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City and Pere Marquette at "Outs" Over Bridges

Road Management Wants the L. & P. S. Structures Replaced.

Can Be Compelled to Keep the Road O.K. But Not Rebuild.

The Pere Marquette Railway and the city of London are likely to come to loggerheads over the replacing of the bridges on the line of the London and Port Stanley Railway over the Thames River and over Kettle Creek. It was learned today that for some time General Manager Cotter, of the Pere Marquette, has been considering the matter of compelling the city to replace the bridges named, as, though they may be safe for traffic which is now run over them, they are a great handicap to the company. The handicap arises from the fact that the Pere Marquette is compelled to stop all heavily loaded cars at St. Thomas and divide the load there onto two cars, so that it may be brought to London. A year ago the city asked Mr. Cotter to have the bridges put in proper shape, and there was talk of canceling the lease to the Walkers, and which has never been transferred to the Pere Marquette.

The matter blew over, however, and the company promised to put the bridges in shape, so that they would be safe. From time to time the city has been finding fault with the condition of the bridges, and has been looking up ways and means to compel the company to repair or replace the structures.

City Cannot Compel.

On the question of the replacing of the bridges, the Pere Marquette appears to have the best end of the stick. The city, as owners of the road, can compel the lessees to keep the line in repair, but it cannot compel the company to build new bridges.

Now it is claimed that the bridges are not heavy enough for the traffic of today, and that they must be replaced.

Manager Cotter, it is understood, will at once demand that the city carry out its part of the bargain, and that new and modern bridges be built in time for the heavy excursion traffic which begins the 24th of May.

An official of the company stated today that it would be to the city's interest to replace the bridges, as the earnings of the road are increasing rapidly, and would increase still more rapidly if the drawback of the weak bridges was removed.

Company Made an Offer.

Some time ago Mr. Cotter made an offer for a new and extended lease of the line, agreeing to rebuild the bridges himself, but the city did not like the terms and refused the offer. It is understood that the whole matter will come up at the meeting of the L. & P. S. R. board on Friday.

According to estimates furnished by the city engineer, it would cost about \$10,000 or \$15,000 to replace the two bridges complained of.

THE MCGILL CASE.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The commission to go to New York to examine the books of several brokers in connection with the charge of theft of over \$1,000,000 against Charles McGill, late manager of the Ontario Bank, will leave Toronto on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The first meeting will be held on Monday at 10 o'clock in the offices of Hughes, Rounds & Sherman.

INDIA DEMANDS SELF-GOVERNMENT; WANTS ALL RIGHTS OF BRITISHER

The President of Parliament Believes It Obtainable, and Will Petition King.

Calcutta, Dec. 27.—The annual Indian National Congress opened here yesterday amid much enthusiasm. A thousand persons attended. Dadabhai Naoroji was re-elected president for the third time. He was warmly acclaimed and marigolds were thrown at him. The keynote of his address was that Indians are entitled to claim all the rights of British citizens by reason of their birthright and British pledges. The administration of all services, departments, and details in India ought to be in the hands of the people of India. He admitted that the existing machinery could not be broken up right away, but said the time had come to make a loyal, faithful, and systematic beginning, which would automatically develop into self-government. It was futile to argue that the country must wait until all the people are ready for self-government. The British people did not wait, and so their Parliament was cited as an example for Russia, where the peasants were regarded as fit to elect representatives, and so obtain a duma from the greatest autocrat in the world.

TWO SPECIALS CALLED

Council and Port Stanley Board to Meet Tomorrow.

A special meeting of the city council has been called for Friday at noon to pass several local improvement by-laws. The London and Port Stanley Railway board also meets at noon Friday. The gentlemen who have been appointed deputy returning officers for the municipal election will meet at the city hall tonight to receive instructions from City Clerk Baker, the returning officer.

MCLARY'S STAFF CHANGES

Mr. George Clark Appointed Manager of the Hamilton Branch.

The McLary Manufacturing Company have made a number of changes in their staff, to take effect at the beginning of the new year.

Mr. George Clark, who has been representing the firm in the western district, has been transferred to Hamilton, where he will be branch manager.

