

ANOTHER TURN TO SUGAR GRAFT

U. S. Government Seeks To Recover Nearly \$3,000,000 Paid To Manufacturers Under "Draw Back" Clause.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Custom experts from the treasury and special agents of the department of justice are now making an investigation which promises to add another chapter to the story of sugar grafts.

An alleged abuse of the so-called draw back privileges, principally at the port of New York is under rigid examination and officials declare the revelation promises to put the government in a position to recover nearly as much as it did in the underweight cases when more than \$3,000,000 was paid to the treasury.

When sugar is imported, it pays a duty, unless coming from the Philippine islands. When it is manufactured into a product and in that form exported, the duty is refunded in the form of a draw back, except 1 per cent, which is retained by the government to defray the cost of tariff administration.

The intent of the draw back feature of the tariff law is that either the identical article shall be exported or in the case of sugar, that sugar of the same saccharine content shall have formed the basis of the export article.

About \$7,000,000 is refunded to exporters each year and half that amount is drawn back on exports of sugar and tin.

Officials who have been investigating declare that any frauds in sugar extending over a number of years could easily run into a large amount of money. Some of the investigations are said to have shown that the government has been defrauded in the draw backs it has allowed in syrups.

Under the system of examination which has prevailed the customs authorities are confronted with the probability that they have been paying draw backs on shipments which were not sugar at all, but might in fact, have been saccharine, as far as the usual inspection developed.

KING'S INTERVIEW WITH PREMIER BRIEF

Sovereign Wishes to be Fully Informed and to Avoid Further Political Trouble Before Coronation.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith, who came down from Scotland, especially at the command of King George, had an audience with the King at Buckingham Palace today. It lasted only three-quarters of an hour. It is understood that His Majesty wished to be fully advised as to the premier's views and the cabinet's plans for the future, now that the elections are over, before leaving London to spend Christmas at York Cottage, whether he goes tomorrow. It is known that the King is very anxious to tide over the coronation period with the least possible political upheaval, and that all his influence will be exerted with the parties in the direction of a compromise.

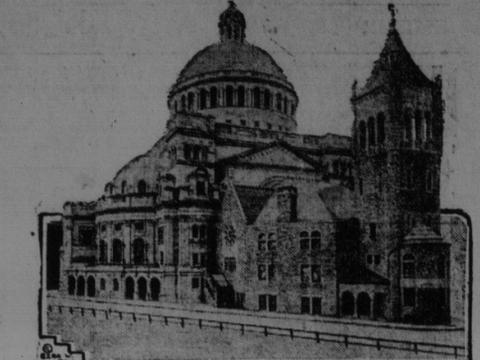
Mr. Asquith saw some of his colleagues while he was in London, and returned to Edinburgh on an afternoon train.

ATTEMPTS TO MURDER WIFE AND HER SISTER

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 21.—Elmer Lepine, aged 45 years, a tinsmith employed by A. N. McLean & Company, attempted to murder his wife and her sister, Mrs. Donald Stowe, here last night by firing four shots from a thirty-two calibre revolver at the women as they stood at the gate of the Lepine home on Langlois avenue.

Three bullets took effect, both women being hit, but the wounds are not fatal. Lepine then ran into the house and locking himself in blew his brains out before the police arrived a few minutes later. The shooting was the culmination of a long period of misunderstanding and estrangement between Lepine and his wife.

Christian Science Church in Trouble



THE "MOTHER CHURCH" IN BOSTON, WHICH MAY BE INVOLVED IN LITIGATION.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—No new tenet or new by-law shall be adopted nor any tenet or by-law amended or annulled without the written consent of Mary Baker Eddy.

The Christian Science board of directors shall consist of five members. They shall fill a vacancy occurring on that board after the candidate is approved by the pastor emeritus (Mrs. Eddy). A majority vote or the request of Mrs. Eddy shall dismiss a member.

These sections in the Christian Science manual bid fair to cause grave trouble to the Christian Science church, if not to endanger the very life of the organization.

For Mrs. Baker Eddy can't give "written consent" or "approval" any more.

