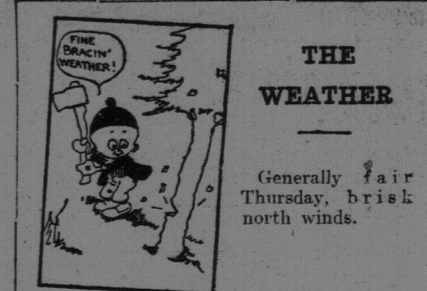




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BANQUET TO PREMIER LAURIER

National Club of Toronto Invites Him—Quebec and the Transcontinental—Local Option at Kenora

Toronto, Dec. 1.—(Special)—The National Club, of this city, has invited Sir Wilfrid Laurier to be his guest at a banquet to be held on January 7. Sir Wilfrid will be in Toronto the day previous to open the Ontario Club, and the National Club are taking advantage of the opportunity to banquet him. It is understood he has accepted.

Quebec, Dec. 1.—(Special)—A delegation of members of the bar commission is going to Ottawa to interview Sir Wilfrid Laurier regarding the terminals of Transcontinental Railway at Quebec and construction of a union station in Customs House Square.

Quebec, Dec. 1.—(Special)—The Cambria, now in the inner basin, will be removed into the outer basin to take up winter quarters there. The vessel is not to be used as a training ship, as has been stated, but it is understood will be burned in the spring.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 1.—(Special)—The town council has decided to submit a local option by-law to the electors at the coming municipal election. This decision is the result of a petition presented to the council, signed by more than 25 per cent of the voters.

Prescott, Ont., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Henry Dixon, a young farm hand, working for Sandy Smades, four miles west of here, was thawing out the water pipes of a house by means of gasoline, when the torch he was using exploded, covering him with the burning liquid. He was badly burned and may lose his eyesight.

POLLOCK RIP LIGHTSHIP IS OUT OF ORDER

Vessel Hit it Last Night—Warning Issued to Navigators to Look Out

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 1.—Something possibly a passing vessel, hit the Pollock Rip lightship during the night, for at dawn today the beacon, which is one of the most important on the coast, was discovered riding without her signal mast.

No requests for assistance were flying, but it was evident that a new vessel will have to be substituted quickly, as her post marks the sharp turn in Pollock Rip Sluiceway and while the light of the lightship is a sufficient guide by day, the absence of lights at night makes a serious menace to coastwise shipping. An average of nearly fifty vessels make the turn at the lightship each day and half of them go by at night. It is expected that one of the relief vessels, now at Wood's Hole, will be substituted.

Pollock Rip lightship has withstood many a collision from vessels going through the sluiceway. One of the New York Yacht Club fleet hit during the gale last autumn and came off second best. The turn is so sharp and so close aboard that barges towed frequently swing into the little red hulled beacon and it is believed something of the kind took place last night.

TIMES SPECIALS IN SHORT METRE

Quebec, Dec. 1.—Steering passengers on S. S. Dominion, detained on account of a smallpox case, have been forwarded their destination.

London, Ont., Dec. 1.—A man named W. Foreman in a boiler works here, was yesterday by a huge pile of steel, sliding on him.

Quebec, Dec. 1.—Antoine Barker, aged five years, was drowned at Indian Fort yesterday.

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—A small amount of power is being turned out at the Lac du Bonnet plant, but loss to business has so far been severe.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 1.—C. W. Hatheway was struck and fatally injured by a M. C. R. train yesterday.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—Karl Steel was killed by a C. N. R. train yesterday.

Quebec, Dec. 1.—Col. Engel was killed by a party of the forenoon and afternoon sessions were set apart for the use of the Maine Creamerymen's Association. Prof. James O. Jordan, milk inspector of Boston, speaking on the observations of a city milk inspector and E. L. Bradford of Turner, talking for a subject "Looking Ahead."

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 1.—An Indian caused excitement here yesterday, holding up a hotel in search for liquor.

HORRORS OF WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Chicago Speaker Reduces Question to Cold Figures—Chicago Contributes 37,000 Women to List

Chicago, Dec. 1.—At \$1,800 a head, the average price of negro girls on the auction block fifty years ago, the 300,000 white slaves in the United States today represent an investment of \$540,000,000. Each year 67,000, or \$120,000,000 worth of these women are sacrificed in the highly innamed districts of vice throughout this country, and an equal number of recruits are procured each year to take their also.

