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OFFICE SEEKERS WORRY OF MINISTER

Monk at Banquet Speaks on Patronage

THE SWINGING OF THE AXE

Commends Laurier Government for Civil Service Improvement and Says Present Government Will go Further—A Warning to Any Active in Politics

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Dec. 16—The partonage evil and the woes of a minister of the cabinet pursued by seekers for easy positions were depicted by Hon. F. D. Monk, minister of public works, at a banquet tendered him last evening in Montreal West. The minister declared that the popular conception of a cabinet minister was a man who sat in his office smoking cigars, and "handing out fat jobs to the boys," This he said, was entirely erroneous.

"I and my colleagues on assuming office" he continued, "immediately found ourselves confronted with questions of the utmost difficulty and importance. The man in office is not only obstructed in the contemplation of these questions waiting for settlement by the importunity of office seekers, but he is left by them with a feeling of disappointment that he has not been able to satisfy the large, and not perhaps unnatural, though mistaken, demands for patronage that are made upon him.

"All governments do some good and the late government has done some good service by starting a reform of the civil service. It has been left for us to perfect this work of making a civil service both inside and outside that will be entirely free from patronage. This would be a greater benefit to both sides and to do it, it may be necessary to carry on outside the same reforms as are being effected inside.

"It is an inflexible rule in England that civil servants, whatever their personal political views may be, must refrain from any active interference in politics under pain of the penalty for such interference with which they are all perfectly familiar, and this rule must be observed with equal rigor in Canada."

BOMB EXPLODED IN BOSTON TENEMENT

Boston, Dec. 16—Thirty-five people narrowly escaped serious injury and perhaps death early today, when a bomb, believed to have been placed by Blackhanders, exploded in a five story tenement house and store at 14 Norman street, in the west end section.

The explosion damaged the walls of the building. Beyond severe fright and slight bruises sustained in making a hasty exit, none of the tenants were injured. The house was occupied by Italians.

BAN JOHNSON WOULD WELCOME LIBEL SUIT

Chicago, Dec. 16—President Ban Johnson of the American league, said last night that he would welcome a libel suit such as that threatened that by the New York National club on charges brought by the head of a junior organization regarding ticket scalping at the recent world's series games in New York. "I hope the New York Club carries out the threat," said Johnson, "for it would give the needed opportunity to get the guilty individuals into court. I do not anticipate any action by the Gotham club, however."

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

9 A. M. Weather Report.

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

Forecasts—Easterly winds, increasing to strong breezes, and gales during the night, much the same temperature, with rain or snow tonight and on Sunday.

Storm Signal No. 3 is displayed.

Synopsis—Moderately cold weather prevails throughout the maritime provinces and a disturbance now near Lake Erie promises to bring stormy conditions; to banks, moderate northerly winds, to American ports, fresh to strong easterly winds.

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, equivalent to 5 hours Grenwich time.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1911.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 30
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 26
Temperature at noon 30
Humidity at noon 87
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 30.20 inches.
Wind at noon—Direction east, velocity 12 miles per hour, cloudy.
Same date last year—Highest temperature 3, lowest 3 below zero, clear.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

SAVED LIFE OF KING'S SISTER

Husband and Two Other Men Swam Ashore With Her From Capsized Boat

Gibraltar, Dec. 16—It now seems that the life of the Princess Royal was saved by the joint efforts of Admiral Craddock, the Duke of Fife and a passenger on the Delhi named McCaulbell.

When the cutter in which the princess was escaping from the stranded steamship, was swamped, and its occupants thrown into the water, the three men named went to her assistance, and, supporting her with one hand, each, swam with her through the surf to the shore.

