

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST CULLED FROM ALL SOURCES



CLOSE CALL WHEN BRIDGE GAVE WAY

A Dominion Atlantic Railway train had a miraculous escape from being wrecked on Wednesday when the bridge at Metehar caved in, probably due to some weakness of the under-structure, caused by the recent heavy rains.

Ten minutes before the train, loaded with passengers, arrived at Metehar the entire bridge collapsed. Fortunately the signalman, seeing the cave-in, reversed the safety signals and stopped the train. The passengers' safety was forced to make a detour through the woods on the other side of the bridge.

A special was sent from Digby to get the passengers for St. John shortly after the accident occurred, but the rest were not picked up by the train from Halifax until half past six Wednesday night, after having several hours' waiting.

A remarkable feature of the affair was that a heavy freight train went over the bridge safely the same morning as the cave-in occurred.

WHEN YOU BUY A TYPEWRITER

You must first be convinced of three things:—

- 1st. That the typewriter you select embodies the strong points of all the others, with a few exclusive features added.
- 2nd. That it will give the maximum of service at a minimum cost for repairs.
- 3rd. That the price you pay obtains more typewriter value than the same amount, or more, could buy in any other machine.

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Granted that simplicity of construction is an advantage, it stands to reason that the simpler the machine, the less it costs to make it and, consequently, the less the price at which the makers can afford to sell it.

Because complicated mechanisms cost more to make.

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CANADIAN MAKE AND MONEY IN CANADA

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More than 40,000 cords of four foot wood, is stored up in the yards of two chemical plants in Cadillac Mich near the shores of Cadillac Lake. This wood is to be used in making various commodities, but especially wood alcohol and acetone, the chief ingredient of gunpowder. The plants in Cadillac and the one at Jennings produce one-sixth of all the acetone and one-tenth of all the wood alcohol manufactured in the United States.

An American professor claims to have discovered that it was a crime to stir in Ancient Egypt. If the fair sex look anything like the pictures they left behind them, it was.

Judging from the increase in the number of editorials on the high cost of living, the boom days are over for a time, and "ougo" becomes important to the average man.

"Mr. Dooley" said: "Nature is a great Dimmyerat. The man that has ten dollars a week has a week child, the man that has a dollar a week has ten children, and the millionaire has a motor car."

The Suffragettes went to Hyde Park attended by a man bodyguard that is right. Man is the natural guardian of woman, and she does well to recognize him as such.

Only five men, representing the last of Minnesota's (U. S.) first white settlers, attended the 55th annual reunion of the Old Settlers' association at St. Paul the other day. The president had occasion to say: "We are face to face with the melancholy fact that death has so depleted our ranks that never again shall we have quorum or be able to legally transact business."

To be held up by caterpillars was the experience met with by the members of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery while on their way from Kingston to camp at Petawawa via the C. P. R. When the train arrived at Calabogie the train had to stop, and it was found that for a stretch of over three miles the tracks were covered with caterpillars three inches deep. Section men with brooms had to be called, and the train, a double header, was delayed two hours as a result.

That cannibalism still is practiced in the less civilized sections of Africa is proved by the summary justice the British government of Sierra Leone has meted out to members of the "Leopard society" of that colony. Forty members were hanged for participating in cannibalistic feasts and for sacrificing human beings in their secret orgies. The society is said to have been in existence a long time, terrorizing the natives and driving into slavery or slaying all who did not submit to its demands.

The State engineer of Oregon, U. S. John H. Lewis, has submitted a project for developing 304,000 continuous electric power at Big Eddy, a point three miles above The Dalles, on the Columbia River. At this place the river runs through a narrow gorge which could be closed by a dam only three hundred feet long and 180 feet above its foundations, and the construction of a canal three hundred feet wide, twenty feet deep, and a mile and a half in length. The head of water is seventy-three feet at high water and forty-two at low water and the mean flow of the river throughout the year is 235,000 cubic feet a second. The hydro-electric unit would be each of 32,000-horse power. The total cost of the scheme would be about \$23,000,000.

