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## TWO IMBECILES MARRIED BY TORONTO MINISTER AFTER OTHERS REFUSED

### Ernest Robbins Met Mabel Wilson in Lalonde's Jewelry Store and They Were Married Soon After—Rev. A. L. Geggie and Rev. W. H. Sparks Refused to Perform Ceremony—Dr. Godfrey Says Minister Should Be Censured.

Two weak-minded persons, who, in the opinion of ministers who know them and a doctor who has examined the man, are unfit both mentally and physically to enter into matrimony, have been married by a Toronto minister after several other clergymen refused to marry them on the ground of imbecility. Ernest C. Robbins, who is better known in Parkdale as "Ernie Clayton," was married to Mabel Wilson, a former mentally deficient charge of J. J. Kelo, superintendent of neglected and dependent children, the latter part of last week by a West Toronto minister. Immediately after the ceremony the couple started to keep house in the northern outskirts of Swansea. Robbins becomes violent at times and for years has been balancing on the edge between imbecility and insanity. For years he has been possessed with a mania to get a wife. He has offered himself to numerous girls, but without success. He has bought valuable engagement rings for them and finally had to be ordered away. He has stood on the Humber River bridge and stated that he would give anyone \$50 who would secure a bride for him.

The marriage license was sold to Robbins by Mr. Lalonde, the West Queen-street jeweler, who introduced Miss Wilson to Robbins. "Ever since Robbins went to Swansea he has been in the habit of visiting the jeweler and buying engagement rings or other trinkets. According to Robbins' story, Lalonde was a good friend, and while in the store they would discuss the probabilities of Robbins getting a girl. Later, when the man went back, the jeweler introduced him to Miss Wilson, who was working there. Robbins wanted to marry her there and then."

Mr. Geggie refused. The young man bought a license of Lalonde and took his bride-to-be to the residence of the Rev. A. Logan Geggie on Jameson-ave., and asked to be married. After talking with him for some minutes, the minister told Robbins that he could not perform the ceremony, because he and his fiancée were mentally deficient. The girl had been a member of Mr. Geggie's congregation and he knew her to be weak-minded.

Saw Dr. Godfrey. On the following Sunday the two attended the St. Orlave's Church in Swansea. When the Rev. W. H. Geggie was officiating, Robbins was

## Revising Marine Regulations

OTTAWA, June 4.—(Special.)—Assistant Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries Stanton will sail for England on June 14 to attend the meeting of the British Board of Trade, where recommendations will be made and discussed looking towards greater safety for passengers and crews on sea-going ships. Canadian marine regulations are almost similar to those of Great Britain, and any new rules that may be adopted by the English marine as a result of the board of trade conference will also be adopted by Canada.

## STRAWBERRIES WILL BE LARGE

### Optimism Pervades the Beamsville District—Farmers Will Make Well On Their Crops.

Berries from Beamsville in eight or ten days is the news from that centre of the luscious June fruit. Most people in that district are inclined to be optimistic. The recent rains were just the things they say, and the plants are looking fine. Pessimists looking for company had better not go to Beamsville.

"The crop is spoiled, every spring; I just heard it to-day, but I don't pay any attention to that sort of talk," said J. W. Kennedy, when spoken to by The World yesterday. "Why, go out and look at the fields; did you ever see anything look finer? I am looking for quite as big a crop as last year." Mr. Kennedy admitted that not nearly the same amount had been put into strawberries as last year, but said that the yield would be much heavier. As to the size and quality of the berries, he was sure that they would be the finest ever. As to the price, he did not care to give an opinion this soon, but thought the farmers would do well.

Other residents, while not as enthusiastic as Mr. Kennedy, declared that they looked for "a fair crop," but their caution was based largely on the decreased acreage. There was nothing wrong with the berries, they said. The crop this year is about two weeks later than usual, owing, it is said, to the long-continued cloudy weather of the past few weeks. An indication of the optimistic tone which pervades the district in things relating to fruit is shown in the fact that a new cannery is being established in the village of Beamsville. The whole country from Hamilton to Beamsville has never looked better than it does at present. Strawberries are well advanced and large, and, judging from the green fruit seen on the trees along the road, everything points to the peach crop being a heavy one.

