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NOTED WOMAN DEAD; KILLED BY HER SON

Mrs. Anita McMurrow or the "Countess de Battencourt"

HAD STRANGE CAREER

She Was at One Time a Social Leader and Reputedly Wealthy--Spanish Minister to United States Killed Himself Because He Loaned Her Public Money Which She Did Not Repay.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17—Mrs. Anita De B McMurrow, also known as the "Countess De Battencourt," 75 years old, once famous because of her claim to ownership of vast estates in Spain and Cuba of the value of $32,000,000 died at her home here yesterday under circumstances that warranted the coroner instituting an investigation. Her son John has been detained by the police pending the outcome of the coroner's inquiry. Mrs. McMurrow came into public notice in the early seventies when she claimed to be the daughter of a rich Spanish grandee. During the centennial in 1876, when people from all over the world visited Philadelphia she lavishly entertained distinguished guests of this and other countries. Some years later her claims having been scorted by some of those from whom she had received money, she was arrested on the charge of swindling. She was not convicted. In recent years she and her son lived in the house here where she died. Her neighbors said she always appeared to be well-to-do.

Late Monday night neighbors heard screams in the house and cries of murder. No one interfered. Later a servant summoned Dr. H. Hinkle, the family physician, who found her dead. An examination showed marks on her body and a bruise on her forehead. As she had been in good health when the physician last saw her, he deemed it wise to notify the coroner. An assistant deputy coroner started an investigation and last night admitted he found evidence that the son had struck his mother. On the strength of this the son was arrested. According to the coroner's deputy, the son had been drinking and wanted money. The mother refused, which enraged him and he attacked her, it is alleged.

Dr. Hinkle said last night that Mrs. McMurrow was to have gone to New York yesterday to confer with William Bushing of that city in regard to the claimed Cuban and Spanish estates. The physician said he and his wife knew the woman well and had confidence in her claims. He had seen papers that acknowledged her claims to be just and legal. Mrs. McMurrow, he said, went to New York two or three times a year and received money.

Mrs. McMurrow came here from New York in the early sixties and married a sail maker. She is said to have another son living in New York.

Soon after her marriage many years ago the woman set afloat the story that she had inherited an estate worth millions. Her story was believed and she made good use of the confidence the tale begot. Without any difficulty she obtained a loan of $65,000 from Benj. Crabtree and subsequently went abroad. Upon her return here she called herself the "Countess De Battencourt." Her operations now took a wider scope including professional men, bankers and diplomats. So successful was she that she set up an extensive establishment. Her home was one of the finest in Philadelphia, and society flocked there.

At one of her functions in 1876, were President Grant, Don Pedro, of Brazil, and Senor Barea, Spanish minister to the United States. Senor Barea was a frequent visitor after that and one night the countess induced him to let her have for a day the $20,000 that had been sent him for legation expenses. She did not repay the sum and with disgrace staring him in the face the minister shot himself in the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

The York County Council May Abandon July Meetings---St. John Man After Fredericton Contract.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 17.—(Special). — The York county council, at this morning's session, adopted a resolution to appoint a committee to investigate and report on the advisability of abolishing the July sessions of the board. The administration of justice accounts for the year totalled $3,600, of which amount the city of Fredericton is to pay one third. It is expected that the council will appoint an auditor at this afternoon's session.

F. S. Heans, representing McLean, Holt & Co., of St. John, is here today examining the sewerage specifications for pipe castings, etc., with a view of submitting a tender.

Warden Timmins will entertain the county council to dinner at the Lorne Hotel on Thursday evening.

Government steamer Lansdowne, Capt. Bissett, is at work today off Partridge Island, fixing the buoys. The bell-buoy, which went adrift during the recent gale, will be put [illegible] position at once.

NUMIDIAN AT HALIFAX

She Arrived Last Night After a Rough Passage---Lake Michigan Sails This Afternoon.

