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## S ACCIDENT BEFALS P. E. I. BOY

OTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 8.— e year old son of Michael , of Clearsprings, on the of Island, nine miles from t with a serious accident On the shore he picked up e cartridge, with cap and hed, which had remained stock of explosives used in p the barque Olga stranded gale of November, 1906. He artridge into the house, and not knowing its nature, cut threw the dynamite away, e fuse in possession of the the latter was picking it lle the fuse exploded in his ing the thumb and three his left hand and three fin- right. His face was also ated.

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# FOURTEEN DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK

### A Richmond Passenger Local Struck a Broken Rail

### Several Coaches Thrown Over a Thirty Foot Trestle

### Eleven Bodies Recovered --George Gould Was On Board

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 15—Local passenger train No. 11, on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond and Atlantic train, was wrecked this morning at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles north of here. Eleven dead bodies have been removed from the wreckage. It is reported fourteen are dead and twenty-five injured are being cared for at St. Leo's Hospital. The dead so far identified are:

A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond and Danville division of the Southern Railway, Richmond, Va.

H. C. White, travelling auditor, Washington, D. C.

Chas. T. Broadfield, Americus.

Isaac Dammals, porter on the Richmond sleeper.

C. B. Nolan, Pullman conductor, Greensboro.

Frank W. Kilby, Birmingham, Ala., or Wilkesbarre, N. C.

Virgil E. Holcomb, Mount Airy, N.C.

Ed. Sexton, Denton, N. C.

Richard Eames, a prominent engineer of Salisbury, N. C.

John G. Broadnax, Richmond, Va.

Ed. Bagby, Richmond, Va.

The body of an unknown white man, apparently about 25 years old, was recovered late this evening. Among the patients at the hospital who are fatally injured are:

Henry L. Stribling, Decatus, Ga.

F. G. Smith, Spencer, N. C.

The injured were brought to this city as rapidly as they could be extricated and placed in St. Leo's Hospital.

Geo. J. Gould, who with his son Jay, was in one of the Pullmans when the train jumped the track, and who was reported killed, escaped uninjured.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail two hundred feet from the trestle that spans the small stream. The train was composed of two baggage, one express and mail car, three day coaches and two Pullmans. The engine and the baggage, mail and express cars passed over in safety, but the day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek and along the banks some twenty to thirty feet below.

At the point where the first coach left the track the right rail was broken, about 16 inches from a joint. As the last coach was about on the trestle, the five coaches toppled over, broke loose from the mail and express car and tumbled into the mud and water below.

The Norfolk Pullman fell into the water, while the Richmond sleeper just in front, landed only partially in the water. The most of the injured and killed in the sleepers were in the Richmond sleeper, which was demolished. The Norfolk sleeper was not so badly torn up, but fell on its side in the swollen stream, submerging many of the passengers.

## FISHERMEN MET WITH A HEAVY LOSS

### Ice Ran Out Carrying Nets and Gear With It— Loss $4.000

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec. 15.— Smelt fishermen off Bushville, above Chatham, met with a heavy loss last night, when the ice broke away and ran out of the river, carrying with it about fifty nets and gear, totalling in value between $4,000 and $5,000. Those who had nets off Chatham suffered little damage, as the ice held, but most of the fishermen took in their nets in anticipation of the ice breaking away and practically no fishing was done today. Some of the lost nets have been recovered in a damaged condition. Nets that are out in deep water are getting big hauls and the price remains high at six cents.

Chatham curlers are arranging for a big bonspiel here in January and a committee of Peter Archer, James Nicol, F. M. Tweedie, F. D. Heckbert and R. A. Lawlor have the matter in hand and are procuring suitable trophies.

## PROTECTION FOR M'CTON SUBURBS

### Residents of Several Districts Meet

ASK CONSTABLES

### Raise Money Themselves—A Number of Theft Cases —Wedding Yesterday

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 15.—George Fawcett, Judson Kinnie and Lorne Chapman, three young lads arrested at the instance of the I. R. C. for breaking windows in Cook's Brook station on the 5th instant, pleaded guilty to the charge today and were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

This evening Lorne Chapman was rearrested together with Alphie LeBlanc, charged with breaking into the M. A. A. A. club house a month ago and stealing articles belonging to members. One of the stolen sweaters was found on young LeBlanc. The boy will be arraigned tomorrow in the police court.

Charlie Leaman and Walter Gray, who confessed to breaking into the city market last Friday night and stealing $14.55 from Geo. C. Matthews' stall, were committed for trial at the January circuit court.

