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WILL OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES

Temperance Men Hopeful

Worker Declares Plebiscite Must Be Held on Day of Civic Election

Prominent temperance workers in the city in conversation with a reporter for The Sun last evening stated that they could see no difficulty in having the plebiscite taken the same day as the civic elections.

Said one of the workers: "I cannot see where any complications will arise. I claim that it is quite necessary to have the plebiscite on the prohibition matters held at the same time as another election. Under the C. T. A. the ballot is supposed to be a secret one. You see that if the plebiscite is taken separately, no secrecy will be preserved, as it would be generally understood that all going to the polls would vote against the licenses being issued. Therefore, I think that it would be necessary to have the plebiscite held jointly with the civic elections, as then persons would have another object in going to the polls.

"Regarding having different ballot boxes, I do not think it would cause trouble to have both ballots put in the one box.

"The campaign work is about completed in each of the wards, where we are endeavoring to secure prohibition, and there remains another duty to present them to his worship. A meeting with the mayor has been arranged to take place on Tuesday, when the petitions have been largely signed and will contain more than the required number of signatures."

ANOTHER SERIOUS GUNNING ACCIDENT

DALHOUSIE, N. B., Dec. 23.—A serious gun accident happened in Balmoral yesterday. A young man named A. Poirier was coming from the woods on a load. He had a gun and was not aware that there was a load in it. Going up hill the gun slipped on the load and he caught it by the muzzle, when the trigger caught in a rope and caused the discharge of the gun, which penetrated the man's body. The cartridge contained partridge shot, several of which were extracted by Doctor Doucett. Poirier suffered great pain and is not yet out of danger.

GUIDES HAD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—The annual meeting of New Brunswick Guides' Association was held at Queen Hotel today and was well attended. In the absence of President Braithwaite, Vice-President Charles Cremin presided. The president in his address expressed the opinion that when the present fishing leases expire the government should take over a number of the smaller streams now rented at a nominal figure, establish an efficient system of protection upon them and issue rod licenses at so much per day. Referring to the recent agitation to increase the resident license fee for moose hunting, the president considered that any change in this direction would be inadvisable unless deer were placed on the free list.

ANNIS A "RASCAL" AND "SCOUNDREL"

Letter Produced Written By Thornton Hains to Julian Ripley

POLICEMANS EVIDENCE

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Nearing the close of its case against Thornton J. Hains as a principal in the killing of Wm. E. Annis, who was shot down by Captain Peter Hains, last summer, the prosecution today produced a letter written by the defendant which opens the way for Thornton Hains' lawyers to bring out the incidents in Captain Hains' marital relations which preceded and brought about the death of the publisher. The letter was written last June by the defendant to Julian Ripley, president of a publication of which Wm. E. Annis was manager, and in it the writer characterized Annis as a "rascal" and "scoundrel," and declared that he had him on a criminal charge for betraying his brother's wife.

District Attorney Darrin offered this letter in evidence as preliminary to the testmony of Mr. Ripley concerning a second letter from the defendant, which the witness destroyed. Justice Crane would not permit Mr. Ripley to testify concerning his recollection of the contents of this second letter.

"The introduction of the first letter," said Mr. McIntyre tonight, "paves the way for us to show what events in Captain Hains' life with respect to Mrs. Claudia Hains brought about the estrangement with his wife and the shooting of Annis."

Policeman Eugene Fallon furnished a bit of sensational testimony this afternoon when he said that during the coroner's inquest, Thornton Hains [illegible] him, and, after bitterly cursing Annis, declared:

"I would go down to hell to get him and kill him over again."

District Attorney Barris told Justice Crane just before the adjournment of court today that he hoped to finish his case either tomorrow or Saturday.

PRESENTED WITH HANDSOME CHAIR

Popular Pastor of Zion Church Remembered By Young Friends

A number of the young friends of Rev. James Crisp of Zion Church called at the parsonage last evening and presented him with a handsome Morris chair, accompanied by the following address:—

"My dear Mr. Crisp,

On behalf of the Sunshine Band of the Sunday School, we wish to present to you a token in the form of a Morris chair, hoping it will be a favorite spot for rest in idle moments. As to the value of our gift, we hope you will accept it, not for its value, but as an appreciation of the Hand for you for faithful service both to the church and school.

"We wish you the compliments of the season, with a very Merry Christmas and a HappyNew Year."

