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GRAVE CHARGES MADE BY SOLDIERS

Neglect of 3,500 Mentally Disabled War Veterans.

Indifference and Profiteering Also Alleged Under "Contract" System in Ohio—Put Before President Harding in Memorial.

(Canadian Press) Washington, Jan. 16.—Asserting that the more than 3,500 mentally disabled former service men now housed in state institutions were victims of "gross neglect, indifference and profiteering" as constituted a "black report" from the honor of the nation, disabled American veterans of the world war today presented a memorial to President Harding and urged immediate action by the government looking to the treatment of all such cases in federal institutions.

Neglect of these cases in state institutions, the memorial said, is committing to permanent insanity many of the victims who by timely treatment probably could be cured.

Describing the condition of "contract" cases of this class in the institutions of the State of Ohio as those in "practically every state," the memorial asserted that the government had "fanned out the insane ex-service men of Ohio to state asylums which are notoriously overcrowded, undermanned and inadequately equipped to treat and care for them," while it has not provided one federal institution for this purpose in the state.

Charges against the contract system of maintaining these institutions were contained in the memorandum, including the following:

That most of "contract" asylums are nothing more than lock-ups.

That an average profit of \$800 for each patient out of the \$647.50 annual maintenance fee paid by the government was shown in figures for nine of these institutions in Ohio.

That one Ohio asylum is so overcrowded "that 240 of the inmates sleep on the floor like cattle."

That no proper medical treatment is being given patients in many institutions and "nearly 500 are dying daily doomed to permanent insanity."

There is a bill now before the U. S. congress appropriating \$1,000,000 for treatment of mentally disabled war veterans in federal institutions. The memorandum urged that the president use his influence to secure early action on this measure.

POINCARÉ IS NOW IN POWER

Dechenel Gives Notice of Question on Foreign Policy of New Premier.

(Canadian Press Cable) Paris, Jan. 16.—The new cabinet under Raymond Poincaré went into power today, with the publication in the official journal of nineteen presidential decrees, one for each minister and under secretary of state. Albert Sarraut will be decreed Minister of Colonies, the post which he held in the Briand cabinet, when his acceptance is received from Washington.

Senator Paul Deschanel, has filed a demand in the senate for an interpellation on the foreign policy of Premier Poincaré.

M. Deschanel suggests that an exchange of views is indispensable in the present circumstances. Senator Deschanel's speech on his resignation from the presidency in September, 1920. Announcing the recovery of his health, he was elected to the senate a year ago, and his activities in the body have been confined to occasional brief remarks on his seat.

ARE ENJOYING SPRING WEATHER IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 16.—A succession of spring like weather has prevailed in Newfoundland in recent weeks. While reports of gales and snowstorms reach the colony from the New England States and maritime provinces since the middle of December, the sight of a slight on local roads has been as rare almost as a glimpse of the dodo. "The Newfoundland winter coat" has been a water-proof one and he is driving in his motor car as comfortably as in the spring season.

GREAT DROP IN SHIPBUILDING IN UNITED STATES

New York, Jan. 16.—Shipbuilding in the United States dropped 87 per cent during 1921, from 445 vessels of 1,742,599 tons on January 1, 1921, to 110 ships of 291,738 tons on the first of this month, according to figures for the twelve months made public by the American Bureau of Shipping. This shows the extent of the depression now prevalent in American shipyards, which many shipbuilders say is the worst in history.

SCHOOL RE-OPENED.

All work on St. Joseph's school has been completed and the school opened this morning for the first time since the fire of early November. This is away with the one session accommodations made necessary at St. Vincent's school by the lack of room for both boys and girls.

Dublin Castle In Irish Hands

Governmental Powers Turned Over Today by Viscount Fitzalan, Lord-Lieutenant—Telegrams From Father Dominic—Arrests in Tyrone.

Dublin, Jan. 16.—The governmental powers for Ireland, as vested in the British authorities at Dublin Castle, were turned over today to the provisional government of Ireland, constituted last Saturday under the Anglo-Irish treaty. The transfer was made by Viscount Fitzalan, the lord-lieutenant, in the privy council chamber.

It is reported in Dublin that the boycott on British goods will be revoked very soon.

Several of the London morning newspapers allude appreciatively to the brief tenure yesterday arrested ten occupants of the castle, which they regard as dignified and business-like. They also commend Arthur Griffith's handling of the railway situation.