Mr. Alexander Clarke, manager at Hamilton, will come to London, to be connected with the company's sales department.

Mr. G. Smith, who has been traveling for the Montreal branch, has been transferred to London to cover the territory heretofore in charge of Mr. George Clarke.

MILD WEATHER HITS FISHERIES

Poor Conditions for Freezing Newfoundland Herring—U. S. Boats Suffer.

St. Thomas, Nfld., Dec. 27.—Because of the mild weather, the outlook for freezing herring at Bay of Islands is unfavorable. A number of American fishing vessels have been ordered home empty.

This season there was the largest American fleet on record, and it is feared that half of the American vessels will fail to secure cargoes. The United States tug Potomac will leave today for New York. Friction from the fisheries dispute is no longer feared. A large number of colonial fishermen have abandoned work for this year.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Man and Woman Commit Suicide in Elmira Jail.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The Elmira County Jail was the scene of a double tragedy last night. A woman named Beesie Wells occupied a cell in the woman's dormitory awaiting sentence on Jan. 3 for abducting a young girl. A man named Frank Delaney, possessing a power of attorney from the woman, and who is said to have been her lover, when she was in the jail, and stating that he wished to obtain the woman's signature to some papers, was shown to her cell by a guard, who stood close by while he conversed with her. Suddenly Delaney passed a bottle of carbolic acid through the bars and pressed a second one to his own lips. The guard sprang upon the man, but was not quick enough. Both died before a physician could be called. Delaney was 29 years old, and was a railroad man. He comes from a respected family.

COUNT ZICHY DEAD.

Budapest, Dec. 27.—Count Eugene Zichy, the Hungarian statesman and Central Asian explorer, is dead here of apoplexy. He was born in 1837.

POPULAR YOUNG LONDONERS WEDDED

Marriage of Mr. Arthur T. Bayly and Miss Ethel MacKillop Celebrated at "Dunstaffnage."

A wedding in which two popular young Londoners were the principals was solemnized at the home of Mr. James B. MacKillop, "Dunstaffnage," this afternoon, when his daughter, Miss Ethel MacKillop, was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur T. Bayly, son of Mr. Richard Bayly, K. C., formerly of the Bank of Montreal in this city, but for the past year connected with the branch of that bank in Chicago. Rev. W. T. Hill, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, performed the ceremony.

The wedding was of a very quiet nature, neither bride nor groom being attended, and only very near relatives being present. The bride presented a very charming appearance in her mother's wedding dress of white duchesse satin, with old lace and veil, and orange wreath, also her mother's. She carried a bouquet of cream roses. Mrs. MacKillop wore a dainty gown of Renaissance lace, with trimmings of turquoise blue.

Mrs. Bayly, mother of the groom, wore a black silk dress, with Irish lace and jet.

The bride's going-away gown was of brown velvet, with hat to match and ermine fur.

The house was decorated throughout with tulips and American Beauty roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayly leave this evening on the Grand Trunk International Limited to take up their residence in Chicago.

WOMAN LIVES FEIGNING DEATH

Wife, in Agony, Lies Hours in Terror of Vengeance of Husband.

New York, Dec. 27.—With two bullets in her head, Mrs. John J. O'Rourke lay for half an hour in her home in Morris Park, L. I., early yesterday, feigning death, while her husband, who had shot her, sat by her side to make sure she was dead.

Through enduring agony, the woman dared not move even an eyelid. Her torture was not even ended when, after 30 minutes, her husband raised the revolver and fired a bullet into his brain. Then she heard him fall. Although he had killed himself instantly, she did not know it, so she kept quiet and listened. For two hours she lay and suffered before she dared make a move to seek aid.

She waited almost too long, for loss of blood had made her so weak that she was barely able to crawl to the residence of her nearest neighbor before she fainted. It is thought, however, that she will recover.

The O'Rourkes occupied a comfortable house and O'Rourke had a good business, but failed to get along well with his wife. She had him arrested last week for threatening to kill her, and he was placed under bonds of \$1,000 to keep the peace.