In reply Mr. Crisp said:—

"Your presence here this evening is a great surprise. I had not the slightest intimation that there was anything like this on hand. I am sure I thank you all very much for your kindness. This is a very beautiful present and I hope I may spend many happy moments in the enjoyment of it."

Mr. Crisp wished the members of the Band a Merry Christmas.

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PUGSLEY BRINGS CENTRAL INQUIRY DOWN TO FACTS

His Evidence Clears Up Many Misrepresentations

That "W.P. $5,000" Mystery Fake Fully and Lucidly Explained

Powell Caught in a Mayes statement of Dates, Like Hazen

The opening of the afternoon session of the Central Railway inquiry was delayed by the fact that the witnesses all came by the C. P. R. train, which was a couple of hours late in reaching the city. Consequently the proceedings did not commence until 3.30.

Before the court opened Mr. Carvell explained that he had been called from the city by a telegram last night, and inquired if the court had discovered any accounts on which they required information. His honor stated that there were vouchers of some kind for nearly every payment. In many cases, however, the voucher consisted of receipts, cancelled notes, etc., which did not give full details of the transactions.

Judge Landry announced that Mr. Powell was submitting the deed from the Central Railway to the N. B. C. & R. Co. transferring the railway to the latter company, dated 19th Aug., 1902, and signed by C. N. Skinner as president and H. J. Fowler as secretary of the Central Railway Company.

GEO. N. BABBITT

When the Hon. Wm. Pugsley entered he asked permission to call Geo. N. Babbitt, the receiver general. When the latter took the stand Mr. Pugsley proceeded to examine him.

Q.—Is it true that a note of $14,500 was paid out of the provincial subsidy?

A.—The notes were paid at the People's Bank by the assignment of the subsidy.

Q.—When the balance of the subsidy on the fifteen miles was paid was it paid to the Peoples Bank?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then it is true that after the government acquired title from the liance due the People's Bank was paid?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you a memorandum showing that the balance of $24,500 was received, etc.

A.—It would be in the order in council.

A search was made, but as the memorandum could not be found Mr. Babbitt said he would look for it.

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SENSATIONAL ARREST OF NORTH SHORE BURGLAR

Robbed a Jewelry Store in Campbellton, Shot a Policeman at River du Loup — Tried to Draw Gun When Arrested

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Dec. 25.—During the night of Dec. 14th the store of S. Rosenbek, in the old Masonic building, Water street, was entered and a quantity of jewelry taken. On the night of Dec. 19th, Policeman Cote, of River Du Loup, was shot by a crook on the street. Upon arrest of the latter a quantity of jewelry was found on him, and has been identified as belonging to the Campbellton merchant.

Your correspondent had an interview with I. C. R. Inspector Duncan Noble and was given the facts of the case as follows:—Officer Cote, of River Du Loup, was making his rounds as usual on the night of Dec. 19, when he approached a man on the street, near the Market building, apparently under the influence of liquor. He requested him to move on and get off the street, otherwise he would be obliged to arrest him. The man viciously attacked the officer, and in the scuffle shot him, the bullet entering his back penetrating his right lung. The wounded man fell to the street and the man, who later gave his name as Henry Wilcon, made off. Two young men heard the shot and ran to the spot where they found the police officer and carried him to the police station near by, when medical aid was summoned.

He is now in a critical condition.

Meantime, the entire police force was summoned and all sections of the city covered. The fugitive was captured near the cemetery and brought back to the police station. When arrested he made a desperate effort to use his revolver which he had in his hand, but was prevented from doing so by Officer Grand Mason, who made the arrest. When searched at the police station a new latest pattern revolver was found on his person, together with a quantity of rings, bracelets and watches which later were identified as having been taken from Rosenbek's store here.

The prisoner was up before Judge Arse on Tuesday on the charge of assaulting the police. He was sentenced to six months in jail. In the meantime the authorities are awaiting the outcome of Officer Cote's injuries when a more serious charge will be entered. Wilson claims that he worked in Moncton as a painter on the new I. C. R. shops for a few weeks, after which he worked his way north, spending a few days at Jacquet River and Campbellton. He is a man of about thirty-five years of age, clean shaven. His hair, which is closely cropped is just showing signs of turning grey. Inspector Noble is of the opinion that he has done time and has a record in some criminal institution. Since his appointment as I. C. R. Inspector, Mr. Noble has been very successful in recovering stolen property for Campbellton merchants.

