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LONDON'S WATER IS ABSOLUTELY PURE

According to Tests Made December 28 by Department of Public Health.

The weekly report of the department of public health on the water supplied to the citizens of London for drinking and domestic purposes generally shows that it is absolutely clean. From tests made on December 28 at two points in the city, one at a shore and the other at a tap in the public health building, only one bacteria was found in 24 hours. There were no traces at all of coliform bacilli or of chlorine.

As though to confirm this proof of the purity of London's water came a statement of G. E. Hartley, of Oil Springs, who was in the city on business, to E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the P. U. C. today. Mr. Hartley is an expert well driller, who has made a specialty of artesian wells, and therefore is well versed in the various qualities of water, and his declared verdict on London's water was: "London has the finest drinking water that I know."

NO SKATING ON PUBLIC RINKS NEW YEAR'S DAY

Weatherman is Responsible for Blasted Hopes of Youngsters.

While every effort has been made by the staff of the parks department of the P. U. C. to secure skating on the open air rinks for the young people of London for the new year, it is today rather doubtful, owing to atmospheric conditions, whether this will be possible. Even if it sets in to freeze hard today the rinks can hardly be in proper condition for skating.

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WALKED SEVERAL MILES BAREFOOT THROUGH SNOW

Westminster Hospital Patient None the Worse For Experience.

Walking several miles barefooted, Robert McLeod, aged 23, of Lucknow, a military patient at the Westminster Psychopathic Hospital, south of the city, early Thursday morning, having escaped from the above institution, awakened A. O. Barrows, Westminster Township, and asked to be allowed shelter. Barrows admitted McLeod, who was wearing a suit of combination underwear and carried his hospital uniform and shoes under his arm.

After receiving food from Barrows, the eccentric visitor was persuaded to don his clothing, and he resumed his march. The home of Frank Jackson, North Dorchester, was the next stop on McLeod's itinerary, and here he received some more food and rested. Thursday afternoon McLeod hid again, and was notified the hospital authorities, and he was returned to the institution none the worse for his experience on a bitter cold day.

The hospital authorities state that this is the first attempted pilgrimage on the part of McLeod, who was regarded as a model patient, and was quartered in the parole ward, which permits certain freedom of movement on the part of inmates. However, he is a drug addict, and obtaining a supply of cocaine in some manner, took a dose, and then left the hospital. The drug is blamed for his condition, and no doubt its counterbalancing effect of a barefooted tramp over snow-covered country roads on a bitter cold day. His condition today was reported as the best.

ITALIAN MONK ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Salvatore Ciavolino, Handsome and Suave, at End of Successful Career of "Gallantry," Strangled His Father Superior When Denied Money.

Naples, Italy, Dec. 30.—The court of assizes in this city has recently been the great centre of attraction for a large and fashionable crowd to hear the trial of the monk Salvatore Ciavolino, and though his political influence is naught his career of "gallantry" might vie with his great Russian rival.

Salvatore is accused of strangling his father superior in his cell here in Naples. The reason was the old father's refusal to give him money. Salvatore money, Salvatore always wanted money. In the first years of his career he extorted it easily, thanks to a handsome face and his great powers of fascination, from women of the aristocracy in Naples and Clita, di Castello. The police discovered in his cell large quantities of love letters from these fascinated women.

His progress with them makes repulsive reading, but satisfied with the sophisticated social damns he began to exert his powers on innocent young girls, who came to him for religious instruction, and advice. He ruined many of these and extorted money from them all. His base nature called forth a pathetic letter of reproach from one girl, a certain Mary, who, though religious, was not immune from the monk's charms.

He returned suddenly and discovered Oldridge walking around the end of the car with a case of liquor in his arms. The prisoner resisted Hughes' attempt to take it away from him, as he claimed the case had been given him. The case was eventually given back to Hughes. When the witness checked the ship's manifest he discovered six cases missing.

At 5:30 a.m. four of the missing cases were discovered beneath the watchman's shanty at Richmond street. When Oldridge was brought to the court, he denied any knowledge of the missing cases or how the four cases had been put near the shanty. He was placed under arrest.

MAY 30, WORLD MEMORIAL, PLAN

Detroit, Dec. 30.—Adoption of May 30 as a world memorial day for the civilized countries of the world would drop commerce and industry to pay tribute to the soldier and sailor dead, is being urged, and it is reported that the movement has the support of many influential men of Europe, as well as of America.

J. W. Hamilton, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, St. Paul, Minn., originated the idea, and has solicited the aid of James M. Golding, advertising manager of the Krotz Company, this city, to assist in spreading the idea. Mr. Golding will call it to the attention of representatives of patriotic organizations in this city.

Wanted Warm Approval. A copy of a letter sent last week by Mr. Hamilton to former President Woodrow Wilson, who is now in the hospital, has just been received by Mr. Golding. The letter, which follows, explains the plan in detail.

"When the war began I wrote many leading people in the British Empire, calling them to support the adoption of a world memorial day, and I have warm letters of approval from Sir Sam Hughes, Hon. W. E. Hughes, premier of Australia, Premier Massey of New Zealand, and others.

"Mr. Ralph D. Blumenfeld, of the Daily Express, London, wrote me recently that the Empire will very likely adopt our day.

"Some four years ago I wrote a number of prominent people in Italy, England, France, Belgium, as well as in South America and Asia, urging the adoption of May 30 as a world memorial day, and I printed a leaflet for wide distribution.