HALIFAX, Jan. 17—(Special)—Allan liner Numidian, which arrived from Liverpool and Moville last night with mails and passengers and which was obliged to anchor in the stream till this morning owing to the storm, docked at 7 o'clock. She met with terrific westerly gales and high seas from Moville to the banks of Newfoundland. From the 9th to the 14th her daily runs were as follows: 140, 165, 80, 140, 160 and 145 respectively. On January 9 Mrs. Gurewitz, a Russian immigrant gave birth to a daughter. Senator Kirchhoffer was at the wharf this morning to meet his daughter, who was a passenger. The steamer has 400 tons of cargo to land here, chiefly case goods for Toronto and Montreal. Among the steerage passengers was a young giant, a Swede, standing six feet six inches and only 18 years old. The steamer left for St. John, N. B., this afternoon.

C. P. R. steamship Lake Erie left Liverpool yesterday for this port direct, with a large passenger list and a general cargo.

Steamship Montreal, from this port, arrived at London yesterday. The big steamer made a quick passage.

Manifests for 56 cars of United States products were received at the customs house this morning, consisting of pork provisions, meats, lumber, cattle and flour, from frontier ports of Canada going through in transit to United Kingdom by winter port steamers.

The steamer Teelin Head will take from this port 9,000 barrels of flour.

The Lake Michigan sails this afternoon direct to Liverpool, with a large cargo.

"DESERTED VILLAGE"

George Westinghouse Has Abandoned Search For Copper in Vershire Mountains And Village is Deserted.

VERSHIRE, Vt., Jan. 17. — After expending more than $1,600,000 during the past six years in purchasing and working the copper fields mines, for many years the third largest in the United States, George Westinghouse of Pittsburg has abandoned his search for copper in the Vershire mountains. As a result the village is now practically deserted.

Westinghouse's representatives declare that the copper vein is worthless. Scores of miners and their families have left town, and now there is not a dozen families where the population at one time was more than 1,000. Throughout the village all the dwellings formerly occupied by the employes are being sold or torn down. The machinery and furnaces are being blown up by dynamite and the remains used for scrap iron.

THE LIBERAL IS ELECTED

Sanderson, Liberal Candidate, Has Majority of 49 in Kinistino, Alberta.

PRINCE ALBERT, Jan. 17—(Special)—Returning Officer Traill made an official declaration for Kinistino yesterday giving Sanderston, liberal, a majority of 49. Two polls were thrown out for irregularities, but do not affect the result. They are Cumberland, which gave a majority of 16 for Sanderson, and MacDowall giving a majority of 6 for Shadd. Shadd, who was first reported elected was colored.

FUNERAL OF MR. PREFONTAINE

MONTREAL, Jan. 17 (Special)—After completing local arrangements for the funeral of the late Mr. Prefontaine, Lieut. Col .Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, left today for Halifax, to prepare to receive the body there on the 22nd. From Halifax the body is to be accompanied to Montreal by a guard from the Canadian cruiser Canada. It is expected to reach Montreal on Jan. 24th, and will repose in state at City Hall till the funeral next day. The service will be held in St. James Cathedral and Archbishop Bruchesi will officiate at mass. Col. Gourdeau expects to complete arrangements by wireless communication with the battleship Dominion, which he hopes to establish two days before her arrival.

INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Special).—For the year ending December last, there was an increase in immigration of 10,395 as compared with the year previous. The arrivals for the year 1905 were: British, 74,863; continental, 35,331; and United States, 44,424, making a total of 144,618, as compared with 134,223 for 1904. The prospects are that the returns for 1906 will be greater than for the past year.

The remains of Elizabeth Jordan passed through the city today en route to Blackville.

"JOE" CHAMBERLAIN HAVING HIS FIGHT IN BIRMINGHAM TODAY

Most Interesting Contest in Whole British Election Is Now Closing---Sydney Buxton and William St. John Broderick Also Running Today--Balfour Will Run Again at Bye Election.

