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## SIR A. PEARSON IS DROWNED IN BATH

Slipped, Striking His Head on Faucet.

Founder of Pearson's Weekly and London Express—Blind Himself, He Helped Many So Afflicted.

(Canadian Press Cable)  
London, Dec. 9.—Sir Arthur Pearson is dead as a result of an accident at his home here. While in his bath he slipped, striking his head against a faucet. Stunned, he fell into the water and was drowned before aid could reach him.  
Cyril Arthur Pearson was born Feb. 24, 1868, the son of the late Sir Arthur Pearson, of Springfield, Chelmsford, and was made a baronet in 1916. He was one of the outstanding publicists in England until his eyesight completely failed in 1914.  
He founded Pearson's Weekly and other well known publications among which probably the best known is the Daily Express of London. Another of his properties which he acquired by purchase was the London Standard, which he consolidated with the St. James Gazette. He disposed of this property following his affliction.  
At the time of his death Sir Arthur was president of the National Institute for the Blind, and during the Empire war he organized measures for the benefit of blinded soldiers and sailors. Early in 1919 he visited America in connection with this work. He was also the founder of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers in London.

## CUNARDS TO BUILD SIX AND EXTEND THEIR SERVICE

London, Dec. 9.—The Cunard company announces that it will build six new self-burning steamers of an aggregate tonnage of 100,000 and extend the service which lapses during the war. There also will be a resumption of direct services for all types of travelers between England and Canada.  
The announcement says that by spring there will be weekly services between Liverpool, New York and Southampton and New York.

## REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following property transfers have been recorded recently in St. John County:  
R. C. Garton and others to Seaman's Mission Society, property in Prince William street.  
H. J. Morris to Bertha Morris, property in Millway road.  
J. H. Magee and others to J. W. Parker, property in Fairmount.  
J. E. Quinn to R. Ingraham, property in Simonds.  
J. A. Sinclair to Margaret McKellar, property in St. James street, West End, Kings County.  
J. F. Allaby to N. F. Allaby, property in Upham.  
B. W. Dyars to Samuel Lynch, property in Sussex.  
D. M. Hann to Frank Dickson, property in Westfield.  
John McBay per executors to Daniel McBay and others, property in Greenwick.  
J. V. McMaclean to D. L. McMaclean, property in Sussex.  
J. W. McAfee to Wesley McAfee, property in Hampton.  
A. J. O'Connor to Crandall Forsyth, property in Waterville.  
James Patterson to Walter Craig, property in St. John's.  
H. N. Palko to Malcolm Carr, property in Studholm.

## NO TOBOGGAN RIDING ON SUNDAY

Toronto Park Commissioner Opposed to Any Change in Order.  
Toronto, Dec. 9.—There will be no slides or other forms of organized open recreation on Sunday during this winter. The decision rests with Parks Commissioner Chambers. An excellent place for young people on Sunday is at church, he said at a meeting of the Engineering Institute, in which he referred to representations which have already been made to allow the use of toboggan slides on Sunday.  
The slides have been closed on Sunday every season for the last eight years. Some representations, not very open or strong, have been put forward that this be changed. The commissioner said his personal opinion was opposed to operation on Sunday. He urged the necessity of combating tendencies which were frivolous and dangerous.

## TWO HUNTERS THROUGH ICE ARE DROWNED

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 9.—Three young men, Kenneth Hughes, Peterson and Lavigne, skating on Beaver Lake, near Tatamagouche, yesterday, ventured out too far and broke through. Hughes and Peterson were drowned. Leveque managed to save himself and summoned aid. All three belonged to Beaver Lake.

## Is Not Likely To Effect Plans For Parliament Session

DeValera's Reputation of Irish Agreement at Variance With Irish Press Opinion and General Acceptance of the Terms of Settlement.