COUNSEL'S ADDRESS IN THE HEBERT CASE

Arguments Concluded But Date of Judgment is Not Announced

Montreal, Dec. 16—Although the final arguments in the marriage separation case of Eugene Hebert and his wife, Emma Clouatre, were made yesterday, the date of judgment is not known today. Closing the case yesterday afternoon, W. Arnold Wainwright, counsel for the separated wife, said:—

"If the system of law in this province is what it is represented to be in the judgments of Justice Jette and Lemieux, it is a monstrous and unreasonable system, and one designed to entrap the unwary. Under such circumstances a person might go before an officer who has been given the power by the state to celebrate marriage, and who is protected by the state. A person might be married by that officer, who acted in virtue of a license emanating from the king's authority. If that marriage is invalid, not on account of any restriction existing in the only law of which they can be assumed to have knowledge, but on account of hair splitting distinctions of learned jurists, all of which the person cannot be expected to understand, then the law is not a protection to the public, as all laws of marriage are supposed to be, but a menace both to the state and to the individual.'

Ancient law was cited, including a list of citations from the judgments of Judge Day, Mondelais, Caron and Lafontaine, in the Languedoc-Lavoillette case (1858), wherein opinions adverse to the position assumed by Justices Lemieux and Jette were, according to the contention of counsel for Dame Clouatre, set forth.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Toronto, Dec. 16—Otto Laing, traveller of the Albert Soap Company, of Montreal, who was badly mangled by a train, died this morning. He was twenty-two years old, and unmarried.

London, Dec. 16—A bulletin this morning states that there is very little change in Sir Charles Tupper's condition.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16— The Russian ban against the Jesuits has proved an insurperable bar against the entry of Father Pigot, an eminent Australian scientist into Russia. He is anxious to visit Pulkova observatory to investigate seismological questions with Prince Galitzine. The British Embassy made special representations, but all efforts have been unavailable.

Boston, Dec. 15—Mme Tetrazzini was taken ill yesterday and was not able to sing in Lucia in the Boston Opera House last evening.

New York, Dec. 15—John D. Rockefeller will paste $500 worth of Red Cross Christmas seals on the gifts that he sends out this year. His check for the stamps was received by the committee on the prevention of tuberculosis of the Charity Organization Socitey.

Chicago, Dec. 16—Champion Abe Attell and Jack White have signed articles of agreement for a fight for the featherweight title at the West Side A. C. of New Orleans on the afternoon of Jan. 14; weigh in at 122 pounds at noon, three hours before the match.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED

London, Dec. 16—The houses of parliament were prorogued today and will reassemble on Feb. 14.

The king's speech was read in the House of Lords before a small gathering of the members of the two houses. It was brief and colorless, merely expressing happiness at the conclusion of the Moroccan negotiations between France and Germany and otherwise dealing almost solely with a recital of recent domestic legislation and the social amelioration to be expected from its enactment.

TO THE OLD COUNTRY.

The steamer Empress of Ireland which sailed yesterday carried away from St. John 1,360 passengers, sixty-six first, 550 second and 744 third. The passengers to be taken on at Halifax will bring the list up to the full capacity of about 1,500. Some of the passengers who could not be accommodated here are still in the city and will not be able to get away until the Montfort sails for London on Wednesday next. They will miss spending Christmas with their friends in the old country but will be there in time for New Years.

AUCTION OF PROPERTY.

The leasehold property with three storey frame dwelling at 148 Rockland Road, belonging to the Patrick Flynn estate, was sold at auction at Chubb's corner this morning by T. T. Lantalum. The property was bid in at $400 by T. P. Regan. The property(206 Rockland Road, belonging to the same estate, which had been advertised for sale was not offered.

NEXT WEEK MEANS MUCH TO CHINESE

Great Effort to Bring Peace to The Troubled Country

SOME CHANCE OF IT

Imperial Plenipotentiary and Big Suite to Reach Shanghai Tomorrow—Some Talk of Compromise as to Future of the Nation

(Canadian Press)

Shanghai, Dec. 16—The coming week will be the most notable in the history of the revolution in China. Tang Shao Yi, the imperial plenipotentiary appointed by Premier Yuan Shi Kai to endeavor to negotiate terms of peace with the victorious revolutionaries, is to arrive in Shanghai early on Sunday. He is accompanied by a suite of assistants and personal servants, numbering eighty. They are making the voyage from Hankow in the chartered river boat Tung Ting. On their arrival here, they will have travelled about 800 miles along the river Yang Tse, which is patrolled by a score of the revolutionary cruisers and gunboats.