"I am glad to note that there was a conference of representatives of Allied soldiers in Paris, November 29, and that they have decided to recommend that the Allies adopt our memorial day. But my plan is not only for the Allies, who we must not exclude Germany, and her allies, and without all the neutrals the idea will be incomplete.

"The high commissioner of France in Washington wrote me June 11, 1918, that the international memorial day, and suggested I write the Comité France-Amérique, and I have a very cordial reply from them.

"The spectacle of all the countries in the world mourning their sailor and soldier dead on this one day in the year would be so sublime that it would be a powerful factor in world peace, and as a support to the league of nations.

"There must be an association in behalf of the plan, and it needs an honorarium. Will you so act and arrange the names of men and women in this and other countries whom you would like to see on this committee?

"With permission to use your name, I shall be glad to do all the corresponding."

MAY GO TO THE SENATE

HON. ALBERT SEVIGNY, who it is stated by Ottawa dispatches, will be called upon to take a seat in the Senate as one of the representatives of Quebec in the Senate. The reason, it is added, is that Hon. Senator Blondin will resign his seat to contest Yamasica.

KNEW NOTHING ABOUT O. T. A. CONFERENCE

J. E. Keenleyside Did Not Attend Toronto Meeting.

"I don't know a thing about it," said Keenleyside, Inspector J. E. Keenleyside of this city, when queried this morning regarding the proposed division of Western Ontario into fourteen districts for better enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act. Although a dispatch from Toronto stated that several license inspectors and provincial police officers who will act as superintendents of each division, Inspector Keenleyside informed the Advertiser today that he was not out of the city and consequently was not in on the conference.

The districts are Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Huron, Perth, Waterloo, Brant, Oxford, Grey, Bruce, Wellington, Norfolk and Dufferin. This procedure followed a conversation between Attorney-General Raney and Chairman Flavell of the provincial license commission.

FEARS FRANCE MAY STIR UP HOLY WAR

Syrian Occupation and Insult To Mohammed's Descendant Rocks the East.

DAMASCUS, Syria, Dec. 30.—(By Courier to Smyrna).—The French occupation of Syria is facing serious trouble. The menacing situation in which an Anglo-French strain is involved, is not the cause of the inspired dispatches which penetrate to Europe through the veiled French censorship.

The Arabs are rallying around King Hussein of Hedjaz, a descendant of the Prophet Mohammed and his sons, Feisal and Abdullah. Feisal probably raised the Arab armies which joyfully fought against the Turks in return for promise of Arab independence, but Abdullah's hands are not bound. Thus, whatever was the political situation goes, the Arabs have a leader with the prophet's blood in his veins.

When the French last summer deposed and exiled Emir Feisal they did more than cancel the promise made to him by the Allies that he should be king of Syria. In the eyes of the Arabs they insulted a son of the prophet. The Arab movement is pre-empted by the French, and the latter touches the fundamentals of the Mohammedan faith. The caliphate or political leadership of the universal Mohammedan Church is vested by religious law in direct descendants of the Prophet Mohammed. The Turk, who are Mongolians, usurped the caliphate by a theological trick, but the Arab regard Hussein as the legitimate caliph.

The break-up of the Turkish Empire was welcomed as an opportunity to restore religious legitimacy. With the Hussein family in power under the leadership of Feisal, the Arab world was reasonably certain to be quiet.

This astute British plan was upset without warning by the French, who, insisting on an extreme interpretation of their vague unconfirmed Syrian mandate, last July suddenly issued a 21-article constitution to Emir Feisal in Damascus. Without informing the supreme allied council, they demanded of Feisal the military control of Syria and the introduction of French-controlled currency, and formal recognition of the French mandate over the whole territory. Feisal immediately accepted, but nevertheless the French, alleging guerrilla attacks from the whole territory, permitted further negotiations, fought Feisal's force, occupied Damascus and Aleppo and exiled Feisal.

France Rocks the Boat. Emir Feisal was unable further to control his extremists, who are now gaining dominance in the Arab movement. He is now in London, disclaiming any political purpose, but is inevitably a political personality of the first importance. There is ample evidence that the present French Syrian policy is causing a strain in the relations of Great Britain and France similar to that following the recognition of Wrangel. Briefly, France has again rocked the allied world, and England stands to lose heavily wherever her interests touch the Mohammedan world, namely in Arabia, Mesopotamia, Palestine and Egypt, and also in Persia and even India. Already Brother Abdullah is on the warpath advancing against Syria from the south and awaiting spring, when his Redoubt can operate in the desert where they are practically unconquerable. Feisal threatened an alliance with the Kemalists and already an informal agreement appears to be in operation. The Kemalists are threatening Syria from the north. They control portions of the Anatolian and the Cilician coast, as, for example, Adana, where the Italians, who are now bitter rivals of the French, are co-operating with the Kemalists of Adana.

May Cause Holy War. The autonomous government of the Syrian port of Alexandretta is pro-Kemalist, and the French presence is either controlled by Kemalists or menaced by Kemalists. The moderate Arabs, who are pro-English, are still hoping for English aid. If they do not get it they will turn against and then the British scheme for Near East stability goes glimmering. For these reasons the British interest in the long-feared Jihad or Holy Mohammedan crusade against the Christians.

C. P. R. HOTELS WILL REDUCE MEAL PRICES

Montreal, Dec. 31.—After January 1, 1921, the cost of meals at all the Canadian Pacific Railway hotels and at the dining cars of the company, it was officially announced, will be substantially reduced. There will not, however, be any change in the room tariff at the hotels, it was stated.

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