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Rousing Welcome Home Is Given Charlie Gorman

Cheering Throng Greets Speedy Local Skater

Mayor Presents Address and Diamond Cuff Links on City's Behalf and Makes Personal Presentation Also—A Spirited Reception.

Like a conquering hero Charlie Gorman arrived home today after winning signal honors in the Canadian skating championships in Montreal, the national championships at Saranac Lake, and establishing a world's record at the International championships at Lake Placid, when he skated the final of the 440 yards in the remarkable time of 57 2/5 seconds. This last achievement will go down in the annals of sport and his name will be inscribed with that of other world's famous athletes in the hall of fame.

Our Champion

We watched and waited as a rambler waits The turning card, the fateful throw of dice— The fortunes of our hero of the skates, Our gladiator, Viking of the ice.

We scanned his varying success, day by day, But never thought, although we saw him so victorious in the fray; His city's pride, the hero of the hour.

Hope A. Thomson.



Gorman, For Times Readers, Reviews The Championship Events

Won Friends by Sportsmanship in Accepting Decisions that Were Adverse—Abscess on Foot Gave Trouble—Says Frank Garnett Was Big Help to Him.

Charlie Gorman was met at Sussex this morning by a representative of the Times. It was hard to realize that this good-natured looking athlete was recognized with world's honors. He was inclined to be reticent about his achievements and sought to pass off what he had done as something of no great import. Questioned about the various events in which he participated he at last told the story in part as follows.

When he arrived in Montreal, he said, he found one of the largest and conceded to be the greatest group of amateur skaters every brought together in a meet, and for a time felt that he would have a hard time making any kind of a showing. When he went on the rink he found great difficulty skating the course, and he was forced to coasting and depending on a spurt up the sides to make up for this lack of speed.

In all these events, it has not only been "Gorman," but the very best of St. John, and we look upon your victories as not only personal victories for yourself but of very great credit to St. John. It is our hope that you may be spared to continue the good record you have already made, and that as you are enabled to get further training you may, as time goes on, bring more glory to yourself and incidentally to St. John in the future than you have done in the past.

In order to express to you our sincere appreciation of the results you have accomplished, it gives me very great pleasure on behalf of the city and its citizens to present you herewith with a small token of our appreciation of what you have done for the city as well as for yourself, and to state that you will be a great asset to the city in the best ways carry with you the very best wishes for your future success from every member of this council, and I am sure from every citizen of St. John.

Yours faithfully, E. A. SCHOFIELD, Mayor.

St. John, Feb. 16, 1921. He then presented to Gorman a handsome pair of gold cuff links, and the mayor, who was accompanied by the men who managed to follow Gorman in, the mayor then said that previous to the decision of the council to make official recognition of Gorman's success, he had prepared a small gift himself for the skater and he handed him a pretty tin, consisting of a tiny gold skate.

As Hiram Sees It

"Look-a-her!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeak of the Times reporter. "The gittin' to be too much fuss with feathers p' there at Ottawa. I t' they wasted enough 'ood money on he openin' of parliament to feed a regiment of unemployed for six months."

"Ah, but my dear fr," said the reporter, "we must be impressive. We are a great people. Our dignity must be upheld. We must show our superiority to the Yankees, who are going to make the reputation of our president a very tame affair. I would have been very glad if I could have been at the great occasion and to have people look at me who never looked at me before. Hiram, the ship of state would sink if we did not have it properly drilled at intervals for the entertainment of the rabble."

"If you're callin' me a rabble," said Hiram with some heat, "I want you to understand that when my government comes in you won't see none of this here flummery 'n' lapdogdom. I list want to see right now that I'm gettin' 'n' if there's anythin' to be done, I don't know what to do with it'll show the government where some of it kin be spent where it'll do some good—yeh, air."

LAST SACRAMENT ADMINISTERED TO CARUSO TODAY

Famous Singer Stricken With Heart Attack

New York, Feb. 15.—Enrico Caruso, tenor, who has been slowly recovering from an attack of pleurisy suffered a heart attack early this morning. Two of his personal physicians and the physician of the Hotel Vanderbilt, where he resides, were hurriedly summoned. He sat at Caruso's bedside for an hour and then sent for Father Molinelli, who administered the last sacrament. At eight o'clock this morning Caruso's condition was reported to be slightly improved.

PREDICTS A BIG BUILDING YEAR

Ontario Lumber Dealers' President Thinks Wood Prices Likely at Lowest.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Lumber prices are not likely to drop any further this year than at present, according to President J. B. Reid of the Ontario Retail Lumber Dealers Association, in an address at the annual meeting of the association.