## SUPERVISION IS NEEDED AT NIAGARA

### Canteens in Charge of Officers, Where Nothing But Beer Can Be Sold, the Only Way to Overcome the Drinking at Military Camps, Says General Cotton.

(By a Staff Reporter.)  
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, June 4.—That the present regulations regarding the sale of liquor in canteens at the military camps are ridiculous is the opinion of General Cotton, camp commandant. With the story published in The World yesterday, the general agrees. In his opinion the only way to get over the difficulty of drinking at military camps is to have a supervised canteen, where nothing but beer is sold, and where no man is allowed to drink to excess.

"I have not been down town," said the general to-night, "and so don't know what the conditions are there." He judged, however, that the conditions pointed out are as ridiculous as the closed canteens in the camp grounds. "The system is perfectly ridiculous," he said, in advocating a supervised canteen, with proper supervision, where beer only can be sold. When men wanted to get liquor sent to camp, he said, they would get it, whether there were canteens or not, and the people who were against canteens in military camps did not know conditions. He stated that he did not wish to be drawn into a controversy, but said that in his opinion the only way to remedy present conditions was to have supervised canteens.

Big Bar Business. "Two years ago," he continued, "when the orders were given that there was to be no liquor sold in camp, some of the hotels lengthened their bars, and were now doing a larger business than ever." As he said at that time, at the conclusion of the camp, he still thinks that if men come in from a three-hour grind in the hot sun, there is no reason why they shouldn't have a glass of beer, in their own canteen, instead of going to town and drinking whiskey. If the canteens were supervised by officers, no man would be able to get more than was good for him, and there would be less drunkenness in the lines.

All officers in camp were called to headquarters to-night, were given orders regarding liquor in camp was reissued.

## GAS TURNED ON WOMAN RESCUED

### May Lovay Paid Man's Fine in Police Court and Was Nearly Dead in Afternoon.

Yesterday morning May Lovay in the police court paid the fine of a male friend of hers who was before the magistrate on a charge of drunkenness. Yesterday afternoon he went to her rooming house at 45 Elizabeth-street and had a talk with her. Whatever transpired is not known. The first intimation of anything unusual was when some other inmates of the house smelt the fumes of gas. They finally traced the odor to May Lovay's room and tried to open the door. It was locked. They called for a constable and P. C. Mathias appeared. He soon forced the door open. In the room on the bed was the woman in a semi-conscious state. The windows were down and the gas jet wide open. The officer threw up the windows and immediately sent for an ambulance. In the meantime the woman had been partly resuscitated. She positively refused to name the man who had been with her in the room and objected strenuously to being taken to St. Michael's Hospital. Whether the man is responsible for the untoward gas jet or whether the woman herself in a momentarily dependent state did it is hard to tell.

TELLER'S ACCOUNTS \$2000 SHORT  
KINGSTON, June 4.—(Special.)—Discrepancies of about \$2000 have been found in the accounts of Harold G. Arthur, missing teller of the Merchants Bank, but the cash shows no shortage. Just what will be done in the matter is not known. There is not sufficient evidence to issue a warrant for his arrest. It is known he purchased a ticket over the Grand Trunk for Windsor.



MISS NORTH TORONTO: It's awfully tempting.

## DUCHESS TAKEN TO MONTREAL HOSPITAL

### Her Royal Highness Is Suffering From Attack of Peritonitis and She Will Undergo Treatment at Royal Victoria Hospital—Removed in Special Train.

MONTREAL, June 4.—(Can. Press.)—Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught arrived in the city shortly after a 9 o'clock to-night on a special Canadian Pacific Railway train from Quebec, and was at once removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Her royal highness' complaint has been diagnosed as peritonitis, but how serious it is has not yet been announced. The entire governor-general's household was conveyed on the same train. The duchess was placed in an automobile at the depot, which drove to the hospital at once. The duke and the ladies-in-waiting followed in another automobile. The rest of the party drove to the residence of Lord Strathcona on Dorchester-street, where they will remain awaiting more definite information as to the condition of the royal patient.