FARMERS OF CANADA GET SOME HONORS

Win Prizes at Chicago Live Stock Show—Dillon Gets Another Respite—Constable is Acquitted

Chicago, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Canada came in for her share of honors at the International Live Stock Exhibition yesterday, when the sheep judges got in their work. The Huntley Wool Farms of Sir George Drummond, of Beaconsfield, Que., furnished the first prize winners, and the grand champion in the yearling wether class, and several of the sheep raisers of Ontario also came in for prizes.

Not only did Ontario exhibitors carry off their share of honors in sheep, but A. A. Barber, of Guelph, took fifth prize with his "Silver Nugget," one year old heifer.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—(Special)—John Dillon, the condemned murderer, has been granted a further respite for one week that a report of two specialists, Dr. Phelan and Dr. Murray, may be presented to the minister of justice. This report must be in the hands of the minister tomorrow, upon the finding of the alienists depends whether or not Dillon will spend the remainder of his days in an insane asylum.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Port Arthur's campaign for electrical power grows in intensity day by day. Meantime the city's power supply is so short that the lights have to be cut off at night on account of low water, due to the fact that the council has appointed a committee to endeavor to make arrangements with the Kaministiquia Co. for a supply of 1500 horse power temporarily.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Evidence of organization effected by a citizens committee here supporting the local option is shown by the fact that the committee has filed 657 appeals against the voters' list as against sixty by the liquor interests.

Dominion Constable David Garlow, charged with shooting Cyprian Martin with felonious intent, in a recent brawl on Indian Reserve, was acquitted yesterday. Garlow saw that Martin attacked him with a fence rail, and he had to shoot in self protection. He had been called to quiet a disturbance at the pagan council house feast, and found liquor had been flowing freely.

The judge in discharging Garlow said he thought the constable had cause to protect himself, and constables should not use their revolvers unless their lives were in absolute danger. Martin, the injured man, is still in hospital here, and his leg will likely have to be amputated.

MILITARY DRILL NOT COMPULSORY FOR U.N.B. STUDENTS

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 1.—(Special)—There was quite an animated discussion at the meeting of the university senate yesterday over the proposal to introduce military training at the college and make it compulsory. Several members took the ground that the students already had plenty of work to do.

A motion to appoint a committee to take the matter up with the authorities was finally adopted, but with the understanding that it would not be compulsory on the part of the students to take the training.

The royal standard is flying at the barracks today in honor of the Queen's birthday.

James Hodge, a well known grocer, now in his 94th year was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoon and had to be assisted to his home. There is some improvement today.

MAINE STATE DAIRY CONFERENCE

Skowhegan, Me., Dec. 1.—Exhibits are shown in the numerous rooms in the new municipal building in connection with the twelfth annual State Dairy Conference under the control of the Maine State Dairywomen's Association at the Department of Agriculture, which opened last night. The showing in seed corn and the entries in milk, butter and cheese competition exceed in number those at any previous meeting of the society. Every county of the state is represented in the attendance and practically so in the exhibits.

State Dairy Instructor Leon S. Merrill spoke on the co-operative breeders' associations. A part of the forenoon and afternoon sessions were set apart for the use of the Maine Creamerymen's Association. Prof. James O. Jordan, milk inspector of Boston, speaking on the observations of a city milk inspector and E. L. Bradford of Turner, talking for a subject "Looking Ahead."

DOWNING STREET THRONGED AS CABINET HOLDS SESSION

Asquith's Motion Condemning Action of Lords in Course of Preparation Today—Stormy Campaign Opening—Some of the Lords to Take the Stump—Contest Lively in Ireland—Liberals and Laborites Join Forces

London, Dec. 1.—The political crisis caused by the unprecedented action of the House of Lords in refusing its consent to the government's budget, is developing rapidly. The cabinet, which had already determined upon the policy it would pursue in the event of Lord Lansdowne's adjournment being carried, a conclusion which was foreseen from the first, had an unusually early meeting today to condemn its decision and consider the wording of a motion which Premier Asquith will present to the House of Commons to adopt. This motion will constitute a repudiation against what the Liberals contend to have been an invasion by the peers, of the rights of the lower house.