REV. T. HUNTER BOYD HERE TOMORROW

Overseas Chaplain for Seven Years—Mrs. Boyd is With Him.

Rev. T. Hunter Boyd will arrive in the city tomorrow from Glasgow, after an absence of seven years. He and Mrs. Boyd arrived in Halifax this week. He arrived in St. John this morning and is staying at the Hotel Windsor. He will be in the city tomorrow for the Normal School students to meet him in their scheduled program. He will be in the city for a few days in this city, and will be the guest of James Stirling, 199 King street.

TROUBLE OVER A BOUT IN TEXAS

Port Worth, Texas, Feb. 16.—"Dandy" Dick Griffin of Fort Worth was three and a half pounds over his agreed weight of 118 pounds and Joe Lynch of New York, bantamweight champion, refused to meet him in their scheduled 10-round bout here last night.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. F. St. Pierre, director of meteorological services.

Synopsis.—The important depression which was centered over Lake Superior while high pressure covers Alberta and British Columbia.

Fair and Mild. Maritime—Fair, becoming milder Thursday south to southwest winds; fair and mild.

Marine—Fair, becoming milder Thursday south to southwest winds; fair and mild. New England—Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Fresh to strong southwest and west winds.

EMPIRE DEFENCE BURDEN IS TOO MUCH FOR THE BRITISH ISLES ALONE

Lloyd George Speaks of Position of the Dominions

Conference of Premiers in London Next June to Be Most Momentous Event in the History of Empire—Prepared for Common Effort in Time of Need.

London, Feb. 16.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons last evening declared that it was too much to ask of these small islands that they undertake the whole burden of the defence of the gigantic empire in every sea, and that at the forthcoming conference of premiers in London, the whole problem of imperial defence must be considered.

GUT WAGES ON N.S. HYDRO WORK

Contractors Also Reduce the Men's Board Bill Half Dollar a Week.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16.—Notice of immediate reduction of four cents an hour in the wages of unskilled men and ten cents an hour in the wages of skilled men was given yesterday to 400 employees of the contracting firm of G. D. Loomis & Sons of Montreal, who are building the hydro-electric works for the N. S. Power Commission at St. Margarets Bay.

CHINESE TONG MEN BREAK OUT IN A NEW WAR

Three Dead, Five Wounded, in California Cities as New Year is Celebrated.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Guns of Chinese tong men whirled in a new war year today, leaving three dead and five wounded in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Stockton. At Stockton one man was shot three times in the head, but it was said he will live.

DOCTOR CUTS OUT OWN APPENDIX

Only Assistant a Nurse as 60 Year Old Surgeon Works.

Kane, Pa., Feb. 16.—Dr. E. O. Kane, chief surgeon in a hospital here, operated upon himself yesterday for chronic appendicitis. He applied a local anesthetic, and his only assistant was a nurse, who held his head forward that he might see.

"BURGLAR" SHE SHOT WAS SON

Grim Tragedy in Night at Home in Michigan.

Cheboygan, Mich., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Ernest Cornell, mother of five children, heard a noise down stairs during the night. Arming herself with a revolver, she descended to the dining room. There she saw a man bending over a silverware drawer.

The burglar darted for the door, Mrs. Cornell fired. The burglar ran as far as the barn and dropped.

Mrs. Cornell took a lantern and hurried to the spot. She had killed her son, Everett, twenty-six years of age.

BEGIN DEBATE IN THE BRITISH COMMONS TODAY

Address Notable for Omission, Says Asquith—Labor Leader Objects to Irish Reference.

London, Feb. 16.—Opposition leaders in the House of Commons were prepared at the opening of today's session to begin debate on the speech from the throne. Former Premier Asquith and John Robert Clynes, former food controller, gave indications last night that they would declare the address unsatisfactory in many respects.

BURIED AGED WOMAN IN YARD

Too Poor for Funeral, Placed Her in Flower Bed She Had Tended.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The body of Mrs. Nancy M. Chamberlain, 91 years old, whose mysterious disappearance from the home of her daughter and granddaughter has been under investigation, was found early today, buried in the back yard of the apartment on Fifty-Seventh street, where the family lived.

NEW TURN TO MURDER CASE IN MONTREAL

Early Today Miss Townsend Confessed that the Aged Woman died of natural causes last June, and had been buried by the two women in a flower bed in the back yard in which the aged woman had carefully tended geranium plants.

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STRIKE THREATENS ON THE MEXICAN RAILWAYS

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—All soldiers who were formerly railway workers, have been called upon to enroll for strike duty, as a result of a threatened strike of the employees on the national lines.