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ST. JOHN STAR.

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UNFAIR ASSESSMENT.

Is the city of St. John actually afraid of a few men of wealth who choose to reside here, or is the corporation deliberately cheating the majority of the ratepayers by wilfully permitting wealthy residents to escape taxation? It certainly appears that one of those two causes must be responsible for the condition which has existed for many years. On Thursday evening at the meeting of the Treasury Board, the statement was made that there are people in this town with incomes of \$30,000 who are being taxed on \$3,000. Aid. Baxter, the chairman of the Treasury Board, asked the one who made this statement, if he knew of any such case, and if he would give the name to the assessors, thus insinuating that he himself did not know that such a condition existed. If Aid. Baxter does know, and if other members of the Treasury Board know, then they are deliberately disregarding their duty in permitting the recipients of such incomes to escape taxation. If they do not know, they are not fit persons to hold the positions of assessors, nor qualified to sit as members of the Treasury Board. The assessors realize the truth of what has been said and understand full well that for years it has been the custom in St. John to tax wealthy residents only as much as friendly aldermen think they should be taxed. A few years ago a civic official who paid taxes on \$300 income did leaving an estate of \$300,000. His real property has been greatly enhanced by providing water and sewerage. The land is held by his heirs and will not be sold. The policy of the estate is to lease, the greater portion of this land remains vacant, and what has been rented is earning fairly large profits because of the city's expenditures.

There are a large number of professional men in this city, men who according to their way of living must be earning at least \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year, yet there is scarcely a half in town or a lawyer tax-payer. There are business men living in expensive houses, spending money lavishly, who pay on \$1,000 a year income and beyond the least doubt there are some now in receipt of \$30,000 who are not paying on more than a tenth of it. This time this matter was ever discussed by the aldermen, was some years ago when the argument against increasing the assessment was that if these rich people were taxed up to the full amount they would leave the city. Perhaps some few of them might sacrifice their business interests in order to avoid fair taxation, but if any of them feel inclined that way, let them go. St. John can get along far better without that class, for they are the ones who, wherever they may be, are of very little value to the community. On the other hand, there are few in this town earning less than \$1,000 who are not taxed to the limit. The assessors have to raise money somewhere, and when they are instructed to let the rich man off easily, it becomes necessary for them to raise all the money they can from the middle class. Why should a \$100 man be taxed on the \$100 when the \$12,000 citizen pays on only \$2,000? If the chairman of the Board of Assessors were permitted to talk, and to say what he actually believes a great deal of light could be thrown on this whole subject. But Mr. Sharp and his associates are supposed to do as they are instructed, they have nothing to say as regards the policy governing our assessment system.

THE GERMAN SCARE.

It is gratifying to note that the Canadian government is not allowing itself to be stampeded by a sensational press, and that there are at least a few newspapers in this country which have not given themselves over to exploiting the ridiculous agitation now prevailing in Britain, with regard to the possibility of German naval supremacy. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has done the proper thing in letting it be known to Britain and to other nations, that should occasion arise, Canada is prepared to stand by the mother land, not only with moral support, but with contributions of battleships and men. More than this is unnecessary. The effect of such a declaration is of great value to the present and least, this is all that will be required. England is experiencing one of those panics which from time to time prevail in a country surrounded by other great powers and playing a leading part in international affairs. But the assurance of leaders of the government, that there is no real cause for the agitation may be accepted. Britain is aware that Canada will do all

that a loyal nation should, and nothing more is now required.

We are certainly living in a remarkable age. On Friday night the steamer Providence was disabled while on the voyage to New York. A thousand passengers on board were on Saturday morning to find themselves at Newport. Information of the accident had been sent by wireless to other steamers and to various shore stations, and the helpless vessel was towed to port while her passengers slept. Although they knew nothing about the incident, the story was published thousands of miles away before the Providence reached harbor, and was read all over America before the passengers were aware that anything unusual had happened.

THE EARLY CALL.

Oh, de wind drif down from de sun-shine sky.
Slight de whisperin' song;
It done heah up wif dat mo'ntal cry
It was makin' so deep an' strong.
De redbud whistlin' an' de bluebird
scold.
An' de crow come a-laughin' loud an' bold.
I reckon it's 'bout what de breeze
do, do, do.
Singin' dat whisperin' song.