LONDON, Jan. 17—The pollings today are the heaviest of the present elections. They affect 92 seats. Attention naturally centers in Joseph Chamberlain's contest in West Birmingham, but among the interesting candidates who today are defending their seats are Sidney Buxton, the postmaster-general in the Poplar division of the Tower Hamlets, William St. John Brodrick, the former secretary of state for India, Guildford division of Surrey, Sir Samuel Evans, Liberal, in the Middle division of Glamorganshire, and Sir William Evans-Gordon, Conservative, in the Stepney division of the Tower Hamlets. Sir William is the author of the Aliens Exclusion bill, on account of which the Jews in Stepney are up in arms against him.

The present indications are that former premier Balfour will not seek another seat in parliament until after the elections when one of the newly-elected members will probably retire in his favor so as to allow Mr. Balfour to try to enter the house by means of a bye-election.

OBJECTS TO RUNNING I. C. R. ON BASIS OF "FRENZIED ECONOMY"

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 17 (Special)—At the annual meeting of the Summerside Board of Trade last night the address of the president, Neil McQuarrie, largely dealt with the removal of the second train from Summerside to Tignish.

He referred to Mr. Emmerson's telegram to Island papers, but the people are demanding that deficits on the government railways should cease.

The real demand of the people, says Mr. McQuarrie, is that the greater deficits on government canals must cease. Manage the government railways with due and well balanced regard to efficiency and economy, but do not strike at its vital energy by making the traffic prohibitory and the service unattractive.

He claimed that the large deficit last year was due to a shortage in crops and that it was an election year. This exceptional deficit should not be made the basis of frenzied economy.

He claimed that a broader policy would increase the business of the road and the deficits would be borne by the people generally and not felt.

The increase in freight rates was also objected to.

Referring to the hue and cry of the press of the large provinces against the deficit on government railways he says this cry may or may not be genuine but may emanate from corporations that have an eye on buying government railways.

Tomorrow evening, Rev. Dr. Lindsay Parker will deliver his lecture, entitled "A Picturesque Tour Through the Emerald Isle," in the Opera House. The Neptune Rowing Club, under whose auspices the lecture is being given, are to be congratulated on securing the popular chaplain of the R. K. Y. C. for the occasion. Dr. Parker has a thorough knowledge of his subject, and in his own inimitable way introduces funny stories and touches of the brogue which never fails to delight an audience. The lecture will be illustrated by eighty dissolving views. There has been a big demand for seats and a bumper house is expected.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St.Andrew's church will be held tonight at eight o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

The steamer Calvin Austin, Captain Pike, arrived last night, with 40 passengers and a full freight.

At the police court this afternoon Mrs. McLean, charged with allowing her children to beg on the public streets was allowed to go. Robert Spellman, charged with non-support was also allowed to go.

The ferry inquiry will resume its session this evening at 7.45 o'clock when a number of the members of the crew will give their evidence.

Mrs. L. J. McCulley, Germain street, gave a delightful afternoon tea yesterday.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MR. BINKS WAS ANGRY.

Mr. Peter Binks was smoking a particularly good cigar this morning, and several friends sniffed somewhat ostentatiously as they gathered around him.

"Spanish ?" queried one.

"I think I detect an underground flavor," commented another.

"Where do you buy your cigars, Pete?" ventured a third.

Mr. Binks drew himself up and glared at them.

"Gentlemen," he coldly remarked, "I crave your permission to observe that it is none of your business where I buy my cigars."

"You consider it your customs duty to make that observation," suggested one of the group.

Mr. Binks glared again at the speaker and stalked silently away. Mr. Binks was clearly offended.

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DOCTORS AND LAWYERS.

"Doctors," said Mr. Jamesey Jones this morning, after reading the report of the meeting of the municipal council, "should not be paid for attendance at court. Their time is of no value. They are not like lawyers. A lawyer may have a case postponed time after time until he runs up a bill of hundreds of dollars. I heard of a doctor who tried that plan once. He was called to attend a patient who was very ill. He telephoned, asking the family to adjourn the patient for one week, as he had to go to Fredericton. On his return, he telephoned again, stating that he had to go to the court house, and asking another week's adjournment. At the expiration of that time he telephoned again that another doctor with whom he wished to consult was out of town, and he would ask for another two weeks' adjournment. This continued for three months. Then the doctor learned in a casual way that the patient had been dead over ten weeks.

