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Veterinary Sues Her for Fees for Professional Services Rendered to Her Prize Winning Horse--Other Western News.

Winnipeg, May 24.--One of the features of the week, has been the visit of Raoul Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole. This visit is merely in the nature of a passing through, a preliminary to be followed by an official visit later. The entertainment to be accorded the famous explorer by the civic authorities, has been somewhat of a puzzle to those who have the matter in charge. Mr. Amundsen absolutely declines to attend a banquet, to drink anything stronger than coffee and limits his daily consumption of that beverage to one cup, or to be the recipient of any of the complimentary affairs usually offered a celebrity. He states that he is in training for a trip to the Arctic regions, which will last seven years and that he must put himself in the best possible condition. One of the aldermen, who have the duty of listening to the addresses or of taking a long walk while the local orators unburden themselves of tributes to his honor. The food on that occasion will be principally sandwiches.

There is still much complaint in business circles that money is exceedingly tight. Country merchants in all lines have been curtailing credits and, as there is no surplus of money in the country, collections are tight and the volume of business in general lines is not heavy. Real estate is quiet and sales are not nearly so great in volume and number as is usual at this time of the year, although values are very firm. There is no lack of confidence in the future and the opinion is freely expressed that conditions will improve as soon as there is even a moderate slackening of the money market. In the western country, the situation upon the crop; should the crop come to look favorable and if the case at present, that circumstance will have a most favorable effect upon the business of the whole west. The influence of the crop element should begin to be felt early in July. If the crop should be favorable then, and should continue so, there is no doubt but that all lines of business would show a continuing improvement throughout the late summer and fall.

Harry Hodgson of Springfield, Manitoba, a veteran of the Indian mutiny, died at his home on May 17th. The following paragraph from a Vancouver exchange, concerns a lady who was formerly a student of St. John: Miss Mabel Penery French's grey hunter, Schweitzer, which carried off the hunter's championship, and six other prizes at the recent horse show and won the hunters' event at Victoria, last week, from a field of thirty-seven, is "Exhibit One" in interesting litigation now before the county court. The action arises over a bill for veterinary services rendered by Dr. T. R. Hogan, V. S., during last autumn, when Schweitzer was ill with pink eye, a form of equine influenza. The bill was disputed on a number of grounds and an action was then started by Dr. Hogan's solicitors. Miss French, who is a practicing barrister, undertook to defend the suit in person, but, when it was called before Judge McInnes, six or eight weeks ago, was not present in court and judgment was formally entered against her by default. Later she appeared before His Honor Judge Grant and asked to have the judgment set aside and a retrial ordered, producing affidavits to show that her clerk had neglected to advise her that the case was set for trial on the day in question. Judge Grant consented to a new trial being allowed and the case was set down for trial on the list today, coming again before His Honor Judge McInnes. "I cannot hear this case again. I gave a judgment some weeks ago, and I gave a judgment. I rule that it is res judicata," said His Honor, in firmly declining to hear the case. As the matter now stands, one of two things must be done: a new trial is to be allowed, and the other county court judge has ruled that a new trial cannot be allowed and legal speculation is rife as to which ruling will hold good, if the judgment is pressed to execution in the meantime "Exhibit One," the cause of all the trouble, is cheerfully munching his hay and not bothering

Committees Busy Getting Tariff Ready for the Senate -- Cotton Schedule Likely to be Modified.

Washington, May 23.--Whether to put cattle, wheat and oats on the free list, or to put a duty on their products, is one of the absorbing problems of the Senate finance committee just now in revising the Underwood Tariff Bill for Senate consideration. Senator Simmons, chairman of the committee, John Sharp Williams, chairman of the sub-committee handling the agricultural schedule, and Representative Underwood, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, discussed the matter with President Wilson today.

The President is reported to have agreed with Senator Williams and Senator Simmons that the duties on agricultural products should be equalized in the bill, instead of placing raw products on the dutiable list and making meats and flour free as in the bill at present. To equalize them was determined upon several weeks ago, and the Senate sub-committee today is reported to have decided also to put cattle, sheep and wool on the free list.