Downing Street Crowded

All the members of the cabinet were present at the meeting which excited so much popular interest. That a great crowd gathered in the vicinity of No. 10 Downing street, the official residence of the premier, where so many historic meetings have been held, was not surprising. The crowd would learn what transpired within the doors of the premier's residence, who were not permitted to enter, and the street was soon become so great finally that a large force of police was summoned to prevent a possible demonstration being organized to protest the cabinet's decision.

The time of the deliberation of the speech of introduction will depend upon the time occupied for debate on the premier's motion, which will begin tomorrow. It is expected, however, that this discussion will be brief, the speeches by pre-arrangement being reserved for the evening. The Unionist, Liberal, Labor and Irish parties. Parliament will be prorogued doubtless until the middle of January but the choice of a date is a mere formality, as the present house will come to an end by dissolution early in the year.

The Campaign

The election campaign will open in earnest on Monday, Dec. 13. Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, and Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, who are held chiefly responsible for the budget, and Lord Lansdowne and J. Austen Chamberlain, the most ardent opponents of the government's measure, will deliver speeches, and with the exception of a brief respite at Christmas, will continue the fight until election day.

The most interesting in the parliamentary history of England. Some of the peers have decided to take the unusual course of stamping the country to explain their action in voting against the budget. This course is believed by many of the lords to be imperative, following the criticism which fell from the lips of some of the staunchest of the Unionists during the recent debate.

Lloyd-George, Churchill and other radicals can be depended upon for fighting speeches for the budget, while Sir Edward Grey, foreign minister, Richard Burdon Haldane, minister of war and other ministers will supply more moderate ammunition on the whole. The Unionist, although not so well equipped with orators as determined upon to be in the house and ready to look after themselves, devote their own energies to the exposition of their own views.

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STRIKE OF THE SWITCHMEN TIES UP FREIGHT

The Effect in Various Parts of Western States—Superintendents Make Up Trains

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1.—Both sides in the difficulty between the railroads of the northwest and the Switchmen's Union of North America, which resulted in a walk-out of the switchmen between here and the Pacific Coast last night, claimed to have the situation in hand this morning.

Passenger traffic was handled in the two cities last night and this morning with considerable delay, but little freight was handled anywhere. The switchmen are holding out for an increase of six cents an hour in wages with double time for overtime, Sundays and holidays, together with other concessions, while the railroads claim that things will adjust themselves to their normal condition within a few days.

While some new men have been employed at passenger stations, so far as can be learned early today no attempt had been made to bring in strike breakers, the railroads claiming there are enough old men left, together with others that can be pressed into service, to do the work.

No freight was handled out of St. Paul last night or this morning, and only one train left Minneapolis soon after the strike was declared. Railroad officials, train dispatchers and members of the freight trainmen's union were at the freight yards. The freight handlers did not report for work this morning.

Freight trains at Duluth and Superior were at a standstill this morning. The strike order was generally followed between here and the Pacific coast, and where traffic was not entirely tied up it was seriously delayed.

In most places freight trains were sidetracked and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen would also strike today, but this could not be confirmed.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 1.—Two switch engines are working today at the head of the lakes, and the tie-up of traffic resulting from the strike, is not yet practically complete. The railroads, mines, docks, elevators, blast furnaces and all other industries will contribute to the unemployed. The Northern Pacific has two engines in operation, manned by men not members of the union.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 1.—Freight service on the transcontinental lines in the Pacific northwest is practically at a standstill today because of the strike of the switchmen following orders from the head office at St. Paul. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways are the strikers.

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A question which is at present occupying the attention of the people is whether, when the city is incorporated, the civic government should be by commission or by city council. Already the residents have divided themselves into rival camps on the matter. The Empire newspaper favors the old-fashioned government by mayor and aldermen, while the Optimist is advocating government by commission. Four names are being prominently mentioned as contestants for the position of mayor, namely, Thomas Dunn, G. W. Morrow, E. B. Naden and Mr. V. C. Van Dine.

Despite the fact that the rainy weather has set in in the north, a considerable amount of building is being carried on, and the town is rapidly assuming a settled appearance. Arrivals from the north state that the building activity will continue all winter, and that by the middle of next summer the population will have reached 10,000 people.

GAVE UP ALL WITNESS IN BROTHERS IN FLIGHT

Mrs. Mott, Sister of Notorious Bidwell Forgers, Who Spent Fortune on Them, Dies in Poverty

Muskogee, Mich., Dec. 1.—A life of sisterly devotion that has few equals, was brought to a close by the death, yesterday, of Mrs. Harriet C. Mott, one of the notorious Bidwell Brothers, who made themselves the most famous forgers of the nineteenth century by their \$1,000,000 swindle of the Bank of England.