At a meeting of residents of Sunny Brae, Lewisville and Humphreys tonight, to discuss police protection, it was decided after a great deal of heated discussion to ask the provincial government to appoint six provincial constables, two for each district, the officers to be under control of a committee composed of L. B. D. Lockhart, G. R. Jones and C. L. Jones. The constables are to be equipped with police outfit and to be at the call of duty day or night, to be paid at the rate of 26 cents an hour, and pay and a half for work after nine at night. The idea is to have the constables work in unison with the Moncton police and use the city lockup for arrests. Money to pay the officers will be raised by subscription, $100 being raised at tonight's meeting.

At the residence of W. J. Somers, High street, at 12 o'clock today, the marriage took place of Miss Myrtle Violet Balser to Edward R. McLaren of the I. R. C., son of James McLaren of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. McLatchy, pastor of Highfield street Baptist Church. The young couple left on a wedding trip to Boston.

## HAD A VERY NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

### Dave Corkery Went Overboard at Indiantown—Fished Out With Difficulty.

"Dave" Corkery of the North End had a narrow escape from drowning at Indiantown this morning, and it was only due to the presence of some of his friends that he did not experience more difficulty in getting out of the cold icy water.

"Dave" with some other men was fishing smelt off a scow at the lower bedroom, and about nine o'clock this morning he accidentally slipped off the scow and toppled into the water. After considerable splashing about, Louis Logan and some other men came to his assistance and succeeded in fishing "Dave" out of the river. He was soon landed safely on the scow, none the worse from his accident, but nevertheless the cold ducking and the struggle with the ice in the water was an experience which he would not like to befall him again in the future.

## MARIE CORELLI JOINS IN POLITICAL FRAY

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Marie Corelli's irreconcilable antagonism to woman suffrage does not prevent her from aiming to obtain political influence. She has written an address to the electors of the United Kingdom assuring them that the very life of England is now in the balance. The Empire, Miss Corelli says, is standing like a victim on the rock of suspense waiting to be hurled into the devouring waters of socialism, or rescued and led back to security of home, with peace and honor.

Miss Corelli appeals to voters to think and to be true to God, the King and the country.

# WILL NOT ASK FOR A CANADIAN ATTACHE TO BRITISH EMBASSY

### Lewis Advocated Having Representative at Washington

### Thought Such a Plan Would Facilitate Business

### But Withdrew Resolution on Laurier's Suggestion

### Opposition Members Rehash Old N.A.Trading Co. Contract

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16—In the Commons today, Mr. E. N. Lewis raised the important question of a Canadian representative at Washington as an attache to the British Embassy. He moved a resolution declaring that in the opinion of the house a petition should be sent to His Majesty's Imperial Government praying that a Canadian attache be appointed to the British Embassy at Washington, with a view to providing a direct medium whereby the Government of Canada may advise with the British Ambassador at Washington in respect to matters pertaining to international relations affecting solely the Dominion of Canada and the United States.

In moving the resolution, Mr. Lewis disavowed any separationist tendency.

"There should be a representative of Canada to act in a constant advisory capacity with the British Embassy, since practically seven-tenths of the business of the British Embassy at Washington pertained to matters concerning Canada. The British Ambassador, who had not lived in Canada, could naturally know but comparatively little of conditions and view-points here, and Canada should, herself, be in the best position to conduct her own business with her great trade neighbor. The matters affecting the waterways and international boundary were already in process of satisfactory adjustment by the joint representatives of Canada and the United States, and he believed that a similar course should be followed with all other matters affecting the two countries.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed that the affairs of the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race should be conducted in a cordial and harmonious spirit. He was glad to say that the relations between the United States and Great Britain had never been so friendly as at present.

"While some good might arise from our having a representative to advise with the British Ambassador at Washington, still his presence might also give rise to complications. So long as our relations with the British Embassy at Washington remain what they are, perhaps it is better to leave well enough alone, and I suggest that it would be the part of wisdom to withdraw the resolution."

Mr. Lewis in complying with Sir Wilfrid's suggestion said that he quite concurred in the statement that our affairs were being most capabaly conducted at Washington by Ambassador Bryce, but at the same time he would welcome the suggestion of having a representatative of the Canadian Government always at hand to advise with.

The rest of the sitting was taken up by opposition members in a wearisome re-threshing of old straw in connection with the alleged North Atlantic trading company scandal. The subject was brought up on a motion by Mr. Monk asking for the production of papers in connection with the pending sut of the company in the exchequer court to recover $70,000 from the Dominion treasury, claimed to be still due the company for loss sustained through the abrogation of the contract several years ago. Mr. Monk noted that the company had already received $400,000 from the government and the government had stated that nothing more was due.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth made no objection to producing the papers.

