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THEY FALL TO AGREE ON A REFEREE

Selection of Third Man in the Jeffries-Johnson Ring is Deferred Until May 16—Coffroth Secures a License For Bout

San Francisco, May 5.—Local enthusiasts expressed much disappointment today over the failure of the fight promoters and principals to agree on the referee race and as a result the date for the formal consideration of the venue problem was postponed, remains to be seen.

The conference was a wrangle throughout but there was one rift in the clouds of debate that caused a good laugh. Sam Berger told Promoter Jack Gleason that he would not hold the club down to a choice from only two candidates on each side as stipulated in the articles of agreement.

"I'll name you twenty," declared Jeffries' manager.

"Yes," countered Jack Johnson, "and I'll name fifty but you won't have one of them."

"Why not," queried Berger.

"Because they're all smokers," said the negro, flashing his "golden smile."

It looks now as if California were out of the running in the referee race and as if there is a good chance for a customer to be selected. Eddie Smith and Charles Elyton, who was preferred by the Jeffries contingent are persona non grata to the Johnson faction and the latter's choice, Jack Welch and Eddie Gray, are in equal disfavour in the opposing camp.

Johnson said yesterday he would begin his fight here and will re-open in Toronto on Monday.

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LUMBERMEN FROM HERE TO THE PACIFIC

Two Thousand to British Columbia From New Brunswick and Quebec—Miner Has Top of Head Bown Off—Canadian News

Nelson, B. C., May 5.—(Special)—Two thousand men will be brought to the interior of British Columbia by mountain lumbermen from the timber districts of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Their families will come later, and all are expected to become permanent residents of Kootenay.

This was decided at a conference with East Kootenay millmen at Fernie. Five hundred of the men are expected within thirty days and the rest will be brought out as soon as they can be gathered.

Cobalt, Ont., May 5.—(Special)—Oliver Martel, aged 40 years, married, and belonging to Capleton, Que., was killed yesterday at the City of Cobalt mine, as the result of a blasting accident.

Calgary, May 5.—(Special)—It is now stated with some certainty that the legislature will meet on May 26, with but little change in the political situation.

Paris, Ont., May 5.—One hundred English girls arrived here today from England to work in the Peawan mills. Others, tempted, owing to a scarcity of female labor in this district.

Winnipeg, May 5.—The Alberta water commission has concluded its hearings here and will re-open in Toronto on Monday.

Toronto, May 5.—The Y. M. C. A. building fund now totals \$400,000, and the campaign will be cut short.

Eds. Toronto, Ont., May 5.—Officials have started north to investigate reported gold discoveries.

Winnipeg, May 5.—A man named Holden, formerly a clerk in the Bank of Commerce in Strathcona, Alberta, has been arrested at the request of the Edmonton authorities, charged with theft of a registered letter from a bank depositor.

HUSBAND AND WIFE IN LEGAL BATTLE OVER FUTURE OF THEIR TWO BOYS

NEWS OVER CABLES TODAY

The Canada Club Dinner—King Receives Newfoundland Premier—Bibles to Mission Lands By Aeroplane—Financial, Sport and General News

London, May 5.—Donald Armour, the eminent Canadian jurist, and distinguished surgeon's son, sitting presiding at the Canada Club dinner last night. He said as a nation within the empire, realized that nationhood's privileges and burdens were inseparable. They had received power to arrange their own affairs yet were determined to give preference to the motherland. If they claimed control of their own naval and militia forces these were ever available for the empire's defence.

Canada men have never believed that the dominion's prosperity depended upon permanent connection with the motherland. The Australian commissioner, Mr. Reid, said Providence formerly relieved us of the necessity of caring for the empire but the time has come to give providence a rest. Our strength consists of re-inforcing your Regulations that local government was to decide whether local forces should participate in an imperial war, if danger appeared, become waste paper. (General cheering.)

Donald McMaster, M. P., warned the colonies if the anti-Lords proposal was carried to the commons, though it was highly improbable, abolish the constitution wholly regarding the dominion's palladium of liberties. Maintenance of the British connection should not depend upon empty whim.

Mr. Harmer, M. P., formerly of Vancouver, expressed similar views.

London, May 5.—King Edward today received the premier of Newfoundland in audience.

Underwriting is in progress in connection with the Danmurr colliery issue of £2,000,000, 5 per cent bonds.

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ASBESTOS CASE IS RESUMED

Evidence of Prosecution in Coombs Matter is Completed—Counsel Address Court and Case Goes Over Till Tomorrow

Hearing in the case of H. Leslie Coombs was continued this morning in the police court before Judge Ritchie. The examination of Alexander Warrell was concluded and other witnesses were called. E. P. Raymond conducted the prosecution and R. E. Madden, the sum involved being \$4,000. Another read referred to the same parties, was dated in November and the amount was \$1,200. The handwriting in each case was said by Mr. Warrell to be that of the defendant.