Free wool and free sugar, as provided for in the Underwood bill, tonight are regarded to be in a stronger position than ever and the tightening of the strings on these administrative measures is reported to be due largely to President Wilson's recent attack on the efforts of lobbyists to tamper with the bill. The cotton schedule, the Senate sub-committee is reported to be very unsatisfactory in many instances to the finance committee, and it is to be generally re-arranged and many items to be changed in the duties in most cases to be increased from the Underwood rates.

his head with questions of justice, or judgment, or wisdom, or of rights of life."

A number of important conventions will be held at Winnipeg during the present summer, including the annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association, the meeting of the International Association of Real Estate Exchanges, July 29th to August 2nd; the American League of Municipalities, August 7th to 9th and a visit of members of the Geological Congress, on four of the days.

A case was made public a few days ago of a piece of Edmonton property, which was bought twenty-two years ago for \$15 and which was sold during the present month for \$500,000. As a matter of fact this is not a remarkable circumstance in western Canada, the much greater part of the property which has changed hands at ever increasing prices during the past five years or perhaps longer, was a howling wilderness twenty-two years ago. History will repeat itself again and again in the future. The man who buys right (not the "right") today and waits ten years, will make a big return on his investment. It takes some judgment to buy "right," also considerable experience and a good knowledge of western conditions. The first rule of right buying, is to know what you are buying, and to know from some other source than through the agent or the owner of the property, unless you are absolutely sure of that particular person. Too much optimism in regard to the property, which they are selling is a common complaint among real estate men. Some of them tell the absolute truth about the property they are selling, some tell lies and others paint the prospects in very rosy colors. The latter class perhaps do as much harm as any other. Many people in the west as well as in the east, will buy lots on the strength of the prospects held out by real estate promoters, who, in a short time, will be disappointed. It is on the strength of these imaginary prospects that so many people, particularly in eastern Canada, buy lots on the outskirts of towns which contain nothing but a station house, when buying is an entirely different proposition from buying in the suburbs of cities like Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton.

C P R Suburban Trains. On Saturday, May 31st, suburban train will leave Wexford at 8.40 p.m. for St. John, making suburban stops. Suburban train will leave St. John at 8.15 p. m. for Wexford same evening, making suburban stops. These trains provide special service.

### SCENES AT MR. ROOSEVELT'S LIBEL ACTION AGAINST EDITOR.

GEORGE A. NEWETT EDITOR OF "IRON ORE"

THEODORE ROOSEVELT



## SCOTTISH HOME RULE BILL IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

Member for East Aberdeen Introduces it and Gets Second Reading -- Would Largely Follow the Irish Measure.

London, May 30.--The Scottish Home Rule Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons today, and was then referred to a committee. It follows somewhat the lines of the Irish Home Rule bill, and was introduced by Mr. William Henry Cowan, the member from East Aberdeen. Now that Ireland is in a fair way to receive self-government, the unofficial Scottish Liberal members have taken up more seriously the question of securing home rule for their country. A committee of these members of the House of Commons drafted a bill, which was read a second time today. It is not thought likely that it will go very far this session, but the Scottish Liberals are determined to show, if they can, that the movement is a live one.

As described by Mr. Cowan, the bill represents a further installment of the policy of devotion initiated by the government of Scotland bill. It provides (here differing from the Irish bill) for the establishment of a parliament, subordinate to the Imperial parliament, and consisting of 100 members representing the existing constituencies, and returned by parliamentary electors, with the addition of peers.

The representation in the House of Commons will continue as at present conferred on the Irish parliament, except the control of the post office and the power to vary customs and excise, but with the addition of the administration of old age pensions, national insurance and labor exchanges.

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vision is made for the payment by the Imperial Exchequer of the Scottish Exchequer out of the proceeds of Scottish taxes of a sum toward defraying the cost of Scottish services.

It was established to determine all questions arising under the financial provisions. The Judicial committee of the Privy Council is in the bill submitted for the House of Lords as the final court of appeal, and all constitutional questions are to be determined by that tribunal.

The Blucher Lost Way, Near Island of Romso King -- No Danger is Feared However.