Mr. Baker, Mr. Borden, Dr. Reid and other members of the opposition rehashed the story of the government's dealings with the company and after two hours fruitless discussion, Mr. Monk's motion passed.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 15—Arguments on the application of the Wright Brothers against the Herring-Curtiss Company, and Glen H. Curtiss for a preliminary injunction restraining them from manufacturing and selling aeroplanes on the ground that they were infringing on patents of the Wrights, was concluded this afternoon. Judge Hazel reserved decision.

## ARE UNITED ON POLICY OF PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT

### Japanese Statesmen Meet to Decide Future Course of Government—Disclaim Any Warlike Intentions

TOKIO, Dec. 16—A conference between Premier Marquis Katsura and Ex-Premier Marquis Sayonji held recently, was ostensibly for the purpose of making assurance more assured that the death of Prince Ito would cause no change in the policy of Japan either at home or abroad. Marquis Sayonji is at present the leader of the party in power in the Diet with a majority over all others and therefore the report of probable policies in the coming Diet.

A semi-official report of this conference appearing in what may be regarded as the organ of the Premier, the Kokoumin Shimbun states that a full agreemnt betwen the two statesmen was reached and that the policy outlined by Marquis Katsura during his tem of office for the last two years, namely peaceful development of Japanese resources and increasing friendship with foreign countries, was adopted as the slogan of the Seiyukaim for the coming Diet.

Popular misconception has since the death of Prince Ito made Marquis Katsura a militarist anxious to plunge Japan into war. Nothing could be further from the truth. Marquis Katsura is an earnest advocate of peace and his whole course since he assumed the premiership has been shaped with a view to increasing the friendly relations of Japan with the outside world more especially with China.

## JUDGE ROBBED WHILE HE SAT IN COURT

### Novel Defence in Suit for Commission

### Dr. Walker Fears Hydrophobia—Serious Charge Against Railway Officials— Sir L. Gouin Dined.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 16—While Judge Price was upstairs presiding at the county court yesterday, a thief broke into his quarters and stole a valuable cameo scarf pin.

TORONTO, Dec. 16—David Smith, sued by Mark Maynard for $350 as commission on a real estate deal, set up the defence that Maynard had shown him property on Sunday and on no other day and that this under the Lord's Day Act, was an illegal act. Judge Denton refused to allow the contention and gave judgment for the plaintiff, ordering Smith to pay the amount claimed by Maynard with all costs.

GLENCOE, Ont., Dec. 16—Dr. J. Walker, of this town, has gone to the Pasteur Institute, New York, for treatment as a result of having been bitten last Saturday by his own dog, which was afterwards found dead. The head of the animal has been sent to Ottawa for analysis, but Dr. Walker has gone to New York meantime as a precautionary measure.

TORONTO, Dec. 16—Leo Farnum, a former gateman at the Union Station, appeared in the police court yesterday on the charge of seducing a fifteen year old girl from the Barnardo Home at Peterboro. The girl said she had missed the night train for Peterboro and Farnum persuaded her to spend the night at the station. Two "red caps" went into the box and made charges against the girl's character, which Magistrate Denison flatly declared he did not believe. The case was adjourned for evidence as to the girl's age and in the meantime the Union Station authorities will be asked to investigate the conduct of some of its employes there.

TORONTO, Dec. 16—Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, who is here in conference with Sir James P. Whitney, Premier of Ontario and his cabinet, regarding matters of inter-provincial interest, was the guest of honor yesterday at a luncheon given by Sir James in the speaker's chambers. The list of guests included many members of the legislature, senators, members of the judiciary and leading men of the city. The function was one of the most brilliant ever held in the parliament buildings. Last night before the Canadian Club Sir Lomer gave an address on "The Habitant" in which he paid a strong tribute to patriotism of French Canadian population of Quebec.

## PUTS A DAMPER ON HOCKEY IN MONCTON

### Followers of the Game Discouraged by Gregory's Decision to Jump to Renfrew—Reformatory Needed.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 16.—Chester Gregory returned this morning from Montreal, where he signed a contract to play hockey this winter in Renfrew, Ont., for twelve hundred dollars. Arriving in Montreal on Sunday evening he went to the Windsor Hotel, where he met J. M. O'Brien of Renfrew, the financial backer of the team, who made him an offer. He was then offered one thousand dollars to play with the All-Montreal team, but O'Brien came up with two hundred more and the offer was accepted. This puts a damper on hockey for Moncton this winter, for without the star centre man it would be practically useless to attempt any championship games.

As the result of several juvenile thefts in Moncton the need of a reformatory here will be agitated. Within the past two days no less than seven boys of tender ages have been arrested, two of whom were sent up for trial yesterday on their own confession. Another case comes up tomorrow.

