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AIM TO ELIMINATE THE PROFESSIONAL

Special Officer Assigned to Work of Summoning Jurors for Inquests—Change in System.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
Commencing today all warrants for the summoning of jurors to serve at coroners' inquests will be issued from the Dundas street west police station. Chief of Police Dickson yesterday announced that Constable Joseph W. Ough has been given charge of the work of summoning jurors and witnesses. The new plan which has been under advisement for some time past, will minimize the enormous amount of detail involved under the existing system.

For many years past the warrants for jurors have been issued from the Court street station, the jury being selected from the neighborhood of the occurrence in the police division in which it took place. The old system did not altogether meet with the approval of Chief Coroner Df. George W. Graham.

Chief Coroner Graham brought the matter to the attention of Chief of Police Dickson principally with a view to having a special officer assigned to the work of serving jurors and securing the attendance of witnesses. In the past, constables and plainclothesmen of the various divisions were deputed to do the work, with the result that in many instances jurors were hurriedly selected without due consideration as to qualification. Of recent years there has sprung into existence a type of juror known as the "professional juror," ready to serve in that capacity at a moment's call.

Chief Coroner Graham last night expressed the opinion that the change will prove most beneficial to all concerned, and give better satisfaction in the matter of selecting jurors. The chief coroner has already notified his staff of the change, with instructions to issue all warrants from the Dundas street division.

Constable Ough joined the police force in 1906, and has served almost continuously in the Dundas street station. For several years he has been "crier" at the door in the police court.

STRANGLER LEWIS RETAINS TITLE

Nashville, March 9.—Ed. "Strangler" Lewis, world's heavyweight champion wrestler retained his title here tonight by throwing Joe Petroff, Bulgarian heavyweight, with a flying headlock after an hour and twenty-three minutes. Petroff's manager, Ivan McMichaeloff, protested use of the headlock and refused to let his man return to the mat.

GIBBONS WINS

Peoria, Ill., March 9.—Mike Gibbons, St. Paul, defeated Tommy Murphy, Chicago, in a ten-round bout here tonight. Gibbons slightly injured his right hand in the second round.

NOT ONLY BASEBALL THAT ENRICHES HIM

Ruth Gets "Barrels" of Money From Various Sources.

"Babe" Ruth, like a character out of a Horatio Alger book, has walked from a boy's home to a place where he is the highest paid athlete in the world.

Ruth has put himself in the position of making more than any player in the game and more than a good many of the major league club owners. John McGraw, the highest salaried man in the game up to the time Ruth signed his new contract, gets \$85,000 a year, and a percentage of the profits. Commissioner Landis draws \$50,000 from directing baseball, and Ban Johnson, President of the American League, gets \$35,000 a year. Tris Speaker and Ty Cobb, both playing managers, are understood to get between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a season. The great Christy Mathewson never drew more than \$11,000 a year.

Ever since he became prominent he has been mixed up in big money ventures, but he has not always cashed in on them. For instance, he was given a cheque for \$25,000 for his movie stunts, but he held the cheque so long that it was no good when he went to cash it—the company had gone to the wall. Other ventures have been successful, however. He is said to have drawn \$3,000 a week in vaudeville during the winter season.

The \$500 bonus for home runs will be a gravy for the swat sultan. Last year it would have meant \$25,000. This year it may mean most anything. Incidentally, Ruth will get the first pinch out of the shoe now that Commissioner Landis tied on him for barnstorming against the rules. The six weeks' sentence will keep Ruth away for a period during which he rapped out twelve homers last season.

ASK SAME RIGHTS AS ONT. CATHOLICS

Montreal, March 9.—A resolution to the effect that the Protestant minority in the province of Quebec be amenable to the same law as exists in the province of Ontario in educational matters; or, in other words, that they be granted the same privileges as are enjoyed by Roman Catholics in Ontario, was unanimously adopted at the annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Quebec held at Shawville, Que.

Grand Master W. H. Higgins in his presidential address dealt mainly with the Irish question and the school situation in Ontario.

OPERA HOUSE HAS GREAT PICTURE

"Hearts of the World," D. W. Griffith's Greatest Triumph.

It took D. W. Griffith eighteen months to make "Hearts of the World," but it took only two hours to show his triumph to huge gatherings at the Opera House yesterday. The engagement, which is limited to Saturday, is the second in St. John, it having formerly played at \$1, but the Opera House has brought back the peace edition of D. W. Griffith's greatest triumph at regular prices.

The picture opens showing David Lloyd George and Mr. Griffith conferring on the steps of Number 10 Downing street, where war history was made, and permission was granted Mr. Griffith to take the official British pictures of the great war. Later, Mr. Griffith is shown in the trenches with his camera men.

"Hearts of the World" is not in any sense a war picture. It is the sweetest love story ever told, using the great conflict as a background. A wonderful cast, including Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Bobby Harron, who has since passed to the great beyond, George Fawcett, character actor, and little Ben Alexander, a child wonder.

The world expects big things of Griffith. His "Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance," "Way Down East" are all achievements of a great artist. "Hearts of the World" is his supreme triumph. It is an artistic record that will take years to equal, if indeed, such is possible. The Opera House is happy to be able to offer "Hearts of the World" at popular prices, this being the first time it has ever been shown at these prices anywhere. There will be three shows again today and tomorrow, and it will be taken off to make room for the Queen of Sheba in all her grandeur.