As President of the French Republic, the heaviest burden which M. Poincaré will have to bear is the collar which he wears as the grand master of the Legion of Honor—an office which is always filled by the ruler of France. This collar consists of medals—each of the size of a franc—engraved with the arms of the principal French towns, and joined together by a massive chain, the links of which are fastened to represent bundles of victors' rods. Attached to the chain is a cross almost two feet in length. As the decoration is made throughout of solid gold its weight is enormous, and diminutive Presidents such as M. M. Thiers and Loubet found it almost unbearable. Fortunately, the President is not often called on to encumber himself with it.

An old superstition that if a newborn baby is carefully and abundantly saluted he will be strong and hardy when he grows up, and that evil spirits will never be able to pursue him. And this custom is still clung to in various parts of the world, although the method of procedure is different with different people. In certain parts of Russia, especially among some of the Armerian settlements, the salting of an infant is an occasion of great celebration, an event in the life of the youngster which is going to influence the whole of his life. The baby is rubbed well with fine salt, which is left on for about five hours, and during that time songs are sung, foods and drinks partaken of, and all the relations and friends join in the celebration. If this ceremony is neglected bad luck is certain to follow the child even to the last years of his life. Mountain tribes of Asia Minor indulge in the same belief, though with them the baby is generally left from 30 to 35 hours in the salt. The longer the duration of time the better chances for good fortune has the infant.

Nineteen Russians who sought permission to settle in England had their claims investigated the other day, and all but three were successful. The only luggage one man possessed was an accordion.

Princess Augustine Victoria of Hohenzollern, who is betrothed to Manuel, former King of Portugal, will have a dowry of \$200,000, which, with the savings of Manuel, will give the couple an income of \$30,000 a year.

A few days ago a group photograph of a family which formerly lived at Murfreesboro, Tenn., was found near Lebanon, which is at least 40 miles away, where it was blown by the tornado of March 12. The picture was in fairly good condition.

With accommodations for a crew of 70 and a capacity of nearly 7,000 barrels, the steamer East Hampton, launched at Rockland, Me., recently is the largest steam fishing craft on the Atlantic coast. Its gross tonnage is 400, and it is nearly 163 feet long.

A Madrid, Spain, man has just died whose family comprised six generations. He was a farm laborer and was 114 years old at his death. The descendants who survive him are one son, 88 years old, three grand-children, aged 63, 59 and 58 years, 12 great-grandchildren, 45 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A demonstration unique in the varied activities of the city was held in New York recently when boys students of the public schools—10,000 in number, each wearing a white blouse and a blue and orange tie—gathered upon the green at Central Park to illustrate through drills and games how instruction in hygiene and applied athletics in the school have developed health and stamina. The Public School Athletic League staged the spectacle.

Lightning tore a brass chandelier and electric light fixtures from their fastenings and scattered them about the floor in the room where Miss Amy L. Kohlhaas, of New York, lay sleeping in the country place of her father's in Stockbridge, Mass., recently. The bolt struck the house on the corner near the room of Miss Kohlhaas's sister, Miss Edith, and set fire to the woodwork. Both rooms seemed to be filled with fire, but young women escaped with severe shocks. The fire was extinguished after doing about \$1,000 worth of damage.

Miss Julia Frank, 72, better known as "Mother Frank," is dead at her home in Amsterdam, N. Y. She adopted and reared ten children and for forty years had attended Memorial Day services and had decorated the grave of every soldier buried in the local cemetery. Miss Frank's sweetheart, a soldier in the Union army, was killed at the battle of Bull Run, and for more than fifty years she had kept a light burning in her window in anticipation of his return. She never accepted a suitor since the report of his death. The farm where she has spent her life is bequeathed to an unmarried sister on condition that the light be kept burning for the soldier.