Ten Arrested. Belfast, Jan. 16.—Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary in County Tyrone yesterday arrested ten occupants of automobiles bound from Monaghan to Londonderry, who said they were Gaelic football players, but who wore Irish Republican uniforms. Several of the men are declared to have carried loaded revolvers, and arms are alleged to have been found in the cars. One of the men arrested is believed to be an Irish Republican army officer.

From Father Dominic. Belfast, Jan. 16.—Father Dominic, who was released from prison on the 15th of the month, has sent the following telegram to the Lord Mayor of Cork: "Through the victory for which Lord Mayor Mac Curtain and his comrades died has not yet been attained, still I congratulate my native city for its heroic struggle. God prosper our resurgent city."

Father Dominic was the spiritual adviser of Lord Mayor MacCurtain of Cork, who died on a hunger strike in prison in 1920.

A message also was sent to Arthur Griffith by Father Dominic asking immediate intervention for the release of Irish men and women arrested in Great Britain, including Corporal McGowan and companions of the Communist League, placed in jail in England for alleged mutiny in India.

London, Jan. 16.—Owing to the increase in direct trade between the United States and Ireland during the past year, it is to be requested to arrange for an accelerated mail service between the two countries.

LAST WEEK ON SHANTUNG MATTERS

The Shantung Issue Also is Well Advanced at Washington.

(Canadian Press) Washington, Jan. 16.—The arm conference closed last week today which was expected to see the naval programme wiped off the slate and the shantung issue, if not finally settled, at least so far advanced toward that point as to permit the delegates to direct their attention undisturbedly to settlement of the remaining issues in the Far East.

The Chinese and Japanese delegates continued today their efforts to dispose of further collateral questions in the shantung negotiations, which awaiting final instructions from Peking and Tokio bearing on the compromise proposal for settlement of the central issue conditionally for restoration of China of the Tsingtao-Tsitsanfu Railroad.

Completing of the naval limitation treaty, meantime, still awaited formal approval by Tokio of the article dealing with Pacific ratification, which was expected in time to permit approval of the treaty by the full naval committee and its announcement at a plenary of the conference before the end of the week.

The Bonin Islands. The Bonin Islands, belonging as they do to the Tokyo Prefecture, properly constitute a part of the mainland and must be so regarded and therefore excluded from the zone of fortification limitation, it is alleged to be the decision of the Japanese cabinet.

The Niichi Niichi yesterday quoted a foreign office authority stating the question was not of the most importance to Japan, since there was no intention to increase fortifications.

"The foreign office," says the newspaper, "denies the report that the government has instructed its delegates at Washington to make further concessions or proposals regarding Shantung and says its attitude in this regard is entirely unchanged."

U. S. AND WELLAND CANAL. Windsor, Ont., Jan. 16.—Participation by the U. S. government in the cost of improving the Welland Canal, as necessary to round out the St. Lawrence deep waterways route, would not be counteracted by Canadian public opinion, so O. P. Fleming, president of the Canadian Deep Waterways and Power Association, said yesterday.

A plan providing that the U. S. government should split the cost of improvements to the canal on a fifty-fifty basis was outlined at Washington by W. W. Chalmers, representative from Ohio.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council will be held tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock instead of at three o'clock, owing to the meeting of the municipal council scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

As Hiram Sees It

More Arrivals for the Championships.

"Speakin' about skatin'," said Mr. Hiram Hiramson to the Times reporter, "I mind the time when you could come along Long Beach (Widley's Glen or Gunlo) and see fellers with short refiners."

woolen scarfs round their necks, 'streakin' along to a wizzard train. They hed Long reachers on 'em, an' they crossed their hands behind their backs an' bent over to dodge the wind—an' you gets 'em 'em go. They'd go as fer in one stroke as the skaters nowadays 'ud go in two or three. Yes, sir—it was up round there they rix the world-beaters forty or fifty years ago. An' over on Long Beach (Widley's Glen or Gunlo) that an' see fellers with short refiners."

Charles Jewtraw, of Lake Placid, National champion, and one of the greatest skaters in America arrived in the city this afternoon on the Montreal train. He was accompanied by Henry Tibbelen, president of the Lake Placid Skating Association. E. Stevenson and another skater of Toronto, also arrived to participate in the championships.

The arrival of Jewtraw was hailed with delight not only by the committee of the Y. M. C. I. under whose auspices the Championships are to be conducted, but also by citizens in general who were deeply disappointed Saturday when a wire was received saying that he could not compete. His arrival coupled with that of Joe Moore, international champion, and the host of other star skaters, makes this meet one of the biggest ever staged in Canada. The skaters were met at the station by D. J. Carr, Ernest Stirling and other members of the Y. M. C. I. in addition to nearly a hundred fans, who were all eager to catch a glimpse of the new arrivals, but especially of Jewtraw, whose fame as a great speed skater is nation wide. He is built along the lines of a champion, slightly taller but rugged and apparently he is in the pink of condition.