The cash book was referred to and Mr. Warrell read transactions involving \$4,000 and \$1,200 paid to H. R. Madden for equipment.

Mr. Mullin informed the court that he was to buy two asbestos lots, but from whom he did not say, hearing out his statement. Mr. Mullin said he offered this explanation in view of the fact that the prosecution had brought out evidence that some erasing had been done on one of the company's books, relative to the deal between Madden and Coombs, a change in the wrong being from "Asbestos lots," to "equipment."

Mr. Raymond read from the minute book the records of a meeting at which Madden had acted as secretary, and had been appointed a director as well as the following for the year 1909 to 1910: X. Leblanche, Roche Gagne, H. W. Adam, Hon. A. T. Dunn and L. A. Coombs. This was allowed in evidence.

Mr. Warrell recognized a book, produced by Mr. Raymond as the ledger of the company, which had been sent here yesterday from Sherbrooke where the office of the company is now located. From the ledger Mr. Raymond read in Coombs' handwriting an item dated October 27, 1909, \$4,000 was received, and another dated November 20 when the sum was \$1,200. Over the top of the account the name R. E. Madden, Boston, (Mass.) was written. On the opposite side of the page the auditor had charged \$50 to Coombs, as the entire cash for that amount above the voucher.

Mr. Raymond asked the witness if he proved that the children are happy with their mother and that they are very fond of their adopted father.

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WILL BE BIG GATHERING IN GLASGOW

Plans for World's W. C. T. U. Meetings in June Announced—Countess of Carlisle to Preside—Pleasant Excursions Arranged

Glasgow, May 5.—Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, president of the National W. C. T. U. of the United States, will preside at the evening meeting of the World's, W. C. T. U. congress in St. Andrew's hall, on June 7, at which time representatives from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, and the United States will speak.

The convention will open in the afternoon of June 7 and will be presided over by the international president, the Countess of Carlisle. Fraternal delegates will be received from fifty national temperance and philanthropic societies. The opening of the congress will be preceded by an all day devotional meeting on Monday, and a reception that evening by the Lord provost.

A children's demonstration will be held in the city hall on the afternoon of June 4. Numerous public functions have been arranged with excursions to Roskeil Glen, Gourock, Quarters Home, Bridge-of-Weir and other places. On the evening of June 9, eighty one-minute responses will be made at the meeting in St. Andrew's hall.

The congress will close on June 11 and will be followed by excursion to Scotland extending over the 16th.

As announced some time ago in the Times-Star, Mrs. J. H. Gray Fairlie, will be the St. John delegate to this convention. She will sail from Montreal on May 15.

Prince Helie's Creditor GET KNOCKOUT B.

Bankrupt Declared Void and Estates Are Returned to His Control—He Owes \$3,750,000

Berlin, May 5.—Prince Helie de Sagan has administered a knockout blow to his German creditors, to whom he owes \$3,750,000. As already reported in dispatches, the prince's German estate in Silesia, including the Duchy of Sagan, were placed in bankruptcy for the creditors' benefit.

As a result of stubborn litigation on his part, the prince's lawyers this week succeeded in inducing the courts to declare the bankruptcy proceedings null and void, and the principality, with its estimated annual income of \$175,000, now returns to the prince's unimpeachable personal administration. His German creditors were reduced to the necessity of waiting for Prince Helie to reply to their plaintive requests to "please clear up a matter."



Baron and Baroness von Romberg and their children. The Baroness is seated on the left and the Baron is on the right. They are surrounded by their children.

New York, May 5.—America or Germany—which is to be the fatherland of the children of the Baroness von Romberg, eight, the two little sons of Walter C. Morrill, of New York, and his wife, now the Baroness von Romberg, of Wiesbaden, Germany. To settle this question a legal battle is being waged in the courts of Connecticut and will be carried this week before the supreme court of the state. The children are now in the custody of their mother, the Baroness, and she is bitterly fighting the efforts of their father to gain possession of them, even for the six weeks year allowed by the divorce decree.

Their happiness and their future will be demanded that they shall remain with their mother and that they are very fond of their adopted father.

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G.P.R. BUYS 25,000 TONS OF NOVA SCOTIA COAL

North Atlantic Collieries Co. Will Deliver it Here—Contract With I. C. R., Too

Glouce Bay, N. S., May 5.—(Special)—The North Atlantic Collieries Company, operating the coal mines at Cape Morien, has secured several large coal contracts recently. The company has made a contract with the C. P. R. for the delivery of 25,000 tons of coal at St. John. They have also contracts with the I. C. R. for an increased quantity of coal this year.

Toronto, May 5.—The price James McGrath of the Boston Club Hotel is to pay Mrs. Kate Devaney for the license of the St. Albans Hotel is \$20,000. While the commissioners have ordered the sale to be immediately, the transfer will not be formally made until May 16, and until that time Mrs. Devaney may continue to sell liquor.