Melba has arrived in London, and special steps were taken to publicly mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of her first appearance at Covent Garden on May 24. A London paper, giving some statistics of Melba's earnings as a singer, says that her first engagement was in Australia, where she gave four concerts a week for the moderate salary of \$100 per week. Later she sang in grand opera in Paris and received \$1,000 a month. To-day she receives \$2,500 for each performance in grand opera, we are told, and she is booked for a five-months tour in America, commencing in August for which she is to receive \$200,000. Since she first sang in London Melba is credited with having earned well over \$2,500,000, on the operatic stage, and concert platform, while entertainments which she has given in the interests of different charities have produced close upon \$500,000.

The cover cut for the June issue of ROD AND GUN in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont., shows a striking picture of a mountaineer climbing scene on Mt. Robson, the highest known peak in the main range of the Canadian Rockies which Director Wheeler of the Alpine Club of Canada says may this summer witness a race for its summit that will only have been eclipsed by the celebrated race for the summit of the Matterhorn by Edward Whymper and Giordano. The call of the Peace; The Cruise of the Viking (From St. John, N. B. to New Richmond, P. Q., by motor boat); Among the Florida of British Columbia; Black Bear and Grizzly (Hunting in the Gold Range, B. C.); Nova Scotia Sporting Gossip from Dr. Breck; Fur Farming in Quebec; Fish and Fishing in Manitoba are some of the good things provided by the varied contents of the June issue.

An ingenious implement has been patented by a Rhode Island inventor to enable a man to tie a knot in cord around a parcel and cut the superfluous cord with one hand.

To protect feminine bathers' hair while in the surf, a New York man has patented a cap made of a single piece of rubber, and fastened with ornamental roses at the ears.

British military authorities have developed for use in India a telephone cable which weighs but seven pounds to the mile, but so well insulated it will work through water.

The lawyers in Yates county, N. Y. are without clients, as there is not either a civil or criminal case on the docket, and there are no prospects of any. This situation is without a parallel in the history of the court.

An ingenious Newcastle, G. E. man, charged with drunkenness, explained that his condition was due to smoke of two sixpenny cigars given him by a friend. The magistrate dismissed him with an abjuration to confine his smoking to cigarettes in future.

With a contract of \$40 a month and a third interest in the profits, Miss Grace Simpson, of Minneapolis, has been hired to manage a large farm in Belhel, Minn. Miss Simpson is to have personal supervision over the farm work.

Because a ball struck Joseph A. Paes, a barber, on the eye while witnessing a baseball game September 18, 1911, a jury in the Superior Court, Boston, ordered the Boston American League Baseball to pay him \$321. He sued for \$2,500.

Charles D. Smith, of Brattleboro, Vt., has a copy of the Daily Citizen of Vicksburg, dated July 2, 1862, which was printed on wall-paper. A note in the lower right corner of the paper tells that the plant of the paper fell into the hands of the Yankees, and that the paper ended its existence with the wall-paper edition.

The Provincial Department of Public Works has closed a contract with Concrete Construction, Limited, of Ottawa for the painting of the steel trusses of the province. The contract calls for sandblasting and painting the steel bridges, which are in bad need of such work. The intention is to spend about \$25,000 or \$30,000 per year, and two crews will commence operations in the province just as soon as possible, one commencing at Charlo, Restigouche County, and working down along the North Shore, while the other will start at Edmundston, Madawaska County, and work down the St. John River to the southern part of the province.

A. K. Edgecomb, of Bath, Me., caught in his net at the entrance of Saanona River one of the largest sturgeons ever caught in the Kennebec, Maine. The fish was about nine feet two inches long, and weighed 500 pounds. Its roes, which after being cleaned, salted and prepared, are known as caviar, will weigh about 90 pounds and are worth \$2 a pound. There was also about 150 pounds of good meat in the fish, which is worth about 23 cents a pound.

The manager of a great London store has been summarizing his impression of women in business. Between 17 and 25, he says, they are too much interested in the opposite sex, but at 25 a woman's mind is usually made up about marriage, and between 25 and 30 she may show admirable efficiency in business. He has warm praise for the honesty of women employees, regarding it as superior to men's, though admitting that women have not the same temptations to steal as men with families to support.

