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UNDECIDED YET ABOUT DISCIPLINE

Committee of Methodist Episcopal Church Fails to Agree On Amusements.

Matter of Card Playing and Dancing Likely to be Left to Conscience of Its Members.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 10.—Paragraph 299 of the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church is still undecided, and the question of whether dancing, card playing and kindred amusements are to be left only to the "conscience" remains open. The members of the church are a bone of contention in the committee on the state of the church. For three hours this afternoon the committee debated the question after the majority report of the sub-committee had been made favoring striking out that portion of the discipline. Members clamored for recognition from the chair, and often the speakers advocating one side of the question or the other were greeted with cries of "No, no," and occasionally groans. Dr. Leander W. Munhall, of Philadelphia, administered a rebuff to the college of Bishops of the church when he said in opposing the striking out of the section that "The Bishops' duties are such that they cannot give full consideration to the spiritual affairs of the church and their judgment in this case is not of the best." "The Bishops in their report urged the abolishing of the section, but in so doing said that they did not mean that the church should favor such amusements."

SEVEN DAY SERVICE ON THE MAIN LINE OF INTERCOLONIAL

But Only Six Trains Weekly Between St. John and Halifax—Ministers in the Sister City.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, May 10.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railroads, arrived this evening, pursuing his tour of railway inspection. He is accompanied by P. G. Gullis, the commissioner appointed to investigate the national transcontinental, T. H. Lennox, M.P.P. for North York, Ont., is with the party in an unofficial capacity. Hon. Mr. Cochrane will spend Saturday and Sunday in Halifax, and on Monday morning he is scheduled to go from Pictou across to Charlottetown. The trip has now taken ten days, and the latter is about 1 1/2 days ahead of the original itinerary.

The Halifax board of trade and others, propose a dinner for Hon. Mr. Cochrane on Saturday night. It has been decided to run trains daily, Sunday included, on the main line of the I. C. R. to Montreal, commencing with the summer timetable. Only six trains a week will be run as usual between Halifax and St. John.

HUSBAND FOUND NOT GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF WIFE

Despite Admission of Woman's Ante-mortem Statement in Evidence Jury Acquits Davidge of Crime.

Toronto, May 10.—Although Justice Middleton overruled the objections of the prisoner's counsel and admitted the ante-mortem statement of Mrs. William Davidge as evidence against her husband, charged with her murder, the jury this afternoon found Davidge cured subsequent to the performance of an illegal operation.

POLICEMEN SUFFER WHEN MEET STRIKERS

Newark, May 10.—Two policemen were wounded this afternoon in a clash with striking laborers at Seventh and Clifton avenues. Several of the laborers also sustained injuries. The wounded policemen are Thomas J. Crane and Michael Owens.

CREW TRIED TO RUSH TITANIC'S LIFEBOATS

Disgraceful Conduct Brought Out in Investigation

INVADED STEERAGE When Quarters of Seamen Were Flooded Men Rushed to Third Class Cabins for Lifebelts and Later Took Possession of Boat.

London, May 10.—That all the members of the crew did not act in a manner expected from men of their calling on the night of the disaster is slowly drawn out from the witnesses at the British Board of Trade inquiry under the searching examination of Sir Rufus Isaacs and other counsel. It came out during yesterday's hearing that the firemen of the Titanic when the water flooded their quarters invaded the third class saloon for life preservers. "Certainly, as it is pointed out, these were not needed by passengers, as the vessel carried only a small proportion of her complement of third class passengers."

That importance is attached to the action of the firemen is shown by the questions put by Lord Mersey as to how the men reached that part of the vessel. From another witness, S. J. Rule a bathroom steward, it was also learned that there was a rush on lifeboat No. 15, and that she left the Titanic with only four or five women and three children, while sixty-one men got away in her.

Rule said that accoutrements were sent to look for women and children but they looked only on one deck and then returned and said that there were no more there. Then First Officer Smith told the men to fill the boat. There was then a rush of men for the boat.