Included in Tang Shao Yi's party are two prominent officials—Yen Shi Si, connected with the board of finances, and Yang Shi Chi, former president of the board of communications, who will act as his counsellors at the peace conference. He has also with him twenty-two representatives of provinces of China, who have been selected by Premier Yuan Shi Kai to offset the revolutionary convention now sitting at Nanking. Four representatives of general Li-Juen-Heng, the revolutionary leader, are travelling on the same boat with Lang Shao Yi and his party.

Chance of Settlement

The best observers among the influential Chinese believe that there is considerable possibility of a settlement being reached during the conference as a result of mutual concessions. The republicans are certainly at the present moment determined to demand that the dynasty be brought to a close and that the Manchus as a class or a clan be merged with the Chinese together with their dependencies. It is on this point that a compromise may eventually be reached; namely that the emperor be retained as a Chinese at the head of the dynasty. It may be that he will become a constitutional monarch, with a regent to be elected by the people, but on an extremely limited franchise.

The national congress, if the proposition is accepted, will have members elected by each province, and will control the imperial finances as well as the army and navy affairs and will elect its own governor.

There is a reason to believe that if the revolutionaries cede on the question of a republic, Yuan Shi Kai, the premier, will accept their terms. The chief difficulty appears to lie with the head students and extremists who are demanding a republic.

THOMAS L. BOURKE LEFT $40,000 ESTATE

Bequest of $500 to Sisters of Charity, the Rest to His Sister —Mrs. Prescott s Will

In the probate court today the will of Thos. L. Bourke, retired liquor merchant, was proved. He gives to the Sisters of Charity of St. John, in charge of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, in Cliff streetr, the sum of $500 for the support and education of the orphans from time to time under their care. The rest of his estate he gives to his sister, Helen Bourke, with the request that she should care for her brother, John Bourke, and that she should pay to her brother Robert C. Bourke, an annuity, such not in any way to effect her title to the property, which he gives to her absolutely. He nominates his sister sole executrix, and she was accordingly sworn in. Real estate is $14,000, personal estate $8,000; life insurance $18,000. Dr. R. F. Quigley, K. C., proctor.

The will of Mrs. Helen M. Prescott was proved. She gives all her estate, real and personal, to her sister, Annie S. Berryman, and nominates her as executrix. Real estate $4,800; personal estate $6,000. Herbert J. Smith is proctor.

NEXT WEEK'S CONFERENCE

The meeting to be held in St. John on Tuesday next to discuss immigration problems will be attended by Premier Flemming, Hon. John Morrissy and Hon. Dr. Landry, representing the New Brunswick government; Hon. Chas W. Barnstead, representing the Nova Scotia government, and Arthur Hawkes, dominion immigration commissioner. There will also be a representative from Prince-Edward Island, who has not yet been announced. After the meeting at four o'clock with the St. John Board of Trade the visitors will be entertained by the Board of Trade at an informal dinner in the Union Club.

NEW CALENDAR.

The Times has received from W. H. Dunham, of Indiantown, an attractive calendar, presenting a picture of his store in holiday attire. The calendar is neatly gotten up.

DANDELIONS THE LATEST.

Freddie, the young son of R. L. Strange, this week picked a small bunch of dandelions in full bloom near his home in Rockland Road.

SUNDAY NIGHT LECTURE.

Harry O. McInerney, in the C. M. B. A. course tomorrow evening will speak on Henry Grattan.

