

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Programme Arranged for Kingston Old Boys' Homecoming.

Business Agent of Toronto Laborers' Union Missing.

The Sunken Steamer Tampa to be Floated.

Additional lake steamers may run out of Toronto on Sunday.

Then we \$4,000,000 paper mill is to be built at Saint Ste. Marie, Ont.

Sugar prices in Canada were advanced yesterday by 10c per hundredweight.

Thomas Evans as overtaken by heart disease and dropped dead on Clarence street, Kingston.

The steamship Senator has arrived at Seattle from Nome and St. Michael with \$80,000 in gold and \$250,000 worth of furs.

Addington, Ont. Conservatives nominated Mr. W. Black as their Provincial candidate at the next general election.

A Royal residence in Ireland has been suggested in the highest quarters, says the Dublin correspondent of the London Times, and the idea has been accepted.

At Schwerin, Germany, fourteen artillerymen were injured during the course of the manoeuvres, by a runaway gun team. Four of the men are in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Waeewood, of New York, have left Portland on a canoe trip to Campbell, N. B. It is said to be the longest canoe voyage by salt water ever undertaken.

Sir William Mackenzie's offer to sell his electric interests at Winnipeg has been accepted by the City Council, and the terms will be submitted to a vote of the people.

The Governor-General's silver medal for the best student at the Toronto Normal School during the term just closed, has been awarded to Miss Beulah R. Johnston, of Malton, Ont.

A report just issued by the Provincial Government shows that twenty new iron bridges were constructed by the Province last year. In addition, another nineteen have been ordered.

St. Catharines is now well supplied with Coronars. Dr. Wm. T. Greenwood having filed his commission and taken the oath of office. Three other physicians in the city hold commissions.

The whereabouts of Samuel Cox, the business agent of the Toronto Builders' Laborers' Union, is being anxiously sought by the organization, and the police have been asked to assist in locating him.

Hilliard Foster, C. E., of Toronto, a native of Guelph, has been appointed to the position of joint manager of the Guelph Radial Railway Co., and the Guelph Waterworks system at a salary of \$1,300.

Sir Henry Pollard, of Toronto, has purchased a farm of 450 acres, on the south side of the Kingston Road, east of Brown's Hill, in Pickering Township, County of Ontario. The price was about \$100 an acre.

A big real estate deal was made on St. James street, Montreal. The Campbell-Nelles property, with an area of 7,277 square feet, sold for \$354,000. This is about \$4,750 per foot. French capital is back of the deal.

The steamer Tampa, which lies on the bottom of the Detroit River, near Walkerville, where she was rammed by the steamer John W. Gates, will be floated by the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, owners of the Gates.

An elaborate programme has been prepared by the Kingston City Council and a committee of citizens for the homecoming of the Kingston Old Boys of Chicago, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Ottawa and Montreal, July 29th.

Residents of Pelee Island, the most southerly point of all Canada, have subscribed money for a motor steamer passenger steamer to ply between the island and the mainland. They will build the boat at once to suit their requirements.

Huron Davidson, son of Mr. J. B. Davidson, barrister, headed the list of successful candidates at the recent entrance examinations in St. Thomas, thus duplicating the performance of his brother, Barrett Davidson, who stood at the top of the list.

During the recent electric storm, D. M. Cole and W. J. Colezett, Wildwood, Ont., had a narrow escape from being killed by lightning, which struck with a few feet of them, throwing them to the ground, and knocking them senseless for a time.

Earl Webb, the young man, who was taken to Sarnia from Niagara Falls, after having broken from the lockup at Sarnia and at Woodstock, was before the Magistrate on the charge of stealing goods at Watford. He was remanded until July 26th.

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CROPS IN WEST.

One Thousand Correspondents Report Prospects Very Favorable.