Sir Rufus Isaacs—"You knew more women and children were on board?" Rule replied: "I imagined so."

Sir Rufus Isaacs—"Then you did not obey the order that women and children were to go first?" Rule—"We were ordered into the boat."

Witness admitted that the men looked only on one deck for women and children.

Sir Rufus Isaacs promised to have every man from boat No. 15 brought before the court as far as possible.

It came out today that the water-tight compartments for practically three-fourths of the length of the ship were opened by order of the engineers upwards of 1 hour after the ship struck and were never closed again. The inquiry was adjourned till Tuesday.

DISTINGUISHED MEN FROM OLD COUNTRY TO VISIT HALIFAX

Lord Mayor of Bristol With Delegation to Attend Dedication of Memorial Tower—Bring Contributions.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 10.—Word has been received by Sir Sanford Fleming, a representative delegation from Bristol, England, headed by the lord mayor, will come to Halifax in August to attend the ceremony of dedication of the Nova Scotia memorial tower. The delegation will bring with it a bronze tablet depicting the departure of the Cabots and also a fac-simile of the banner placed by Henry VII. in the hands of the Cabots.

SMY REACHES BRITISH SOIL ON THE S.S. ADRIATIC

White Star Liner Docks at Southampton—Managing Director Seldom Seen by Passengers During Voyage.

Southampton, May 10.—The White Star liner Adriatic arrived here from New York at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon. No reporters were permitted to go on board. The passengers report that J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star Line, is in good health. He kept to his own stateroom nearly all the time throughout the voyage, very seldom appearing on deck. Mrs. Ismay went out on the tender to join him.

RICHESON IN OLD QUARTERS

Pending Reports on Sanity of Condemned Murderer He Is Not Removed to Cell Adjoining Death Chamber.

Boston, May 10.—Had the usual procedure been followed, Clarence V. T. Richeson, the murderer of Miss Avis Linnell, would have wakened today in a cell in the State prison, close to the chamber where he is condemned to die during the week of May 15. Executive action, pending reports as to his sanity by certain experts has delayed his transfer from the county jail.

Governor Foss stated today that he had not heard from the alienists who were to examine Richeson and that until these reports were in hand he would take no action in the case.

Mayor Fitzgerald sent a communication to Gov. Foss today asking him not to submit the petition for a commutation of Richeson's sentence to the executive council. The mayor declared that Richeson's crime was "one of the most abominable in the history of the country," and asserted that extreme penalty. He added that parents who sent their daughters to Boston's music and art schools, had a right to insist that the young women should be amply protected.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 10.—The day of the dirty dollar is passing. The new bank act will be brought down almost immediately upon the reassembling of parliament and in it there will be a provision under which it will be the duty of the banks not to re-issue soiled or faded notes.

The banks have already a standing request from the Department of Finance to return for exchange all soiled Dominion notes, which come into their possession. The old "shillplaster," or twenty-five cent note is likely to disappear in a short time as it is understood the Minister of Finance does not favor it.

The new Dominion five dollar note, the first of that denomination issued by the government of Canada, will soon be ready for issue by the Finance Department to the public. Last year on account of the heavy demands upon the note circulation of the Dominion, it was found necessary to issue four dollar bills. This note, however, has never been popular and is likely to be confused with notes of other denominations. The Minister of Finance decided to make an issue of five dollar government bills and the objectionable four will thus in time be withdrawn from circulation.

There is being prepared under the direction of the finance department a new design for the two dollar note. It will bear upon its face vignettes of The Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. This will be the first bill to bear the image of the new Royal Governor General and his consort. Work of this kind requires extreme care and considerable time for execution by the best expert engravers.

A big consignment of new gold coins was sent out this afternoon and the public will be able to obtain the new coin at once. They were issued to the banks at Ottawa today to the extent of \$7,000.

