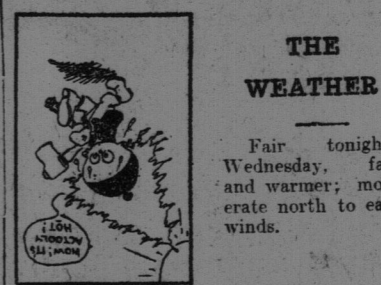


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MEYER TO GO HIS OWN REFORMING

Things Upside Down in the Navy Department and Forestalls Action of Congress

Washington, Nov. 30.—By inaugurating an aggressive plan of reform in the department tomorrow, Secretary Meyer will forestall probably all attempts at legislative reform of the department for the present. At this time he is only that the bureau of equipment is abolished, which can be accomplished by congress alone.

UNITED STATES AND NICARAGUA

Policy Believed to Be in Mind Just Issued—Troops Said to Sail

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Coinciding with reports yesterday by Rear Admiral Phelps, commander of the Marine Corps, of secret orders to be issued tomorrow morning, the army transport "York" was docked yesterday at the wharf. This boat is supposed to be for Manila on Dec. 6, but orders received recently from the army commander to hold off for further information. It means a rush now for the transport to get ready for Manila on the schedule. The transport Buford remains in the stream.

THEY ARE NOW UNDER ARREST

Alleged Conspiracy Case of Insurance Companies

New York, Nov. 30.—A fourth arrest was today in connection with an alleged conspiracy to defraud insurance companies by fire to a far extent in summer after having removed the stock of the defunct company.

SOURI BY-ELECTIONS

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 30.—Governor Harrison has issued a call for a special election for the sixth congressional district for January 23, 1910, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman A. De Armond, who was to death last week.

AN STORM SWEEP; MANY LIVES ARE LOST

Nov. 30.—A fierce storm swept the vicinity of Shimonezki yesterday at night. The Kisagata Maru, a steamer of 2,373 tons, foundered and all on board were lost. Fifteen bodies have been washed ashore.

LIKELY TO REACH THE JURY TODAY

Inquest Into I.C.R. Fatality at Nash's Creek Resumed—Two Men Still Unable to Attend

Campbellton, N. B., Nov. 30.—(Special)—Enquiry into the fatality on the I. C. R. at Nash's Creek on the morning of Oct. 6th, in which John Morton, Robert J. Whalen and William Morrison lost their lives, was continued here today before Coroner A. G. Ferguson of Dalhousie. Brakeness Jessulat and Murray are still unable to attend on account of their injuries and it was suggested that another session would have to be held, possibly in Montreal, to take their evidence.

HAVE SOME DEER THERE, TOO

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 30.—Deer are so numerous that State Game Warden Clark has warned boys and men not to shoot them when they are seen in the streets. Last night the warden killed a buck which had sought refuge in a down-town stable. It had been chased and had its leg broken a few days ago on a deer caught down town and taken on an express wagon and there shot in the suburbs.

LUMBER PRICES IN THE WEST ADVANCE

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—Rough lumber has advanced 10 cents a thousand feet all over western Canada. The mills are calling in salesmen, owing to a rush of orders. Export mills in British Columbia report a largely increased business in the United States, this being one cause for the advance. Another advance in prices will take place before spring, it is said.

MURDER OF MAUD HARTLEY

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 30.—The jury to try James H. Harmon, Jr., of Somerville, for the murder of Maud A. Hartley in that city last December, was today sworn in and brought here for the trial.

FIRE HAVOC IN \$1,000,000 HOME

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Fire broke out at Gedgey Farm, the \$1,000,000 country place of Howard Willets, club owner, a little before 8 o'clock this morning, and was so well under way when discovered that the volunteer fire department found their task hopeless.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY

Berlin, Nov. 29.—An agreement has been signed, definitely settling the questions affecting the frontiers of British Uganda, German East Africa and the Congo Independent State, which have been under discussion for years. The agreement, it is understood, is satisfactory to all concerned. The details are not yet available, as the present moment is considered unsuitable for their publication, in consequence of the negotiations which are now being carried on between the British, German, Belgian and Congo governments.

