

RECENT WEDDINGS

Cockran-Cameron.
A wedding of interest to St. John friends took place in Westminster Presbyterian church, Winnipeg, on Saturday, December 31, when Edith Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cameron, 82 Guilford street, West St. John, was united in marriage to Mr. Robert J. Cockran, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cockran, 51 Wright street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. James Christie. The bride wore an imported suit of navy suede cloth, embroidered in black and gold, and large hat of black Lyons velvet, showing the new cut-out trim effect, with insets of black beads, also beaded effect on the brim, edged with trimming of black striped ostrich. An ermine stole completed the costume. Her bouquet was of American beauty roses and hyacinths. The bride was given away by Mr. L. M. Cochran, brother of the groom. The choir sang appropriate music. After the wedding, the bride and groom entertained the bridal party at the Royal Alexandria Hotel. They will be at home to their friends after the New Year in the Tavishdale Apartments, Wellington avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Noble, who were traveling to their new home in Montana, accompanied the bride as far as Winnipeg and remained over for the wedding. The wedding presents were numerous, among them being a silver scallop dish from the teachers of the Albert school, where the bride was formerly one of the teaching staff. Mr. Cockran is now on the teaching staff of the Winnipeg High school. Their numerous friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Cockran many years of happiness in their new home.

McInerney-Hopey.

At the Zion Methodist parsonage yesterday, David Melvin McInerney was united in marriage to Miss Ida Pearl Hopey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hopey, 128 Prince Edward street. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. J. K. King. Mrs. Thomas G. Christie, of Boston, a sister of the bride, was in the city for the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. McInerney will reside at Tidale Place.

RECENT DEATHS

John Knox.

The death of John Knox, a well known resident of Little River, occurred yesterday at his home there. He was eighty-eight years of age and, although born in this city, had lived nearly all his life at Little River. Many of the old-time followers of horse racing will remember Mr. Knox as a horse enthusiast and will also call to mind the standard bred horses which he used to raise, particularly Allie Clay, the famous horse which afterwards went to the United States and made such records there. He leaves, besides his wife, three sons, William J., of this city, and James and George W., at home; also three daughters, Mrs. Jas. A. Cooper, of this city; Mrs. J. McLaughlin, of Little River, and Miss Nellie, at home. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence. The interment will take place in Fernhill cemetery.

HON. B. M. PIKE DEAD

Lubec, Me., Jan. 6.—Hon. Bion M. Pike, long one of the leading business men of Eastern Maine and prominent in politics, died at his home here yesterday, aged sixty-six years. He leaves his wife, a son and daughter. Mr. Pike was for years heavily interested in the sardine packing business of this coast and established the New England Sardine Co. He was president of the Lubec Trust and Banking Co. He leaves a large estate, being generally rated as a millionaire.

LIBERAL M. P. P. DEAD

Toronto, Jan. 6.—John O'Neill, Liberal M. P. P. for Southeast Toronto and a prominent business man of this city, died today after a lengthy illness.

MORNING NEWS

OVER THE WIVES

Marquis Okuma, former premier of Japan, died at Tokio recently, according to advices received at Honolulu. James Hamilton of Halifax had both legs severed while engaged in shunting operations in the Dominion Atlantic yards, yesterday. He died on the way to the hospital.

Henry Bernard, a young boy, was brought to Moncton from Canada station yesterday morning for treatment for his eyes, which were badly injured by the explosion of gun powder in a cigarette, which, it is alleged, was given him by another boy.

Hon. James Murdoch, minister of labor, has appointed U. F. Gillen, general manager of the Toronto Terminal Railway Company, Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and Acadia Coal Company and their miners. W. S. Thompson of Halifax and James King of New Waterford represent the companies and men respectively.

\$54,000,000 BET IN MARYLAND PARI-MUTUEL MACHINES IN 1921

Baltimore, Jan. 7.—The state's revenue in 1921 from the four one-mile race tracks in Maryland was \$54,000,000, the annual report of the State Racing Commission to the governor disclosed. The bulk of it came from the \$6,000 per day fee each track is required to pay. The report also showed that \$34,000,000 in round numbers, was bet in the pari-mutuel machines at these tracks at the spring and fall meetings.

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MARRIAGE CUSTOMS
They Differ Widely Throughout World—Cakes as Love Letters.
Marriage in some form obtains in all lands, but the marriage ceremony has many variations. In no land does the bride present a gayer appearance than in China, where bright colors fairly run riot in the dress of the people. Red is the nuptial color in China, says THE-BITS, the betrothal of the bridegroom-to-be sends the object of his affections a pair of bracelets tied together with red wine.