De buds come peekin' aroun' to see
Who singin' dat whisperin' song.
De wind say: "Heah! Dis is only me,
An' I don't mean nuffin' wrong.
I must have a care 'bout de noise I
make,
To tell de arbutus it's time to wake;
I might rouse de roses by mistake—
So I's singin' dat whisperin' song."

WAS A HEN.

Circle—Little Harry with his sister and brothers was being taught natural history by the governess through the instrumentality of a game. The game was called "Barnyard." One child was a duck, another a turkey and a third a calf, and so on—a noisy, delightful game.

But little Harry remained in all the tumult as still as death. For he is a little boy who is very thoughtful. He was called "Barnyard." One child was a duck, another a turkey and a third a calf, and so on—a noisy, delightful game.

Little Johnnie, who had been praying for some months for God to send him a baby brother, finally became discouraged. "I don't believe God has any more little boys to send," he told his mother, "and I'm going to quit it."

Early one morning not long after this he was taken into his mother's room to see two boys who had arrived in the night. Johnnie regarded them thoughtfully for some minutes. "Dee," he remarked finally, "it's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

Robert Herrick, the brilliant realistic novelist, said at a recent luncheon at Chicago:

"There is a type of American wife who, in her greed for wealth and display, brings unhappiness on herself. She rather reminds me of the fat man and the table d'hôte dinner."

"This man entered a restaurant that served a dinner at the fixed price of seven-fifty cents. He knelt down, he prayed about his neck and fell to heavily. So heavily, in fact, that the waiter, after a whispered conversation with the proprietor, approached him and said:

"Beg pardon, sir, but I'll have to charge you a quarter extra; you eat so much."

The fat man read and short of breath from his excessive gorging, said earnestly:

"For goodness' sake don't do that! I'm nearly dead now from eating seventy-five cents' worth. If you make me eat another quarter I'll bust."

THE SUMMONS.

One whose time was spent—
As the shadows flickered 'er him—
From the cliffs where it is pent
Summoned the Sphinx before him:

"Intimate pulse of my heart—
Nearer than child or wife—
Now that our ways must part,
What can you do for me, Life?"

"What are the things you have done?
You cast me out on the sands,
Mashed in a blind web spun
By dead, unthinking hands."

"Pettered here in the dark—
Yet drawn to the spheres afar;
You give us the glow worm's spark
And mock us with that star."

"You take the rose of love
And crush it in your hand;
In hard, cold ways you move—
We cannot understand."

"To our last dim lurking place
You bring the spoiler Death."
Over the Sphinx's face
Fluttered a smile's wan breath.

A buyer for the cow you want to sell
Is a daily reader of the "for sale" ads

NEW BRIDGE ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST

Blackwell's Island Bridge, to be Opened This Week, Unique in Many Particulars.

NEW YORK, March 28.—One of the greatest bridges in the world made necessary by the pressure for transportation of the population of the growing borough of Queens to the Central Borough of Manhattan, the Queensborough bridge, or Blackwell's Island Bridge, as it is more familiarly known, will be formally opened to the public for foot passengers and vehicles Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. This informal opening will mark the completion, after eight years work, of one of the greatest present day engineering features in the construction of a bridge, the capacity of which exceeds that of any other in existence. Eight railway tracks, two promenades, a 26-foot roadway divided between two floors, make the bridge unlike any other in the world. The structure, which approaches, cost \$12,500,000. The total length of the bridge including the approaches is 8,447 feet. The channel spans are 125 feet above the water which permits the largest ships to pass underneath.

The official opening of the bridge will take place June 12, by which time it will be equipped with trolley car and elevated train service.

AWAITING THE FATE OF LUMBER AND HIDES

Strong Factions Pulling For and Against the Tariff on These Products.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The fate of lumber and hides in the proposed new tariff law probably will not be decided until the conference reports on the bill have been approved by both the Senate and House. The schedules on those articles have particularly strong advocates of the restoration of the duty, while Senator Lodge is said to stand alone against separate votes on the questions in the Senate and they are satisfied with this concession.

Champions of the movement to take the duty of lumber entirely are not so sanguine of success as the advocates of free hides, so far as their content in the committee is concerned. The fight is being led for free hides, but it is conceded that he will receive some support from eastern colleagues.

