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HIS DELAYED PROPOSAL

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For a moment Nell's hand faltered, pounding of the machines and the endless effect of the shifting stenols seemed to pierce her very brain. She cast a quick glance down the long workroom of the Rotary Addressing Company.

Out through the windows at the other end could be seen a patch of blue sky, blurred now and then by a puff of steam from the pipes of the adjoining building; a modest seven-story structure, here and there some building larger than their own reared its head to cut the skyline, and through the open window there came occasionally sounds from the street below, sharp notes in the monotone of the machines.

Within, long rows of girls leaned over their work, their deft fingers forcing envelopes into the hungry maws of the machines with only a pause now and then when a fresh stack of stenols were needed. Between the aisles paced the sharp-eyed forewoman. A man had been in charge of the room once, but the firm had found that he was too easy, too commiserate of the women under his supervision, and they had moved him into the office, sending in his stead the angular Miss Pettit, who forced the girls in her charge to the limit of their endeavors. Her sharp eye detected Nell's pause.

"Barrows," she called acidly. She never wasted time on "Miss," "if you have one of your silly headaches, put in your time at the office and go home. This is no hospital."

Nell's nervous fingers clutched a fresh package of envelopes, and the pounding of her machine added to the noise to that of the others. She could not afford to go home. The pittance that came to her each Saturday was little enough without indulging the luxury of an afternoon off.

Jimmy Nelson, coming into the room to consult with Miss Pettit about an order, looked with kindly sympathy at the tired girl. When he had had charge of the room, he had been more gentle. She had told him something of her story in the noon intervals, when he had insisted upon standing treat for her coffee to augment the scanty allowance that usually constituted her lunch. Coffee cost five cents a day, and the errand girl who made the trips to the luncheon room was tipped in addition. The Rotary Addressing Company paid only from three to five dollars a week, and coffee was a luxury to those who did not live at home.

There had been a time when Jimmy had dreamed of a little flat where Nell should be mistress. That was just after he had been promoted to fifteen dollars a week. He had lacked the courage to make his proposal in person and had written her a note.

"I shall consider silence a polite negative," he had added.

Once Jimmy had aspired to the stage, and he had obtained the phrase from the advertisements in the dramatic papers that he studied with such care. It had struck him as being a phrase of singular elegance. She need not refuse him. She could just ignore the note. He was so shy afterward. It would have been something to keep to him, treating him with the same old friendliness and giving not hint of her reason for the refusal of his offer.

He longed to speak to her. He wanted to be able to take her out of the place, from under the very nose of Miss Pettit, he contented himself with coming into the room as often as his business with the forewoman gave him an excuse. Of course, it would never do for the office force to chum with the girls from the operating room during the noon hour, and in the evening it was Jimmy's duty to see that all were out before he locked up.

So Nell struggled on. Just as most of his kind envelopes must be completed to constitute a minimum day's work. A record was made each evening, and the advancement or reduction of salary depended upon that. She had barely

managed to complete the task when the gong struck and the girls began to cover their machines with padded tables in order. Nell staggered slightly as she took the last of her work to the timekeeper, who entered the record in the book. Miss Pettit eyed her sharply as she went back to her machine.

"Unless you are feeling better you had better not come tomorrow," she said crossly. "I can put on another girl who can make faster use of the machine."

"It will be all right in the morning," Nell answered. Miss Pettit could not know that the girl had had no breakfast. There had been medicine to buy, and until pay day came again she would have to walk to her home and make dry bread serve for food.

She was slow in preparing for the street, and even Miss Pettit had gone when she stepped into the elevator. The street was dark and lonesome. Most of the places had closed at five, and there were few persons moving along the narrow strip of sidewalk as she stepped out.

On the corner a little knot of people had gathered about some object of interest, and she peered curiously over the shoulder of the office boy in front on her. The next moment she was pushing the men aside.

Miss Pettit had slipped upon the greasy sidewalk, and lay moaning and half unconscious with pain. The girls had all gone on and a bootblack was trying to make her comfortable until the attention of a policeman could be attracted.

Nell pushed him away and took the woman's head into her lap, disposing her so that the wretched ankle was more comfortable. Then she turned to the bootblack and asked for a dog this afternoon.

"It's only Miss Pettit," he growled, in mingled relief and disappointment. "I thought it was you."

"We must get her home, Jimmy," pleaded Nell. "She says she goes in an ambulance. Please call a cab."

