

SIR ADAM BECK IS SERIOUSLY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

London, Dec. 31.—Sir Adam Beck is seriously ill at a nursing home here. He became ill during his recent voyage, pneumonia following and he is now approaching a crisis. Lady Beck, who is with her husband, said he came over on a surprise Christmas visit.

GATHERING EVIDENCE REGARDING TREATMENT

C. F. Inches, K.C., of St. John, N.B., who is Crown Prosecutor for that place, was in the city on Tuesday gathering evidence in a case which is now before a Royal Commission in Ottawa. Last January, thirteen deaths occurred from flu on board the Scandinavian while that ship was crossing from Liverpool to St. John. The wives of two Brandon en, Police Constable H. Rosenberg, and James Drennan, were returning but had the misfortune to fall victim to the disease, and die in the St. John Hospital. An investigation was commenced later as it is alleged that there was some negligence in the medical attention supplied at the time, and Mr. Inches is now going through Canada gathering evidence from the persons on board the ship at the time.

Over four thousand sheets of evidence has now been taken, it is said, and much more evidence was added to it on Tuesday when Mr. Inches interviewed both Mr. Drennan and Mr. Rosenberg. The Crown Prosecutor left Tuesday night for the West.

ANNOUNCE AN INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

London, Jan. 2.—Increases in railway freight rates, announced here, intended to produce fifty millions yearly and thereby make the railroads self-supporting, create little surprise, for they have long been anticipated. Early in 1917 the Government increased passenger fares fully fifty per cent, a preliminary as a war measure to reduce unnecessary travelling, but which failed to achieve the main purpose, although it did maintain railway revenue. There were many who then asserted that the case for raising the freight rates was equally strong. Failure to do so involved the country in certain economic difficulties.

Critics are heard. Critics assert that the present increase is insufficient. With these criticisms, there are also apprehensions as to the effect the raise will have on the cost of living. Coal will most certainly go up, but as regards many consignments sent in bulk, it is maintained that higher rates will not justify greater retail charges, seeing that they will mean fractional increases only on each article.

One effect has been to quicken activity in the home rail share market, which already shows signs of resuscitation after a long stagnation.

FEW APPLICANTS FALSIFY RETURNS IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SMALL GRANTS

Hamilton, Jan. 2.—That a few applicants had falsified their declaration in order to obtain grants from Canada's \$40,000,000 Emergency Fund for unemployed veterans and that the local committee was considering the advisability of instituting police court proceedings against such men was the inference handed out at the Hamilton office of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. It was said that investigation had disclosed cases where men in receipt of pensions, gratuity, etc., had denied such allowances when completing the necessary forms.

PREDICTED MINUTE HE WOULD DIE — MADE GOOD FORECAST

Hornell, N.Y. Jan. 3.—Henry A. Pratt, retired business man, called his niece to his bedside early Tuesday morning and dictated a notice of his death for the local newspapers, giving 8:45 o'clock as the hour of death. Promptly to the minute he passed away. He was 88 years old. He had previously selected his own coffin and arranged with the undertaker to bury him.

PROHIBITION AS IT IS IN QUEBEC DOES NOT REDUCE ALCOHOLISM

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Prohibition has made no decrease in the number of cases of alcoholism that are admitted to the hospitals here for treatment, according to the information secured by a canvass. Three of the institutions stated that the expected decrease in cases has certainly not been evident in their wards, and the fourth, the Notre Dame hospital, while showing a slight decrease in the number of drink patients, stated that the decrease was more than made up by the number of "dope" patients which were

BOARD ORDERS REDUCTION IN PRICE OF MILK

Sold in Winnipeg to Fifteen Cents a Quart—To Take Effect at Once

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Immediate reduction in the price of milk in Winnipeg has been ordered by the Board of Commerce of Canada. The order, is now effective, and sets the price of milk at 15 cents a quart and eight cents a pint, a reduction of one cent in each case. The sale of milk above this price, the order states, "will until further notice be deemed to include unfair profits."

The order includes all vendors of milk in the city and is applicable to any person selling or distributing milk. The order is signed by Commissioners W. J. O'Connor and Jas. Murdoch.