Mrs. Eddy apparently believed she would live indefinitely on this earth. So far as is known she made no provision whatever for the execution of certain essential statutes of the law of the church after her death. It is not known that she delegated any authority to sanction the execution of the many statutes that cannot be effective without her consent.

This code is so carefully anchored in the personality of Mrs. Eddy that the board of directors, upon which now devolves the directing of the destinies of the church, are not permitted to change it in any particular. Thus they can't amend it to substitute some other executive authority for that of Mrs. Eddy.

On the other hand the moment they usurp the right to revise the code one of the deeds for the property upon which stands the mother church in Boston becomes null.

Another difficulty which confronts the leaders is the fact that the church of Christ Scientist, was never incorporated as such and members of Mrs. Eddy's family are using this point as a legal technicality to break Mrs. Eddy's will and secure the large fortune which she left to the church.

He did not see that rates had anything to do with dividends in actual practice, or that the government should have any concern for what sort of railroad securities the public bought.

In twenty-five years' experience he had not met with an instance in which rates had been changed to affect interest payments or dividends. He doubted if there were a dozen traffic men in the country, who knew the capitalization of the companies they represented.

Therefore there was not need for regulation of securities as a control of rates.

Railroads As Mining Shares.

As for the public, so long as the individual was left free to invest, or rather to speculate, as he chose in wild cat mining shares, he need not be specifically protected from the railroads. The government was chiefly interested, he thought, in seeing that the railroad companies received value in full for their issues.

"Hence the question," he said, "would seem to be not what the companies own, but what they get for the securities furnished. The value of the property now owned would seem to have no relation to that question." If it proposed to make a physical valuation of the railroads as a basis for limiting rates, he could only say its scheme of appraising property by an attempt to estimate the cost of its production was exceedingly mischievous and utterly impracticable.

Samuel Lintermeyer, counsel for the Southern Railway and for the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, who followed Judge Lovett recommended that no railway be permitted to acquire control of another except by lease or outright purchase. This was for protection of the minority stockholders. In cases where three-fourths of the shareholders favored a sale and one quarter opposed, he recommended that the courts order a sale. Such, he said, was the English practice, and experience showed that it worked well.

BLUEJACKET KILLED.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Another bluejacket of the Atlantic fleet is dead as the result of an explosion of coal gas. The accident occurred last Monday on board the Michigan at Chesburg. The victim was Benj. James McLeary, a fireman of the second class.

SENSATIONAL INCIDENTS IN FRENCH TRIAL

Duchess Of Choiseul Bitterly Attacked By Americans Under Arrest On Charge Of Swindling.

Tours, France, Dec. 21.—Sensational incidents occurred today at the trial of the self styled Count D'Aulby de Gagny and his American wife, formerly Miss Francesca Lant, of Boston, who are charged with having swindled the Duchess of Choiseul-Fraslin in the sale of spurious pictures, during the life of her former husband, Charles Hamilton Paine, of Boston. The closing moments of the trial this evening almost developed into a riot.

"Countess" D'Aulby, who was called to the witness stand after her husband, bitterly attacked the Duchess of Choiseul, designating her as "that viper, that shameless woman, who tried to wreck my home."

D'Aulby's lawyer, M. Bernard, attacked counsel for the duchess for allowing her business agent to sit beside them at the bar and practically direct the case of the prosecution.

This unpardonable breach of the etiquette of the French bar, he declared was an insult to the dignity of the profession. Cries of sympathy broke out and soon the whole court room was on its feet, cheering and hooting. Judge Roberts pounded helplessly, but was forced to declare a recess to preserve order.

After the recess M. Bernard sprang another surprise. He read a letter purporting to be signed by the Duke of Choiseul claiming that Choiseul, the husband of the former Mrs. Paine, had no right to the title of Duke of Choiseul, that he was merely the Duke of Praslin's representative, a junior branch of the house of Choiseul and a grandson of the Duke of Praslin, "of bloody memory."

Spoke in French.

"Countess" D'Aulby, unlike her husband, speaks French with wonderful rapidity, but nearly drove the aged judge to despair by nervous lapses into foreign words, sometimes English, especially when the name of the Duchess was mentioned. When she exclaimed in anger, speaking with reference to the plaintiff: "I didn't know her relations with my husband until later, but if I had known I would have driven her out like the shameless viper she was."