NEW ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Freeport, Me., Nov. 30.—An expedition to explore Crockettland, discovered by Commander Peary, will start next July, according to Professor Donald R. McMillan, who was one of the Peary party. Professor McMillan has been an instructor at Worcester Academy, says he will give up teaching and make Arctic exploration his life work. He declined to give any details of his proposed expedition to Crockettland.

AMERICANS LOSE AGAIN

Sydney, N. S. W., Nov. 30.—The Australians today were successful in defending the Dwyer L. Davis Challenge Cup against the Americans in the final set of single play.

COMMONWEALTH CAPITAL

Melbourne, Nov. 30.—The bill selecting Yassaberra as the site for the federal capital has passed both houses of parliament.

ALPHONSE CYR, MURDERED IN MAINE, SAID TO BELONG HERE

ZELAYA READY TO RETIRE FROM PRESIDENCY

Overtures to Revolutionists—Things Getting Warmer—France Drawn Into Trouble

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Zelaya has made overtures to the revolutionists, intimating his willingness to retire from the presidency of Nicaragua, provided the congress be allowed to elect a provisional president in his stead. This news comes from the United States Consulate at Bluefields, and was sent late Sunday night.

REFORM IN SPAIN

Premier Moret Announces Text of Sweeping Bill for Municipal Changes

Madrid, Nov. 30.—Saturday—Premier Moret has published in the official gazette the text of a sweeping bill for the reform of municipal administration in Spain, to take the place of a similar measure which ex-Premier Maura tried for two years to get through the cortes.

TIMES SPECIALS IN SHORT METRE

Quebec, Nov. 30.—Hon. Mr. Cawton, the new minister of agriculture, has been elected by acclamation in 17th district. Toronto, Nov. 30.—The receipts of the Varsity Ottawa football game were more than \$1,000, setting all records. Edmunds, Nov. 30.—A coal famine is feared and efforts are being made to get the striking miners to return to work. Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 30.—In a junior Rugby football game yesterday, one of the lads played through the game with a broken shoulder. Toronto, Nov. 30.—Rudolph, who did not arrive for the execution of Spanelli, the other day, says he was not notified in time. Kingston, Ont., Nov. 30.—A servant at the Royal Military College has received the Humane Society award for heroic rescue of a drowning person. Lubridge, Ont., Nov. 30.—Wallace Gardner, aged eighty-four, attempted suicide here yesterday by cutting his throat. Barre, Ont., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Guthrie and daughter have been committed for trial in perjury charge in connection with a divorce given at the recent fire inquiry. Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 30.—After a three years' fight, the council yesterday voted to contract with the hydro-electric commission for power.

BRIDE IS SUED BY FORMER LOVER

Newburyport, Mass., Nov. 30.—Orithya Wales Knapp, one of the richest and most beautiful young women of this city, defendant in a breach of promise suit brought by Howard F. Smith, a Dartmouth athlete, is the bride of James J. Healy, also an athlete and for many years Smith's rival suitor. Healy and Miss Knapp were married in London on Oct. 27. The wedding secret is revealed by a friend who pledged not to tell it for five months. Relatives of the couple say the marriage had their setting by cutting his throat. The present Mrs. Healy was sued for \$25,000 a year ago by "Jake" Smith, who had won fame as a sprinter at Dartmouth. He declared she had broken her promise to marry him, on advice of members of her family, who objected because he was poor.

EXPRESS JUMPS THE RAILS—MANY HURT

Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—More than a dozen persons were injured, a number seriously, when the Uniontown and Pittsburg express train No. 101, on the Penna. Railway, left the rails at Manor, Pa., near here and ran into a ditch. One passenger, the baggage master and mail clerk are probably fatally hurt. The train consisted of a baggage car, mail car, three coaches and a parlor car. The engine remained on the rails intact. The exact cause of the wreck is not known. The fatally injured are: George M. Scott, mail clerk; W. E. Quigg, baggage-master; Chas. Stacey, signal man. Among those slightly hurt was State Senator J. M. Jamison, of Greensburg, Pa., bruised about the body.