(Canadian Press Cable)  
London, Dec. 9.—The reputation by Eamon De Valera of the agreement reached between the British and Irish plenipotentiaries for the establishment of the Irish Free State and the result of the split in the Dail Eireann completely overshadowed all other developments of the situation.  
The receipt of this news immediately raised two important questions—What will be the outcome of the division among the Irish leaders as to the agreement? What effect will the situation in South Ireland have upon the British government's attitude and the opening of the imperial parliament for consideration of the agreement?  
The best opinion is that the split among the Dail leaders will not affect the plans for the opening of parliament. The agreement was made between the British government and plenipotentiaries representing the Dail Eireann, and it will be placed before the House of Commons and the House of Lords as such agreement in the king's name.  
Then, after Lloyd George in the lower house and Lord Birkenhead in the upper house, have explained and supported the agreement, a brief statement will be taken to await the vote of the Dail Eireann, which will meet on the same day, next Wednesday.  
The ratification of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain will be moved at the Dail Eireann meeting on Wednesday by Arthur Griffiths as chairman of the plenipotentiaries, so it was announced today by Mr. De Valera, in a statement issued by the Dail publicity department. It would not be moved as a cabinet decision, added the statement, because the view of the plenipotentiaries differed from those of certain members of the cabinet.  
London, Dec. 9.—The final result of the deliberations in Dublin yesterday which developed a split in the Dail Eireann cabinet, was a decision to postpone the ratification of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain until the next meeting of the Dail Eireann on Wednesday morning. He also declared that his attitude was supported by two members of the cabinet, Austin Stack and Charles Burgess.  
The other cabinet members are said to have remained firm in favor of the treaty. This split, with the odd favoring ratification, is pointed to here as significant of the possible line up in the Dail Eireann itself when the time for action arrives.  
While Mr. De Valera's statement was issued too late last night for the newspaper correspondents in Dublin to gauge public opinion on it, it is likely, in view of the opinion outlined in previous despatches, to cause disappointment among the majority of people in the south of Ireland, although naturally it will be endorsed by the staunch Republicans of De Valera's following.  
Correspondents who had asserted that the Dail Eireann would ratify the agreement, after their belief in despatches filed during the cabinet sessions. They declared that popular opinion in the south of Ireland had acclaimed the agreement with joy and would insist on ratification.  
Apart from the general satisfaction in the agreement, which correspondents declared is general in the south, the release of a large number of Republicans interned for political offenses produced a strong feeling of good will toward Britain.  
Arthur Griffiths promises that the southern Unionists should have a full share of representation in the first chamber of the all-Ireland parliament set up under the peace agreement has also met with approbation, the correspondents say.  
The Daily Mirror, in an editorial written before receipt of the De Valera message, refers to rumors of hostilities and expresses doubt as to whether he is able, in any event, to disturb the settlement. "It is no secret," says the newspaper, "while his telegram to Pope was an almost fatal blunder which is unforgotten."  
Meanwhile the attitude of Ulster is awaited with interest, Sir James Craig (Ulster premier, left Belfast for London last night and was expected to confer with Lloyd George at noon. He was accompanied by a large party, including the Marquis of Londonderry. Mail correspondents in Dublin said the following members of the Dail Eireann cabinet voted for acceptance: Arthur Griffiths, Michael Collins, Robert C. Barton and William Cosgrove.  
Cardinal Bourne officiated at a thanksgiving service in Westminster Cathedral last night.  
London, Dec. 9.—A despatch to the London Times from Dublin says it is anticipated that there is a possibility that the votes of the four Unionist members of the southern parliament from Dublin University might conceivably be needed to turn the scale of the voting in the Dail Eireann in favor of the treaty.  
The new Irish Free State will assume the obligations, in this country, of the Irish republic, amounting to about \$6,000,000. M. O'Mara, mayor of Limerick, and "fiscal agent of the Irish republic," said last night. He said the certificates of the republicable sold in this country were regarded as a moral obligation of the Irish people and probably would be converted into bonds bearing interest at five per cent, to correspond to the rates on the certificates.

## As Hiram Sees It

"I see that there Women's Councils is in everybody to help the Children's Aid," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter.  
"The Council," said the reporter, "is always ready to help where the little folks are concerned."  
"Well, sir," said Hiram, "Sol Hicks and his wife out to the Settlement adopted a little girl from that Children's Aid, and you ort to see 'er now. They give 'er their own name an' use 'er just as if she was their own child. She's well dressed an' goes to school an' Hiram says she's as bright as a noo pin. They say that afore she was took into the Home she was the most neglected little kid in St. John. I wonder when folks figgers on the coat of keepin' up a Home if they set down on the other side what those gals an' boys that gits good homes is wuth to the country. That's the way to figger it, Mister—an' that's the way the Women's Council does—yes, sir."