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 15 — George McLaughlin, aged 34, of Moscow, who was acidentally shot in the back a week ago today, while out hunting with William Brack, also of Moscow, died tonight at the Central Maine Hospital. He was unmarried.

## SACKVILLE COUPLE MARRIED IN CONN.

### St. John Man in Trouble Over Cigarette Sale

### I.O.F. Officers Elected—Rev. L. F. Wallace Declines Call—Lecture on Evolution —Mt. A. Man Heads Union.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 16.—Members of former Sackville families were contracting parties in a home wedding in Middletown, Connecticut, on Wednesday, last week, when Miss Elizabeth Alice Briggs, daughter of Hon. D. Luther Briggs and Mrs. Briggs of Middletown, became the wife of Henry Eugene Wry, son of the late George Wry of Boston. The bride was given awey by her father. She was attended by Anna Wry (niece of the groom) as ring bearer. After a short honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Wry will take up their residence in Boston. The groom's father, like Senator Briggs, was a Sackville man.

Before Magistrate Jordan recently cases were heard against two men, one a former St. John tobacconist, charged with selling cigarettes to a minor. In each case the defendant was found guilty and a fine imposed.

In the case of the former St. John man a fine of ten dollars was struck, but was allowed to stand. In the other case the defendant was charged not only with selling cigarettes, but the offense was made greater because of the fact that the sale took place on Sunday. The penalty in this case was a fine of ten dollars and costs.

At the regular meeting of Court Tantramar, No. 893, Independent Order of Foresters, this week, officers were elected for the ensuing years as follows: C. R., William Hicks, V. C. R.; George Milton, R. S.; J. W. Dixon, F. S.; Woodford Turder, treasurer; Robert Duncan, orator; J. A. Gillis, S. W.; Mrs. W. K. Best, J. W.; Mrs. J. W. Dixon; S. B., J. W. Clare; J. B. Snowden, C. S. H. C. R., J. W. Doull; court physicians, Dr. E. M. Copp and Dr. H. T. Knapp. Trustees, W. B. Thompson and H. C. Black. Finance committee is to be made up of J. A. Gillis, W. B. Thompson and Thomas Murray.

Rev. F. L. Wallace has declined the call to become pastor of Main street Baptist church. His decision was made known to the officials of the church on Monday evening. It is understood that the name of another clergyman is being considered by the officials. While no call has yet been extended it will not be surprising if a Nova Scotia minister is shortly invited to the pastorate.

In Beethoven Hall tomorrow evening a lecture on Present Day Evolution will be given by Dr. Reginald R. Gates of St. Louis. Dr. Gates is a native of Middleton, N. S., who is an arts graduate of Mount Allison University class of 1903, and has done remarkably well in the United States since leaving the university here. He is now the director of the experimental department of the Missouri Botanical Gardens at St. Louis and in his research wark has already won considerable note in scientific circles.

Vaughan B. Black, B. A., Mount Allison, 1908, of Amherst, has been elected honorary president of the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Union for this year. MBr. Black is now on the last year of his course in medicine at McGill University.

# HAS NO HOPE OF FINDING HIS SON

## PULPIT IS LOSING GRIP

### Presbyterian Minister's Strong Criticism

PAY TOO SMALL

### Lack of Enthusiasm in Ministry Results in Dearth of Students

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14—That the ministers of the Christian church are underpaid and that their lack of professional enthusiasm is responsible for the dearth of students to meet the demand of the pulpits were statements made yesterday by the Rev. Dr. J. E. Tuttle, of York, Pa., when he spoke on "the Pulpit in Modern Life" before the Presbyterian Social Union, at a luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford.

"The pulpit today," he said, "is discounted by the church, the ministry and the Christian youth. It has lost much of its direct influence. The preachers who hold the ear of the public today are the college presidents, the editors of great newspapers and magazines, speakers from the rear end of railroad trains and politicians. Congregations are not increasing, and it has been said that the Christian church is losing its hold in the large centers of population.

'SALARIES A DISGRACE TO CHURCH.'

"While the cost of living has advanced 50 per cent. in the last few years, and wages and salaries of other workmen have been advanced about that amount, the wages of ministers remain the same as they were twenty-five years ago. The salaries paid ministers today are a disgrace to the church of Christ.

"If a body of business men were going to establish a branch, they would tell their branch manager that they would provide him with the sinews of war, and would not expect him to be an office boy, or a bank messenger, or a bookkeeper, but would furnish him with these assistants, leaving the development of the business to him.