The public was rigidly excluded from the station and only a few persons were on the platform when the special train drew in. "Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught is suffering from an attack of peritonitis of, up to the present, obscure origin. Under the circumstances it was deemed advisable to move her royal highness to the Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal for further observation."

"Very satisfactory arrangements were made at the short notice with the Canadian Pacific Railway for the conveyance of the whole of the governor-general's household from Quebec to Montreal. Her royal highness stood the journey well, sleeping during a great portion of the time."

"Any further bulletins that may be issued will be posted at 907 Dorchester-street. (Signed)  
"H. C. Lowther, Lieut.-Col.  
"Military Secretary."

## SENATOR DESJARDINS DEAD.

MONTREAL, June 4.—(Can. Press.)—Hon. A. Desjardins died this afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home at Terrebonne from acute congestion of the brain, at the age of 71 years. Senator Desjardins had a long and useful public career. He was mayor of Montreal for 14 years, until 1892, when he was appointed to the senate. He was minister of militia in 1896, in the Bowell government. He was also minister of public works in the Tupper administration of the same year. Senator Desjardins was at one time president of the Jacques-Cartier Bank, and of the Chambre de Commerce, besides being a director of several other business undertakings.

## DROPS OPTION ON ISLAND PROCESS

### Tests By Montreal Expert Did Not Convince Sir Donald Mann of Efficiency in Treating Ore.

Definite announcement that Sir Donald Mann has abandoned his option on the Island Smelting process was made last night. The statement does not come as a surprise, expectations of a favorable outcome having dwindled during the past week, the feeling being reflected in the price of the shares, which yesterday broke to 31-2c, rallying only slightly.

In July last year Sir Donald entered into a compact whereby, if satisfactory tests of the efficacy of the process in treating low-grade ore were made, he would form a new company, which would undertake to make a series of cash payments to the Island Smelter Co., giving to the shareholders an estimated value of \$2 to \$3. After tests by his experts, Sir Donald has decided not to proceed further.

The directors of the Smelter Co. state that they retain full confidence in the value of the process and will shortly have a test made by experts from the School of Practical Science.

THE PROPER SILK FOR WEDDINGS  
The silk hat the King wears should be the proper wedding gift for any man. Henry Heath of London, England, makes these hats for His Majesty, and the nobility of England. The Dineen Company are sole Canadian agents for the hat. These silks do not cost as much as those made by less prominent makers and are absolute in style and superior in quality. If you require a silk hat for any function, see that it bears the trade mark of Henry Heath.

## SHIPBUILDING PLANT FOR SYDNEY

### Bylaw to Grant Bonus of One Million Dollars to Big Industry, Which Will Build Ships for the Canadian Navy, Carried by a Big Majority.

SYDNEY, C. B., June 4.—(Special.)—Sydney ratepayers, by an overwhelming majority, to-day voted to grant a bonus of \$1,000,000 to the British Canadian Shipbuilding Co. for the establishment of a shipbuilding plant in Sydney. The vote was 1074 for and 172 against.

At a meeting of the council of the city, held a few days ago, a representative of the company was present and so impressed the citizens with the advantages that would accrue to them from having such an industry in their city that the result was expected. All kinds and types of sailing craft will be built in the yards which will be established here. The coming Canadian navy vessels will be built in these docks.

## SERIOUS TURN IN DOCK STRIKE

### Transport Workers Endorse Ultimatum—May Recommend National Strike if Terms Not Agreed To.

LONDON, June 4.—The general council of the National Transport Workers' Federation to-night endorsed the ultimatum of the striking dockmen, which demands the creation of a joint board representing both the employers and employees, and declares that no work shall be resumed unless all the men are reinstated. In addition, the general council adopted a resolution that in the event of no immediate settlement on these terms, the affiliated societies recommend the declaration of a national strike by the transport workers at once.