"But this has no bearing on the case in question. Doctors must be ready at all times to go to court, and charge nothing for it. Only lawyers have a right to submit bills of that sort. The doctors must keep off the legal preserve or go to jail."

J. J. HILL SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

Railway Magnate says United States is Profligate.

THE END MUST COME

Although American Nation is Now Prosperous yet its Resources Are Being Squandered Without Proper Return---He Especially Urges Better Trade Relations With Canada.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 17—In a speech before the Commercial Club last night, James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, made some pungent observations regarding commercial conditions in the nation.

"The nation at large," he said, "is prosperous. If we get down, however, to a close examination, we will readily see that the nation is living profligately. We are selling out our natural resources, exploiting them as fast as we can without building up industries and trade relations to take their place when exhausted.

"It is only a question of time till our timber is exhausted. Our public domain is all gone and the nation cannot longer boast that it has homes for all. Where are the immigrants rushing to our shores to end up? Not on the land. We have no more to offer them. They must crowd the cities.

"When this nation has one hundred and fifty million people, they will have to do something else than exploit natural resources to earn a living. We will eventually have to meet the commercial competition England is meeting today and have to face such problems as she is now facing with 1,500,000 unemployed crying for bread with no bread to feed save as charity doles it out to them."

Mr. Hill closed his address with expressing a hope that steps would be taken to conserve the national resources, before it was too late and to establish better trade relations so that foreign markets might be had for the increasing output of our industries. He especially urged better trade relations with Canada..

I. C. R. CLERK WEDDED TODAY

Napoleon Legere and Miss Laura Haley Married in Moncton This Morning.

MONCTON, Jan. 17—(Special)—The marriage of Napoleon Legere, a well-known clerk in the I. C. R. transportation department to Miss Laura Haley, daughter of Conductor Martin Haley, took place at St. Bernard's church this morning at half-past eight o'clock in the presence of a number of friends of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Duke. The bride was becomingly gowned in a travelling dress of blue cloth with hat to match. The bride is a popular and well known young lady and was the recipient of many presents from friends. The groom is a son of Sheriff Legere, of Richibucto. Mr. and Mrs. Legere left on a wedding trip to Boston.

The marriage of J. Temple Doyle, son of ex-alderman Doyle to Miss Estelle Crockett, daughter of Conductor J. B. Crockett, takes place this evening.

Dr. Calkin, physician in attendance on H. A. Powell, Sackville, reports that the weights and bandages have been removed from his broken leg and that perfect union has been formed of the fractured portions of the head of the thigh bone without and shortening of the limb. The doctor expects that the patient will be able to sit up in a few days.

Two well-known I. C. R. trackmasters of this city, William Bulmer and Jacob Seamans, paid a visit to St. John on Monday for the first time in 38 and 25 years respectively.

Three rinks of the Moncton junior curlers were defeated at Amherst last night by a score of 42 to 45.

FRANCE'S NEW PRESIDENT

PARIS, Jan. 17. — M. Fallieres, was today elected president of France on the first ballot. The revised figures are as follows: M. Fallieres, 449; M. Doumer, 371.

The King's Daughters' Guild acknowledge for December: Cheque ($25), Mrs. C. F. Woodman; receipted bill ($9.35), W. H. Bowman; receipted bill ($3.60), J. H. Noble: cash, $2, W. G. Smith; $1, Mrs. J. Burpee; $1, L. Harrison; clothing, groceries, candies and toys; Mrs. G. Herbert Green; 1 doz. napkins, 1 doz. towels, Mrs. W. E. Foster; three comfortables, "Lend a Hand Circle."

MR. FOWLER HAS HORSE; SOME ONE HAS MONEY; PUBLIC HAS EXPERIENCE.

