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BIG AMERICAN RAILWAY FAILS

Seaboard Air-Line Bankrupt Has Capital of \$72,000,000, and \$58,000,000 Liabilities—Judge Makes All-Night Ride to Appoint Receivers—One of Ryan's Roads.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 2.—The Seaboard Air-Line system was put into the hands of receivers here today through the action of Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, who was hurriedly summoned from Asheville (N. C.) to take cognizance of the application for a receivership. Judge Pritchard appointed as receivers E. Lancaster Williams, of Richmond, and S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore. Both men are identified with banking houses in Baltimore. Mr. Williams being of the firm of Middendorf, Williams & Company, and Mr. Warfield is president of the Continental Trust Company. Mr. Williams also is a partner of the firm of John L. Williams & Sons, of this city. The bonds of each was fixed at \$50,000. The name of the case is filed in the Seaboard Air-Line Railroad, complainant against the Continental Trust Company, trustee under the first mortgage made by Seaboard Air-Line Railroad defendant. Judge Pritchard's decree gives the receivers immediate possession of the property which embraces the main stem from Portsmouth (Va.) to Tampa (Fla.), with numerous branches to coast points on the east and Atlantic Montgomery and Birmingham on the west, a total of 2,382 miles. The preliminaries to the appointment of receivers for the Seaboard form a dramatic incident quite rare in railroad history. Decision to put the road into the hands of receivers was reached at a conference in Washington on Tuesday night between members of the voting trust and creditors of the road, the Ryan and Williams interests concurring. A New Year's day application for the receivership was filed in Federal Judge Waddill in this city, but he referred the parties to Judge Pritchard, of the circuit (N. C.). Responding to an urgent request by wire, the judge started at once for Richmond and was met at Danville (Va.) last night by a dozen Seaboard attorneys, who had gone there from Richmond by special train for a conference. This lasted two hours and at the close of the midnight conference for the passage of the bill authorizing the receivership, Judge Pritchard on board returned to Richmond. After their sleepless night and strenuous efforts made to relax, however, they were only allowed themselves a hasty breakfast before Judge Pritchard to have put into effect the arrangement reached at the midnight conference for the passage of the crippled road with its \$72,000,000 capital and \$58,000,000 liabilities, out of the control of the voting trust and the hands of two men. The necessity for prompt action rose from the maturing of heavy liabilities Jan. 1.

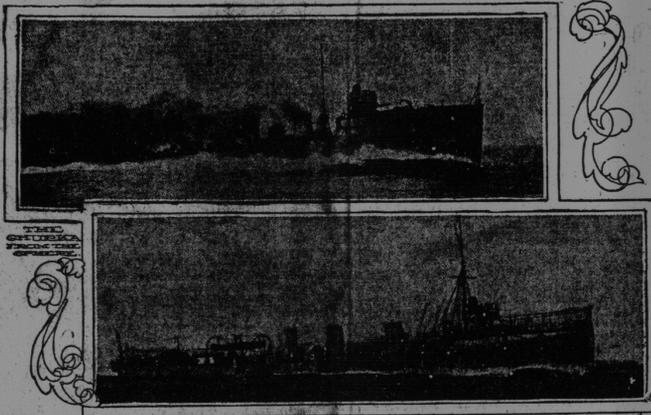
FRENCH TREATY MAKES TROUBLE FOR CANADA

British Government Asked to Decide Whether Switzerland is Entitled to Same Treatment. (Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 2.—A special London cable says: Some surprise is expressed at the Ottawa announcement that the Canadian ministry have referred to the British government the question whether Switzerland is entitled, under the most favored nation treaty, to the Franco-Canadian treaty concessions. Reference to Canadian sectional papers No. 119 shows that the Laurier government itself in 1897 admitted Switzerland to reciprocal tariff benefits, although then, as in 1907, no concessions were asked from Switzerland. The new concessions are especially important to Switzerland because of her keen competition with France in silk goods.