Kiel, Germany, May 30.--The German armored cruiser Blucher, went around today during a fog to the north of the Island of Romso King, the great belt between the Baltic Sea and the Kattegat. She is lying on a sandy bottom and the commander believes that there is no danger.

CAN'T DRIVE BASEBALL QUITE AS FAR AS A GOLF BALL.

New York, May 30.--The dispute between golfers and baseball players as to whether a golf ball could be driven from the home plate at the Polo Grounds over the centerfield bleachers was decided in the affirmative Friday. Accompanied by Manager McGraw of the Giants, who had affirmed the feat could not be accomplished, Grantland Rice, golfer and baseball writer, and Oswald Kirkby, widely known amateur golfer, went out on the field with golf equipment and both succeeded in making the drive. Rice put over one ball in four and Kirkby two in four. The golfers drove against the wind, but the balls carried over the top of the fence, which is about fifty feet high at this point, by about fifteen feet.

## THRONE FOR ROOSEVELT?

Foolish Proposition as to Throne of Albania Now Receiving Attention from Some European Newspapers.

Vienna, May 30.--Great difficulty is being experienced in finding an occupant for the throne of the new kingdom of Albania, which is being created out of territory won by the Balkan League from Turkey. The Italian government today lodged formal objections against the Duke of Urach, extinguishing his kingly hopes just as it had put the question on the royal ambitions of the Duke of Montpensier several weeks ago.

Although the proposition that the throne be offered to Mr. Theodore Roosevelt was made in jest, recently some of the European newspapers have begun to consider it seriously.

TUESDAY, THE KING'S BIRTHDAY. Several Big Stores Decide to Observe the Day as Holiday.

Tuesday next, June 3rd, is the King's birthday. The day is a statutory holiday and all the civic departments will be closed. A telegram to the effect that the day is a statutory holiday was received yesterday at City Hall.

While it is not known whether the day will be generally kept by the merchants and manufacturing concerns as a public holiday, a number of the larger firms told The Standard yesterday afternoon that they intend to close their premises and give their employees the day. Among those who informed The Standard of their intention to close are Manchester Robert Allison, Macaulay Bros., Vassie and Co., T. McAvity and Sons, W. H. Thorne and Co. It is more than probable, however, that the holiday will be general. No proclamation has been made yet, and there was talk yesterday of a meeting of the merchants to discuss the matter.

### PRESBYTERIAN DELEGATES WILL OWN TORONTO ROOM

### THEY PAID SIX MILLIONS FOR COMPETITOR

Thos. Plant Concern of Boston Was Bought Up By United Shoe Company For That Sum.

Boston, May 29.--The Thomas C. Plant Co. of Boston, was an active competitor when the United Shoe Company acquired it, according to testimony introduced today by the government in the dissolution proceedings against the United Shoe Company.

It was the largest and most important of the fifty-five subsidiary companies bought up by the defendant, and its purchase is regarded as one of the principal points in the government's case. Plant had acquired a complete line of shoe machinery and had fitted his shoe factory with it, in place of the defendant's machines, when the latter bought him out for \$6,000,000. This was after St. Louis manufacturers had opened negotiations for the purchase of a half interest in Plant's shoe machinery business.

The government contends that the Plant concern was bought up in pursuance of a plan to monopolize the shoe machinery business of the country.

In support of this contention, conversations between Sydney M. Winslow, the president of the United Shoe Machinery Company, and Charles H. Jones, treasurer of the Commonwealth Shoe & Leather Co. of Boston were introduced. The conversations, which extended over three days, related to the objections of shoe manufacturers to the so-called "tying" clauses in the leases, whereby shoe manufacturers were required to use certain machines produced by the defendant, with certain other machines.

President Wilson declined to abandon the leases, and said in substance, according to Mr. Jones, who was on the stand, that the clauses gave him complete control and that without this control other manufacturers would creep in with the result that the shoe manufacturers would lose one company against the other, and the intense competition that formerly existed would return, making it difficult for the machinery manufacturers to get their money from the shoe manufacturers.

The trial was adjourned until next Tuesday.