Phoebon W., the well known racing gelding, is now the property of S. A. Fowler, who has driven him to many victories.

Arrangements were completed on Monday, January 8th, whereby Mr. Fowler became the owner of the speedy racer.

This will no doubt be interesting news to many people throughout the maritime provinces, who bought and still hold tickets which were supposed to entitle them to a chance of winning Phoebon W. at a drawing which was to be held some day. From the present position of affairs it would appear that any persons who hold tickets for the drawing have received all that they are likely to for the money expended.

The history of this affair may be of interest at this time. It is stated that the price agreed upon by W. J. Furbush for the horse was $3,500.

The horse was purchased by Edward Haney and was to be disposed of by lottery at a certain time. Tickets were offered for sale in the name of the Shamrock Baseball Club, at 25 cents each, or in books of five for $1.00. and it is understood that about $2,000 was raised in this way. Some time ago Mr. Furbush demanded the balance of the purchase price, $1,500, and this was raised by means of a note, which fell due recently. This note was backed by a number of well known citizens, who were under the impression that in the meantime enough tickets would be sold to meet the required amount. This, however, was not realized, and Mr. Fowler, who had in the meantime run up quite a bill for boarding and keeping the horse, also wanted a settlement. This was arranged by him putting up the necessary amount of cash and thus becoming the owner of the speedy gelding.

People in the city are now wondering where they are to come in on the transaction, as they still hold tickets entitling them to a chance on the drawing.

There is a feeling that the Shamrock Baseball Club, whoever they may be, should refund the amount of the price paid for tickets, as there is to be no drawing.

The affair has created no little comment among the ticket holders especially in view of the fact that the drawing was set for a certain time and was then postponed from time to time until now the horse has been disposed of as stated in the foregoing.

It is stated that to meet the customs laws that in the event of Phoebon W. not being drawn in the city, a bond had to be given and it was backed by two prominent butchers in this city. The bond was for $700 and it is stated that they have made arrangements with Mr. Fowler about having the horse sent back to the States.

This morning the Times saw some of the old time members of the Shamrock Club and they stated that there is now no such thing as a Shamrock Club to their knowledge and do not wish to be considered as involved in the matter at all.

The sellers of tickets for the drawing of the horse are likewise indignant for they claim that they sold the tickets in good faith and it places them in a bad light. They think that the buyers of the tickets will look to them for their money to be refunded. Some travellers took several bunches of tickets and sold them throughout the province and they claim that it will put them in a bad light also.

The Times interviewed Edward Haney this morning and he stated that in the first place S. A. Fowler asked him one day what he thought about buying another horse. He informed him that he had'nt the money. Mr. Fowler, he says, responded that he could get Phoebon W on time and then Mr. Haney says he gave Mr. Fowler $25 to pay his expenses and also $600 to pay down on the horse. The cry of "fake" soon spread about and ruined the affair, the lottery tickets being refused permission to go through the mails.

Mr. Haney further stated that on account of the circumstances he got $1700 from Andrew Jack and the note was backed by John Gleeson, Charles Ownes, John Lowry, W. McQuade, John F. Morrison, Joseph Ritchie, E. Haney and S. A. Fowler.

Mr. Haney says that the fact of the matter is that S. A. Fowler has wanted to get possession of the horse from the time it was bought and that the cause of the crash was the fact that he wanted to get three months' extension on the note of $1500 and Mr. Fowler was one of those who would not agree to that. He further makes the statement that the fact of the matter was that Mr. Fowler wanted to get possession of the horse unfairly and he, (Haney) would not agree to that.

The endorsers of the note got the burden off their shoulders by paying each his proportionate part of the note.

Mr. Haney this morning also stated that he had lost a large amount of money on the transaction and he expected that those who bought tickets would be coming to him for their money, but he said that he had none to give them, although he would like very much to do so. He said that he had run the thing as fairly as possible from his standpoint, and never made one cent on either horse bought by the club. He endeavored to make money for the promotion of base-ball.

Mr. Haney says that he could make trouble about the whole affair if he so desired.