SUGAR FRAUD TRIAL

New York, Nov. 30.—When the trial of James F. Bendernagel, former manager of the American Sugar Refining Company's Williamsburg plant, and the five other former employes of the company accused with him of sugar underweighting frauds, was resumed today before Judge Martin in the United States circuit court, all impending motions had been disposed of and but one seat in the jury box remained unoccupied.

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C.P.R. TRIES WIRELESS ON TRAINS

Smallpox in Ontario—Girl Charged With Murder of Babe—Killed on Start of Trip

Toronto, Nov. 30.—(Special)—A wireless system of signals for running of trains will be installed on the Canadian Pacific between North Parkdale and West Toronto. If the test is a success, the system is likely to be generally adopted by the company. After a period of some months immunity, Ontario again has a smallpox outbreak of thirty cases in West Zorra, Ontario county. It has been reported to the provincial board of health and it appears it has been running unchecked for some time, but in so mild a form that patients and friends did not secure a diagnosis. Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—(Special)—Annie Slachowski, a young woman alleged to have drowned her newborn babe in a lavatory at the house where she was employed on Nov. 13, has been removed from the general hospital to the jail and a charge of murder will be laid against her. Napanee, Ont., Nov. 30.—(Special)—Miss N. S. Aylesworth, aged fifty, of Emerson, was killed by starting on a trip to station, preparatory to starting on a trip and was struck by a fast special. She was thrown against the platform and suffered internal injuries. She died in the hospital a few hours later.

BRITISH CABINET IN SESSION

Preparing King's Speech for Prorogation of Parliament—Crowds Gather in Street Expecting Demonstration

London, Nov. 30.—The cabinet met in Downing street at noon today for the purpose of discussing the form of the king's speech proroguing parliament. All of the members with the exception of Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, were present. While the government has not announced whether it proposes an adjournment or the prorogation of parliament today's reports are to the effect that the latter course is certain. It is believed that Premier Asquith will see King Edward tomorrow. Both chambers will hold short sessions on Friday, for the reading of the King's speech. The cabinet remained in session until 2 o'clock. Meanwhile the crowd waited outside, cheering the ministers and at the same time hoping for a suffragette outbreak, which, however, failed to materialize. The House of Lords will convene at 4 o'clock.

OUTPUT OF BRITISH MINES

Total Value of Minerals For Year £130,003,670—Coal Export Growing

London, Nov. 30.—The report for 1908 on mines and quarries for the United Kingdom, states that the total value of the minerals raised during the year was £130,003,670. 261,238,735 tons of coal were raised, of a value of £116,598,848. Over 65 1/2 million tons were exported. During the thirty-six years from 1873-1908, the following were the total returns: Value of coal output, £2,361,701,000. Value of other minerals, £30,952,000. The export of coal has been steadily growing during the thirty-six years. In the period 1873-77 the average export was 12.8 per cent of the total output. In the period 1903-7 the percentage had grown to 61.1, while in 1908 the percentage was 62.2. The depression in trade which was so marked a feature of 1908 had its influence on the mineral output for the year, which only reached a total of £130,003,670, or £5,275,418 less than in 1907. Coal alone accounted for £3,298,330 of this decrease. The amount of coal which was retained for home consumption was £192,222,680 tons, or just under four tons per head of the population. The blast furnaces for the manufacture of pig iron consumed 18,742,464 tons, as compared with 21,119,547 tons in 1907.

BROTHER AND SISTER THROUGH ICE; DROWN

Cravenhurst, Ont., Nov. 30.—(Special)—At Franklin's Bay, Sparrow Lake, on Saturday night, Mary Gill, aged fifteen, and her brother, Daniel Gill, aged thirteen, were skating with others, when the ice gave way. Two more young people, Mary Jones and Cyril Gill were also present. Daniel and Cyril managed to get out on the ice, but the sister again broke through. Toronto, Nov. 30.—(Special)—The latest phase of the Toronto Tube Railway question is a proposition from a legal firm on behalf of clients to construct and operate a tube system free of cost to the city. The proposition is to do this until the franchise of the Toronto railway company expires in 1921, when the city should have the option of taking over the subway at actual cost with addition of a percentage not to exceed ten per cent.