Henry Schlegel, of New York, sneezed himself to death. Mr. Schlegel was reading in his dining room, and feeling a draught, arose to close a door. His wife and children, who were sitting on the stoop, heard him sneeze violently and then fall to the floor. They ran in and found him unconscious. He was dead when an ambulance surgeon arrived from Lebanon Hospital. The doctor reported to the police that Mr. Schlegel's sneezing had caused a nasal hemorrhage.

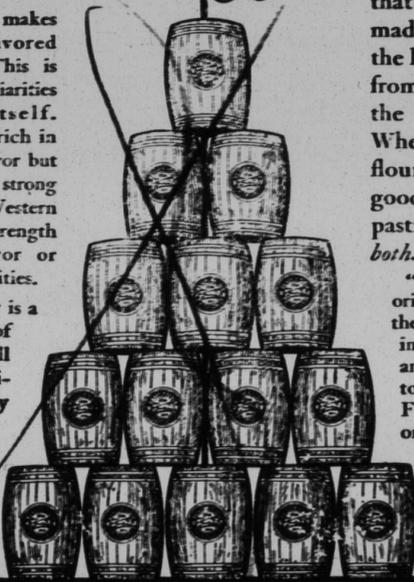
Grego Kosciolan, an employee of the American Sugar Refining Company' plant at the foot of Fouché street, Williamsburg, N. Y., was buried in a huge pile of sugar for half an hour. Kosciolan was trying to throw the belt from a machine when he fell down a chute which carries sugar from the upper floors to the basement. Before his predicament was discovered nearly 4,500 pounds of sugar were rumped on top of him. The format put a gang of thirty men at work with shovels, but they found it was impossible to make any progress by digging at the top of the pile. Finally they had to dig channels through the sugar from several points at the side of the pile. Kosciolan was unconscious when they reached him, but afterwards recovered.

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The first session of the Grand Division was held Thursday evening in the Temperance Hall, Cornhill, Kings Co.

Officers present:—
G. W. P.—S. B. Burns, St. John
G. W. A.—G. F. Moore, Hopewell, Albert Co.
G. Scribe—Rev. W. R. Robinson, St. John
G. Treas.—H. M. Furguson, Rexton
G. Patron—Miss L. M. Kirby, Point de Bute
G. Sentinel—E. McCarthy, Moncton.

In the absence of Rev. Wm. Lawson, G. Chap. and Rev. R. H. Staver, P. G. W. P. the vacancies were filled by Mrs. E. S. Hennigar and Rev. E. S. Hennigar respectively.

After the opening exercises eleven candidates were initiated into the order of the Grand Division.

After the appointment of the various committees, the G. W. P., Mr. S. B. Bustin, presented his report. This was a most timely production, filled with the heart throbs of an earnest worker who throes much to be done. The predominant note of which was "The time is always ripe for doing good, never ripe for doing wrong."

This report was so well received that on the following day Geo. A. Fawcett, Esq., of Middle Sackville, moved that it be published in pamph-

let form, and distributed through the province a copy being sent to each Division. On discussion it was considered to be a better plan to have it printed in one of the daily papers, so on receiving a telephone message of acceptance from the St. John Standard it was decided that the report be published in full, Monday 16th inst.

Report of G. S. Rev. W. R. Robinson:—
24 divisions sent in no report
10 divisions have forfeited charter
60 divisions in good standing, with a membership of 4233

This is less than what was reported last year but there is really a gain as there were a number of divisions that were wrongly credited as being in good standing.

There was a gain of 402 members—Lost 228, making a net gain of 274.

Acting on a suggestion it was moved and seconded and carried that a committee of five be appointed for organization purposes. The following were appointed, for the sake of convenience all being in St. John: Bros. Bustin, Robinson, McCavour, Hennigar and Rowley.

Bros. Robinson reported having the Journal of the Grand Division for 1912 published. It is a very attractive and up-to-date publication and having as well the pictures of the officers.

Much indignation was expressed in regard to the repeated defiance of

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