"The ambulance is plenty good for her," he growled, "but she says she wants a dog this afternoon."

"Get a cab for me," pleaded Nell, and Jimmy turned away.

Boys' Blue or Black Suits

FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS
AND CONFIRMATIONS:

WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS there will be a sharp demand for dark, dressy "Sunday" suits for boys. Many lads in town are to receive their first communion on Sunday, and following close upon these religious exercises will come the exhibition programmes in connection with school closings. Our supply of suitable apparel for boys, is large and thoroughly up-to-date.

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CHINA TO ENTER

WINE MARKET

Has Been Experimenting for Ten Years

Past—Results Satisfactory.

LONDON, June 19.—From a publication just issued by the Foreign Office it is learned that China will enter the world's wine market for the first time in 1907. The cultivation of grapes for wine has been going on experimentally for ten years on the shore of the Gulf of Chi Li, where areas are planted with black and white grapes from every wine-growing country of the world. The results have been satisfactory despite some attacks of phylloxera, and the cellars belonging to the vineyards are now stored with thousands of casks of wine, duly inscribed with description and date. None has yet been marketed, nor will any be sold until the autumn of 1907. Mr. Garnett, a British official, who visited the vineyards, does not think that their prices will be low with the result that the West Indians, in order to be able to exist, had to draw their money in advance. At the end of the six months it was found that the West Indians owed their employers a certain sum of money which they were unable to pay. They were then informed that they would have to continue working until they had wiped off the deficit, and that then their services would be "disposed with" and they could return to their homes. The representations made by the West Indians were to the effect that when they had completed the work for their taskmasters they would then have no money to take them back to their own country. They moreover complained that they were badly treated and were in many respects slaves.

KINDLING FACTORY

IN MAINE BURNED

KINGMAN, Me., June 19.—The wood kindling factory owned by Wilbur Grant, was burned to the ground this morning, causing a loss of \$25,000. The entire establishment, from a lumber mill, one or two tenements and several other buildings valued at about \$30,000 was threatened, but was saved by the combined efforts of two or three hundred men from the Grant and other mills in the vicinity. The burned building was three stories high and contained some expensive machinery. The fire broke out about two o'clock, and was not under control until more than an hour afterward. Less than a score of men were thrown out of work. Operations in the saw mill will be resumed tomorrow.



NOT THE RIGHT TENDER.

"Did you tell papa how tender your love is for me, darling?"
"I did, sweetheart, but he only laughed and said it was legal tender he wanted to see before we could do business."

OWING MONEY, WERE

HELD IN SLAVERY

Unfortunate Plight of West Indians on

Galapagos Islands Investigated

by Admiralty.

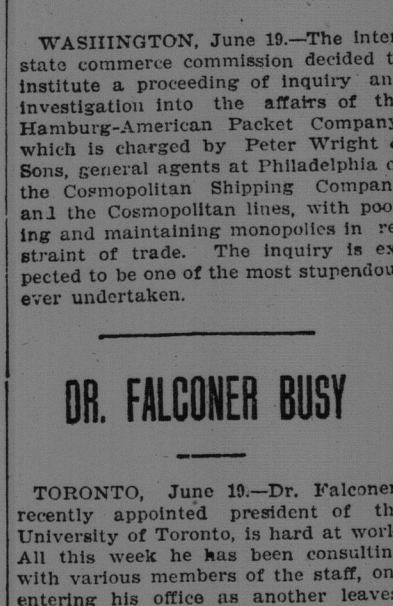
VICTORIA, B. C., June 19.—Under instructions from the British Admiralty, the Shearwater proceeded to the Galapagos group of islands to inquire into a state of slavery which was said to exist there. The alleged slaves were British subjects, natives of the West India Islands. The Galapagos Islands, belong to the republic of Ecuador in South America.

It appears that nearly a year ago some thirty West Indians made their way to the Galapagos Islands, which they were engaged to work for a period of six months. Their work consisted in making the primitive bread upon which the natives of the country subsisted. The wages paid were exceptionally low with the result that the West Indians, in order to be able to exist, had to draw their money in advance. At the end of the six months it was found that the West Indians owed their employers a certain sum of money which they were unable to pay. They were then informed that they would have to continue working until they had wiped off the deficit, and that then their services would be "disposed with" and they could return to their homes. The representations made by the West Indians were to the effect that when they had completed the work for their taskmasters they would then have no money to take them back to their own country. They moreover complained that they were badly treated and were in many respects slaves.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE

COMMISSION AFFAIRS

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SCHOOLS FOR TEACHERS

Announcement Issued Regarding Mac-

donald College at St. Anne's.