Winnipeg, Man., July 24.—Crop prospects in Western Canada to-day could hardly be more favorable. Some apprehension was felt on account of rumors of frost in certain localities. In order to obtain reliable information, one thousand correspondents in the three prairie provinces were wired last night asking if the cool wave was having a detrimental effect on the crops. Replies are of the most reassuring character, showing that while light frosts have been appearing in a few localities they have not affected the crop in the slightest degree. Of the replies received 81 per cent. reported no frost and no apprehension of it, and of the 19 per cent. reporting frost not one indicated any injury to wheat from this source. Injury from hail has also been considerable. On the whole correspondents' reports show that the cool wave is beneficial. Consider the farmers are very much pleased.

THE DOUKHOBORS

Doing Well on the British Columbia Fruit Farms.

Their Objection to the Census Their First Vagary There.

Nelson, B. C., July 24.—The action of 1,000 Doukhobors of the colony at Brilliant, in refusing to be enumerated in the census, is the first vagary exhibited by these people since coming to British Columbia from the prairie. As a matter of fact, while the Doukhobors were not welcomed in the Kootenay, it cannot be denied that they enjoy a very different name here from that which they appeared to earn in Saskatchewan. Their holdings amount to probably 10,000 acres of fruit land, at Grand Forks, and at points along the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers near their junction, and these holdings, which are equal to 1,000 ranch tracts of ten acres, are the most scientifically developed fruit tracts in the Province. In the irrigated district of Grand Forks they irrigate, and the Columbia and Kootenay River bench lands near Nelson, which do not require irrigation, they are clearing and planting to fruit on an enormous scale. They have the largest acreage of grapes at Brilliant anywhere in the Nelson district. Everything they do is done in a business way and in the best way, and when their young orchards come into bearing, they will have a tremendous output. They are extensive apiarists, they operate sawmills, and they recently purchased a sawmill at Grand Forks, Nelson, and now operate it. No case of crime has ever been attributed to them. If their projected school is built at Brilliant this season they already have a hospital, the only one in the Nelson and District Canadian Club has been raised in regard to them will overcome. The census trouble was brewing for some days before A. B. Duckstead, Census Commissioner for the Kootenay and Boundary, felt it necessary to get instructions from Ottawa. The Grand Forks colony was enumerated without trouble. With the Kootenay Doukhobors, however, after 500 had been enumerated, an aged firebrand made a stand for his rights, and the whole matter was off. A fear that Peter Voronin, whose hold on the Doukhobors here is far from absolute, has designs to entrain them into military service, is supposed to explain the stand taken.

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GOOD CROPS.

Burned-out Pastures Revived and Grain Greatly Benefited.

Guelph, July 24.—On the whole, I think the crops of Ontario will be up to the mark of last year," said Prof. C. A. Zavitz this afternoon. "The recent rains, of course, had their greatest influence on the pasture, which was being badly burned up by the heat, causing the shrinkage in the milk supply which was felt all over. Next to this, the greatest influence will be on the potatoes and root crops and corn, which were badly in need of rain. The grain crop is very well advanced, and it would not do so much good to the roots. We are to-day thrashing one winter wheat, and the yield is good, while the quality is up to the mark. The straw of the winter wheat is uniformly good over the Province, except in some districts where it was winter-killed. The spring wheat straw is short, but the heads are filling out well, and the yield of grain will be good, though the straw will be light. Harvesting is largely commenced in this section, including Wellington, Perth, Waterloo, and on to Middlesex, and the harvest is a good one, and on the whole the crops will be well up to last year's, except in straw. Apples, the principal orchard crop in this district, will be light. Raspberries are fresher in flavor since the recent rains," concluded Prof. Zavitz.

ONCE A SLAVE.

Death of Lady Em, Consort of Former Emperor of Corea.

Seoul, Corea, July 24.—Lady Om, consort of Emperor Yi Hui, who abdicated in 1907, died yesterday. Lady Om was a palace politician of great skill. She was attendant upon the Queen of Corea, who was murdered. She gained the favor of the Emperor and was finally compelled to flee the palace. After the death of the queen she was restored to the court, with the rank of an Imperial Concubine. This conferred imperial rank upon her two children. She was originally a slave, who became a power in the court.

HERE'S LUCK.