H. B. CLARK SENT UP FOR TRIAL IN JANUARY

Henry Gallagher a Witness in Reference to His Account --- Mr. Kessen Tells of the Steps in the Case

Harry B. Clark, former manager of the Charlotte street branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, who was arested in New York about a month ago on the charge of embezzlement, and who was brought back here to stand trial, was brought before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court today was committed for trial at the next sitting of the county court, on the second Tuesday in January.

Clark was represented by George W. Fowler, K. C., of Sussex, while M. G. Teed and Charles F. Sanford looked after the prosecution.

The first witness was Henry Gallagher, merchant, of Charlotte street. He said that he was acquainted with the prisoner, having had dealings with him while he was manager of the bank. His account was in the savings department in his own name. On March 29 he went to Clark and requested that the name of his sister, Mary Ann Gallagher, be added to the account, making it a joint account. On that date he signed a check for $2,477.27 which he wanted applied to his account. He left the check at the bank. He recognized the check produced in court as the one he had signed. In August he lost his pass book.

The witness was asked by Mr. Sanford if the amount $2,477.27 was entered in that pass book, but Mr. Fowler objected. The court decided that unless it could be shown that Mr. Gallagher had made a careful and diligent search for the book and then reported it lost, the matter could not be allowed.

Cross examined by Mr. Fowler the witness said that his claim had been recognized by the bank in full and he had sustained no personal loss. In August he had gone to the bank to withdraw $900 but he was told then that his account was overdrawn.

Mr. Kesson

R. B. Kessen was the next witness. He knew the prisoner and also recognized his handwriting. As far as he knew Clark had left the city about the first week in June last. The witness recognized a letter which was produced as one he had received from Clark some time after he had left the city. The letter was written on the Hotel La Salle, Chicago, letter heads but was not dated. The letter was signed by Clark, and dealt with matters in connection with the Charlotte street branch.

The ledger sheet [illegible] the account of Henry Gallagher was here produced.

After receiving the letter from Clark he made an examination of the branch books. One entry on the sheet was dated July 11 and March 29. The witness said this entry was made on his orders. Asked why, he said that the amount should have been credited to Mr. Gallagher's account before but that it was not there. This amount was paid by the bank and was a loss to them. The witness said that before he received the letter from Clark he was not aware that there was anything wrong with the accounts. He had been informed of several things but was not positively sure. He had received the letter about the latter part of June.

Gave Him $100 For Trip

Mr. Kessen said that he was aware that Clark was going away early in June in company with Mr Sanford. The bank had furnished Clark with $100. The matter had not been placed before the directors nor the president. He knew that there was some trouble at that time but did not know of any shortage in the accounts. Clark had told him how he had got mixed up with some customers, but that if he saw several customers in the states that he could save the bank from making a loss in connection with some accounts.

After receiving the letter, he wrote to Clark, but the letter was returned unopened. The witness did not at that time have any knowledge of use of securities for funds by Clark for his own use. Clark's going away then was not for the purpose of evading any criminal action. As far as he knew Clark and Sanford went to New York. Clark had not resigned from the bank then, but the witness had told him that he would in all probability lose his position. George Roy had succeeded Clark in the branch office.

Asked by Mr. Fowler if the bank officials would have found out the discrepencies in the accounts only for Clark's letter, the witness answered that they had received complaints from several customers and would have found out eventually. Mr. Kessen refused to answer several questions regarding several customers and this gave the counsel chance for argument.

C. F. Sanford was called to explain some figures on one of the pages of Clark's letter. He also said that at the time he went to New York with Clark he was not aware that any criminal charge had been made against Clark.

This closed the case for the prosecution and Mr. Fowler said that the defence would offer no evidence at this stage. When asked to plead, Clark arose and in a low tone answered that he had no statement to make except that he was not guilty. His Honor committed him for trial. Bail was renewed, Clark entering into his own recognizance for $10,000 and W. B. McKay and G. W. Fowler for $5,000 each.

Mr. Fowler applied for an order for the return of the money taken from Clark when arrested, $200, and also for the steamship ticket from New York to Liverpool. After some argument this was granted.