Violators of the order may be prosecuted by order of the Board, under sections 18 of the Combines and Fair Prices Act, 1919.

The management of the Crescent Creamery Company were in consultation in regard to the order. No statement was issued and J. M. Carruthers, manager, refused to state the probable action of the company. He would, he said, issue a statement as soon as possible.

City Dairy to Comply

Max Steinkopf, manager of the City Dairy Company, stated that his Company would immediately comply with the order of the Board. The order, he said, would mean that the milk companies would be forced to reduce their prices to the farmer. "We cannot lower our prices and continue to pay what we are paying for the milk. The farmers are at the present time discontented with what they are receiving. I am not saying that there will be trouble, but it is quite possible that they may refuse to supply us with milk. In that case the public will suffer," he declared.

Board's Order

The order of the Board is as follows: 1. "That sales of milk (other than 'certified milk' as now known and recognized), whether pasteurized or other, hereafter made within the City of Winnipeg, at a price greater than fifteen cents per quart or eight cents per pint, will, until the further order of the Board, be deemed by it to include unfair profits.

2. "That the Crescent Creamery Company, Ltd., an incorporated company, having its head office at Winnipeg aforesaid, the City Dairy Company, Ltd., an incorporated company, having its head office at Winnipeg, aforesaid, their, and each of their directors, officers, agents and servants, and as well, all other persons selling or distributing, or who may hereafter sell or distribute, milk within the said City of Winnipeg, and the agents and servants of such and of each of such other persons, are and each of them, until the further order of this Board, restrained and prohibited from selling or distributing milk at prices which this order declares will be deemed, to include unfair profits, to wit, at prices exceeding those in the immediate preceding paragraph hereof mentioned."

(Signed) W. J. O'CONNOR, JAS. MURDOCK, Commissioners.

ROYAL EGYPTIAN HAD JEWELS AND RARE ADORNMENT

New York, Jan. 2.—Jewelry worn by an Egyptian princess of the Twelfth Dynasty, 1900 years before the Christian era, is displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The collection is called the finest of personal adornment ever brought out of Egypt.

When marauders entered the tomb of Princess Sathathorunat at some old moment in the last 3,800 years, they took away her mummy and even the elaborate funeral trappings, but overlooked a niche containing the wonderfully wrought ornaments she wore when attending the ancient equivalent for a first night at the opera.

Prof. W. M. Flinders Petrie, at the head of an English archaeological society, dug the collection out in 1914, and today it looks as bright as if it had just come from the makers. It consists of a gold necklace inlaid with a carnelian, lapis lazuli and green feldspar and another pectoral, similarly made, of King Senusert II, father of the princess; a gold collar of double lion heads, a girdle of gold with rhombic jewelled heads, a necklace of amethyst with gold lion claw pendants, armlets and bracelets with gold bars and bands of gold, carnelian and turquoise; and parts of the princess' jewel box made of ebony with gold and carved ivory panels.

brought in for treatment, and also a number suffering from the effects of wood alcohol poisoning.

DOG RACES BRING OUT RECORD ENTRY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Cold Weather Does Not Cool Enthusiasm of Boys and Girls For Sport

33 CONTESTANTS

Entered in Eight Races Provided Rare Sport For Every Body

Typical New Year's Day weather with the thermometer hanging around twenty below zero did not stop the younger population of Brandon from turning out to see the dog races on Ninth street. The Weather Man did not furnish weather which was satisfactory for a large number of spectators, and the races were not as largely attended as in previous years. However the boys and girls came out en masse to cheer on their favorites and a great morning's sport resulted the coming of the New Year.

Thirty-three entries were lined up in eight dog races, and this easily sets a record for the number of contestants appearing for the annual sport. The races as usual furnished barrels of fun. Many a contestant saw first prize slip out of his hand within a few yards from the finish, when his dog would make a dive for another canine. Sometimes it was the best fighter and not the best runner that won the dog races, but very often it was the lone dog that disdained to fight but took the side lines that slipped over the finish line in first place with a proud driver encouraging him. There was plenty of fun for all and the close finishes of several races made the program very exciting.