Dr. J. W. Robertson, principal of the new MacDonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, has made provisional announcement in regard to the institution, and has issued an invitation to intending students to make application for admission. The terms of the announcement are the college will have three departments, viz: (1) The School for Teachers, which provides practical and thorough training for teachers in the art and science of teaching. (2) The School of Agriculture which aims to provide a thorough theoretical and practical training in the several branches of agriculture. (3) The School of Household Science, in which young women receive training in those branches of household economy that make for good home-making.

The first term in the school for teaching begins in September next, and ends on December 31, while the second term begins on January 1, and ends on June 30. In the school of agriculture the first term begins on October 1, and ends on December 31, and the second term begins on January 1, and ends on June 30. In the school of household science the first term begins on September 24, and ends on December 31, and the second term begins on January 1, and ends on June 30.

The regulations in regard to the admission of teachers are on the same lines as those at McGill Normal School. Other teachers will be admitted for nature-study and school gardens, in household science and in manual training, according to the regulations of the committee of the college. The conditions are that (1) Candidates must be 18 years of age; (2) They must be recommended by competent authority; (3) Must be certified as to health and morals.

Candidates for admission in the school of agriculture must be 17 years of age, must be of good character and health, and must have had some experience in Canada for at least a season. There will be an entrance examination test for students of the one and two-year course.

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ANNUAL MEETING

OF KINGS ALUMNI

Dr. Boulden, President of the College.

Entertained Friends at Luncheon

—Convention Today.

WINDSOR, N. S., June 19.—The annual meeting of the Kings College Alumni was held today in Convocation Hall. The only matter of interest brought before the meeting was a motion to recommend the governors to increase the fees. This was strongly opposed by Hon. Mr. Justice Hannington, St. John, and after considerable discussion it was decided not to do anything at present.

The following officers of the society were elected: Dr. Trueman re-elected president; R. J. Wilson, secretary; A. C. Fairweather, St. John; W. L. Payzant, Halifax, were elected to the executive. The meeting then proceeded to the election of representatives to the Board of Governors. The Right Reverend the Bishop of Fredericton, W. C. Milner, Halifax, and James Morrow, Halifax, were elected. Bishop Richardson, C. S. Wilcox, Windsor; W. C. Milner, Dr. M. A. B. Smith, Dartmouth; Rev. G. R. Martell, M. A. Macdonald were elected to the executive committee of the governors.

The president, Dr. Boulden, entertained a large number of the visitors at luncheon today. In the afternoon the Bats cricket match between the college and the town was played. This game, which was very exciting and was witnessed by a large crowd, was won by the town. The Cogswell bats given annually for the highest scores in the Bats match, were won by R. Fleming and A. Forsyth, both of the town.

"Tonight the play, 'All Tangled Up,'" was played to a large audience. Tomorrow the Alumni oration will be delivered by Dr. Alward, dean of the St. John law school. The oration is to be preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Richardson. The degrees will be conferred in the afternoon.

NEW BUNGALOW

FOR SUSSEX RANGE

The contract for a house on the Sussex rifle range has been awarded to F. Barry, contractor, of Sussex, and it is expected that work will be commenced in a few days. The structure will be of the bungalow type. The main part of the room will be 32 x 28 feet, with adjoining wings about 10 feet square. One of these small rooms will be a reading and writing room for competitors, the other as a president's room, in which will be held meetings of council or executive committee of the association.

The main entrance, consisting of double glass paneled doors, will be on the right side, and will lead to the main assembly room. This will have windows both in front and side, and will be a large room, brightly and pleasantly, and when finished and furnished, will make a very comfortable place for competitors and their friends during the day and a gathering place in which the boys who choose four days under canvas to stop at a hotel, will not need spend many pleasant evenings.

A veranda ten feet in width will extend across the front 32 feet and along the sides to the wings, a distance of about 25 feet. In the rear will be a large kitchen with pantries, etc. James L. McAvity has announced his intention of presenting to the association the entire furnishings of this room, including a large Glenwood range.

Other friends have asked to be allowed to express their good will in a tangible manner and the rooms and walls will no doubt bear eloquent testimony to the interest being taken in the work now being done by the P. R. A.

Where to Go Tonight.