FORGER AND CLARKE A LAP AHEAD IN RACE THIS MORNING

End of the Six Days Grind Draws Near — Moran of Chelsea Is Hurt

New York, Dec. 16—For the first time in several years the annual six day bicycle race neared a finish today with only one team in the lead. At nine o'clock Joe Folger of Brooklyn and Jack Clarke of Melbourne, Australia, were a lap ahead of the six teams. If they can hold this advantage until ten o'clock tonight ,they will win first prize. Today 13 hours before the finish, Folger and Clarke had covered 2,477 miles 8 laps. As there are seven prizes provided the contestants keep the same relative position today the next six teams will participate in the series of match races at a mile which will decide final positions.

James Moran, of Chelsea was thrown today, his handlebar twisting. He was unconscious when pjicked up and did not recuperate in time to help his partner while the struggle lasted.

The score at nine o'clock, 129th hour was:—Folger-Clarke 2,477 miles eight laps; Kramer-Moran; Halstead-Drobach, Pye-Collins, Cameron-Magin, Demara-Lawrence, Lorenz-Saldow, 2477 miles, seven laps; Hill-J. Bedell, 2477 miles six laps, Lapize-Vanhouwaert, 2477 miles; record 2,489 miles, six laps.

PERSONALS

S. D. Granville, of North End, will leave this evening on a short visit to Providence, R. I. He will be accompanied on his return home by his sister, Miss Edna, professional nurse, who has been there for some time.

Dr. C. M. Kelly is visiting his old home in northern New Brunswick.

Miss Ruby Elderkin returned today from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Davies of Ottawa, were passengers to the city this morning.

George N. McAuley passed through the city this morning on his way to spend Christmas at his old home in Forest Glen, in Westmorland county. He has for the last five years been with the Transcontinental railway in Ontario.

Heber S. Keith returned to the city on the Montreal train today.

Cecil Sutherland left last evening for Boston to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Agar returned this morning after a visit to Boston.

Dr. J. L. Violette of St. Leonards, and Dr. Derocher of Gloucester, who have been in the city taking the registration examinations, left for their homes at noon today.

Miss Florence Armstrong left on the noon train today for Dorchester.

Richibucto Review:—Mrs. W. E. Murray and Mrs. Annie Wilson visited St. John this week. Dr. H. W. Jakeman will leave soon for Saskatoon where he will locate.

W. B. Howard, of the C. P. R., left last evening for Halifax.

E. R. Reid left for Halifax last evening.

Arthur B. Curtis, traffic superintendent of the N. B .Telephone Co., is taking a position in Texas.

James E. Ramsden, of the north end left on the S. S. Empress of Ireland yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents in England.

LUMBER MARKET BRIGHTENING IN UNITED STATES

Fredericton Firm Receive Half Million Pine Order—Death of Prominent A. O. H. Man

Fredericton, Dec. 16—(Special)—I. Archibald, a lumber buyer of Boston, who is here today says that lumber is advancing in price on the American market and the outlook has brightened up considerably. H. C. MacKey, this morning received an order from Boston for half a million feet of pine lumber.

Lieut. Russell of the Royal Engineers, Halifax, was here today superintending the transfer of the 71st armory to the new caretaker, H. T. Brewer, who replaces J. M. Torrance. The latter is returned to duty as a private in the R. C. R.

Wm. J. Murphy who has conducted a bakery here for twenty years died at his home this morning from pneumonia. He was about fifty years of age and leaves his wife and four children. He was prominent in the A. O. H. and the funeral will be under the auspices of that organization.

Stiff prices for Christmas poultry prevailed in the market this morning. Geese sold at $1.85 each and turkeys at twenty-eight and thirty cents a pound.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of John Donahue took place this afternoon from his late home, 58 Brussels street. Services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Conway at the Cathedral and interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

THE COTTON MILL FIRE.