ST. LAWRENCE CLEAR OF ICE FROM QUEBEC TO MONTREAL

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 2.—Not for many years has the St. Lawrence channel been open as late as this winter. F. W. Cowan, government engineer of the ship channel, stated today that the whole river from Montreal to Quebec was still practically clear of ice, and just as easily navigable as in July, with the exception of the shallows of Lake St. Peter, which are frozen over. Last winter the river was frozen solid by December 15th and ice roads were made between Montreal and Longueuil, while as a general rule the river is frozen by Dec. 15th. By present indications it will not be solid by January 15, and the outlook for an ice road to the south shore is not bright.

NEW BRITISH FLEET DESTROYERS SHOW REMARKABLE ADVANCE



New York, Jan. 1.—The illustrations printed above represent two of the British destroyers, referred to by the Herald's naval correspondent in London in his despatch of today on the launch of the Swift and the progress made by the British admiralty in the construction of vessels of this class. The Gorda, which can steam thirty-three knots, was built by Hawthorne, Leslie & Co., and develops between 14,000 and 15,000 horse-power in the aggregate with turbine engines arranged in three shafts, and has three 12-pounder quick firing guns and two deck torpedo tubes. The Mohawk, during her speed trials Nov. 15, attained an average speed of 34.5 knots in a run of six hours. This was done in a fresh breeze, and the vessel carried her armament, crew, equipment and stores. She was built by Messrs. White, Carter & Carter, Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and developed between 14,000 and 15,000 horse-power in the aggregate with turbine engines arranged in three shafts, and has three 12-pounder quick firing guns and two deck torpedo tubes. The Mohawk, during her speed trials Nov. 15, attained an average speed of 34.5 knots in a run of six hours. This was done in a fresh breeze, and the vessel carried her armament, crew, equipment and stores. She was built by Messrs. White, Carter & Carter, Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and developed between 14,000 and 15,000 horse-power in the aggregate with turbine engines arranged in three shafts, and has three 12-pounder quick firing guns and two deck torpedo tubes.

EDMONTON CANADIAN CLUB EAGER TO SAVE QUEBEC BATTLEFIELDS

Earl Grey Wired a Guarantee of \$500 from Governor Bulyea

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Lord Grey has received the following telegram from Lt. Governor Bulyea, of Alberta: "Edmonton Canadian Club send New Year's greetings. Approves of the nationalization of Quebec battlefields and guarantees a grant of \$500. Referring to the dominion election law proposed amendments the Evening Journal says: 'What the people need is a thorough overhauling of the election laws, a drastic amendment, if necessary, something that will make list stuffing, ballot switching, bribery, ballot box stuffing and the like dangerous for the election criminals; a law, too, that will submit the briber and the bribed to penalties that will make them think. The opposition leader has offered co-operation in the framing of an effective measure and since the matter is of the sort to be discussed quite apart from all party differences there is no reason why parliament should not be able to frame a measure that will work to the end of seating in the commons only those men who may be called to the public service and emolument by the greater number of clean voters.'"

TWO DEAD AND OTHERS INJURED BY EXPLOSION IN FIREWORKS FACTORY

One Young Woman Blown Through a Window But Was Only Slightly Injured

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 2.—In an explosion that wrecked a building of the Rochester Fireworks Company today, Sadie Ernst was instantly killed and Mrs. Lillian O'Connor was so badly injured that she died at a hospital shortly afterward. May Calligan was seriously burned, but is expected to recover. Six young women were working in the wrecked building, a much smaller number than are often employed. One of those that escaped was blown through a window, but was little injured. The explosion occurred in the finishing room and the force of it blew out the roof and caused the roof to fall in. The cause of the explosion is not known.

