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THE CHOIR TO SING TONIGHT

Canadian Clubs' Reception will be Held After Concert

MAY STAY SUNDAY

Plan for Performance of Elijah or Messiah Tomorrow Afternoon Being Considered—The Vicarion Expected at 7 O'clock at Sand Point

Although the afternoon performance of the Sheffield choir had to be abandoned...

Dr. Harris said this afternoon that he had interviewed the mayor, clergymen, judges, the recorder and many others...

A definite announcement will be made about the matter at tonight's performance...

Word was received at 1 o'clock by wireless that the steamer Victoria was 100 miles from St. John and was then making fifty good time...

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KILLED AS HE ESCAPED FROM ASYLUM

Patient in Hamilton Institution Tore Arm on Window Glass As He Leaped, and Bled to Death

(Canadian Press) Hamilton, Ont., March 25—A sensational dash for liberty which had a fatal termination, was attempted on Wednesday by a patient named Lockhart in the Hospital for Insane on the mountain. Lockhart took advantage of the temporary absence of his guards to remove a window on the second story and drop thirty feet to the ground. He evidently threw out his arm to break his fall, but his arm went through a window of the ground ward and was almost cut in two. His body was found under some trees in the garden, where he must have made his way after he fell. He had evidently bled to death.

THE GAMORISTS

Effort Now to Break Down Damaging Story Told by Former Comrade

(Canadian Press) Viterbo, March 25—The attorneys for the defence hooked to the Santa Maria in Grand today to consult with their clients on the counter attack to be made upon the informer, Gemaro Abbatemaggio, when the trial of the thirty-three gamorists is resumed next Tuesday. They found the most indignant lot of criminals ever together in an Italian prison. With a show of indignation the accused declared that when permitted to speak, they would refute their former associate's allegations. To what extent their indignation was assumed was impossible to determine for these men have been in a school where dissembling under pressure is a rudiment.

There is no doubt, however, that Abbatemaggio in telling his story yesterday filled his whole mind with genuine rage. Posing as a penitent prepared to give up his life in expiation of his crime, the gamorists were deeply impressed by the strong cross-examination which was necessary to bring out the truth.

The priest Ciro Vitoni, during the conference with his lawyer, delivered to the press the manuscript in his hand. He was preparing during his confinement, placing the manuscript in the hands of his lawyer, to be presented to the court. The gamorists are the cry of a martyr whose spotless conscience must appeal to justice.

They close with an eulogy of the author, who appears to be consumed with self-loathing. He is the man who has been voted to reclaim lost lambs to the fold.

Ontario Business Man IS DEAD IN FREDERICTON

James H. Smith Succumbs in Hospital—Thermometer Two Below Last Night

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., March 25—James H. Smith, sales manager for the Moorey Biscuit Company, of Stratford, Ont., died in his room here on Tuesday afternoon of a heart ailment, which he had contracted in Toronto this evening. He was about fifty-six years old and was well known throughout the Maritime provinces. The thermometer registered two below zero last night.

Fredricton defeated St. John High school at basket ball this morning 30 to 21.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

New York, March 25—Ships many miles at sea last night witnessed a spectacular fire on the apex of the Atlantic highland near Sandy Hook, when the Water Witch club house, with a casino and the large residence of David White were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Augusta, Ga., March 25—Frank Coffey, an aviator, believes he secured the record for the type of aeroplane used when he covered thirty miles in 27 minutes cross country yesterday.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 25—Senator A. B. Cummins, in an address last night to the Grand Club, assailed the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

Monroe, La., March 25—Fire on Thursday night destroyed the large saw mill and plant of the Tremont Lumber Company at Eros. Several hundred cars of lumber were burned. The loss is \$300,000, partly covered.

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FORTY DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

Train Goes Through a Trestle Into River

(Canadian Press) Ocala, Fla., March 25—The Dixie Flyer on the Atlantic Coast Railway went through a trestle over the Alapaha River near here at 5 o'clock this morning, killing forty passengers. Five coaches were derailed.

The coaches are ten feet under water. Ten bodies have been recovered so far, but many others are thought to be beneath the debris and water. The fireman of the train is among the known dead. Flagman Agard escaped, while Engineer Eugene Green is reported badly hurt. Special trains carrying nurses and doctors have been rushing to the scene from nearby towns.