"But this same body of business men in a church would not do the same thing for their pastor. They would expect him to take care of the detail. The average minister is just as much an errant boy as he is a minister.

"Ministers themselves are lacking in professional enthusiasm. I do not mean by that that they are lacking in any zeal for their work, but that they do not encourage young men to enter the profession. You would be surprised if you knew how few sermons have been preached in the last few years by ministers inviting young men to enter the ministry.

THE MODERN TENDENCY.

"Is the ministry passing? Does it mean that some other institution will take the place of the pulpit? Shall we ask with the English essayist, 'In these latter days, what room is there for the preacher?'

"The modern tendency is to make the pastor the chaplain of a class, than which there is nothing more destructive to the church of God in this era. It is the business of the minister to associate and teach the men whose personal ethics are always at concert pitch, but whose corporation ethics are away below the standard of the Sermon on the Mount.

"There are two evils which are sapping the influence of the pulpit. Salaries are too low, and the weight of detail is too heavy for the ministers to bear. These are the two problems which the church must face. The church must show the youth that there is greater opportunity in the pulpit than is to be found in any other walk of life."

## J. HUNTER BOYD HEARD AT FREDERICTON

### Forty-five Mile Stretch of Track Completed—Judgment Reserved in Royal Bank vs. Tucker.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 16.—T. Hunter Boyd of Charlotte county gave an interesting address last evening at the City Hall on the white plague before a good sized audience.

Good progress is being made in the construction of the Transcontinental in this province. The track between Cain's River and Napadoggan Lake, a distance of about 45 miles, has been laid and ballasted and completed. The work is being rushed rapidly along.

Before Judge Barry this morning argument was heard in the case of the Royal Bank of Canada vs. Tucker, a case tried at the last Northumberland circuit. The court reserved judgment. H. A. Powell, K. C., appeared for the bank and R. A. Lawlor and T. W. Butler for Tucker.

### H. C. Read in City Talks of Herbert's Disappearance

### He Has Followed Every Clue That Presented Itself

### Many False Reports Continue to Reach Him--Detectives at Work

H. C. Read, of Sackville, father of Herbert Read, whose mysterious disappearance in Montreal a few weeks ago caused a great sensation in Eastern Canada, is at the Royal Hotel. Speaking to a Sun reporter last evening, Mr. Read said that search for his missing son was being continued by the Thiel Detective Agency, and practically the whole world had been covered by the search. So many false clues have been followed up without any trace of the missing man being found, that Mr. Read is beginning to doubt if any tidings will be heard.

Mr. Read is personally of the opinion that his son never left Montreal, and that the police of that city have searched in the wrong places for trace of him. He scouts the idea that it is impossible for anyone to disappear in Montreal and cites instances of disappearances in every way as mysterious as that of his son.

Mr. Read is frequently in receipt of letters from persons who claim they have located his son. One of these, received recently, was from a resident of Cornhill, Kings County, who stated that he had seen a man in Sheridan Me., whom he had recognized as Herbert Read from similiarity to the photographs of the latter published in the press. This clue was run down and found to be as worthless as the others. The Montreal Witness a short time ago published a similar story which was also disproved.

## McTAVISH-SHERWOOD WEDDING AT SACKVILLE

### Event Yesterday in Which People of the College Town Were Interested

HILLSBORO, Dec. 15.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherwood was the scene of a happy event to-day at 10.30, the occasion being the marriage of their eldest daughter, Mabel E., to Donald N. McTavish of Calgary, Alberta. The spacious parlors were tastefully decorated for the occasion with white chrysanthemums, pink carnations, and potted plants. The bridal couple, standing under a beautiful floral bell during the ceremony. Rev. Z. L. Fash tied the nuptial knot. The bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, artistically rendered by Miss Lavenia Lewis. She was handsomely gowned in white satin with lace overdress, wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms, and carried a pretty bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Gertrude Sherwood of Sussex, who was becomingly gowned in old-rose eolienne. Little Misses Grace and Lillian Sherwood, sisters of the bride, very gracefully performed the duties of flower maids. They were prettily gowned in white with blue trimmings. The groom was ably supported by his twin brother, P. D. McTavish of Calgary. After the ceremony and congratulations, a wedding luncheon was served, after which the bridal party left by special train for Salisbury. The bride's going-away gown was raisin colored cloth suit, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. McTavish's wedding trip will include Bermuda and other places. They will reside in Calgary. Many elegant and costly gifts testified to the esteem in which the bride is held. The groom's gift was a diamond necklace, the groomsman a diamond crescent, her parents an elegant cabinet of sterling silver. The bridesmaid and pianist each received pretty pearl pins from the groom.