Ernest Wilson carried off the lion's share of the prizes with his dog "Chum." "Chum" would rather run than fight and young Wilson was carried over the finish line three times a winner. He won his heat in the Open Race, and then came back to win the Open Championship. He followed this up with a victory in the Novelty Event which required the driver to stand on his sleigh, and by this triple victory took away some valuable prizes. The long distance race saw the dogs driven by John Belaschuk and Gordon Barnwell furnish a great finish with the judges deciding in favor of the first named. Roy Mason made the winners hustle all the way in this race, and then turned around and easily won the Consolation event with his dog "Snookie."

George Mansoff had the only "Huskie" dog entered but it wanted to fight rather than race, and consequently he had a hard time managing it. In the event which required a driver to run along side of his dog, the Huskie was handled by a man, and when Mansoff landed home a winner he was disqualified, but given a special prize for showing the speed to the other entries.

The boys and girls foot races furnished all sorts of competition and none of the races lacked entries. The slippery road made the running hard, but some close finishes enlivened the sport considerably. The committee in charge of the morning's fun secured so many prizes that not only did the prize winners secure awards, but every boy or girl who had a dog entered in the races was given something. Besides the three boxes of apples and about 200 bars of candy were distributed to the boys and girls. Great credit is due the various officials for their work in running off the races according to schedule and making the morning's sport so successful for everyone. The policing of the course by the Mounties was also admirably carried out.

The Prize Winners

The following is the list of the prize winners:

Single dog open — First three heats: 1—C. Hayward, 2—Gordon Barnwell, 3—J. Gaska; 1—E. Wilson, 2—J. Belaschuk, 3—James Hallett; 1—Mac Edmison, 2—Geo. Mansoff, 3—Roy Mason.

Foot race, boys under 10 years: Joe McIntosh, W. Buckman, J. MacJaffrey.

Finals of first race—Ernie Wilson, James Hallett, C. Hayward.

Foot race for boys under 15 years of age—John Plum, Jack Sykes, Lorne Johnson.

Foot race for girls under 15 years of age—Jessie Draper, Mona Reid, Lily Johnson.

Novelty race, drivers running beside their dogs—Mac McKenzie, William Bennett, Willie Hilton. Special prize—George Mansoff.

Girls foot race, under 10 years of age—Bella Hawkins, Beatrice Johnson, Ida Zink.

Team or tandem race—Bert Wells, Mac McKenzie, William Bennett.

Novelty race with driver standing on sleigh—Ernie Wilson, Mac Edmison, Bert Wells.

Long distance race—John Belaschuk, Gordon Barnwell, Roy Mason.

Consolation race—Roy Mason, Gordon Barnwell, Mac Edmison.

The Prize-Givers

The merchants and citizens of the city who so generously contributed the

prizes for the races are as follows: West End Milliners, Hanbury Hardware Co., Boyd Electric Co., J. H. McGregor, Davidson's Studio, Rex Cafe, Strand Theatre, Chas. Perks, Clark J. Smith, Unicume and Burns, C. Heise, Stark and Son, J. H. H. McLean and Co., J. E. Hugheson, Orchard Hardware, Sutherland and Robertson, Webb Bros., Canada Cafe, Olympia, Herbert and McGregor; R. J. Stevens, S. E. Clement, A-1 Grocery, J. S. Laughton, Hawson and Gratton, J. A. Glover, J. B. Curran, Campbell and Campbell, W. E. Crawford, B. Knowlton, Mitchell's Hardware, Donaldson's Butcher Shop, Semi-Ready, W. A. Robertson, Woolworth Stores, J. Burchill, Cristall and Schwartz, George Cristall, P. Polisky, J. Jackson, W. J. Young, McCulloch Drug Store, J. Nash, S. A. Thompson, Clement's Pharmacy, A. Zasles, W. Hopkin, Clement's Drug Store, John A. McDonald, W. J. Creelman, P. J. Harwood, C. W. Harrison, Macpherson and Bedford, H. W. Ball and Co., Doig, Rankin and Robertson, J. Amshey, P. A. Kennedy, F. Houssain, Yaeger's Fur Co., MacFee's Drug Store, Dennett and Barter, Hub Clothing Co.