London, March 25—The British steamer Inishbrook and the French steamer Ville De Bordeaux collided off Beachy Head last night and both foundered. The crews, totaling forty-nine persons, had only time enough to take to their small boats, Inishbrook, Calif., March 25—A vessel, thought to have been a steam schooner, bound north, is believed to have been burned at sea last night, four miles off Table Bluff, south of here. The name of the vessel, or the fate of its crew could not be learned early this morning.

Does Not Mean the End Insurrectos in Mexico Say There Must be More Than Resignation of Diaz

(Canadian Press) El Paso, Tex., March 25—Confident that the resignation of President Diaz's cabinet means the end of the present political regime of Mexico and the institution of great reforms, but still uncertain as to the immediate results which will follow the selection of a new cabinet, members of the Insurrecto Junta today insisted that the insurrection will proceed to its logical end.

Calgary, Mar. 25—(Canadian Press)—It is conservatively estimated by dealers in agricultural implements that no less than \$10,000,000 worth will be purchased by farmers this spring, their estimate being based on the figures of \$10,000,000 of last year and the fact that all conditions point to a bumper crop, owing to an excellent cold winter and late spring.

MR. FOSTER'S EMPIRE VIEWS Toronto, March 25—(Canadian Press)—"Is there not a possibility of Canadians, Australians and other members of the empire getting too humped? There are some things in the way of autonomy which should not be granted to us if we are to remain a real empire," said Hon. George E. Foster, addressing the Sons of England last night.

He is an opponent to allowing any part of the empire to have the sovereign right to make its own international treaties; rather should it be an imperial power that does the negotiating.

THIEF OF ELECTRICITY This is Charge Against Sperdaks—Wire Tapped is the Contention

On a warrant issued at the instance of the St. John's Railway Co., John G. Sperdaks, aged 31, a Greek, who has conducted a fruit and confectionery store in Charlottetown street for some time, was this morning arrested by Policeman Gosline, the charge being that he stole electrical power in the way of autonomy which should not be granted to us if we are to remain a real empire.

He was brought into court and remanded to the police station. He is charged with the theft of electricity. The charge is that he has been tapping wires in the street and using the power for his own use.

TACOMA WOMEN'S VOTES GET A LAW AGAINST TREATING

Tacoma, Wash., March 25—The women of Tacoma in their first test at the polls in the city's history, came out strongly against the saloon element, according to the results of the referendum on the election. It was the first referendum voted in the new city charter.

By a substantial majority the women secured the adoption of an anti-treating ordinance making it illegal for saloonkeepers to accept money from any person "treating" another.

The result shows that women 14 1/2 per cent of the total vote. Of 21,387 voters who registered for the election 66 per cent voted and of these approximately 400 were women. This is a record for the city.

MOTOR BOAT MAKES NEARLY 50 KNOTS AN HOUR

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JAMESSEY'S EAGER SEARCH Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamessey, had a busy morning. A neighbor casually said to him, when he appeared on the street after breakfast, that a prominent citizen had declared himself openly opposed to the commission plan of government.

"I must see him," said Jamessey, "Who is he?" The neighbor replied that he had not heard the name, but understood that it was a gentleman on King street.

Jamessey proceeded at once to King street and he could find no one there. He was a bit puzzled. He had been told that a prominent citizen had declared himself openly opposed to the commission plan of government.

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WANTS BETTER FOOD FOR HIS PRISONERS

Moncton Police Chief Suggests Something More Than Bread and Water—Street Railway and Lighting

(Special to Times) Moncton, N. B., Mar. 25—Chief of Police Rideout is asking the city council to provide something more palatable than bread and water for prisoners in future, partially in consideration of work done about the police station. He wants the city to provide his boarders with molasses and tea with bread. The police committee have the matter under consideration.

The electric light and gas plant will pass from municipal to company ownership. The agreement recently made with the Moncton Tramway, Electricity & Gas Company stipulates that the light plant shall be taken over on or before March 28, 1911.

As the company has complied with the terms by starting both street railway and natural gas installation, the city council will meet tonight to complete the details for transferring the plant to the company, and receiving further bonds that the company intends carrying out their part of the agreement.

I. C. R. telegraphers from different parts of the system are gathering here for a meeting on Monday and Tuesday next.

MURDERS SHERIFF TAKING HIM TO A DRUNKARDS' ASYLUM

Des Moines, Iowa, March 25—Dr. H. B. Kelly, of Council Bluffs, while being taken to the infirmary in Knoxville early today, whipped a revolver from his pocket and instantly killed Deputy Sheriff Charles Woolman. Ed Sturging, a bartender, ran to the officer's assistance and was fatally wounded. Kelly is under arrest.