## LIKELY TO GRANT LOAN TO THE G.T.P.

National Character of Grand Trunk May Induce Government to Aid--Railways Feel Money Tightness.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 30.--The Standard understands that the application of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway for a loan from the government, made last session and again during the first part of the present session, is being renewed. The world wide financial stringency is affecting all securities and the railway companies of Canada are affected in common with similar interests elsewhere.

The national character of the Grand Trunk Pacific undertaking will probably have weight with the government in consideration of the application now being made, and it is not regarded as unlikely that a loan may be made. The late government a few years ago assisted the Grand Trunk Pacific with a loan of ten million dollars guaranteed by the Grand Trunk Railway.

CONFESSES MANY MURDERS. Missoula, Montana, May 30.--A series of murders, including the assassination of General Thomas Francis Meagher, once governor of Montana, territory, were acknowledged as his own misdeeds in a confession made by a man known as Pat Miller, who gave his correct name as Frank Diamond in the town of Plains on Tuesday afternoon, according to information made public today.

## Great Congress Will Open In the Queen City Today

## UNION QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED

Every Important Hotel in Toronto has Ministers and Friends as Guests--Congress Expected to be Greatest Ever Held.

Toronto, Ont., May 30.--The Presbyterian Congress will open in this city at three o'clock tomorrow, and all the present indications are that the fullest expectations of the committee in charge will be realized.

Toronto is the home of Knox College, the most important theological college of the denomination. The reunion here of the alumni of the college will be by far the greatest that has ever occurred. Arrangements are being completed for formal reunions of the graduates of all the colleges of the church in Canada and all of these will be the most important that have ever occurred.

Special trains carrying large parties for the congress have already arrived and every important hotel in the city has a number of ministers and their friends among its guests. By the ministers the congress and its practical as an interesting part of the assembly and the subject discussed by the visitors is rather the work of the assembly than the inspiration of meetings of the congress.

A deep interest is shown in the outcome of the movement for church union and in the programme for a great development of foreign mission work in China. The plans of General Superintendent Dr. A. S. Grant for a great forward movement are also the subject of considerable discussion.

No announcement has yet been made regarding the report which the committee on union will present. The general tone of the report is, however, well known and it is concluded that this important cause will be advanced another stage toward consummation.

Rev. Dr. Charles W. Gordon, now a distinguished leader of the church in Western Canada, was asked whether in his opinion the meeting of the great Presbyterian Congress with its appeal to denominational loyalty would have the effect of checking the movement for church union.

Dr. Gordon made a vigorous and definite reply. "The great congress, which we have looked forward with so much interest," he said, "will work in the opposite direction."

The whole purpose of this great gathering is to give to the church a glimpse of the greatness of its task. As soon as Christian people realize the magnitude of this work they will understand that they must get together in the past we have failed. We must now adopt a new plan of attack. There are great problems to be solved, economic problems, industrial unrest, social unrest. The feeling of Christians at the present time is one of inadequacy. Christianity proposes to solve these problems. We have tried to solve them for many hundred years on the old lines, now we propose to try something new. The vastness of the task is the call to a union of forces.

The report of the committee on union will be presented to the assembly by Rev. Dr. W. J. Clark, of Montreal. The question will, no doubt, be debated in the assembly, but there is now no distinguished leader of the church to maintain the cause of those who are opposed to organic union. Principal John McKay, of Vancouver, who resisted the movement in the past, is no longer on that side, and gives support to the report, which will be committed to the assembly. It is believed that the present assembly will adopt the report of the committee and ask Presbyterian people to consider the question again during the coming year and to vote for the second and last time. It is believed that the union will be finally consummated by the assembly of 1914.

At the congress the present condition of China will ask for hundreds of young men of Canadian service in that land. Men are wanted there for the schools, the colleges, for the practice of medicine, as well as for the church.

Colombo, Ceylon, May 30.--The British tank steamer Sarac, chartered by the Standard Oil Company, is reported to have struck a reef off Dondra Head at the southern extremity of Ceylon, while on the voyage from New York to Calcutta by way of Port Said. She will be able to proceed.