The license inspectors have determined to make the bartenders hurry up with applications have not been coming in on time, but this year no excuse will be taken from those whose names and applications are not in by May 15. The fee is \$2 a year, but the penalty for selling liquor without a bartender's license, is a fine of \$10 a day for the offence, and in some cases imprisonment for not less than 20 days. Both proprietors of hotels, and bartenders are liable under the Act, in cases where bartenders have no licenses.

London, May 5.—Without waiting until he had given his formal assent to the new finance bill, King Edward paid his income tax at the rate of fourteen pence to the pound. The queen followed his example, both payments being voluntarily, as the crown is required to pay such a tax. Queen Victoria introduced the custom of the sovereign paying income tax and King Edward followed her example when he came to the throne. The tax officials keep strictly secret the amount of the king's private income.

London, May 5.—(Special)—Col. John James Telford, soldier of fortune, is believed by the local police to have gone through a fake marriage ceremony with young women in all parts of the United States and Canada, including one or two in Toronto.

Among many others, photographs of two young and handsome Toronto women have been found among his effects, which he left in hands of his late victim, Miss Clara Jordan, after running away from the woman's eighteen year old sister. He is now being sought on a charge of abduction.

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THE WEATHER Fresh to strong northerly winds clearing tonight. Friday, north west winds, fair and cool.

Peary Gives one of His Sleds London, May 5.—Commander Robert E. Peary today presented to the Royal Geographical Society one of the sleds which he took to the North Pole. He had named the sled "Beaumont" after Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, of the British Arctic expedition of 1876-1876.

LABOR MEN AND FARMERS IN NEW ORGANIZATION

St. Louis, May 5.—Officers of the American Federation of Labor and of the Farmers' organizations in convention here, continued today to discuss cooperation. A new organization, to be called the National Farmers' Scientific Co-operative Society probably will be the result. It will have as its object elimination of the middle man, which includes the speculator in farm products.

LABOR MATTERS Waltham Watch Factory to Close Again—Freight Handlers' Position

Boston, Mass., May 5.—The 3,000 employees of the Waltham Watch Co. factory will be idle from June 20 to July 25, according to notices posted at the works. The factory has been closed five times since last December, due to production in excess of market needs.

Chicago, May 5.—Whether 3,000 union freight handlers of twenty-three railroads entering Chicago stand paid for a flat 20 per cent increase in wages for about \$5.50 a month, the others and go on strike tomorrow, or accept the compromise terms offered by the roads will be determined by a vote to be taken tonight.

To Walk Over Niagara Rochester, May 5.—E. J. Hammond is making negotiations to walk across the Niagara and Genesee river gorges on a tight wire. He expects to perform the feat at Niagara Falls.

Noted Philanthropist Dead Schenectady, N. Y., May 5.—Horace B. Stillman, the philanthropist is dead, aged eighty three years.

Spokane, Wash., May 5.—W. G. Steger, a "forty-niner," who has worked a silver mine near Leavenworth for a decade, was stricken with paralysis when his hand was within the touch of riches, and now lies unconscious on a cot in the hospital at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, while others are developing the mine.

Mrs. Steger has come from California to be with the veteran gold hunter, whose mining prospects have made many men rich during the last half century. The property, consisting of 680 acres, has been tested by panning at many points, the average value being fifty cents to the cubic yard. It is estimated that the gold extraction will not be more than 12 1/2 cents and as low as eight cents.

A. M. Schaeffer and his associates, who have taken over the group of claims, are constructing a flume of three and a half miles to bring water from Boulder Creek to operate four giant hydrants to test deep benches of from 15 to 200 feet in depth.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE CONVENTION IN BUFFALO

Boston, May 5.—The biennial convention of the United Irish League will be held in Buffalo during the last week of next September, according to the decision made by the national officers.

It is expected that John E. Redmond, M. P., will attend the convention, with his colleagues, T. P. O'Connor and Joe Devlin. The convention will begin September 26, and continue until the 28th.

GARGO OF SCRAP TIN FOR MAKING TOYS Seattle, Wn., May 5.—The steamship Protestant, loading here, will take Hamburg 120,000 bales of scrap tin from the Puget Sound canneries, to be used in the manufacture of toys, which will be shipped back to America again to delight children. Hereafter the waste material has been thrown away.

Law to Stop Medicine Jugs Toronto, May 5.—An amendment to the Ontario Liquor License Act preventing the sale of so-called patent medicines to individuals who are prohibited from purchasing liquor is being drafted. Men on the "Indian list" find it quite convenient to resort to this sort of thing to get their "jugs," and just as convenient to plead in court that they have been taking medicine.

The Eden Musee is Sold New York, May 5.—The Eden Musee, the best known museum of waxes in America, located here, will be sold to the David Dove estate in whose hands it has been for more than a generation to an owner whose name is withheld. Neither was the price given out, but it is understood to be about \$750,000.

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