CORONER'S JURY SAYS ITALIANS SLEW PEDDLER

Verdict Brought in Last Night

JURY OUT HALF HOUR

Foot of One of Italian Prisoners May Have to Be Amputated

PLASTER ROCK, Dec. 23.—The inquest into the death of "Paddy" Green, the murdered Montreal peddler, was concluded here today and the jury, after about a half-hour's deliberation, brought in a verdict that deceased had come to his death by bullet wounds from a shot gun in the hands of Leon Sepitil and Tony Anrias, and that these Italians murdered Green.

The evidence given at today's session of the inquest brought out comparatively nothing new. A number of witnesses were examined and the verdict seemed to suit those interested in the matter.

W. P. Jones of Woodstock was again present in the interest of Green and cross-examined most of the witnesses. Coroner Beveridge again presided at the inquest and the hearing attracted much attention.

Outside of the inquest and further developments in the murder case took place here today. Chief of Police Foster, with Messrs. Kerson and McCrea, spent the greater part of the time in searching for the missing booty, and although they secured much territory were unsuccessful in their efforts and returned without finding the slightest trace of the missing valuables. However, further steps will be taken in the matter immediately. Chief Foster will leave for his home at Shediac about fifteen miles above Woodstock, tomorrow. In the meantime it is believed the search will be continued.

Hector Cote, of Montreal arrived here this evening to complete arrangements regarding the removal of Green's body to Montreal for interment. He will leave with the body tomorrow for that place.

Mr. Carme acted as agent for the deceased in Montreal and had much to do with his affairs.

W. P. Jones, who has been here, will also leave for his home in Woodstock tomorrow. It is not as yet known whether Mr. Jones will be called for the preliminary hearing or not. Hav-

JAPAN'S FINANCE REFORM APPROVED

Unfloated Bonds no Longer to Be Included in Revenue

REGARDED AS SAFER

TOKIO, Dec. 23.—The Asahi regrets the increase of 1,200,000 yen in the shipping subsidies budget, whereof 400,000 yen are for the new line to South America. The reduction of the extraordinary revenue by 100,000,000 yen is approved because it indicates a return to a rational system of accounting, which means that the amount of unfloated bonds will no longer be included as revenue.

The proposed minimum appropriation of 50,000,000 yen to the sinking fund is indispensable to meet the 100,000,000 yen bond redemption in 1911.

The law demands that 110,000,000 yen be annually appropriated for the fund.

M. Nomura, director of the South Manchurian line, declares that the construction of the Chung Chun Kirin line will begin in 1909. Its completion will mean an enormous increase in the trade of the Sungari region. That of Talren is fast progressing, and was only 20,000,000 yen behind Niu-Chwang in 1907.

There is the keenest tobacco competition in Manchuria, Japan's annual cigarette sales being 2,000,000 yen, American flour is supreme, and the Standard company monopolizes the oil trade. The chambers of commerce invite the business men of the Atlantic and central states to send delegates here in the spring.

ITALIAN SLAYS WOMAN LOVE

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—In full view of a dozen pedestrians on University street, one of the residential streets of the city, an Italian plunged a dagger three times into the side of a young woman who, along with a man, walked late this afternoon, and then took to his heels, followed by a number of pursuers. After a long chase the man was captured and received rough handling before he was handed over to the police. The woman is now in Royal Victoria hospital in a very serious condition. The sudden affray caused much commotion and it was only after a determined chase that the would-be murderer was captured.

To the police he gave his name as Francisco Vario. The woman has been living with him for some time and the alleged cause of the assault is that she asked him to go and get work. The stiletto thrust was his answer.

DISASTROUS FIRE

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Dec. 23—The prompt action of the Campbellton firemen saved the town from a disastrous fire this morning between eight and nine o'clock, when Joseph Duncan's grocery store, at the corner of Gerrard and Sugarloaf streets, was discovered to be on fire in the attic. The loss is about five hundred dollars, which is covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have caught from a stove-pipe.

[illegible] ever, the crown will take a hand in the latter case.

The inquest today was resumed about 10 o'clock this morning.

A. R. Foster, chief of police on the Transcontinental railway, was the first witness called. He produced some watches and other goods of the dead man, which were found and gave evidence of the arrest of the two murderers.