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EXPERIMENTS MAY LEAD TO CURE FOR LEPROSY

Bacillus Cultivated and Specific Cure Will be Searched for.

MANILA, March 28.—Dr. Moes Clegg, bacteriologist of the Bureau of Science at Manila, has succeeded in cultivating the leprosy bacillus. The bureau of science has prepared a report on the experiments to carry forward a series of experiments for the purpose of establishing a specific treatment for leprosy.

TWO SUICIDES.

One a Wealthy Citizen, the Other a Negro Murderer.

BOSTON, Mass., March 28.—With a bottle labeled "carbolic acid" at his side, George Ois Pickering, one of the wealthiest citizens of Everett, and for many years a wholesale produce merchant in Boston, was found dead in bed at his Everett home late today.

Mr. Pickering was 70 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children. A young negro, who, after his arrest in Chicago, confessed that he had murdered Laddie de Vallant, night clerk in the Eastern Hotel here, for the purpose of robbery, strangled himself in his cell in the Tomb prison early today. When found life was almost extinct, and despite heroic treatment by the prison doctor, he died within fifteen minutes.

About nine o'clock Saturday night the police were called into Edward Birmingham's house on St. David street, Birmingham, and his wife. About two hours later Mrs. Birmingham gave her husband in charge of the police. She claims that he beat her.

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HELEN EMERY REFUSES TO GIVE UP JAPANESE FIANCE

Daughter of Archdeacon Leaves Her Home Amid Hoots of Crowd to Join Him, Mother Leaving Husband to Go With Her Child.

SEATTLE, Wn., March 27.—With Rev. H. H. Gowan as the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. A. Patterson, Munirio Aoki, a Japanese, and Miss Helen Gladys Emery, the daughter of Archdeacon John Emery, of the Episcopal diocese of California, were married at Trinity church today.

They had travelled for more than 1,000 miles to become legally united as man and wife, as the laws of California, where the girl was born and reared, prevented such a union.

San Francisco, Cal., March 27.—Amid hoots and yells, banging of tin cans and a tropical shower of rice and flowers, Mrs. John Emery, wife of Archdeacon Emery, of the Episcopal Church, and her daughter, Miss Helen Gladys Emery, whose engagement to Juniro Aoki, a Japanese, has aroused feeling against them, left their home at Corte Madera last evening.

They came to this city, but almost immediately departed for Tacoma, Wash. Aoki was not with them when they left here, but it is supposed he has arranged to join the fiancée and her mother before reaching Sacramento.

The mother and daughter were met in the ferry depot west by the secretary of Bishop Nichols. Archdeacon Emery did not appear at the ferry, nor was he the wife's Madrasa Sister when his wife and daughter faced the hostile crowd. Apparently he had abandoned his opposition to the marriage.

In parting Miss Emery issued one of the most remarkable documents of our time. She wrote it herself just before she left—

"I LOVE HIM" ENOUGH.

Miss Emery's letter says in part:—"The great public clamor which has followed the announcement of my marriage to Juniro Aoki, a Japanese, has forced me to come forward with a statement, not so much for the purpose of clearing up the facts as to correct erroneous impressions which have been scattered broadcast since our engagement became known."

"At the outset I wish it to be understood that I love Juniro Aoki, a native of Japan, and I sincerely hope to maintain my love for him despite all that may be said or done, despite the fact that he is a Japanese, and the results of the small-minded and petty individuals, whether in Corte Madera or elsewhere, who have made it their business to make the public know that I love him."

"The public does not know and, I hope never will know the true history of our family life. Those are the skeletons locked away in the cupboard, and it is not necessary for me to state what they are. My mother's understanding and uprightness in my mind, this at least ought to be sufficient to guide me in my life."

"By all the dictates of duty and honor, my one aim being to secure the happiness of my parents. But—and by happenings of human affairs ordered—the right to agree to a union with a member of a race so distinct as that of a native of Japan, I cannot see should prove of harm. I cannot see why children born of such a union should possess to any lesser degree those attributes of Americanism, as such a part of the Japanese characteristics as they are American."