BOSS HUN SICK CAN'T CONFER WITH DUTASTA

Paris, Jan. 2.—Baron Von Leprieu, head of the German delegation at Versailles, is ill with a cold and will not be able to confer with Paul Dutasta, Secretary of the Peace Conference for a few days. Allied delegates and other German representatives today discussed questions concerning territories where plebiscites will be held.

SIR GEO. BURY EN ROUTE EAST

Sir George Bury, formerly of the Canadian Pacific Railway, but now connected with the Whalen Pulp Wood Company, Ltd., interests at the Pacific Coast, passed through Brandon New Year's Eve. Sir George Bury has just returned from a trip to Japan and is now on his way to New York. While in the city for a few minutes, the former railroad president took the opportunity to renew acquaintances with several of his Brandon friends. In conversation with them, Sir George spoke very optimistically of the future trade business for Canada.

CANADIANS TURN FROM WAR TO PEACE

A Total of 638,000 Members of Canadian Expeditionary Force Working Hard

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Since the armistice 272,527 officers and men have been repatriated from overseas. Prior to the armistice, 65,600 officers and men had been returned to Canada and demobilized. This is a total of 338,000 members of the Canadian Expeditionary force who have been turned back into civilian occupations. It does not include the large force of men who were enrolled in the army and did not get overseas previous to armistice day.

Of the 338,000 returned officers and men, 44,278 have applied to the Soldier Settlement Board for qualification certificates, to enable them to take up land and secure the benefits of the soldier settlement act. The number of applications approved at the close of the year was 33,496.

The district offices of the board, especially in the Western provinces, have been busy answering inquiries and taking care of the steady stream of ex-service men who are looking for suitable land and making the necessary preparations to apply for loans. A great rush is expected in the early Spring, when several Indian and forest reserves will be opened for entry.

NEARLY MILLION HUN WARRIORS

According To Peace Treaty There Can Only Be 100,000 Fighters

London, Jan. 2.—Germany's armed forces are estimated by the British War Office to total close to a million men. These are divided into the regular army of 400,000; the land forces of the regular army; the armed constabulary, 40,000 to 50,000; the temporary volunteers or regular army reserves, 150,000 to 200,000; civil guards, 300,000 to 400,000.

The figures with regard to the last named branches are rough estimates, the exact totals being unknown.

Must Reduce to 100,000

Under the terms of the peace treaty, Germany is compelled to reduce her regular forces to 100,000 by March 31st, and the number of gendarmes must not exceed those functioning as military police in 1913.

The reduction of the regular army, in compliance with the treaty obligations, is proceeding, although at a slow pace than originally contemplated, owing to the delay in ratification of the peace treaty, the unsettled state of Germany, and the desire of the German government not to increase the number of persons unemployed.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES FROM BURNS: WAS PLAYING WITH MATCHES

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Jeanne Valade, four years old, while playing with matches, set fire to her clothes and was fatally burned, dying a few moments later.

PRESIDENT TOM MOORE TO REPRESENT CANADIAN WORKERS AT PARIS

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress, has been chosen to represent Canadian workers at a meeting of the governing body of the International Labor Office in Paris on January 26th. The Dominion Government is also entitled to send a delegate but the choice has not yet been made. Mr. Moore will act as substitute for M. P. Drapeau who was officially nominated by the workers group at International Labor Conference at Washington.

DR. CHOWN OPERATED ON

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Rev. Dr. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, was operated upon in the Toronto General hospital for a carbuncle. The report from the hospital was that Dr. Chown was doing nicely.

U. S. REALIZED \$700,000,000 ON SALE OF WAR MATERIAL IN COUNTRIES OVERSEAS

New York, Dec. 31.—A total of \$700,000,000 was realized by the sale of United States war material in England, France, Belgium, Italy and Germany. Edwin B. Parker, of Houston, Texas, chairman of the United States Liquidation Commission stated on his arrival from Europe with five other members of the Commission. He said the Commission also cleaned up claims "due and against the United States for as much more.

COALITION UNIONIST WINS BROMLEY, KENT, SEAT

London, Dec. 31.—Lieut.-Colonel Cuthbert James, Coalition Unionist, has been elected to the House of Commons in the Bromley, Kent, bye-election, over Francis Hodes, Laborite. The vote was: James 11,148; Hodes 10,077. Polling occurred Dec. 17th.