Port Burwell, July 24.—Rivalry between the Dominion Natural Gas Company and the Medina Natural Gas Company has resulted in a reported offer of one of the companies to give gas users of Port Burwell, Ont., not only free gas, but also a premium of one cent per thousand feet to all those who will sign a contract for one year. Since the war between the two companies started the price of gas has been cut in half, dropping from twenty cents per thousand feet to ten cents. The latest offer to pay the citizens for using the gas is the result of one company's offer to supply it free. Both companies have franchises in Vienna and Port Burwell.

HEBREW PARTY

United Hebrew Political Society of Montreal Wants Representation.

Peter Berceovich Points to 125,000 Hebrews in Canada—Unrepresented.

Montreal, July 24.—The formation has just been completed of one of the most powerful political organizations that any Canadian city has known, the United Hebrew Political Society. In the only riding in which its influence will be felt it controls at least 5,000 votes. Its financial standing is very secure, every man in the Jewish community having contributed something. It proposes to have a candidate in the field at the next general election and will play a prominent part in municipal politics. The first effort at formation took place last January. Since then the system has been built up and today the association embraces every Hebrew society of any description in the city. The synagogues, the athletic organizations, the literary societies, the benevolent associations are all affiliated and the organization has become big and powerful. The organization has chosen its candidate in the person of the chairman, Peter Berceovich, B. C. L. Mr. Berceovich stated to-day that as yet he had neither accepted nor refused the offer.

"The Hebrews have felt for a long time that they deserved some representation," he said to-day. "They have not a man in any representative position in Canada, whereas other races, French and Irish notably in Quebec, insist on full representation. If this is to be the custom why should the 125,000 Hebrews of Canada not have their representative also?"

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London, Ont., despatch: Mrs. H. A. Boomer, President of the local Council of Women, and one of the best known charitable workers in Canada, was seriously injured in a runaway in South London this afternoon. She was driving in a two-wheeled cart with Miss Parsons, governess in the household of Col. Cartwright, and a grandson of the colonel, when a dog, owned by Colonel Cartwright, which had followed the party, snatched the pony on the felloe. The horse made a sudden plunge and ran away, throwing the occupants of the cart out at the corner of Bruce and Cathcart streets. Mrs. Boomer, who is over 70 years old, alighted on her head against a telegraph pole. She was so badly hurt that Dr. Niven, who attended her, says it will be some days before the extent of her injuries are known. Miss Parsons' hand was broken and the boy escaped unhurt.

Mrs. Boomer is the widow of the late Dean Boomer, and is a prominent member of the Daughters of the Empire. She spent this morning sending away bales of goods to the fire sufferers in the Province, and is always a leader in charitable works.

SNUBBED EX-SHAH

Persian Premier Told Him He Didn't ObeY Pretenders.

London, July 24.—A despatch to the Times from Teheran says it is reported that Sipahdar, the new premier, and leader of the Nationalists, has received a telegram from the ex-Shah ordering him to maintain order until the ex-Shah arrives in Teheran. Sipahdar replied that Persia obeyed the constitutional monarch, and would never tolerate pretenders.

The incident has a peculiar significance, as Sipahdar's loyalty to the constitution, the despatch says, has not been entirely above suspicion.

KILLED NEAR KENORA

Stepped Out of Way of One Train and Was Struck by Another.

Kenora Despatch—Hubert Reeves, a native of Espoon, England, who came to Canada about a year ago, and who has been employed as chairman of the C. P. R. engineering staff, this division, was instantly killed yesterday morning. Mr. Reeves was walking on the track near Pine, Ont., when No. 3 passenger train approached from the east, passing a freight running on the second track from the west. Mr. Reeves started to leave the track but had hardly gained the space between the two rails, when he was caught by the front of the engine and thrown down the deep embankment. He was brought to the hospital here with both legs broken and a severe head wound. He died early this morning. He was twenty-eight years of age.

NOTED MAN DEAD

Dr. Baldwin, Chinese Missionary, Passes Away at East Orange, N. J.