They were alone in the house on the night of the tragedy. Mrs. O'Rourke says the evening had been pleasant. Shortly before 1 o'clock, she was seated in a chair by the fire, and her husband was at a table nearby. Her back was turned to him. There had been no conversation for possibly half an hour.

"I think I'll kill you now," said O'Rourke quietly, and she turned to see him with a pistol in his hand.

"Not on Christmas day, John," she pleaded. Without replying he raised the revolver and fired twice. Both bullets struck her in the forehead as she sat in the chair. One ranged upward under the scalp and the other buried itself in the skull.

The wounds bled freely, and to this fact Mrs. O'Rourke owes her life. O'Rourke picked her up from the chair and carried her to a couch on the other side of the room. She was conscious, and from remarks she heard him mutter to himself she gathered that he believed she was dead.

O'Rourke sat by the side of the couch watching her and talking to himself for half an hour. She was separated from other dwellings, there was a high wind blowing and no one had heard the shots.

A \$7,000,000 DEAL

Lackawanna Steel Company Buys Out Big Coal Plant.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Announcement was made yesterday that the Lackawanna Steel Company had purchased the property at a price reported to be \$7,000,000. The Ellsworth Company owns and operates 25,000 acres of coal land property in Washington County. It adjoints that of the Pittsburg Coal Company, and the Jones & Loughlin Steel Company. The production of the property is estimated at 1,700,000 tons annually. Aside from the mines the Ellsworth Company operates 387 coke ovens, all of which, including mine equipment, is included in the Lackawanna sale. The Lackawanna Steel Company has been operating a few small mines, it has been one of the few large steel interests not operating an extensive coal property of its own.

MUNICIPAL FIGURES—No. 4



ALD. SAUNDERS.

MR. SCREATON WILL RUN

Hospital Trustee Decides to Seek Re-election in 1907.

Mr. Samuel Scream, chairman of the hospital trust, whose term expires this year, at the solicitation of a large number of citizens has decided to enter the field for hospital trustee again next year.

Mr. Scream, as chairman of the board, has taken a deep interest in the affairs of the hospital. It is understood he will be elected without opposition.

WATSON—GREENE

Royalton, Minn., Physician Takes London Young Lady for Bride.

A very pretty and happy event took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greene, corner of Talbot and Mill streets, on Christmas Day, when their daughter, Miss Esther Watson, of Royalton, Minnesota, was united in marriage with Dr. Alexander Watson, of Royalton, Minnesota. The beautiful marriage ceremony took place in the afternoon, and was performed by Rev. L. B. Wallin, B.A., of Empress Avenue Methodist Church. Full Christmas decorations, enhanced by palms, ferns and chrysanthemums, made more handsome the beautiful and spacious home of the bride.

The bride was beautifully attired in cream silk, and carried a large bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The bridesmaid was Miss Esther Greene, sister of the bride, and Mr. John Watson, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Little Ruth McDonald as flower girl looked like a queen.

After the wedding dinner many happy toasts and speeches were given, Mr. Bert Greene acting as master of ceremonies.

The presents of the bride, who is so well known in London, were many and beautiful. Among them was one, much admired, from Empress Avenue Church, in which the bride has been a most earnest and cheerful helper for a few years past.

Dr. and Mrs. Watson, amidst showers of congratulations and good wishes, left on Christmas night for Chicago, and after their honeymoon will reside in Royalton, Minn.

ILLUSTRATOR CLARK DEAD.

New York, Dec. 27.—Walter Appleton Clark, the artist and illustrator, died early today at his home here. Mr. Clark was 31 years old and a native of Massachusetts.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Toronto, Dec. 26-8 p.m. The weather has been generally fair throughout Canada today, but a few light local showers or snowfalls have occurred. Temperatures are below zero tonight in Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 26-32; Victoria, 34-40; Vancouver, 23-31; Calgary, 2-14; Edmonton, 2 below-12; Qu'Appelle, 2 below-9; Winnipeg, 2 below-16; Port Arthur, 30-34; Pelly Sound, 14-32; Toronto, 20-36; Ottawa, 16-22; Montreal, 12-26; Quebec, 20-28; St. John, 30-34; Halifax, 32-38.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, Dec. 27-8 a.m. Today—Southwest and northwest winds; cloudy, with light local snowfalls, becoming colder by night.