FLOWERS IN WINTER
Hyacinths, Narcissi, Tulips and Lilies Can be Grown in the House.
Balls of various kinds, grown indoors during the winter months, add much to the attractiveness of home surroundings and their culture should be more general than it is. A bulletin dealing with the matter in detail, prepared by the Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station at Ottawa, Ontario, has recently been issued by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and is available upon request. Provided certain essentials are observed, success is easy. A glass house is not necessary, but only a good Chinese bride wears a crown of January, the Dutch Hyacinth, early varieties of narcissi, and some tulips provide a wealth of bloom as extensive and attractive as one can wish for. The writer says that he has prepared the bulletin chiefly with the view of aiding farm women to brighten their homes and door-yards during the dull seasons, but there is no reason why dwellers in town and country alike should not do the same thing if they follow the instructions that are set forth. Lists of suitable varieties are given. The requirements, besides, care and attention, are a good quality of bulb, firm and of decent size, flower pots, pans or boxes, and some fine garden loam, and sand. To know the treatment that must be followed it is necessary to consult the bulletin, in which the methods are also given that should be adopted for outdoor cultivation in colder districts. It would appear from the experiments made that the hardy bulbs which are now imported from Holland might be produced in Canada. Even now there is a progressive trade in bulbs between British Columbia and Ontario and Alberta.

Expensive in Persia.
As in our own and in other lands, the wedding in Persia is an expensive affair. Of some of the wedding customs in Persia we have this account:—
"On the day before the wedding, the bride took a bath, and the bridegroom sent her some henna with which, after her bath, her hands and feet were stained. Her eyebrows and forehead were also tinted with a powder. The bridegroom was colored in the same way with henna.
"On the eve of the nuptials the bride's friends assembled at her house, attended by music and dancing girls. On the morning of the wedding day the husband sent a train of mules laden with gifts to his bride, the whole being attended by numerous servants, and preceded by music.
"Toward evening the bride was arrayed in a long veil of scarlet or crimson silk, placed upon a horse or mule, splendidly caparisoned, and conducted to her husband's home, accompanied by all her relations and a noisy band of musicians."
Bride Wore Crown.
Marriage in Holland is always a festive affair. In days of old the bride went to her wedding with a crown on

her head, and in modern times the vehicle in which the bride party rides is decorated with flowers.
In olden times the bride appeared on the day after the wedding with her head covered, and gave all of her guests a glass of wine or some other drink, showing that she was mistress of her home. The threshold of the newly-married couple is strewn with flowers, and showers are used in the greatest profusion at a wedding.

NECROLOGY OF 1921.
(Toronto Globe).
The necrology of the year has been impressive. Among the notable Canadians who passed away were Principal Peterson of McGill University, Hon. A. Sifton, Lady Laurier, Lady Beck, Lady Tilley, Senator Frederic Nicholls, Robert McLaughlin, George T. Blackstock, K. C., John Hoskin, K. C., Sir Sam Hughes, Senator Edwards, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Lord Mount Stephen, Mrs. J. Griffin, William Davies, Lieutenant-Governor Lionel H. Clarke, and Sir Robert Campbell, D. D. The prime minister of Spain and Japan, and the famous Talaat Pasha, author of the Armenian massacres, were killed by a single phrase, "a scrap of paper"; Christine Nilsson, the rival of Patti in popular favor two generations ago, and Prince Louis of Mountbatten, who, though an Austrian by birth, commanded the British war at the beginning of the war and gave the famous order which prevented the demobilization of the fleet at the critical hour.