The witness said that she had married D'Aulby in New York, and had married him for love, being especially drawn to him by reason of his musical abilities. She never mixed in her husband's business affairs, and only knew as a fact that he had sold pictures to Mrs. Paine. She refused to answer questions of the opposing counsel which was calculated to show that she had conspired to lighten the plaintiff's interest in the pictures, saying that persons so alleging were "liars in the first degree."

To complete the day, a Parisian expert, who examined the paintings purchased by Mrs. Paine, testified that some of them were deplorable copies, others passable, but that none was what the catalogue pretended. He admitted, however, that they might deceive the ordinary amateur.

Train Accident.

The Boston train met with a peculiar accident yesterday morning when but a few yards from the union depot. While crossing a trestle between the Long Wharf and Mill street the two front wheels on the rear truck of one of the second class coaches jumped the rails. The rear wheels remained on the track and the car bumped along until it came opposite the depot on the outside track. Upon the application of the pressure of the brakes, some of the apparatus gave way and several pieces of iron bumped against the corner of the depot with such force that they splintered the stone work nearby. No serious damage was done by the accident but the escape was a narrow one. Two other cars also left the rails on Mill street during the morning. One of them was pulled on again without difficulty, but the other blocked traffic for a time.

ONLY WOMAN PRESS AGENT



MRS. CHANNING POLLOCK.

After five generations of stage folks in her family, Miss Anna Marble felt no handicaps for the limelight and took up newspaper work. "My relatives kept heading me toward the stage, however," she says, "and finally John Dunn persuaded me to be a press agent for Floradora, which he brought to America."

After that Miss Marble successfully represented Elsie De Wolf in "The Way of the World," handled the publicity for Oscar Hammerstein's grand opera, press agented several vaudeville houses and went out on the road ahead of Nazimova. For the past two seasons she has been press agent of New York's mammoth Hippodrome.

During her career as a press agent she acquired a talented husband, Channing Pollock. When not busy elsewhere she writes vaudeville sketches and magazine articles.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY IN NEW ROOMS

Commodious Quarters in Water Department Building Well Fitted Up—Hope to Do More Effective Work.

The Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis opened its new quarters in the water department building at the corner of Leinster and Carmarthen streets, yesterday afternoon. The society has had the rooms painted in a simple yet cheerful color scheme. A partition has been put up in the large room on the northern side of the building, dividing it into two rooms, the larger of which will be used as a reception and lecture room, while the other will be used by the doctors as an office in which to examine the patients. The room on the south side of the building is reserved for the accommodation of the nurse and doctors while on duty. A fourth room in the same flat now used for storage, would give the association more room to work in, if it hoped to secure this in a few weeks.

Up to the present the work of the society has been handicapped by the fact that the board of health rooms were only available one day in the week, and then only after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Owing to the inability of the nurse to take the temperature at the weight of the patients before that hour, the doctors who conducted the clinics and who give their services free of charge, very frequently were unable to get through the work of examination and treatment before seven o'clock.

Open Two Days.

The society hopes to be able to make arrangements to have doctors in attendance in their new quarters two days a week, and as the patients will be invited to come early, the nurse will be able to have them ready for the ministrations of the physicians, and will thus save a good deal of time. The society also expects to be able to have Miss Rogers, who has taken a special course in tuberculosis work in attendance at the rooms at certain hours every day, to give advice and help the patients in any way possible. Miss Rogers will continue to visit the homes of patients and advise families as to the methods of treatment and prevention of infection.

Mrs. David McCallan who was at the rooms yesterday afternoon when a reporter called, said that reports from the doctors and nurses indicated that the work of the society was producing good results, and cited a number of instances of incipient cases of consumption being discovered and checked through the activities of the society.

"It is a big problem and the more we know about it, the more we feel the importance of the work the society is trying to do," added Mrs. McCallan.

"There are 125 persons in this city that are known to be afflicted with tuberculosis. Many of them go about where people congregate, and are a constant menace to the health of others."

"Agitation and education will do much to make the patients careful and reduce the danger to the public. But the main thing, we think, is to prevent the children from catching the disease, and taking care of them when they do catch it."