Friday—Fair and moderately cold. Detroit, Dec. 26—Lower Michigan: Thursday—Snowy rain and colder. Friday—Fair and warmer; fresh northwest winds, becoming variable.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 2 a.m. Min. Fair. Calgary. 0 8 Clear. Winnipeg. 0 8 Cloudy. Port Arthur. 22 20 Cloudy. Pelly Sound. 12 8 Snow. Toronto. 32 30 Snow. Ottawa. 32 30 Cloudy. Montreal. 30 22 Snow. St. John. 30 22 Snow. Father Point. 18 18 Snow.

WEATHER NOTES.

About the same weather prevails this morning from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in Manitoba and the west it is fine, with temperatures about the average. There is no indication for any severe weather in any part of the Dominion.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 22.5°; lowest, 14° above.

THE BRITISH ISLES TIED UP BY STORM.

London, Dec. 27.—The blizzard which commenced Christmas night continued throughout Great Britain. The country districts in most of the northern parts of the country are snow-bound, trains are blocked, the roads are impassable, and isolated villages are temporarily cut off from communication with the neighboring towns. A number of deaths have been reported of pedestrians who were overtaken by snowstorms in the bleak Scottish hills. Telegraphic communication with the north of England and Scotland is generally interrupted, and steamer traffic across the channel and Irish Sea is greatly impeded. In some instances mail steamers had to suspend their trips owing to the fierceness of the gale and heavy fall of snow.

Commissioners Were Kept in Dark on This Matter

RAISULI ORDERED OFF

Morocco Prepares for War and Tells Bandit to Cease "Governing."

Tangier, Dec. 27.—The Moroccan War Minister, Sidi Mohammed Ghabbas, has established seven small forts, each garrisoned by 150 men, around Tangier, and has sent orders to Raisuli's lieutenant to cease "governing." Raisuli has summoned a council of his vassal chiefs to meet at the headquarters of the Boniarous tribe on Dec. 30.

A ROYAL BETROTHAL

A Daughter of Holsteins Chosen for a Son of the Kaiser.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg has been betrothed to Prince Augustus William, son of Emperor William.

Princess Alexandra is the second daughter of Duke Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein. She was born in April, 1887. Prince Augustus was born in January, 1886.

NO CURZON-LEITER BREAK

Mrs. Leiter Denies That There Have Been Strained Relations.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter has authorized a denial of the story sent out from Chicago a few days ago that strained relations existed between her family and her son-in-law, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, formerly viceroy of India.

The story given in the Chicago dispatches was to the effect that Lord Curzon went to a hotel when he was in Chicago and Washington on business connected with the settlement of his wife's estate, and did not stop with the Leiters. It was said also that Joseph Leiter left Chicago to avoid meeting Lord Curzon.

Mrs. Leiter was most emphatic in her denial, declaring that the relations between her family and Lord Curzon were of the most cordial.

\$500 SUIT OVER WREAY ST. DRAIN

Mr. H. C. Newans Enters Action Against City for Damages to Property.

Mr. H. C. Newans, of the Wortley road, has through his attorney, P. Bartlett, served notice that he will enter suit against the city for \$500 damages. He also will ask for a mandamus compelling the city to repair and maintain what is known as the Wreay street drain, in South London. The drain was built by the township of Westminster in 1888 under the municipal act and cost between \$1,800 or \$1,700. Persons whose property fronted on the streets along which the drain passed were assessed for the cost of building the same. Mr. Newans claims that under the terms arranged at the time of the amalgamation of South London, it is the duty of the city to keep the drain cleaned out and in proper repair. He says that owing to negligence in the matter the water overran and flooded his property at the corner of the Wortley road and Wreay street, thereby forcing him to discontinue his business as a nurseryman.

Under the drainage act such actions are tried before the drainage referees, Mr. Rankin, of Chatham, who is called upon to decide the matter in dispute.