## TO LEGISLATE FOR THE CHILD

Protection Bureau Government Plan in Saskatchewan—Meharg in Opposition Seat.  
Regina, Sask., Dec. 9.—Legislation for the establishment of a bureau for the child protection and the adoption of children will feature the new work to come before the Saskatchewan legislature, which opened yesterday. Another new measure forecast in the speech from the throne will provide for the improvement of the credit of municipalities.  
The bill mentioned in the conditions now facing farmers in many sections of the province following the fall of grain prices and the unseasonable harvest.  
Hon. Geo. A. Scott, M.L.A. for Arm River, was re-elected speaker. Hon. J. S. Meharg, M.L.A., in addressing the minister of agriculture, with the opposition.  
The Union Bus Company, which had its beginning after a dispute between the New Brunswick Power Company and its street railway employees this summer, this morning suspended operations in the city. F. A. Campbell, who was one of the men who were elected to the board of directors for the winter only on account of the falling off in traffic, but would store the cars for the winter and resume traffic in the spring.  
The company was formed during a tie-up of the city street railway. The moving interests in its formation were members of the street railwaymen's union. Mr. Campbell, who was one of the motormen and at the same time the president of the Trades and Labor Council, was elected president and general manager.

## TRYING TO CHECK DISORDERS IN THE PACKERS' STRIKE

Injunction of Court Disregarded—Moonshine Liquor Factor in Chicago Fight.  
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Extra precautions to prevent recurrence of disorders were taken by authorities in several of the large packing centers of the middle west today, following the spread of rioting here by strike sympathizers to other packing centers. The rioting in Chicago was said to be held in Kansas City this morning. Union headquarters announced that 7,000 strikers were expected to be in line.  
The outbreak here, quelled on Wednesday night, broke out afresh last night, after a comparatively quiet day, and police say 150 persons were injured, including one man shot and a score seriously injured.  
An injunction against the meat cutters' union was ordered here by Judge Sullivan on petition of twenty packers, including Swift & Co. and nineteen of the smaller plants. This injunction ordered that picketing cease, but, according to the authorities, it was disregarded by the strikers and strike sympathizers.  
Moonshine liquor was said to be a big factor in the fight here. Twenty prohibition enforcement officers are working in the area about the stock yards, hunting for moonshine stills.

## FOR BETTERMENT OF TRADE WITHIN THE DOMINION

Toronto, Dec. 9.—That difference in the laws and trade regulations in the various provinces are so pronounced as to restrict free trade within the dominion was a declaration by Hon. Wallace Melville, K.C., in addressing an Empire Club luncheon, yesterday. He maintained that conferences between the provincial attorney-generals would do much to ameliorate matters if such consultation were arranged to bring about a greater uniformity in commercial laws.

## WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Pressure has fallen over the western provinces and a moderate disturbance is developing off the middle Atlantic coast. Pressure is rising over the greater part of the United States. The weather is fair and milder throughout the west and fair to cloudy with local snow flurries in eastern Canada.  
Mostly Fair and Cold.

## BY-LAW CASES

A report against Dr. F. W. Stephenson, charged with allowing his car to stand in Orange street without head or tail lights, was not pressed when he explained that they had gone out while he was on a case.  
M. L. Selig, charged with passing the intersection of Garden street and City street in his auto without sounding his horn, pleaded not guilty. Policeman Bettie testified. A fine of \$10 was allowed to stand.  
Max Lambert and Isaac Williams, charged with keeping their second-hand stores open after nine o'clock on December 2, pleaded guilty and fines were allowed to stand.