ST. JOHN TOURIST HOTEL COMPANY

Nova Scotia Men and Charles S. Everett Seek Charter

Capital to Be \$45,000 and Headquarters Here—Undertaker Falls—School Inspectors at Semi-annual Meeting—Other News of Fredericton. (Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 2.—Letters patent have been issued incorporating Murray B. Hoyt, John T. Fleming, Murray Kennedy, John M. Hay and others of the parish of Richmond, Carleton county, as the York & Carleton Telephone Company, Limited, with capital of \$5,000. Rev. F. E. Gibson, of Fredericton, has been registered to solemnize marriages. Frederick W. Clark and A. K. McLean, M. P., of Brigidwater; Addison J. Bower, of Yarmouth; E. A. Titus, of St. Martins, and Chas. S. Everett, of St. John, are seeking incorporation as the Tourist Hotel Company, Limited. The capital to be \$45,000, and St. John the chief place of business. The school inspectors of the province held their annual conference at the education office this afternoon, with Chief Superintendent Inch. Matters in connection with school work in general of the province were talked of. Inspector Carter, of St. John, was unable to attend, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Carter, and his brother inspectors forwarded him a telegram of sympathy. The will of the late Hedley F. Grosvenor, of Meductic, has been admitted to probate and letters of administration granted to Mrs. Edna Grosvenor, and his widow, Mrs. Eva French. The estate is sworn at \$10,000, of which \$2,000 Miss French is bequeathed \$2,000 in cash, \$400 goes to the mother of the deceased and the residue to the widow, D. McLeod Vince, of Woodstock, is executor. Patrick Lucey, a well known farmer of Hanwell, and a brother of Daniel Lucey, member of this city, died last night after a lingering illness. He was seventy-four and leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Hoyt, of St. Martins, and Mrs. John McDermott, of Newmarket. The deceased was a justice of the peace, and held the office of postmaster for many years. Stephen J. Northrup, who carried on a shoemaking business at St. Marys for many years, died last night aged sixty. C. H. Fowler has donated a handsome trophy for competition in the local hockey league this season. E. H. Allan, claims agent of the I. C. R., arrived here this evening. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Douglas of Stanley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennie Davids, to W. A. McVay, of St. Stephen, the marriage to take place at an early date. Hon. W. P. Jones of Woodstock is here today as proctor of the will of the late Theophilus Edwards of Meductic, which was probated today. The estate was sworn at \$10,000.

WILL GENERATE ENERGY IN BODY AND PROLONG LIFE

Chicago Physician Announces He Has Discovered a Method to Harness Human Electricity.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Dr. J. C. Siebel, a physician of this city, announced today before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, that he has discovered a method of generating energy within the human body. He asserted that electricity stored in the human body can be released and made to do work. This, he said, is the prolongation of life through the additional vitality supplied to the human body working as its own electrical generator. Dr. Siebel announced that nutritive elements such as alcohol, sugar and fat during their consumption by the human body act as generators of electricity in the miniature batteries that comprise the muscular structure of the human frame. He declared that he has succeeded in the construction of batteries on a working scale, in which the nutritive element necessary to form the connection between the batteries and the system has been created.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 2.—An explosion of gasoline at the James' Dye Works, Richmond street, here today, made a practical wreck of a two story building. Ten gallons of gasoline, in a can was stored in the northeast corner of the engine room. The can, containing an area of about ten by forty feet, was blown out. The west side was partly torn away and the wall so bulged out that it will have to be torn down and rebuilt. Mr. James estimates the loss at about \$1,200, which is covered by insurance.

\$2,000 BENEFIT FOR "HOD" STUART'S WIDOW

Montreal, Jan. 2.—(Special)—Two thousand dollars realized tonight at a benefit game for the widow of "Hod" Stuart, the famous hockey player, who was killed on Dominion day at Belleville. The game was between the Wanderers and a picked team, which was beaten, 7 to 10. Nearly 4,000 attended the contest, which was played at the Arena.

Peterboro Curling Club Burned.

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 2.—(Special)—The Peterboro curling rink was destroyed by fire early this morning with loss of about \$7,000. In addition to the loss of the building the members of the club lost their curling stones and other equipment. There was \$4,500 insurance.

A Fatal Collision.