East Orange, N.J., despatch: The Rev. Dr. Caleb Cook Baldwin, who passed half a century as a missionary at Foochow, China, and for whom the Baldwin Library was erected in that city, is dead at the residence of his son here, from infirmities incident to his advanced age. He was born near here in 1820. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin in China, and it was necessary, owing to the hostility of the Chinese, to build a wall of masonry around their home for the protection of the first child, who is now Mrs. Harriet Gerry, of East Orange. Dr. Baldwin compiled a dictionary of the principal dialects of Southeastern China, and translated the Bible into Chinese.

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BAKER'S HEIRS

Held Meeting in Toronto—Want to Get Big Philadelphia Fortune.

Toronto Despatch—A gathering of St. George's Hall yesterday of some two hundred descendants of Colonel Baker, a multimillionaire, who died in Philadelphia a couple of centuries ago, arranged for the purpose of making a united effort to have his will probated, proved a failure so far as the primary object was concerned, and the meeting ended in confusion. The estates for which the heirs, who number about 1,000, are seeking, comprise properties in the heart of the city of Philadelphia, in various parts of the state of Pennsylvania and also in Germany. At the time of Colonel Baker's demise, over two hundred years ago, they were valued at between \$50,000 and \$100,000. After spending years investigating the properties, Mr. Rennie stated that he believed the total value was \$200,000. Mr. Andrew A. McHugh, a State detective, who has been working on the case since August, 1910, and has arrested several alleged fakirs who claim to be able to restore the millions to the rightful heirs, attended the meeting yesterday. He was also very optimistic regarding the possibility of recovering the lost fortune. One of the interested men expressed the opinion that any property lying dormant for years in Philadelphia was likely to have been sold for taxes.

LOTS OF COAL.

Ottawa, July 24.—A geological survey report just issued on the Big Horn coal basin in Alberta estimates there are 6,900,000,000 long tons of coal in an area of about 187 square miles that are workable. The Big Horn basin is about 85 miles north-west of Banff, 140 miles southwest of Edmonton, and 70 miles south of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern Railway survey routes.

A peak of trouble has come out of many a half-pint flask.

FELL OVER BANK

Engine and Tender Tumbled Over Bank of Welland Canal.

Engineer Smith, of Sarnia, Drowned—Navigation Blocked.

Port Colborne despatch: At half past 11 last night, a Grand Trunk engine and tender tumbled over the bank of the Welland Canal, drowning the engineer, Charles Smith, of Sarnia, and giving the fireman a bad ducking. The engine had just taken water at the tank, which is about 100 feet from the bank of the canal, when the accident occurred. The train was a freight, westbound. While the train was standing, the canal bridge was swung open to permit a tug, the Schofield, to pass up the channel. Apparently, the engineer was not aware of this fact, for he slowly started forward. The bridge had not closed when he reached the bank, and both engine and tender tumbled over, carrying the engineer and fireman with them. The fireman evidently saw what was coming, for he jumped wide of the wreck and was rescued without great difficulty. The engineer, however, was killed. None of the cars in the train went over with the engine on account of the very slow rate of speed at which they were travelling. Navigation of the canal will be completely blocked until the huge bulk of the engine can be removed.

The crash, as the big Mogul dumped itself into the water, was terrific and the splash threw the water for fully 50 feet. It is believed that there will be great difficulty experienced in removing the wreckage from the side of the canal. The financial loss to shippers from the blockage of traffic will probably be very great, as the passage on the canal during the very hot weather has been the heaviest in its history. The dead engineer was said to be a thoroughly experienced man. It is thought that the accident was caused by his misunderstanding the signals on the bridge.

MRS. EDDY'S WILL.

Geo. W. Glover Files Amendment to Suit in Eddy Will Contest.

Concord, N. H., July 24.—William F. Chandler to-day filed with the superior court as counsel for George W. Glover in the suit which seeks to set aside the will of Mary Baker Eddy as it is ordered to be administered by Henry M. Baker, executor, interesting final amendments allowed by the court. At various times since last February, when the original suit was filed, the plaintiff and defence have filed documents and this was the final day for the plaintiff, two more days being given the defence to close its pleadings.