If you would keep cool and enjoy a good exhilarating glide over the smooth roller rink floor in Canada, go to the Queen's Railway tonight. The 3rd Band will furnish a choice programme of music. A good time is assured.

ANOTHER BIG NEW LIST AT

NICKEL.

Change of programme at the Nickel today, and it seems as if it comes almost too soon, for last night's attendance was so large that it indicated a still further exigence on the part of the public to see the late series of motion pictures. However, the policy of the Nickel management is to vary the programme twice a week and patrons appreciate it. Commencing today at noon the following pictures will be shown until Saturday night: A Wayward Son, the name of which describes the film; A Terrible Experience—something to make everybody sit up and take notice, and two comical pictures entitled Pals, and Wet Paint.

"Pals," the new illustrated song, is out of the ordinary. It is Spanish in spirit and most elaborately pictured. The lyric is by Edward Gaudier and the score by A. Keller, which is a guarantee of its worth. Hef & Hagar are the publishers, a house responsible for many of the biggest hits of the last few years.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., June 19.—At the Methodist conference today, Messrs. Patterson, Gould and Lertin were received as candidates for the ministry. The pastoral address was read by Mr. Kirby, Rev. E. Styles, a Wesleyan minister from the West Indies, was received by the conference. The sustentation meeting was held in the evening. Addresses by Revs. Squires, King and Flemington were delivered. Receipts for the year are \$1,555. There were pastoral addresses from Rev. Mr. Hicks and Rev. Wm. Penna.

Underwear made-to-order, (as you couldn't possibly make it in our equal).

PEN-ANGLE

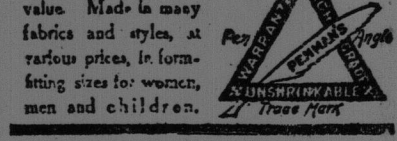
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Trade-mark like this in red ink is a sign of value. Made in many fabrics and styles, at various prices, for men, women and children.

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NICKEL THEATRE HAS

BECOME TOO POPULAR

Chief Clerk Protests Against People

Being Allowed to Remain in

the Aisles.

The Nickel Theatre has certainly become a popular institution, so much so in fact that the authorities have been forced to complain that the crowds are permitted to remain in the place of amusement in numbers beyond the limit permitted by the city by-laws. Chief Clerk yesterday sent the following letter to Manager Bradford:

ST. JOHN, June 19th, 1907.

F. G. Bradford, Nickel Theatre, St. John.

Dear Sir—Complaints have come to me about the way you allow the aisles in the Nickel Theatre to be obstructed by persons standing in the same. This is contrary to the city by-law, section 47: "All passages, aisles, stairways or alleys in any public hall, public concert, lecture room, exhibition room, theatre or other place used for public assemblies shall at all times be kept free and clear of all obstructions or encumbrances."

You will please see that it is not continued and that persons attending your theatre will keep the regular seats.

Yours respectfully,
W. WALKER CLARK,
Chief of Police.

FOREST FIRES DOING

IMMENSE DAMAGE;

THREE LIVES LOST

SAULT STE MARIE, June 18.—It is reported that three men have perished in forest fires near Webwood. Many miles of forest along Algoma Central have been burned and the flames seem to be increasing. A message from Fort William says that along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, three houses containing large quantities of powder, have been blown up, the houses having caught fire and the powder completing the work of destruction. The powder houses which were destroyed were located at Shiba and Boden Lakes. Two camps were also destroyed. The district around Kenora is also being swept by bush fires. W. T. Pearson, who has a G. T. P. contract in this district, lost his garage in the fire. His loss will go over \$2,000.

THE REBUILDING

OF UNION STREET

The sub-committee appointed at Tuesday night's meeting of the Board of Works met yesterday afternoon and decided that the acting director should put as large a force of men as possible and proceed at once with the rebuilding of a crib work from North Rodney wharf to the northerly face of the new Clarke wharf.

The committee also favored the building of a crib work from the southerly face of the new wharf into Union street. Second this to the southward along the line of Union street, piling will be driven to protect the head of the new berth.

General Supt. Downie of the C. P. R. was present at the meeting and agreed that his company would drive the piling and do the filling as much as might be required at cost price. Details of this arrangement will be settled by the engineers.

The committee is composed of Ald. McGoldrick, Bullock, Baskin, Holder and Baxter. All were present with the exception of Ald. Holder, who was out of town.

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