ELECTRIFYING RAILWAY SYSTEM IN ENGLAND

London, March 25—(Canadian Press)—The first of the main railway systems of England to be electrified throughout its entire length will be the London, Brighton and South Coast line. Nearly two years may elapse before the contract can be let, but the directors have definitely resolved on electrification and it is understood there will be no difficulty in arranging for the running of electric trains over every section of the railway during 1918.

The length of the Brighton system is 479 miles and the undertaking will therefore be a colossal one. But the experiment is justified by the remarkable success that has attended the introduction of electric working on the company's suburban lines.

ANOTHER CASE OF TROUBLE AT BORDER

Toronto, March 25—(Canadian Press)—Mrs. Kate J. Crosby, a widow, of Bellevue, was refused admittance to the United States at Black Rock by zealous American officers yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Crosby said last night that she had been twice refused entry into the United States at Pittsburgh and that she had sufficient money to last her during her stay to two weeks.

LOGMOTIVE TAKES FREAK; DASHES INTO ANOTHER

Ottawa, March 25—(Canadian Press)—Engine No. 1250 was standing in the Union Depot last evening, its crew having abandoned it to the hostlers, who left it standing for a few minutes preparatory to moving it into the engine house. Suddenly the locomotive started to back a great speed, and before any one could reach it to shut off the steam, it dashed into the front of the engine on the Gatineau train, which was slowly backing into the station. One woman was injured.

G. P. R. TO BUILD A SKYSCRAPER IN TORONTO

Toronto, March 25—(Canadian Press)—The Trades' Bank building at the corner of Yonge and Colborne streets, which has enjoyed the distinction of being the tallest commercial building in the city, is to be overshadowed by its next door neighbor on the north at the corner of Yonge and King streets. Here the G. P. R. Co. will erect a structure sixteen stories high, one story higher than the bank building.

BOYS IN MUCK DUEL; ONE IS SHOT DEAD

New York, Mar. 25—(Canadian Press)—While fighting a mock duel last night Buckley McGill, 14 years old, shot and killed his playmate, Arthur Hostage, of the same age, in the McGill home in Brooklyn. The boys thought the weapons were unloaded.

Hysterical with grief the McGill boy was taken into custody.

Duke of Connaught to Rome

London, Mar. 25—It is officially announced that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will visit Rome as the representatives of King George and Queen Mary at the forthcoming Italian national celebrations.

At three minutes to twelve, on King street, he last traced the rumor to its source, and found that the prominent citizen had been denouncing the royal commission, and announcing that he would speak against it at Acchi's Assembly Rooms on Monday night.

"As for the elective plan of civic government, with home rule," said the citizen to Jamessey, "I am like everybody else—I want it for St. John. And we'll get it for St. John. But why are you seeking a man who is in favor of the present system?"

"I thought," said Jamessey, "he might be able to tell me who got the 280 loads of stone."

BRUCE ALEAK BEFORE SHE ST. JACK ROCK

Rumor Says Captain Was Beaching Steamer When Disaster Came

(Special to Times) Halifax, March 25—The men drowned when the steamer Bruce was lost on Point Nova yesterday were Thomas Shea, aged 28, a native of Bay of Islands, one of forty firemen on board bound for Vancouver. The other was James Pike of Carleton Place, Newfoundland.

Shea was assisting in the launching of a boat. It was being shoved over the side, when he lost his balance and fell into the sea, which was so heavy that it was impossible to do anything to save him. Pike was drowned about fifteen minutes later. As he was about to step into a boat a heavy sea carried him overboard and he was not seen again.

The scene on the deck for some minutes after the steamer struck was most thrilling one, according to the story told by one of the survivors. There were about eighteen women passengers, several of whom had babies in their arms. Some of the women and children, mingled with the prayers and hoarse cries of some of the male passengers rendered the first moments of the wreck the most trying ever spent for those aboard.

The boats were at once launched. The passengers were rowed ashore in safety, the women and children being taken first, and then the men. The captain and other officers remained on the steamer, which was setting rapidly. The boats were in an unseaworthy condition according to one of the passengers, and they had to be manually pumped. It took about half an hour to reach the shore, owing to a long dour which had to be made to clear the rocks. It was 8 o'clock before the last boat-load was brought to the shore. Some of the passengers suffered from the cold after reaching the dock and getting ashore. One of them, A. W. Crawford, of Boston, a lumber dealer, had his feet frozen.