Some of the members at the train expressed the opinion that it is certainly a great boost for sport and skating in this city to have the most outstanding skaters in the world here, and through whose co-operation it was made possible to have Jewtraw come to attend the meet.

It was announced this morning that W. F. Roughness of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, will officiate as starter in the championships. Mr. Roughness is a well known figure in the Canadian championships held in Montreal last year. R. F. Melville, general manager of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, who will be in charge of the meet, is expected to accompany the two boys here. Other skaters from Boston and Toronto are due to reach the city tomorrow.

David Patrick of Winnipeg reached the city on the Montreal train early this morning.

The ice on the track at Lily Lake was said to be as smooth as a bottle this morning, and the local skaters had a long workout this afternoon.

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THE BADGES.

The skating championships here this week have developed from a dead-end self-sustaining venture on the small East end rink to a tremendously interesting international tournament involving large financial risks, on the broad area of Lily Lake. The element of profits has been eliminated, and the skating has become a matter of the people of St. John to make the championship self-sustaining. The tickets (string tags for buttons) being sold all over town are the regular rate to represent skaters. The women and child wearing one will be playing fair with the promoters of the meet, photographs of the skaters are being far that ever graded a Canadian rink. To enjoy the costly sports and contribute to the expenses of the meet, "pretty small potatoes," as the saying goes. To buy tickets uptown now will save a lot of money changing and commences on the days of the events. St. John is really now on its mettle as a fashion this morning by wearing his badge in full view on his coat.

AN ATTRACTIVE WINDOW.

One of the central windows of Manchester Robertson Allison Ltd., contains a very attractive display of cups, medals and prizes won by St. John skaters, photographs of the skaters who have made names for themselves, some of the various types of skates used in the past and present, and a miniature representation of a lake surrounded by snow on which there are ten small figures to represent skaters. The figures on the miniature lake, which is cleverly made on a mirror, are those of Charles Gorman, Roy McWhorter, George Pickering, William Steinmetz, Bobby Hearn, Fred Baugden, Frank Garnett, Leslie Boyd and E. Stephenson. One end of the window is taken up with a showing of cups and medals to be given at the championships to be held on Wednesday and Thursday.

WESTERN FIRES.

Yorkton, Sask., Jan. 16.—One hundred thousand dollars is a conservative estimate of the damage from the most disastrous fire in the history of this place, which completely gutted a block in the business district.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 16.—Fire from an unknown cause damaged the stage of the Regina theatre here today to the extent of \$14,000. An asbestos curtain prevented the spread of the flames to the body of the house.

WEATHER REPORT

Issues by authority of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, P. C. 214 p. 10 r. 10. A weekly bulletin of meteorological services.

Synopsis.—The weather is fair and moderately cold in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Forecast.— Fair; Moderately Cold. Maritime.—Moderate to fresh north-west and west winds; fair and cold to night. Tuesday, westerly winds; fair and much cooler. Wednesday, decreasing westerly winds; fair and moderately cold tonight and on Tuesday. New England.—Fair tonight, Tuesday, westerly, probably followed by snow. Little change in temperature, moderate westerly winds, shifting to easterly.

Bad Checks. Reports have been received by the detective department of a man having used at least three worthless checks for burglary; David Hart and Julius Jansen, each serving five years for theft of an automobile, and Dan Warnock, three years for felonious assault.

Chicago's Grain Market. Chicago, Jan. 16.—Opening: Wheat, May, 111 1/8; July, 99 7/8. Corn, May, 92 1/2; July, 54 1/4. Oats, May, 36 1/4; July, 38 7/8.

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AIRPLANE SWOOPS TO ICE; KILLS A LADY SKATER

Speed Trials for Canadian Constructor

Rockland, Maine, Jan. 16.—The steamship Canadian Constructor of the Canadian Merchant Marine arrived from Boston yesterday. The ship was damaged by a heavy southwest gale en route. The ship was built in Rockland, Maine, and is a sister ship of the Canadian Explorer, which attained a speed of 12.8 knots in the trials. The ship is under construction at the Rockland shipyard. Her trial runs were completed on the 15th, and she is expected to be ready for service in a few days.

IN WALL STREET.