It is said that all the cellars in the vicinity of the Wreay street drain are flooded, and that the drain is practically useless to the people who had to pay for the building of the same. Negotiations have been pending for some time between the city and Mr. Newans without results, therefore the latter decided to enter an action against the city as a means to facilitating matters.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 26. Reported at. From. Haverford. Philadelphia. Liverpool. Baltic. Queenstown. New York. Kaiser Augustus. Hamburg. New York. Victoria. St. John. Antwerp. Lake Michigan. St. John. Antwerp. Oceanic. New York. Liverpool. Siberian. Halifax. Liverpool. Carthagenian. Glasgow. Philadelphia.

YAQUIS AGAIN ON THE WARPATH

Americans and Mexicans Are Murdered and Plundered.

BOLD RAID ON THE RAILROAD

Mexican Troops Being Rushed to the Rescue of a Small Party of Besieged Whites.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Col. W. H. Maxson, vice-president of the National Irrigation Congress, and secretary of the board of education of Reno, Nevada, has been spending the past few weeks in the State of Sonora, Mexico. Maxson arrived here yesterday with a graphic story of a massacre of Mexicans and Americans, which occurred at the little town of Llancho, of the Cananea, Yaqui and Pacific Railroad, late Saturday afternoon.

According to the statement of Maxson, his train stopped on hour at Llancho. While there rumors were received that the Yaquis were on the warpath, and that the few people in the neighborhood of the station and railroad were in danger. The station-master, a man named Thompson, belittled the matter, and said he and his wife would remain at their post. The train bearing Col. Maxson and party had not left the station for more than an hour, when the Yaquis descended on the little party of Mexicans and Americans, and murdered four of them.

Thompson and his wife had defended themselves back of the barricaded doors of the station, until a work train appeared, when the Indians withdrew. The train bearing Col. Maxson and party continued to a station about fifteen miles further along the line, and then, as the signs of the uprising became more alarming, the party decided to return. The train started back towards Llancho, and when it arrived the station house had been burned and demolished, and four human bodies lay along the track.

The party stopped a few minutes in the hope that the survivors might be found and taken to a place of safety. While the train was at the ruins of the station, the desperadoes appeared in the distance, but did not descend in range of the few armed people on the train.

Not many miles along the road the scene was duplicated. Four more dead bodies of Mexicans and Americans were discovered along the track. The little band at this station had been able to repulse the attack of the Yaquis with the loss of but four of their number. The remaining members of the company refused to leave the train, but said they could stand off the Indians until the next day, when the rurales would reach the spot, and summary justice would be meted out to the murderers if captured.

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GOVT. BUILDING BURNED

The Official Residence at Dawson City Completely Destroyed.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Word was received at the department of the interior this morning that the Government House at Dawson City, in the Yukon, had been entirely destroyed by fire last night.

Nothing was saved from the building, but the officers of the department cannot estimate the amount of the loss.

Governor McInnes, who has been in Ottawa for some days, is at present on a visit to New York.

SEMAPHORES TOO CLOSE

Jury Blames C. P. R. and Union Station Company for Paul's Death.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Finding that the semaphore which he struck was placed too close to the track to admit the safe passing of engines of the size now in use by the C. P. R., Coroner Godfrey's jury at Nurse's Hotel, in the York, last night concluded their inquiry into the death of John Paul, the Toronto Junction engineer, who was found dead at the throttle when the train reached Mimico last Saturday afternoon. The Canadian Pacific Railway was blamed for using such large engines with semaphores in the positions that they now are, and the Union Station Company was censured for having their semaphores so close to the tracks.

LEAVING UNIONIST CAMP

Lords Dudley and Craven Said to Have Gone Over to Liberals.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Herald has the following cable dispatch from London: It had been formally announced that Lord Dudley, lord lieutenant of Ireland under the Unionist Government, has gone over to the Liberals. It is now rumored that he will be given cabinet rank.

Lord Dudley, who has made a wonderful recovery from a recent operation, will leave England with Lady Dudley for the West Indies at the end of this week.

It is also stated that another convert to Liberalism is Lord Craven. Comes as a great surprise, considering the number of Conservative relatives he has, among others Lord Cadogan, Lord Coventry and Mr. Eric Barrington.