"Medical inspection of schools will do much to assist the work of the society and promote the general health of the city."

W. S. Harkins, the veteran theatrical man, who for thirty-five years has been coming to St. John with attractions, and who is almost as well known here as the oldest resident, is in the city again, and although he will, upon being closely questioned, admit that he is no longer in the class of juvenile leads, he looks but little older than he did twenty years ago.

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POSITION FILLED.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—A successor to Dr. Geo. E. Jelly on the state board of insanity, was nominated by Gov. Eben S. Draper, and today the executive council late today in the person of Dr. Edward Taylor, of Boston, Dr. Jelly resigned recently.

Scott Act Cases.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 21.—In the police court this morning the cases against the Brunswick Hotel came up one for selling and one for keeping for sale intoxicating liquors. Adjudgment was asked by the defence in both cases, but not granted. A fine of fifty dollars was imposed in each case.

Church History.

Copies of the history of German street Baptist church have been placed on sale at H. J. Dicks, E. Clifton Brooks, S. McDiarmid's, Chas. W. Wasson's and Henderson and Hunt's.

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Court Martello Officers.

Court Martello I. O. F. held its annual meeting in Foresters' Hall last evening with a large attendance present. The reports for the year showed the court to be in a flourishing condition, and substantial increases have been made in the membership. Officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows:—C. E. MacMichael, C. D. H. C. R.; Dr. W. S. Morrison, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, court physicians; Dr. E. N. Davis, C. R.; C. A. Clarke, V. C. R.; K. J. MacRae, rec. sec.; T. H. Belyea, fin. sec.; J. S. Flagler, treas.; Hon. J. R. Armstrong, orator; G. H. Richardson, S. W.; W. L. Hand, J. W.; W. B. Keirstead, S. B.; J. Bond, J. B.; H. Leonard, and R. Strain trustees; J. W. Malcolm and W. Watson Allen, finance committee; Dr. E. N. Davis and C. A. Clarke central committee.

HOTELS.

Victoria.
James Bais, Springhill; O. J. Killam, Truro; J. Meolone, Stanley; W. G. Eaton and wife, Bridgetown; Miss Murdoch, Miss M. Murdoch, Fredericton; E. M. B. Waddell, H. Greaves, Winnipeg; J. A. Orr, Chicago; T. Burnett, L. A. Burnett, Boston; A. L. Hoyt, McAdam Jet; W. J. Cooney, Megantic; A. A. Balmali, Edmonton, Alta.; J. R. McGowan, Mrs. J. R. McGowan, Springfield; F. D. McDonald, Georgetown; W. A. Kissan, Walter Cooney, Beersville; T. O. Murray, Mrs. T. O. Murray, Richibucto; Ralph Dods, St. George; W. J. Dickson, Halifax; Hugh R. Lawrence, St. George; A. O. H. Damon, Eastport; A. G. Berry, Sussex.

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S. J. Marsfield, Ottawa; O. R. Patigan, Norton; B. E. Dakin, Digby; B. T. Smith, Florenceville; Frank Bkby, W. H. Berry, St. Stephen; O. W. Patigan, R. G. Jewett, Norton; Mr. and Mrs. H. English, New York; J. R. Mc Gowan, Mrs. J. R. McGowan, Springfield; F. D. McDonald, Georgetown; W. A. Kissan, Walter Cooney, Beersville; T. O. Murray, Mrs. T. O. Murray, Richibucto; Ralph Dods, St. George; W. J. Dickson, Halifax; Hugh R. Lawrence, St. George; A. O. H. Damon, Eastport; A. G. Berry, Sussex.

Suspect Murderer.
Colborne, Ont., Dec. 21.—Josephine Brimacombe, deaf and dumb, aged 43 years and single, was found dead in bed on Saturday morning in a room not her own in the Treadwell Hotel here, where she was employed. High Constable Jarvis of Bowmanville is now investigating, and Coroner E. D. Latta will conduct an inquest here Thursday night. The woman's face was much discolored, being almost black on one side and an autopsy conducted yesterday by Dr. Hutchison of Grafton and Dr. Irwin of Colborne, bore out the suspicion that death was due to strangulation.

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