"I am but simply trying to answer the arguments which have been offered against my marriage to Juniro Aoki, that is, those arguments which I consider worthy of answering. Such pleas as that he was not wealthy and that he was not a native of America, I do not desire any other. And in my world men and women are not guided by the outward, visible signs."

HALIFAX, N. S., Mar. 28.—The police of Halifax made a capture of a young eloping Montreal couple when the steamer Empress of Britain arrived on Saturday from St. John. They were detained on a telegram from Mr. Jensen, of Montreal. Their names are Jack Brandon, a business man of Montreal, 23 years old, and Madge Jensen, a girl of eighteen.

The girl's father was in Halifax when the couple were captured and they agreed to return to Montreal with him. They boarded the steamer at St. John as Mr. and Mrs. Brandon when searched at the police station had \$10,000 in cash in his pocket.

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BELL MAKES A PLEA FOR GOVT. SUPPORT

Aerial Work at Baddeck

SPEAKS AT OTTAWA

Plea Seconded by Earl Grey—To be Considered, Says Fielding

OTTAWA, Mar. 28.—That the Canadian government should assist in some tangible and practical manner, the work now being done by the Canadian engineers, Douglas McCurdy and F.W. Baldwin, in connection with the aerial experimental association, with headquarters at Baddeck, N. S., was the plea made by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone and now one of the world's principal exponents of the science of aviation, in an address before over two hundred members of the Canadian Club at Ottawa at luncheon yesterday. He gave an interesting and succinct account of the history of experiments in aerial navigation since the seventeenth century, pointed out the great strides which had been made toward the solution of the problem during the past few years and emphasized the importance from a national defense standpoint of the government taking action to take due and prompt advantage of the successes that were being achieved by his young colleagues at Baddeck.

Strongly Supported

His remarks in this last connection were strongly supported by His Excellency Earl Grey, who declared that if the British Empire was able to produce the best aeroplane in the world, it would command the same supremacy in the air that it now maintains on the sea. Canada, he said, had given to the world the telephone and, by the wise action of the Canadian government, had secured the same supremacy in the air that it now maintains on the sea.

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EXECUTOR OF LARGE ESTATE DISAPPEARS

Left Wife Saying He Had Committed Suicide

—Widow Sues Trust Company for Balance.

BOSTON, Mass., March 27.—The disappearance of George S. Withington, of Concord, Mass., executor of the will of Henry Gates of this city, and the failure to locate the greater part of the property originally amounting to \$300,000 which was placed in the hands of the late Mr. Gates, has caused the widow Rosalia E. Gates against the Old Colony Trust Company to recover the balance of the estate held by that institution.

Withington was employed by the trust company and was said to have committed suicide by drowning himself in the Concord river. No trace of his body was found and the authorities believe that he went to another state.

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St. John Branch—Cor. King and Garfield Streets.
P. B. FRANCIS, Manager.

Laundry Notice.

The undersigned has removed his branch laundry from 123 Union street, to 45 Waterloo street, where he will conduct said business in future. Persons wishing goods called for or delivered can ring phone Main 1723.

HAM LEE.

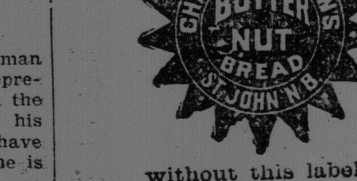
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NIGHT OF MEETINGS CITY COURTS
COURT ST. JOHN, No. 410—Orange, Hall, German street, 1st Friday in month.
COURT UNION JACK, No. 540—Orange Hall, German street, 4th Wednesday.
COURT NORTH END, No. 567—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.
COURT YUKON, No. 723—Orange Hall, Simons street, Third Wednesday.
COURT HAWATHA, No. 733—Temperance Hall, Market Building, 1st Wednesday.
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District Organizer.

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DEATHS

LOGUE.—In this city, on March 28th, after a short illness, Katherine A. wife of Alexander Logue, aged 53 years.
Funeral from her late residence, 103 German street, on Tuesday, the 30th instant. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Boston Papers please copy.

MCLAUGHLIN.—Sunday evening, after a late residence, 111 Princess street, after a short illness, Mrs. W. W. McLaughlin, aged 71 years.
Funeral on Tuesday, the 30th instant, at two-thirty o'clock from her late residence, 111 Carmarthen street.