The adjuster representing the American fire insurance companies interested in the cotton mill fire is expected in St. John on Monday. The result will not be known before Tuesday.

MUCH IMPROVED

E. S. Hennigar who has been in the hospital for some time because of an accident was taken home this morning. He is greatly improved.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Woodstock wants to be a divisional point on the Valley Railway and to have car shops there. A big meeting last night appointed a committee on the matter.

SEES GREAT WAR INSIDE SIX YEARS

KINDLY ACT IS REWARDED

Fifteen Years Ago Helped Elderly Woman in Financial Trouble, Now Gets Fortune

New York, Dec. 16—Fifteen years ago Dennis Lyons, then a young police patrolman, went down into his own pocket to help an elderly woman, who had lost her money, to buy tickets for herself and daughter to Elmira.

Last night, Lieutenant Lyons was visited at his desk in the Charles street station by an attorney, who announced that the woman he had befriended had died and left him a fortune of $20,000 in recognition of the kindness which the police officer had almost forgotten.

DURBAR FESTIVITIES BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

King George Goes Shooting—Times Says Change of Capital Produces Enthusiasm

Delhi, Dec. 16—The great durbar with its round of festivities lasting since the arrival of the King Emperor and Queen Empress on Dec. 1, was brought to a conclusion today. Their Majesties left the camp in state procession. The road to the station was lined with British and native troops. King George has gone on a shooting expedition while Queen Mary has gone to Agra.

London, Dec. 16—The Times correspondent in Delhi, in a despatch printed this morning says:

"All my inquiries tend to show that the king's durbar announcement (of the transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi) is producing rising enthusiasm. I think it may be said that the general success of the declaration is absolutely assured and that the remainder of the imperial visit will be one long triumph. Grave political risks were taken but apparently the danger is passed."

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Indications are that there will be a big Christmas market this year. Dealers and farmers said today that prospects were very bright for a plentiful supply of all kinds of poultry, and it was possible that prices would be slightly lower, but not much, than they now are. Turkeys are now selling at twenty-three and twenty-five cents, and it is thought that because many farmers are holding back their stock that they may have to sell at reductions later. During the last week there has not been very much poultry in evidence in the market, and this is taken to mean that the farmers are withholding their supply for higher prices.

Butter and eggs are firm, and the latter have an upward tendency. From thirty-five to sixty cents a dozen was asked. Butter brings from twenty-five to twenty-eight cents a pound. Geese range from $1.35 to $1.50, ducks $1.50 to $1.75, and chickens from seventy cents to $1.25 a pair.

CEMENT PLANT OUTLOOK

The prospects for the establishment of the new cement manufacturing plant at Greenhead during the coming spring are said to be getting brighter in view of recent developments. The construction of the new wharves at West St. John, which are to be built of concrete will create a very large demand for cement. The building of the Valley Railway will also call for a large quantity, and other construction projects under discussion also promise a market for the output. This is quite apart from the development work at Courtenay Bay. In view of this the promoters feel they have every encouragement to go ahead and it is understood the project depends to a certain extent on the question of cheap power.

INJURED IN FALL.

Mrs. T. G. Starkey, of North End, who was injured yesterday afternoon in a fall in Durham street, is slightly improved today. She received serious internal injuries when she slipped on the icy sidewalk, but thought nothing of them until at a meeting in Main street Baptist church last night, she became ill and on her way home lost consciousness. She was taken into F. W. Munroe's drug store, where Dr. F. J. Hogan attended her.

I. L. & B. ASSEMBLY.

The members of the I. L. & B. Association are looking forward with pleasure to an assembly which is to be held in their rooms on January 9. Invitations are now being issued. The chaperones are Mesdames John Daley, John O'Regan, James Barry, J. Ward, W. Harris, and Edward Fitzgerald. The committee in charge is composed of R. D. O'Neill, John Daley, E. Barry, L. A. Conlon, W. Harris, M. T. O'Leary, and F. J. Casey.

WILL BE HERE.