The next witness was Dr. Taylor. He produced a diamond ring and some other articles found on the body of the dead man.

Pernasky, the Jew, followed him on the witness stand. He identified the grips and other articles belonging to Green.

The afternoon's session was resumed at 7.30 o'clock, the jury bringing in its verdict at 8.30 o'clock.

Among those examined were Dr. Taylor, Stanley Murray, Miles McCrea, Andrew Hatch, Colman Shellas and Mr. Reid, the bookkeeper.

Dr. Taylor in his evidence referred to his having conducted the post mortem. Nothing in the doctor's evidence added any new features to the case.

Colman Shellas, on being examined, told of having found the watches. He did not find anything else besides a gun. The body was not yet found and the gun found was not a part of the outfit.

Andrew Hatch is the bookkeeper where the Italians were employed, stated that he had cashed their time checks on Saturday last. The amount found on the prisoners was about the same that they received from him.

Miles McCrea, the constable, told of helping to take the prisoners and of their condition.

Stanley Murray, who is the foreman of the camp in which the Italians were employed, gave evidence of the fuss having been missed on Saturday last and that anxiety was felt.

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ECONOMY WILL BE WATCHWORD

Decreased Revenue, Less Expenditure

DR. PUGSLEY TALKS

This Will Not Interfere However, With Work at Sand Point

That the government's expenditure may be kept well within the bounds set by the revenue the Minister of Public Works in conversation with The Sun last night stated that a curtailment of the department's operations throughout the Dominion would probably be necessary.

Dr. Pugsley arrived in the city yesterday and will remain over for the holidays. Said he, in speaking of the trend of affairs at Ottawa: "Many important works in their prosecution will have to be laid over until the revenue will have justified the expenditures they will entail. This does not mean that they are to be abandoned but rather postponed.

Will Apply to All

"The curtailment will apply to this as well as the other provinces of the Dominion. It means to the immediate neighborhood that the building of the wharf at Partridge Island will be deferred as well as the construction of the drill hall in this city, although the expropriation of lands for the site will be proceeded with and concluded. For the most part, however, public works, for the prosecution of which tenders have already beeen called, will be completed without delay.

Continuing, Dr. Pugsley stated that in view of the great public importance of keeping the expenditure down it is anticipated by the government that the people will generally approve of its course and will exercise patience necessary.

"The policy of curtailment will not interfere with the construction of the new wharf on the western side of the harbor, which will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

"Plans for the improvement of St. John's harbor, including the terminals of the G. T. P., are being completed, but I am not in a position to say what further work will be done during the coming year," said the Minister in concluding the interview.

I. C. R. CHANGES TO BE MADE

MONCTON, Dec. 23.—In the course of an address on the development of railways and general transportation facilities in Canada, Mr. A. P. Graham at the banquet of the Commercial Travellers in Moncton this evening made the statement that the future of the Intercolonial railway, in a few months, he intimated, the basis of the management of the railway would be changed. He was not at liberty to discuss this to any extent, but the statement followed by newspaper men after the banquet Mr. Graham said at present he could not further enlighten the public on this matter.

STEVENS MURDERER WAS FOUND GUILTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Whan Chang, a Korean, who shot and killed Durham White Stevens, a Japanese diplomatic adviser, in this city on the 1st March in San Francisco, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury in Judge Cook's department of the Superior Court. Sentence was passed on Dec. 23. The minimum penalty is ten years and the maximum life imprisonment.

CHURCH DESTROYED

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—At 10.30 tonight fire broke out in the parish church of Coteau du Lac, forty miles east of Montreal on the main line of the G. T. R., and at midnight the structure, valued at $80,000, was a mass of smouldering ruins. There was no fire-fighting appliance in the little village and the inhabitants were obliged to stand by after rescuing some of the valuables and sacraments.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 23.—Christmas this year will have little of cheer for Fred Fice, an industrious farmer on St. David Ridge, a few miles back of St. Stephen. He returned from the Western States two years ago, purchased a farm, and practically caught the buildings at considerable expense. This evening his fine home is in ashes from a fire that caught from a stove pipe passing through a partition. The barn was saved by tearing down the connecting shed. Much of his furniture was destroyed and he is understood to be without insurance.

Miss Annie Vail, daughter of Robert Vail of Brookway, a young lady twenty-two years of age, died today at Chipman Memorial Hospital, where she had been ill for some weeks with typhoid fever.