Tilsonburg, Ont., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Two light engines of the Wabash Railway were struck by a Grand Trunk freight here this morning as they were about to run into a siding and as a result Engineer Walker, of the G. T. R., was killed outright and brakeman Cree badly hurt.

COUNT BONI IN GUTTER FIGHT

JERSEY MURDER STARTS CRANKS

Police Deluged With Letters Telling of Alleged Identifications 1,000 WOMEN MISSING

Communications from Many People Tell of Friends That Answer Victim's Description—One Writer Declares He Stunned and Stripped the Unknown But Forgot to Sign His Name.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 2.—Interest in the mystery surrounding the murder of the woman whose body was found in the marshes of the Passaic River in Harrison, one week ago today, has now reached the crank stage and the police are deluged with letters containing alleged identifications of the dead woman, impossible suggestion as to her slayer, weird theories of the motive for her death and any amount of more or less rational advice as to what should be done next by the authorities. One well-wisher recalls a story by Edgar Allan Poe, the plot of which, to his mind, is so strikingly similar to the known facts in the present case, that a study of the novelist's tale can hardly fail to lead to solution of the actual murder. More than 1,000 persons have written of missing women friends who answer to the description of the occupant of the morgue. The writer describes himself as a Norwegian. He says he met the woman in Brooklyn four years ago and became intimate with her. She deserted him but he met her several times after he had removed from Brooklyn to Philadelphia. On Christmas day, he writes, he met her in Newark. They rode to Harrison on the trolley and got off at First street. As they walked across the meadow, the woman asked him to marry her, saying she had letters which would force him to do it. The letter writer says he attacked the woman to gain possession of the letters, tearing off her clothes, piece by piece, in search of them. She fought him all the time. Finally, when he had failed to find the letters, he struck her in the back of the head and she fell insensible. He says he did not throw the body into the pond, and that she must have walked to it and fallen in after he struck her the stunning blow. It is a strange freak of mentality the police are robbed of further light on the situation from the source for the writer's memory, which reproduces every known detail of the killing, failed him at the moment he forgot to sign his name. An astonishing number of callers on the police commissioner having heard cries of "murder" floating across the flats on the night of the crime and so many persons have reported that they were near the scene at the time that the police are at a loss to know how the deed could have been committed and the assassin get safely away. As a matter of fact though seven days have elapsed there is no positive clue to the victim's identity nor anything tangible concerning the murderer. Today divers sought along the banks of the pond for the missing portion of the woman's clothing on which a laundry mark name might be found, but nothing was recovered.