## SERIOUS RIOTING IN BELGIAN CITIES

### Many Persons Killed or Wounded—Large Number of Reservists Called to the Colors—Liege Like a Besieged City—Brussels Mob Dispersed by Firemen's Hose.

BRUSSELS, June 4.—(Can. Press.)—Belgium is in a state of eruption on account of the recent elections, and rioting throughout the country has taken on a revolutionary character. Many persons have been killed or wounded in various cities, and a large number of reservists have been called to the colors. The agitation in the industrial centres is rapidly increasing. Every hour brings news of fresh protests by the laboring classes against the governmental violence. The conservative elements are considerably alarmed over the tendencies of the civic guard, which corresponds to the Canadian militia, to make common cause with the rioters. This, however, is only in isolated instances. Brussels being a case in point, where the guard to-day held a sympathetic celebration before the monument of Francisco Ferrer, the originator of the modern school in Spain.

Cause of the Disorders. The national disorders generally are attributed to the acute disappointment of the laboring classes over the pronounced victory of the clericals in the recent elections. The socialists allied themselves with the Liberals on the public school question in opposition to the government policy, hoping thereby to win a majority of the seats in the chamber. Their failure to do so caused a wave of anger to sweep over the country.

The latest reports from the provinces show that the strike has spread over the entire Liege Basin and has tied up most of the collieries and the big metal industry. In the centre of Belgium many industrial proprietors seem to approve of the strike and sympathize with the men. The women have aroused themselves to even greater frenzy than the men in the disorders, which are particularly anti-clerical in character.

In all the collieries of the southeast, the Flemish workmen have been boycotted by the Walloons, and hundreds of them have already left the provinces. The street car employes have struck at La Louviere, and the municipal employes at Seraing.

Liege to-night has the appearance of a besieged city. Two regiments are under arms, besides police, the civic guard and gendarmes. Several clashes occurred between the rioters and troops. Shots were exchanged, but a heavy downpour of rain drove the strikers' homes. Lancers met and dispersed a column of miners from the neighboring collieries trying to enter the city.

In Brussels a mob to-night made a rapid tour of the city, wrecking street cars, smashing windows and doing all manner of damage. They broke in the doors of the church of St. John and St. Nicholas, and entering, demolished the tabernacle. They then set fire to the priests' quarters, wrecked a cafe and attempted to storm a convent, but were effectually dispersed by firemen with streams from their hose. A column of several thousand strikers left La Louviere for the nearby city of Brussels this evening to induce the miners to join in the movement. The strikers are carrying with them mounted gendarmes and three hundred soldiers have been despatched from Charleroi to La Louviere, where serious rioting was feared to-night. At Coru a mob wrecked the Catholic Club. At Bruges gendarmes fired on a mob, wounding fifty of the rioters, several of them fatally. The gendarmes were assailed with bottles, bricks and pieces of furniture from hundreds of windows.

THE WEATHER OUT OF JOINT. No summer weather yet; yesterday afternoon and evening only cold winds and an uncertain sky. The country green, the foliage fresh and promising; bleakness everywhere, nevertheless. The fields of clover and of fall wheat were so luxuriant, and so tall, that they swayed in the wind; and the boughs of the trees sought like a window in autumn. In the gardens still the disconsolate tone, the strawberry blossoms were plentiful, and fruit well forward on the currant and other bushes. But the flowers had no heart and no look of gladness. Feathers are out in the fields and paddocks, but have to be brought in frequently from rain-crowded Groundhogs about, but not perched near their holes in the customary way of a warm May or June evening. In the village playgrounds the children have not yet sent forth the joy and laughter that marks their feet of the pleasant weather. The pleasant weather has not yet found its way out of the long confinement. Nor does the boy on the farm seek the creek or the swimming pool. For him the times are still out of joint. And the old-fashioned almanac is a delusion and a snare. And George Tate Blacklocks sallies out in my dreary evening to a waiting dinner party in ancient silver, sorrowful and copious ear-music, the some tragic. The plan called by Nemestice adversity is a one-hour railroad town.

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