## NOTABLE YEAR FOR RED CROSS

Provincial Division in Annual Session Here. Comprehensive Report by Miss Jarvis on What Has Been Done, and is Hoped for—A Fine Record.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick division of the Canadian Red Cross Society opened this morning in the Red Cross depot, Prince William street. R. T. Hayes, the president, was in the chair. The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Captain Mollineux of the Imperial War Graves Commission.  
The president welcomed the visiting delegates and spoke of the activities of the society through the year, with particular reference to the membership campaign.  
C. B. Allan read a paper on the work accomplished by the central council throughout the year. He said that the cost of enrollment in the membership campaign was about \$100,000. This included the cost of literature. New Brunswick, in proportion to population, had more members than any other province. The executive are making preparations to organize the whole dominion in the early spring or summer.  
Miss Macdonald, an overseas nurse, has been engaged to make a survey of the work of the Junior Red Cross. He commented on the fact that it had been found by a survey that seventy-five per cent of the school children in this country have some ailments. In New Zealand, the infant death rate had been reduced to 40 per thousand. If the same thing could be done in Canada 16,000 children would be saved each year. He also said that the D. S. C. R. had received \$1,000 from the Imperial War Soldiers' Workshops. A committee had been appointed to look into the matter.  
There were twenty-six meetings held at the depot and welcome guests were the St. John's Local Red Cross, the St. John's Ambulance Association, the Grenfell Mission, and the special committee who have the milk fund in hand. The V. A. D.'s have gathered here also and provincial church bodies that have been in session in the city. Here, too, the Red Cross nurses were bidden. Godspeed to their sojourn in their fields of labor and have welcomed when they have returned. During the campaign week the depot as well as for the activities of the province. It was here that the membership roll was compiled and she was sure they would agree it reflected great credit on the compiler, Miss Marian Magee.  
Throughout the year the division had several distinguished visitors. Dr. Abbott, the general secretary S. B. McCready, Junior Red Cross organizer for Ontario; Douglas Brown, who had been the Red Cross secretary in Siberia. At today's meeting they had the pleasure of welcoming Rev. Capt. Mollineux. In April they also were happy to welcome delegates representing many of the branches. They were glad to welcome on the executive representatives of two of the foremost bodies, the Council of Women and the Daughters of the Empire. An invitation was also extended to the Women's Institutes but they, apparently as a provincial body, are not ready for the representation.  
The report referred to assistance given to the provincial department of health and the graduation of five public health nurses. The results of their work would be heard later from the supervisor, Miss H. McKelvie. It had certainly exceeded fondest expectations. The important work done and to hope expressed that all future exhibitions would reserve space for the Red Cross.  
The good word was said for the committees and their working during the year, also for the Bulletin assistance from the

## WILL PUT HEINE GROH AT THIRD

None Better in Baseball, Says McGrath.  
Frish to Second, Kelly on First, Bancroft at Short—Former Champions in Battles Tonight—Late Sport News.  
New York, Dec. 9.—John McGrath, manager of the New York Giants, expressed the belief today that Heine Groh, his \$100,000 infielder would make the team's infield the greatest he has ever managed.  
"I will place Groh on third, for Heine has no superior anywhere as a third sacker. Frisch will be moved to second, where he belongs and would rather play with Kelly on first and Bancroft at short—well, wait and see. Rawlings (one of the heroes in the 1920 series) will be used as a utility infielder and we will have a feeling of security with Johnny ready for duty."  
New York, Dec. 9.—Two former bantam boxing title holders, Pete Herman and Joe Lynch, will engage in bouts here tonight. Herman will meet Paeky O'Grady, in a fifteen round bout, and Lynch will have Maxey Williamson as an opponent in a ten round contest.  
New York, Dec. 9.—Six teams were tied for the leadership in the annual six day bike race in Madison Square Garden at six o'clock, the 104th hour. There was no change in the relative positions of the seven other remaining teams after a night of fast riding. The leaders had covered 1,678 miles and 4 laps. The record for this hour is 2,003 miles and it laps made seven years ago by Popler and Hill.  
Denver, Colo., Dec. 9.—Harry Wills of New Orleans, negro heavyweight, won a decision over Bill Tate of Chicago in their twelve round and last night date took heavy punishment in every round.  
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 9.—The Crescents hockey team, Halifax, has received an offer to play in Boston during the coming season.

## BANDIT AND SIX OTHERS ESCAPE

Tom Slaughter Takes Charge of Prison Farm. Takes With Him Convicts Held Under Death Sentence in Arkansas—Some One Took Revolver to Him.  
Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9.—Tom Slaughter, notorious bandit, under death sentence for killing a trusty guard at the state prison farm at Tucker, escaped from the penitentiary here early today, taking with him six other convicts. Five of the men who fled with Slaughter are negroes. Four of them are under death sentence.  
The six Phillips county negroes under death sentences for participation in the race riots in 1919 refused to escape. Someone smuggled a revolver to Slaughter, and, thus armed, he outwitted the trusty guards assigned to watch him and took complete charge of the penitentiary. Warden L. H. Dempsey and Mrs. Dempsey and their son and two daughters were locked in the death cell by the bandits.  
Slaughter escaped in Mrs. Dempsey's automobile, which was standing in the penitentiary yard.  
Slaughter, who had twenty-five miles through Benton, about twenty-five miles from Little Rock, and exchanged with the city marshal, who was on the lookout.