After getting ashore where there were only a few small fishing boats to accommodate them, a huge fire was made on the shore, and it served to help the half-perished survivors. About half an hour later a large number of teams arrived and those who wished to drive to Lunenburg did so. The others were taken off by the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Louisa and the tug D. H. Thomas.

It was expected that the wrecked passengers would come to Sydney by the evening express, but the majority refused to leave until they could ascertain what could be done about the baggage, which was still on the half-submerged Bruce. About fifteen passengers came to Sydney, however, among them S. K. Armstrong of Johnburg, Quebec, lumber dealer, formerly of Pittsburg; A. W. Crawford, of Boston, timber dealer; O. L. Bassum, of Albany, N. Y., lumber dealer, on his way to Lunenburg to secure drivers for his company; T. C. Brown, English promoter, en route to London; J. A. McCurdy, of St. John's, Nfld., a salesman; Arthur J. Grubert, C. P. Stevens and Charles Saunders, of Montreal; Mr. and Miss Euphail, of St. John's, Nfld.

SAY CAPTAIN WAS BEACHING STEAMER

Capt. Drake has refused to give any statement of the cause of the wreck. There are many surmises. The steamer was at least about ten miles out of her course when she struck. One of the passengers says he heard an officer tell the captain that there was land ahead a few minutes before the steamer struck, but the captain replied that it was ice, not land. The steamer was making water before she ran on the rocks, and it is thought by some that Capt. Drake had made for Port Nova purposely to beach the steamer, if possible, as he preferred to do this rather than alarm his passengers by telling them the ship was leaking.

INCREASE BANK DIRECTORATE

Quebec, March 25—(Canadian Press)—At a meeting of the directors of the Union Bank yesterday it was decided to increase the number of directors from 15 to 18.

MEGANTIC TALKED 2,500 MILES OVER THE SEA

(Special to Times) Halifax, N. S., March 25—The White Star liner Megantic reached here at 9 o'clock this morning with 800 passengers for Halifax. On board were: James Thom, Canadian manager of the White Star line, and P. V. G. Mitchell, who is to be assistant Canadian manager in Montreal. A party of 160 Salvationists landed here.

The steamer made a new record in wireless telegraphy, sending a message last night to Poldhu, Cornwall, from the ship, 2,500 miles distant. An answer was received from Liverpool this morning.

LITTLE STEAMER CAPSIZES; BELIEVE 29 ARE DROWNED

(Canadian Press) Victoria, B. C., March 25—With thirty-five passengers and crew on board, the steamer Seckell, a small shelter deck vessel operated between Victoria and Sooke by the British Columbia Shipping Company, capsized off Beachy Head late yesterday. It is believed all on board were lost.

The Seckell left yesterday afternoon with about 35 passengers, mostly laborers, bound to the Canadian Northern Railway construction camp at Peddar Bay, and a crew of four men with Captain H. B. James, manager of the company, in command. This morning a boy arrived at Esquimalt in a gasoline launch from Williamshead quarantine station with news that the steamer had capsized. All that he knew was that the Seckell had capsized and he believed all were drowned. He had been sent to get assistance.

A tug was sent out and wireless messages were sent to the Australian liner Moama, which left for the Antipodes early this morning, notifying Capt. Morrise of the disaster.

The steamer seemingly encountered strong southwest gully, which prevailed about 4.30 p. m. She was then off Beachy Head, a wooded cliff forming the western entrance at Beachy Bay. The Seckell was 70 tons gross.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, Director of meteorological Service.

8 A. M. WEATHER REPORTS Temperature Past 24 Hours.

Table with columns: Location, Max, Min, Dir, Vel. Rows include Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Charl'own, Sydney, Sable Id., Halifax, Yarmouth, St. John, Boston, New York.

Forecast—Fresh northwesterly winds, fine Sunday, with a little higher temperature.

Saint John Observatory. The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.59, and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 60th Meridian, except at 5 hours Greenwich mean time.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs, 22. Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs, 3. Temperature at noon, 12.29. Humidity at noon, 46. Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 30.29 inches.

Wind at noon: Direction, N.W.; velocity, 18 miles per hour; clear. Same date last year: Highest temperature, 49; lowest, 38; light rain, fog and fair.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.