Sir Henry Pellatt, Lieutenant Governor J. M. Gibson of Ontario, Grant Hugh Browne of New York, and several others who are interested in the promotion of the British Canadian Ship-building Company, are expected to pass through St. John next week on their way to Sydney, where they are conducting negotiations for the establishment of their proposed plant.

England and Germany Must Come To Blows

NORTON GRIFFITHS' VIEWS

Interviewed In New York, Prophecies Conflict Which Will Shake Europe and Have Effect Across Atlantic—German Nation, he Says, Pressing for It

(Canadian Press)

New York, Dec. 16—John Norton Griffiths, Conservative member of parliament for Wednesbury, believes that within the next six years England and Germany will be at war and all of Europe will feel the effect of the conflict. He made this prophesy without qualification, following his arrival in New York from the Canadian northwest In saying it, he gave what he believed to be the reason for Canada's refusal to accept reciprocity at the recent election.

"The people of Canada," said Mr. Griffiths, "realized in their election that a far graver problem than trade comity with the United States confronted them, and that problem was the bringing together of the English empire in unity to confront the menace of a war which would soon threaten the existence of the mother nation.

"I believe that there is not a doubt," he continued, "but that within the next six years—maybe much sooner—England and Germany will be at war and all Europe will be shaken by the conflict; yes, and America, too, for America could not help feeling keenly the existence of so great a conflict as that will assuredly be.

"Why do I think this? Because the whole of the German nation is seeking a war with us at every turn of the road, and when a whole nation is behind a thing like this there is no stopping it. The bankers stopped war at the time of the recent crisis, but war was very near, and the bankers cannot always stand in the way of a whole people."

"DIAMOND DICK" OF DIME NOVEL FAME KILLED BY TRAIN

Was a Companion of Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill and Other Celebrities of the Plains

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 16—George R. McClelland, better known as "Diamond Dick," famous in dime novel lore, died in Kansas City, Kansas, last evening from injuries received by being run down by a train while driving over a railroad crossing.

McClelland was a native of Ogdensburg and his parents still reside there. He was a crack shot with the rifle, his favorite trick being the shooting of an apple from a man's head. He ran away from home at the age of sixteen and in 1872 joined with Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill and Texas Jack in the show business. He is said to have been the first doctor in Oklahoma and when the Spanish war broke out he organized a regiment of old Indian braves, and offered his and their services to the country.

"Diamond Dick" gained his sobriquet because of the large number of diamonds he wore.

ANOTHER MILLING PLANT IS BURNED

Winnipeg, Dec. 16—The Canadian cereal merger lost a valuable plant last night in the total destruction of the Robinhood Mills at Moosejaw. The loss is $200,000. The capacity was 1,500 barrels. This is the third milling plant in the west destroyed in the last ten days.

MONCTON SCOTT ACT CASES

Moncton, Dec. 16—(Special)—Valentine Landry was before Magistrate Kay this morning in two Scott Act cases. In one he was fined $50 and costs. The other was dismissed.

Mathias Arsenault, in the police court today was charged with violation of the C. T. A. and was placed on his defence. The case was adjourned.

BOUT IS POSTPONED

Moncton, Dec. 16—(Special)—The bout between Mickey Mcintyre of Glace Bay and Billy Parsons of North Sydney, scheduled for Christmas Day in Moncton has been postponed until New Year's or soon after.

PRESENTATION TO MR. McLEAN

The residence of D. McLean at Brookville was the scene of a pleasant surprise party and presentation last evening when friends of his son, Leslie McLean, from Brookville and the city, gathered to bid him farewell Walter McIntyre on behalf of the gathering presented to Mr. McLean a handsome suit case. Mr. McLean will leave with his family for Winnipeg next week.

SEVEN DEATHS.

Seven deaths occurred during the week, from the following causes:—Accident, paralysis, pneumonia, heart disease, senile debility, cerebral softening, and icterus neonatirum, one each.