FORESTRY COMMISSION VISITS ONTARIO

Toronto, Nov. 30.—(Special)—A commission from British Columbia to study forestry methods in Ontario and the United States arrived here yesterday. It consists of Hon. F. J. Fulton, former commissioner of crown lands in the McBride cabinet, A. S. Goodhue, M. P., for Kootenay, and A. C. Plummerford of Victoria.

RICH MAN TO WED NURSE

New York, Nov. 30.—Announcement of the coming marriage of John E. Merzulis, a millionaire, of Paterson, N. J., and Miss Catherine Walsh, a trained nurse, of this city is made. Mrs. Merzulis is a widow, sixty-nine years old. Miss Walsh is twenty-nine. The marriage, the outcome of a romance, began a year ago, when Miss Walsh attended Mr. Merzulis during a serious illness.

NO MORE PEDDLERS

Chicago, Nov. 30.—The city council has passed the law prohibiting peddlers and hucksters from shouting their wares in the streets.

BALLPLAYER'S FORTUNE

New York, Nov. 30.—Edw. Bowditch, a former ball player of Harvard, was today appointed private secretary to Governor General Forbes.

HALF MILLION FOR ROAD

Amoy, China, Nov. 30.—The Imperial Board of Communications has advanced \$500,000 for the extension of the Amoy and Chang Chow Railway.

LABOR MEN GET STAY IN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THEM

Washington, Nov. 30.—The court of appeals today stayed the proceedings against the union of labor men, in the contempt case against them, for a stay of execution of the mandate of the court sending them to jail. The mandate is stayed indefinitely, pending appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

WOMAN IS ON TRIAL FOR CRIME OF MURDER

Husband Slain and Real Estate Man Indicted With the Wife in Court

Newark, N. J., Nov. 30.—Charging that she had murdered her husband, Frank Wilhelm, a wealthy contractor, the state today placed Mrs. Mary J. Wilhelm on trial for her life. Nicholas S. Sica, a real estate dealer of this city, jointly indicted her, for the crime, was accused a separate trial.

KARL THEODORE OF BAVARIA DIED TODAY

Bayreuth, Bavaria, Nov. 30.—Duke Karl Theodore of Bavaria, died today from kidney trouble. He never figured prominently in military or political affairs, but studied medicine and became a famous eye specialist. He maintained a second private hospital, where the poor were treated free, and did much to introduce some sort of sanitation in the homes of the mountaineers.

PARLIAMENT VACATION TO BEGIN DECEMBER 17, FRENCH TREATY TODAY

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—(Special)—The programme for parliament between now and vacation is practically complete. The French treaty will come up today and will be expedited through the commons so that the senate can dispose of it immediately.

CHARGED THAT HE FLEECED FARMERS IN MANY STATES

Wilson Accused of Getting Thousands of Dollars Worth of Produce and Making No Returns

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 30.—J. W. Wilson, accused of fleecing farmers of several states out of thousands of dollars, was charged yesterday with fraudulent use of the mails. Wilson was arrested on Saturday, after a long search. He is accused of having operated several commission concerns that solicited shipments from farmers, disposed of the goods and made no return to consignees.

NEWSBOY ONCE, IS NOW GRAND OPERA TENOR

Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—Cable despatches from Vienna announcing that William Miller, a tenor, has been engaged at a salary of \$12,000 a year to sing at the Vienna Opera House, taking the place of Leo Slezak, who has been engaged by the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, caused much comment in this city, where Miller up to twelve years ago was a newsboy and did most of his singing in the open air.

BRUCE STORY DENIED

Washington, Nov. 30.—The report related to London that Ambassador Bryce is to be succeeded at Washington by Sir Maurice de Bunsen is not believed at the British Embassy.

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