New York, Jan. 16.—Opening prices in the stock market today pointed to a resumption of last week's upward movement under guidance of rails, shippings and oil. Delaware and Hudson, Mercantile Marine, Atlantic Gulf, Atlantic International, Standard Oil of California, California Petroleum and Royal Dutch were higher by fractions to one point. St. Paul, common and preferred, Atchafalca, Atlantic Coast Line, Quebec, Locomotive, Better Homes and Chandler Motors also added to recent gains. Famous Players was stronger at reactions of 1 1/2 points. Calumet opened at 81 1/2 per cent.

MONTEAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Trading was fairly brisk on the local stock exchange during the first half hour this morning, although the volume of the transaction was moderate. The Atlantic Sugar was quoted at 26, at which it closed last week. Brazilian was strong and registered a half point advance to 30. Montreal Power was also firm and strengthened three-quarters to 88 1/4. Truways, however, was quiet at 118. Breweries, Quebec Railway was the only issue to register weakness, dropping a half to 25. Steel of Canada was unchanged at 55.

FOUR TEAR THE BARS AWAY AND MAKE ESCAPE

Detroit, Jan. 16.—Four inmates of the Detroit House of Correction escaped this morning by tearing the iron bars from a corridor window and dodging a fusillade of bullets fired by guards. The escape occurred while some 300 prisoners were being taken to breakfast. The fugitives are Frank Wysocki, serving fifteen years for burglary; David Hart and Julius Jansen, each serving five years for theft of an automobile, and Dan Warnock, three years for felonious assault.

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WEDDING GOWN OF PRINCESS IS TO BE BEAUTY

Cloth of Silver With Train of Ivory Silk, Shot With Silver—Plans for Wedding Gifts.

(Canadian Press Cable) London, Jan. 16.—Princess Mary's wedding gown is to be of cloth of silver, of magnificent design. The material was brought by the queen from India some years ago, and is described as a triumph of native manufacture.

The dress will have a train of ivory silk, shot with silver, which is being woven by hand workers at Braintree, Essex, an old English silk manufacturing centre, where the art of silk weaving has been passed down from generation to generation. So great is the care taken in the manufacture of this material that only a few inches are finished each day. The train is expected to be ready soon and it will then be placed in the hands of the embroiderers.

Many schemes for presenting wedding gifts to the king's daughter are afoot. The Lord Mayor of London is opening a popular fund for the purpose, with contributions limited to one pound sterling. Rumor has it that Viscount Lascelles and his royal bride may spend part of their honeymoon at the beautiful Villa Medici at Florence, Italy. The villa belongs to a cousin of the bridegroom, Lady Sibyl Scott.

OTTAWA SOCIETY FUNCTION FOR THE NEEDY A SUCCESS

Government House on Saturday Evening Assumed Office Today

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—The "fair of all good neighbors," held at Government House on Saturday evening in the presence and under the patronage of Lord and Lady Byng, has taken its place in the history of the capital as one of the most outstandingly successful and picturesque events of its kind ever seen. The purpose of the "fair" to secure the capital's needy was well fulfilled. More than 85,000 having been secured.

LAST OF THE OLD HAWAIIAN KINGS IS LAID TO REST

Honolulu, Jan. 16.—A five mill procession, weaving its colorful way through palm fringed roads today concluded the last rites in the funeral of Joah K. Kalanialoe, whose death on January 7, ended the old Hawaiian line of monarchs of these islands, known to natives as "Kulio," was the last titular descendant.

The procession was led by a marcher carrying a christian cross, while by his side marched one who carried a tabatik, emblem of the ancient regime.

CANNERS SAY THEY'VE WON IN PTOMAINE FIGHT

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 16.—Science has laid low the ghost of ptomaine poisoning, according to members of the National Canners Assn., who are here for the fifth annual convention of the association.

Speakers at a dinner declared that the canners are spending \$250,000 annually in testing their products, and that some of the notable results have been final eradication of the danger due to the botulism, especially from canned ripe olives.

RESUME PLAN FOR FLIGHT TO HALIFAX

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 16.—Major Coking, who since last fall has been working on an airplane to fly from Botwood, Nfld., to Halifax, N. S., with mails, and who first attempt, on December 10, resulted in a forced landing after two hours in the air and slight injuries to himself, has arrived here from Botwood to resume preparations for their longer flights, the St. John's flight being for the purpose of a trial.