## OPPOSITION GROWS DAILY

Many Against Bringing Unknown Soldier to Canada for Burial at Ottawa.  
Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Globe says that the opposition to the Meligen government's plan to bring an unknown Canadian soldier from the old western front for burial at Ottawa is growing daily. Not only have the various women's organizations in the city banded together to protest against the plan, but various branches of the G. W. V. A. and the G. A. U. V. as well as the Amputation Association have already forwarded their protests to Ottawa.  
Following a meeting of the board of directors of the G. A. U. V. on Wednesday night, Fred Marshall, division secretary, and W. L. Bayfield, V. C. president made the following statement:  
"The G. A. U. V., consistent with its policy of loyalty to the British Empire, accepted the burial of the unknown soldier at Westminster Abbey, a representative of the whole empire. The unknown soldier buried there was as well Canada's unknown warrior as Britain's. On account of the fact that many have believed in the dominion have approached the unknown at Westminster Abbey, the light that he might have been their own, the G. A. U. V. consider the proposal ridiculous, a waste of time and money, and a travesty on the solemn ceremonial of November 11, 1920 at Westminster Abbey."

## CAPTAIN HAILEY TO BIG SHIP

Will Sail from St. John to Take Command of Empress of Canada.  
Montreal, Dec. 9.—Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R., formerly commander of the C. P. liner Empress of Asia, has been appointed to the command of the new 22,000 ton steamship Empress of Canada, which will be commanded by Capt. Hailey and Mrs. Hailey will be passengers on the Empress of France when she leaves St. John for Liverpool on next Tuesday. It was officially announced yesterday that the final trip of the Empress of Canada will take place on December 22.

## SHOOTS WIFE, CUTS HOLE IN ICE OF RIVER, DROWNS

St. Yve, Que., Dec. 9.—Following recovery of the body of J. B. Toutant of this village, who was charged with having attempted to kill his wife when he shot her on last Saturday, a verdict of suicide was returned yesterday.  
Mrs. Toutant, who is twenty-three years of age, may recover.  
The tragedy was caused through jealousy. Toutant shot his wife and then walked away in the direction of the river, where a hole was later found in the ice, with his coat and hat beside it. He was twenty-six years of age.

## UNIQUE CLAUSE IN THIS WILL

W. I. Ramsey Names Religious Denomination in Matter of Investments by Executors.  
Toronto, Dec. 8.—William Thomas Ramsey, former superintendent of agencies for the Canada Life Assurance Company, who died at Gibraltar in March last, left an estate valued at \$138,070, in the province of Quebec. Probate of his will was applied for here yesterday. The widow is to have the use of the bulk of the estate during her life, and upon her death it will go to the son, Alexander, and three daughters of the testator.  
A feature of the will of W. T. Ramsey is the following clause:  
"My executors are to invest all or part of my estate or the proceeds thereof in such sound securities as they shall in their discretion see fit, but I desire that my executors refrain from investing any part of my estate in any company or corporation of which the president is a Methodist, or a majority of the directors thereof belong to that creed."

## A. PUGSLEY BUYS STEAMER BASSAN

Parsons, N. S., Dec. 9.—The former U. S. shipping boat steamer Bassan, 1,238 ton register, which came here for repairs, has been sold at auction to Alder Pugsley, River Hebert, N. S., for \$5,200. She was sold at sheriff's sale to the former U. S. port for Botwood, Nfld., with coal, she went ashore twice on the southern Newfoundland coast. She was finally towed to St. John's, and after repairs started on another tow to Halifax and then to Parsons. The Bassan had been purchased by St. Pierre parties after going ashore there.

## EXCHANGE TODAY

New York, Dec. 9.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand, Great Brit. 4.09 1/16. Canadian exchange, 94 1/2 cent discount.  
Central council was acknowledged. The central council was also organizing an emergency service to be of use in time of trouble. (Continued on page 10, fourth column.)

## HOME BREW BLEW UP; MANY FLED

Commotion in East Side New York Tenement, But Nobody Hurt.

New York, Dec. 9.—A mixture of home-made whiskey detonated in the making last night on the fifth floor of an East Side tenement. Shouts of "bomb" were heard and thirty or more families fled from their supper tables.  
Walls smeared with prune juice and other things, woodwork plugged with copper fragments and a ceiling full of holes were found by the police. Window panes throughout the tenement were shattered, but no one was hurt.  
The owner of the still was not at home, but police were assigned to wait for him.

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