Mrs. Mott, who outlived her brothers, died at the age of seventy-eight, practically penniless, although she was once wealthy. All her property went toward promoting her brothers' freedom.

When Austin and George C. Bidwell committed their notorious swindle in 1873 Mrs. Mott entered vigorously into the fight to win their liberty. She carried her cause into the White House and before the nobility of England. She went everywhere raising funds and made nine trips across the Atlantic. She refused to look upon her brothers as great criminals, and considered that their sentences to life imprisonment were miscarriages of justice.

When she at length triumphed and saw the second brother, Austin, leave Old Newgate in 1883, the devoted sister returned to Muskogee and set about raising money to pay off the debts of her campaign. The brothers died in the year while on their journey, but she kept on. A book, written by Austin Bidwell on his experiences, was her chief asset. She boasted that she had paid back every penny borrowed in her long fight.

LAWYER JUMPS INTO THE RIVER

Believe His Mind Has Been Affected at Evangelical Meetings

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 1.—(Special)—E. O. Swartz, a prominent lawyer here, jumped into the icy waters of St. Mary's river yesterday afternoon and was taken out and returned to his home. When asked why he had gone in, Swartz replied, "The Lord told me to." It is believed the man's mind is affected as a result of constant attendance at evangelical meetings.

STEAMER ASHORE ON FLORIDA COAST

New York, Dec. 1.—The steamer Nueces of the Mallory Line, is aground off French Reef on the Florida Coast. The sea is smooth and the steamer is not believed to be in imminent danger. A tug has gone to her.

The Nueces left New York for Key West and Galveston on November 27, and carried no passengers. She ran aground at 11:45 p.m. last night, during a hurricane squall.

GET INCREASE WITHOUT HAVING TO ASK FOR IT

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Telegraph operators in relay offices, wire chiefs and managers on the Chicago, Toledo & Santa Fe Railroad will receive an increase in wages of \$5 a month. The operators are unorganized and had made no demands for the increase.

EXPORT MORE THAN 30,000 CATTLE

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Gordon Rossides & Fares, leading cattle exporters of the west, yesterday completed their shipments of cattle for the season. The total number of cattle exported by them was 33,168 head.

WARM IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1.—All records for high temperature here in November since 1872 were broken this month. The mean temperature in Chicago for November was 48.7 degrees above zero. The rainfall during the month was one and one-half inches above the normal.

Professor Cox declared that there was no real winter weather in the United States except in Alaska.

WAS FOUND DEAD

Huntsville, Ont., Dec. 1.—(Special)—The body of John Middleton, who disappeared from his home in Spruceville on Tuesday of last week, was found in the bush, frozen stiff. He kept a shoe shop at Spruceville and when he disappeared was preparing to move to Cochrane. He leaves wife and family.

ELOPERS HAVE PLEASANT SURPRISE

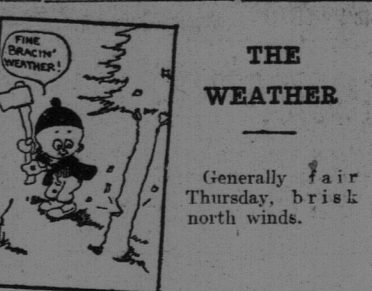
Father of Bride Remembers His Own Case; Has Supper Ready and Orchestra on Hand

Chicago, Dec. 1.—As two youthful elopers, who feared their parents' wrath, slipped into a downtown hotel, the father of the bride, W. A. Campbell, confronted them. The young Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Watson shrank back for they had been dodging the imagined ire of Campbell all day. Mr. Campbell raised his hand, but it was in signal to the orchestra, which at once struck up the familiar chorus of the wedding march from Lohengrin.

In his determination to be a good fellow and take his medicine like a man, as Mr. Campbell expressed it, the father-in-law had also invited thirty of Mr. Watson's in-laws to join the young party at supper.

"We didn't know how nice father and mother would be about it," Mrs. Watson said after supper.

"As a matter of fact I haven't a great deal to say," remarked Mr. Campbell, "inasmuch as I eloped with my girl's mother when I was nineteen years old and she was seventeen."



THE WEATHER

Generally fair Thursday, brisk north winds.

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