GARMENT WORKERS' STRIKE NEAR END

New York, Jan. 16.—The garment workers strike, which has disrupted the industry in New York since November 14, is expected to be called off. Members of the strike committee of the international ladies' garment workers union will meet tonight to consider the situation.

Resumption of work under old conditions, as suggested by Secretaries Hoover and Davis temporarily continues the forty-four hour week, which the union desires to send them up for trial. One of the boys, he said, had been in the Industrial Home, another in Dorchester penitentiary, and all but one of them had been before him on various charges, ranging from truancy to breaking and entering. He refused to allow the motion of K. J. MacRae, who appeared for two of the boys, when he asked for bail.

EX-PRINCE OPERATED ON.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 16.—Former Prince Robert, son of former Emperor Charles and former Empress Zita, of Austria-Hungary was operated upon for appendicitis on Saturday in Zurich. The operation was apparently successful.

THE DOLLAR TODAY.

New York, Jan. 16.—Sterling exchange firm. Demand Great Britain 122 3/4. Canadian dollars 51 1/4 per cent. account.

PROBE STATUS OF 100 ATHLETES

Maritime Province Investigation Reported Extending.

Frank Frisch and Home Run Baker to Wed, Latter to Quit Baseball—Late News in World of Sport.

(Canadian Press Cable) Halifax, N. S., Jan. 16.—The Herald on its sporting page this morning states that it is "informed by reliable parties that one hundred maritime athletes are slated for investigation."

The paper states that the "fireworks" are expected to get underway during the present week.

New York, Jan. 16.—Frank Frisch, of the Giants, star base runner of the National League, is sliding toward a real home plate. His engagement to Miss Ada Lucy, playmate since childhood, was announced today. The wedding will take place next week.

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—"Home run" Baker, Yankee third baseman, proposes to quit baseball professionally after his marriage to Miss Margaret Mitchell, of Baltimore tomorrow. As a promise to his bride, the famous third sacker lay away his spiked shoes, but he is not through with the diamond. He intends entering the jewelry business.

Paris, Jan. 16.—"Now for the Olympic games of 1924," said Gaston Vidal upon assuming office today as the new Poincaré cabinet as under secretary of state for technical education as his post is now known. Under the Briand regime he was known throughout France as "minister of sports."

A bill granting the city permission to lease to the Olympic committee a plot of ground in the Parc des Princes, will be pushed through parliament early after its reconvening, he said. The committee will then have no excuse if it does not begin work on the stadium immediately.

Amherst, N. S. Jan. 16.—E. C. Twaddle of the Amherst Independent hockey team was injured on Saturday night while fighting a fire at the Diamond Garage. He was thrown with force to the icy ground when a thirty-foot ladder on which he was working slipped. His injuries are not so serious as at first feared, and it is expected that he will be around again within a week. His team-mate, Lester Louwer, suffered a severe gash in his wrist.

MURDER IN A TORONTO STREET

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Isaac Madchet, aged 41 years, died in the Western Hospital last night from injuries received when he was beaten over the head with a hammer by an unknown man on the night of January 10, while walking along Baldwin street. He died without making a statement.

SAYS AUSTRALIA VERY STRONG IN MONEY MATTERS

Sydney, Australia, Jan. 16.—With only approximately \$250,000,000 in notes backed up by one of the amount of securities in the world, Australia today occupies one of the strongest financial positions in the world, according to Sir Henry Y. Braddon, former commissioner for Australia to the United States.

Addressing a group of students, Sir Henry said that the world at present is interdependent, and that if one nation is not prosperous, the world suffers thereby. He added that it was therefore to Australia's interest for Germany and Russia to recover.

EX-SERVICE MEN SAY MONTREAL TAG DAY POOR

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Unemployed ex-service men who on Saturday participated in the second of a series of weekly tag days in the interests of their association, reported that the public did not respond generously and the taggers met with many refusals. Although the contents of their boxes have not yet been counted, it is most certain that the amount obtained will be much less than secured on their last tag day, several weeks ago.

"The public," said one old veteran, "don't seem to be in sympathy with us."

ULTIMATUM TO GOVERNMENT IN CHINESE CAPITAL

Peking, Jan. 16.—Governor Wu Pei-fu, inspector general of Hunan and Hupien, who is moving troops north from Hupeh, has sent an ultimatum to the Peking government, giving the Liang cabinet three days in which to resign. Wu Pei-fu threatens to publish further charges against the cabinet if it does not comply with his demands within five days and declares he will fight if the cabinet declines to retire in seven days. The cabinet has replied that it refuses to resign under any circumstances within three, five or seven days.