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CHILDREN'S DEFECTS.
Medical Examiners Increased in England and Wales.
The school medical staff in England and Wales was increased during 1920 from 224 whole time officials to 800, according to the annual report of the chief medical officer of the ministry of health. In addition, many nurses and regular physicians were engaged to examine nearly 2,400,000 children were examined in three groups—entrants, eight year pupils, and leavers.
It is estimated that two-fifths of the children coming up for medical inspection are found to be suffering from defects of some sort. Dental defects rank first in number, and about 70 per cent of the children were found to need dental treatment. Probably 8 to 7 per cent of all school children in England and Wales need surgical treatment for adenoids and diseased tonsils, says the report.
An inquiry into the reasons for the absence of children from school brought out the fact that in the large majority of cases the real or alleged reason for absence is health. A section of the report deals with the effect of the Summer Time act upon children, with the conclusion that there is an absence of reliable data to show that summer time is detrimental to the health of children.
The report concludes with a section on juvenile employment and it is suggested that the school medical service lend help in fitting the children for special employment such as to take up.
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WEEK OF PRAYER MEETINGS.
Interest in the meetings of the week of prayer has been well sustained and large congregations attended the union services. The topic, "Our programme and purpose in religious education," was admirably presented. Group number one met in the Exmouth street church under the leadership of Rev. H. E. Thomas A. H. Crowfoot. The second group assembled in the Central Baptist church, where Rev. F. H. Bone presided, and the speaker was A. M. Gregg. In the Portland Methodist church, which was the meeting place for the third group, Rev. H. B. Clarke conducted the service and the address was given by Rev. G. D. Hudson. The fourth group met in the Charlotte street church with Rev. J. Heaney presiding, Rev. Isaac Brindley was the speaker for the fourth group.
Minard's Liniment For Garget in Cows.

CRACKSMEN LOOTED SAFE OF JEWELS
Entered Apartment by Fire Escape and Secured \$75,000 Worth of Gems.
New York, Jan. 7.—Safe cracksmen, believed to be experts, climbed the fire escape to the apartment of Harry Arnov, a Maiden Lane jeweler, at 108 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, some time last night and looted a safe which stood in a corner of the parlor and fled with \$75,000 worth of diamonds, emeralds and rubies. They left no clues.
Mr. and Mrs. Arnov, who were at the theatre in Manhattan, returned to their apartment soon after midnight. They found the door of the apartment open. Knowing something would be amiss, Mr. Arnov rushed into the parlor. The cracksmen had gone, but the scene of the robbery was flooded by two lights so placed as to throw as much illumination as possible on the safe. The door of the treasure box was in the middle of the floor. Behind it was the empty safe. Detectives first made a thorough examination of the entire apartment without finding any finger prints. It is believed that the burglars used gloves to prevent leaving marks. The whole front of the safe, which measured twenty-eight inches by twenty-two, was ripped off as if a gigantic can opener had been used. The box contained an extra strong repository for jewels, but this apparently was no problem for the thorough going robbers.
The Arnov apartment is the second

75,000 POILUS KILLED BY THEIR OWN GUNNERS
Paris, Jan. 7.—General Percin, in a book describing more than 200 battles in France and Belgium during the World War, concludes from data collected by him that 75,000 French soldiers were killed by their own artillery through defective liaison. The losses, he says, were higher by 80 per cent in the French army than in the German army. The losses of the French infantry, he finds, were comparatively four times greater than the losses of the artillery. He fixes the French losses from the enemy's fire at 5,000,000 killed and wounded.
General Percin was military governor of the fortress of Lille just after the outbreak of the war. He evacuated the fortress on orders received from the government when the Germans approached the frontier, and was for a long time supposed by the general public to have evacuated the place of his own volition. A lively controversy between his friends and adversaries has been going on ever since as to whether he was badly treated by the general staff. He has severely criticized the conduct of the war in the field by the French staff.
The children of the Coldbrook Sunday school held their annual entertainment in the church last evening. The church was decorated with Christmas trimmings, with a huge Christmas tree in the centre. The children gave a programme of songs and recitations under the direction of Miss Baxter and Mr. Barton. Herbert Stealy also entertained with three pleasing numbers. At the close of the entertainment the children were given their annual treat of a bag of sandy and oranges.
SENTENCED FOR WAR EXCESSES
French in Devastated Territory Impose Penalties in the Absence of Offenders.
Paris, Dec. 19.—(Associated Press by Mail)—People in the north of France whose territory was so long occupied by the enemy, have not forgotten or forgiven the Germans for their excesses in the war.
A war council at Lille has just passed sentences against German officers and soldiers for crimes committed during the invasion. The condemned were not present to be tried, so that these sentences can be put into effect only if one of the guilty persons should be arrested in France.
General Muller was condemned to five years imprisonment and 500 francs fine for stealing objects of art and furniture at Caudey.
Other sentences imposed but hardly likely ever to be executed ranged from one year in prison for swindling to ten years in solitary confinement for brutality, twenty years at hard labor for violence causing death and hard labor for life for killing a Frenchman in cold blood.
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