NINE MILLION LIRE SUBSCRIBED TO NEW NATIONAL ITALIAN LOAN

Rome, Dec. 31.—Subscriptions to a national Italian loan have reached approximately nine billion lire.

FIRST PORCUPINE BABY

Prince Albert, Sask., papers report the arrival at Prairie River, in the Porcupine Soldier Settlement, of the first new baby which was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Atkinson. In accordance with tradition a town lot will be presented to Baby Atkinson.

SMALLPOX IN QUEBEC

Montreal, Jan. 2.—At a meeting of the Provincial Board of Health, a report was put in stating that there were to date 128 cases of smallpox distributed throughout the province in 21 municipalities. The Provincial Council adopted a resolution asking that a close watch be kept on the Ontario boundary, with the vaccination of everyone from Ontario wishing to enter Quebec Province.

A few cases of "sleeping sickness" have been reported from Quebec and Montreal, but the conclusion of the Board was that the real sleeping sickness could not exist here, as the germ could not live in so Northerly a climate.

MANICURIST KILLED: SUITOR SUICIDES

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—Miss Dorothy McClood was shot and killed at her manicure parlor, Francis Caverly, said to have been a disappointed suitor, was found on the floor with a bullet wound in the head and unconscious. The police said there were no witnesses of the shooting so far as they had been able to learn. Caverly died at the relief hospital. He made no statement. The fact that three sealed letters were found in his clothing led the police to believe that the shooting was premeditated. The letters were addressed to his wife, his mother, and an attorney.

U. S. RADICALS PLAN DESCENT ON WHITE HOUSE

On Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12th, Asking Release of Political Prisoners

New York, N.Y., Jan. 2.—Thousands of radicals from all parts of the country are planning to descend on the White House, Feb. 12th, Lincoln's birthday, to appeal to President Wilson for the release of "political prisoners" from Federal penitentiaries. An announcement of the proposed demonstration was made today by the People's Freedom Union.

REV. GEO. RODDICK DROVE MANY MILES 40 YEARS AGO TO CONDUCT WEDDING

It was just forty years ago last 24th of December that the Rev. George Roddick drove from his home in the Brandon Hills, to Carberry, to marry John G. Barron of that place to Miss Hope. With the thermometer hanging around 48 below zero, and having to make his own trail all the way, the drive of the Rev. Roddick was one which will long be remembered. The round trip was made in one day. Rev. Roddick arriving home at midnight. It was the first couple he married in Manitoba.

TORONTO WOMAN FAINTED WHEN BURGLARS HELD GUN TO HER HEAD

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Myrtle Dawson, widow, was the victim of a hold-up by two youths Monday night, who entered her apartment, one armed with a revolver, and attempted to rob her. Mrs. Dawson, who is recovering from pneumonia, fainted when the revolver was placed against her head.

POLICE SAY HOTEL THIEVES PREPARED TO POSE AS SLEEP-WALKERS

New York, Dec. 31.—Silk pajamas to support a sleep-walking alibi were part of the equipment produced by H. E. Shelley, self-styled soldier, actor and lecturer, and M. J. Gray, who were brought to court Tuesday charged with robbing guests of leading hotels here. It is alleged that the pair have secured thousands of dollars' worth of valuables.

Detectives who arrested the "sleep walking" pair declare that the silk pajamas were used as a disguise for protection against sudden interruption in the plundering. If caught sneaking through the corridors, the men planned to feign slumber and plead sleep walking, the police assert.

CANADIAN WOUNDED BARMAID AND LANDLORD THEN KILLED HIMSELF

London, Dec. 31.—The name of the man who wounded the barmaid and landlord of the hotel in Midhurst, Sussex, and then blew his brains out, is now given as Charles James Brice, and he is said to have served in the Canadian artillery.

A Canadian Associated Press dispatch previously gave the name of the victim as Charles William Pearce.

SHOOTING SPARROWS HAS FATAL END FOR 13-YEAR OLD MONTREAL LAD

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Camille Godin, 13 years old, of this city, died Monday night in the Notre Dame hospital, after being shot in the head Saturday afternoon, when he and a party of boys were out shooting sparrows.

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