In today's amendment Geo. W. Glover, as plaintiff, says that the directors of the Boston Church, Alfred Farlow and others, "have been for many years carrying on certain practices based upon certain notions which in no sense whatever, in fact or in law, are a charity or a benevolence, so that money given therefore can be considered a charitable trust; but, on the contrary, those practices, although described in the residuary bequest of Mrs. Eddy's will, 'The religion of Christian Science as taught by me,' are pernicious and hostile to organized society and constitute a business which is forbidden and made void by public policy and the laws of the land."

ETHEL ESCAPED.

Celebrated Actress Not Interviewed About Divorce Case.

New York, July 24.—Ethel Barrymore, the actress, whose Pacific coast tour was suddenly ended last week, just after the announcement that she was seeking a divorce from Russell Coit, arrived in New York yesterday on the Twentieth Century Limited, and escaped an army of newspaper men and friends by the unusual feat of making that last train stop at 125th street. The stop made the train several minutes late, but it enabled Miss Barrymore to evade questioners and to take a later train for Toronto, where her baby boy has been in the care of a nurse ever since the first rumors of marital trouble. Representatives of Charles Frohman, under whose management Miss Barrymore is starring, planned the escape from interviewers with such cleverness that the actress was on her way to Canada while her husband was still making a tour of the big New York hotels in the hope that he might, by a personal appeal, effect a reconciliation.

NO STRIKE.

Western Miners Reject Proposal For General McNamara Strike.

Butte, Mont., July 24.—The proposal to declare a general strike in Canada and the United States on the day the trial of the McNamara brothers opens in Los Angeles was voted down by 172 to 124, after heated discussion, at last night's session of the convention of the Western Federation of Miners. It was finally voted to levy a monthly assessment of 25 cents on each member, the assessments to continue as long as the Executive Board deemed necessary, for the purpose of a defense fund.

ADAMS' BIRTHDAY RECORD.

Braintree, Mass., July 24.—The birth records of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, both of whom served as Presidents of the United States, and of John Hancock, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, narrowly escaped destruction in a fire which practically destroyed the Braintree Town Hall last night. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Springfield, Ill., July 24.—The big turbine engine in the Illinois Traction system power house at Riverton exploded last night, wrecking the plant, killing two men, and injuring two others. Both the injured men were employed in the engine room. The cause of the explosion has not been learned.

CONUNDRUM.

(Boston Record.) The latest conundrum is: "What can you fill a barrel weighing ten pounds with and yet make it lighter? The answer is holes, of course."

TWO STORMS.

Lightning Storms Strike New York and Scare a Lot of People.

New York, July 24.—Two electric storms burst over New York City to-day. Some buildings were struck by lightning, and there were calls for the fire department, but several slight blazes were extinguished without serious damage.

When lightning ran through a big apartment house in Brooklyn, it wrecked the telephone switch board and stunned the operator and drove nearly a hundred occupants out into the rain, many in their night clothes. Physicians were called to attend several hysterical women.

The second storm at seven o'clock this morning, more than two hours after sunrise, and made the city as dark as night.

GRAND LODGE OVER

Toronto Gets Next Meeting by a Very Large Majority.

W. D. McPherson, M. P. P., is New Deputy Grand Master.

St. Catharines despatch: The fifty-sixth annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for Ontario, A. F. and A. M., was brought to a close last night. Hamilton and Port Arthur made a strong bid for next year's meeting, but the insufficient hotel accommodation they had to contend with here led them to follow the advice of retiring Grand Master MacWatt and select Toronto. The vote was: Toronto, 629; Hamilton, 275; and Port Arthur, 154.

There was a keen contest for the office of Deputy Grand Master. Most Worshipful Brothers McPherson, Toronto; Shaw, Kingston; Luke and May, Ottawa, contending. May went down in the first ballot, Shaw having 328, and McPherson and Luke 375 each. An adjournment was then made for dinner, after which the balloting was resumed, McPherson winning on the third ballot by a small majority.

The formal installation of Grand Master White took place immediately after the election. Messrs. George S. May, Ottawa; J. A. McFadden, Toronto; R. H. Revell, Walkerville; C. W. Haentschell, Halleybury, and George Naylor, Ingersoll, were appointed to the Board of General Purposes.

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