ALPINE FLORA IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Alpine flora of British Columbia formed the subject of an interesting public lecture given by Dr. John D. Tothill of the dominion entomological laboratory at Fredericton, at the opening session of the annual meeting of the Acadian Entomological Society, held in the Natural History Society rooms last evening.

Professor W. H. Brittain, of Truro, president of the Acadian Society and provincial entomologist for Nova Scotia, was in the chair.

In moving a vote of thanks, William McIntosh, the New Brunswick entomologist, pointed out that New Brunswick was especially favored in the abundance and beauty of its flowers. A. Gordon Leavitt seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 10.—A pelican, one of those huge, long-beaked marine birds that poise themselves a hundred feet above the water, close their wings, and with beaks open dive head foremost into schools of small fish, finished a golf game here recently "one down."

The "Coffee Pot" course is along the shore of Tampa Bay, and on the eleventh hole is a small brackish lake forming a water hazard, which must be crossed to reach the green.

One member of a foursome drove from the tee and a strong wind carried the ball into the lake. A pelican flying lazily above the lake evidently took the ball bobbing on the surface, for a new variety of fish, for he suddenly closed his wings, dropped with terrific speed, and gobbled it.

SWANSEA-CHARLTON DRAW

London, March 9.—(Canadian Press Cable)—In a third division southern section soccer match played today Swansea and Charlton drew, nothing nothing.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

The Sussex Grammar school, which was completed in 1908 at a cost of \$85,000, was destroyed by fire last night and only the walls remain standing. The fire is supposed to have caught in the boiler room and when first discovered was all ablaze. The firemen had hard work to prevent other buildings from burning. Besides numerous dwellings, the Methodist and Presbyterian churches caught, but these were soon put out. The loss to the town is estimated at \$150,000, with partial insurance. Fourteen teachers were thrown out of employment and about 500 children will be out of school for some time.

Damage, which will probably amount to \$200,000, resulted from a fire which broke out in the main plant of the Dominion Arsenal at Quebec yesterday afternoon. The fire broke out in the case and bullet department. There was some uneasiness when the fire broke out, as it was thought by the citizens that explosives were stored in the building, but these were stored in other buildings. A fire occurred on March 1 in the Cove Fields building of the arsenal, doing damage to the extent of \$125,000.

MAKES PLEA FOR THE CAVALRY

Deputy Chief of the Imperial Staff Says Disbanding of Five More Regiments Dangerous.

London, March 10.—(Canadian Press)—Sir Philip Chetwode, deputy chief of the Imperial General Staff, declares that the decision to disband five more cavalry regiments, making nine altogether, was fraught with danger to the country. "We are forced," he declared, "with greater overseas responsibilities than in 1914, yet we have the smallest army for a century."

Hardly any of the present day officers, added Sir Philip, had seen cavalry work. It was very improbable that there would ever again be a war of trenches.

INTER-SOCIETY POOL

In the inter-society pool tournament at the Y. M. C. L. last night the Assumption society, represented by N. Donovan and J. Fitzgerald won from the A. O. H. No. 1, represented by W. McCullough and McCullough. The A. O. H. No. 5 represented by J. McGovern and J. Hennessey won from the Y. M. C. L. represented by Harry Jessome and J. Sullivan. A special prize is to be given for the highest run and last night J. McGovern of the Fairville A. O. H. made the highest run so far, twenty-six balls.

GIRLS' SKATING RACES.

The first heats in the girls' races were skated last night on the Victoria rink and Miss Ethel Knodell and Miss Hazel Oran scored equally, each coming first in one heat in both the 250 and 440. The finals will be skated tonight.

Bitten By Dog, Dies of Lockjaw.

Newark, N. J., March 10.—Joel Ehrenkrantz, fourteen years old, died in the City Hospital this week from lockjaw. He had been bitten on Feb. 23 by a dog on going into the yard of Frank Clements at 35 New street, to get a baseball.

The men's Bible class of St. Luke's church was addressed last night by Rev. R. G. Fulton, of Centenary church, who spoke impressively on the temptations of Christ. Harry A. Finch, the president, was in the chair and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the speaker on the motion of W. F. Cronk, seconded by R. Betts.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, MAR. 10.

A.M. P.M.
High Tide... 8.48 Low Tide... 3.02

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Sailed Yesterday.

Str. Kwarr, 2296, Addison, for Cape Town.

Arrived Today.

Str. Corsican, 7,180, Hamilton, from Antwerp via Southampton.

Str. Manchester Division, 3,774, from Manchester.

Cleared Today.

Coastwise—Str. Empress, 612, MacDonald, for Digby.

MARINE NOTES.

The Manchester Division arrived in port at seven o'clock this morning from Manchester.

The Rapidan arrived at Halifax from London last night. She is due here about Sunday.

The Danchoha is due in port tomorrow to load a cargo of potatoes for Havana.

The Manchester Hero will sail from Manchester for St. John tomorrow.

The Caracquet sailed from Bermuda for St. John this morning, with passengers, mails and general cargo. She is due in port on Tuesday morning.

The Conino sailed from London for St. John on Wednesday.

The Holland-American liner Breidk will sail from Rotterdam for this port on next Tuesday. She will have an inward cargo of nursery stock. She will be the first steamer of this line to come here since the war.

The Kwarr sailed last night for South African ports with general cargo.

The Norwegian steamer Sisto, after being held three weeks in the ice, is safe in port at St. John's, Nfld. with her schooner R. L. Borden, salt laden, from Cadiz, while making harbor here early today, went ashore at Feiben South. She is in a bad position and leaking freely, but it is hoped to float her.

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