed by George Warwick, president of the Y. M. C. A.; R. B. Emerson, president of the Board of Trade; Alma M. G. Crockett of the King's Daughters; Margaret Hipwell of the W. C. T. U.; E. H. Cairns of the Brotherhood of St. David's; Mary M. Smith of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Y. M. C. A.; Chas. R. Wasson, St. John Society, Sunday school executive; Katie Mackay, regent of the Municipal Chapter I. O. D. E.; D. C. Clinch, S. P. C. Rev. Neil McLauchlan, Evangelical Alliance; F. A. Campbell, Trades and Labor Council; R. Downing Patterson, St. John Rotary Club; W. S. Fisher, Associated Charities; A. M. Belding of the Children's Aid Society; Annie L. Brock, Y. W. P. A.; Nan Macpherson Smith, St. John Council of Women, and Laura T. Tilley of the Women's Canadian Club.

Mr. Belding spoke in favor of the project and gave instances which had come to his attention and which were within the sphere of juvenile court work. The citizens at large were behind the scheme for a juvenile court. The petition just read, he said, was signed by almost every interest. It was representative of the womanhood of St. John, the business, labor, religious and educational interests, and the citizens would approve of the council acting favorably upon it. A proper man was wanted as judge and a suitable one as probation officer—a full measure of protection should be given the youth of the city and the dreadful conditions as at present existing, of some of which he spoke, must be remedied.

Mrs. Smith added to the appeal, urging that the council be not "penny wise and pound foolish." Authority was sought to protect the child. Often, she said, the parents were at fault either through ignorance or neglect, and it was they who needed to be instructed. She strongly urged the council to give an attentive consideration to the request made.

DOMINION TOUR OF PRESS CONFERENCE

Ontario Grants $10,000 Toward Defraying the Expenses of This Notable Affair.

Toronto, Jan. 8—C. F. Crandall of the Montreal Star, honorary secretary of the Canadian Press executive, who is arranging details of the imperial press conference to be held in Canada next summer; J. E. Atkinson of the Toronto Star, and Stewart Lyon of the Globe, waited on Premier E. C. Drury and other members of the Ontario government and asked for a grant to assist in defraying the expenses of the conference.

The cabinet considered the request later and the premier announced that a grant of $10,000 would be given. The Drury government is to have the final decision as to the itinerary of the Ontario part of the Dominion tour that will be made by the delegates from various parts of the British Empire.

Mr. Crandall left last night for Winnipeg and will confer with the newspapermen there this week-end and proceed to other western points later.

Floods in Italy.

Rome, Jan. 8—The Arne valley is flooded and many towns among which are Baloi, Caproni, Pevriola and Peretoto, are isolated.

The lower part of the city of Pisa is inundated and it is feared lives have been lost at Catatos.