Attacks Cousin at Church Door

Anna Gould's Divorced Husband and Brother Attack Prince Helie and Badly Pummel Him—Victim Reported Several Times Engaged to the American Countess.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Count Boni de Castellane, from whom his wife, who was Anna Gould, of New York, recently secured a divorce, and Prince Helie de Sagan, who on several occasions was reported to be engaged to Mme. Gould, had a personal encounter today at the Church of St. Pierre de Chailot, while a service to the memory of Lady Stanley Errington, a relative of both men, who recently died in England, was in progress. Beginning inside the church, where Count Boni claimed the prince insulted both him and the sacred edifice, it was resumed at the doorway, where Count Boni, followed by his brother, Count Jean de Castellane, overtook the prince. Count Boni spat in his cousin's face. Then came the clash of canes, followed by a rough and tumble fight on the pavement, which ended in the gutter where the men finally were separated by a big butcher. Count Boni at the moment of intervention was holding down the well-known insensible prince, while Jean, according to eyewitnesses, was administering to him a severe kicking. When the police arrived, the butcher was holding the two principals in the fight, who were covered with mud. The prince was bleeding profusely from a wound in the right temple where he had been struck by Count Boni's heavy stick. With the butcher's hand on his head, the prince was being "positively identified" by eyewitnesses, as that of no less than six different persons. One contributor to the police records, whose letter was received today, went so far as to admit that he was the man who escorted the woman to the marshes and then stunned her with blows on the head. He is quite sure that he did not kill her, but thinks that upon regaining her senses, she must have drowned herself. The writer describes himself as a Norwegian. He says he met the woman in Brooklyn four years ago and became intimate with her. She deserted him but he met her several times after he had removed from Brooklyn to Philadelphia. On Christmas day, he writes, he met her in Newark. They rode to Harrison on the trolley and got off at First street. As they walked across the meadow, the woman asked him to marry her, saying she had letters which would force him to do it. The letter writer says he attacked the woman to gain possession of the letters, tearing off her clothes, piece by piece, in search of them. She fought him all the time. Finally, when he had failed to find the letters, he struck her in the back of the head and she fell insensible. He says he did not throw the body into the pond, and that she must have walked to it and fallen in after he struck her the stunning blow. It is a strange freak of mentality the police are robbed of further light on the situation from the source for the writer's memory, which reproduces every known detail of the killing, failed him at the moment he forgot to sign his name. An astonishing number of callers on the police commissioner having heard cries of "murder" floating across the flats on the night of the crime and so many persons have reported that they were near the scene at the time that the police are at a loss to know how the deed could have been committed and the assassin get safely away. As a matter of fact though seven days have elapsed there is no positive clue to the victim's identity nor anything tangible concerning the murderer. Today divers sought along the banks of the pond for the missing portion of the woman's clothing on which a laundry mark name might be found, but nothing was recovered.

IMPORTANT MANITOBA CASE BEFORE THE PRIVY COUNCIL

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 2.—A special London cable says: The privy council here granted leave of appeal in the Manitoba case and the Crown Grain Company case, which raises what Lord Halebury calls a new highly important Canadian constitutional question, namely, how far the provincial legislature is entitled to enact, in the Manitoba legislation enacted in its mechanics' lien act, in the event of litigation, that he had been promoted to a diplomatic position at Tunis, Africa. Mr. Dallemagne will visit Paris and leave the French capital next month for his new office. He will be succeeded by Joseph De Leynes, who has been for some years connected with the French foreign office.

MONCTON PRINTING CONCERN IN TROUBLE

Seizure of McCoy Company Plant Leads to Many Complications—Liabilities \$8,000; Assets Under \$2,000.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Moncton, N. B., Jan. 2.—The McCoy Printing Co. is in difficulties. The liabilities are estimated at more than \$8,000 and the assets at much less than \$2,000. The United States and Canada. A landlord's sale under a distress warrant was called for this afternoon and Constable M. S. Keith was opening the sale when Sheriff McQueen forbade the procedure, he also having seized the property under the absconding debtor's act. D. I. Welch represented several creditors, including one British firm for \$2,700. G. L. Harris represented E. R. Stiles, who claims certain presses and plant under a lien held by the printing supplies agent. Constable Keith, under the circumstances, indefinitely postponed the sale as nobody cared to bid after the sheriff's protest. In the meantime Mr. Stiles is carrying on the business with the plant held under the lien.

DOUKS, MARCHED A LA ADAM AND EVE WITH WEATHER 10 BELOW

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fort William, Ont., Jan. 2.—Walking north through the streets, twelve Douks hobnobbed an exhibition of themselves yesterday morning. The temperature was ten below zero. Eight thousand of the centre of the town went seven men and five women, with absolutely no wearing apparel to protect them from the cold. They chanted a mournful dirge as they went. Citizens were shocked and after the march had proceeded half a mile the police appeared and drove the pilgrims into a pool room. Here they continued to march around the tables. The police soon got cabs and hustled the pilgrims back to a house where ninety Douks are staying for winter.

THIRTY-NINE MORE BULGARIANS DEPORTED FROM TORONTO

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 2.—Four dominion immigration officers and three provincial government men made a descent upon the Bulgarian quarters in Eastern avenue yesterday and rounded up thirty-nine foreigners. They were "wanted" for the purpose of being given a free trip back to their native land. The party were sent east this morning.