MINISTERS TO CROSS OCEAN

Hon. George E. Foster Will Attend Meeting of Imperial Trade Commission—Mr. Hazen and Premier Plan Trip

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 10.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster leaves on the 21st for England to attend the Imperial Trade Commission which Lord Incheape is chairman. A number of other ministers are planning to leave the capital during the coming summer.

Rt. Hon. H. L. Borden will probably take a trip to England and Hon. J. D. Hazen is also expected to cross the ocean on naval business. Hon. W. H. White, Hon. Frank Cook, Hon. T. W. Crothers, and Hon. Messrs. Monk and Nantel are all contemplating visits to the west before the next session of parliament. Plans are far advanced at several prairie points for big receptions to Hon. Robert Rogers. That at Regina likely will take the form of a banquet at which several hundred guests will be present.

CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARY TO BE ARRANGED NOW

Committee Will Be Organized at Early Date to Co-operate With England and United States.

Ottawa, May 10.—To arrange for a celebration of the hundred years of peace between Canada and the United States, a meeting has been summoned for Ottawa on June 4. A committee will then be organized to co-operate with those of Great Britain and the United States. The call is signed by Senator Cox, Senator Dandurand, Sir Louis Bett, Sir Alex. Lacoste, Sir William Mackenzie, Sir W. R. Meredith, Sir William Mulock, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Sir Edmund Walker.

CURIOUS SHOCKS DRIVING PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES

Gundalajara, Mex., May 9.—A state of terror exists in this city as the result of earth shocks which in the 24 hours since Wednesday morning have numbered over 25. Many shocks were felt today, but their force was more severe than yesterday. The people continue to live in the open squares. Some churches and stores have been seriously damaged by the earthquakes.

The disturbance is unlike anything known here since 1875. The shocks are not felt outside of a limited zone, and scientists are puzzled by the nature of the quakes. Coma volcano is at present in a quiet state.

CHANGES CURRENCY OF THE DOMINION

Four Dollar Bills and "Shillplasters" to be Gradually Withdrawn.

Former Will Be Superseded by New Issue of Fives—Soiled and Faded Notes to Be Recalled.

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HIS MAJESTY IN THE FRAY

Battleship Bearing King George Attacked by Submarines in Sham Battle—Near Approach to War Conditions.

Weymouth, Eng., May 10.—King George spent a long day today on board the battleship Neptune which headed the first and second squadrons of the fleet out into the Channel for two battle practice manoeuvres. The weather continues hazy, but the gun practice and torpedo exercises were able to carry out their gunnery practice 12 miles out at sea and during the afternoon the roar of the big guns was distinctly audible here, and dours for His Majesty therefore experienced a near war conditions as is possible in time of peace. Today's manoeuvres at sea ended with a submarine attack on the battleships Neptune and Hercules.

WANTS PATENT LAWS REVISED

President Taft Points Out That American Regulations Are Sadly in Need of Improvement—Some Abuses.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—President Taft today took a decided step towards revision of the patent laws, which have remained practically unchanged since 1870. He sent a special message to congress asking for legislation to authorize him to appoint a commission to investigate the patent laws and report what changes were necessary to make them full modern conditions.

The president gave several reasons to show the need for a change. He referred to the recent patent monopoly decision of the supreme court, through which users of a certain machine were compelled to buy from the company which sold the machine, and to the brand of ink for use with it and enumerated five other reasons which he said demanded the revision of the patent laws.

The first was that large corporations bought patents for improvements and suppressed their manufacture. The president referred to the patent laws of the other nations and wrote: "It is worthy of consideration whether or not legislation on some such lines should be enacted to prevent our patent laws from being made the basis of unjust monopoly extending beyond the legitimate protection and the useful arts, or the means of stifling improvement and the progress of arts."

The president urged that procedure under the patent laws be simplified and that the burden of proving the invalidity of a patent be placed upon him who would infringe upon it.

In conclusion the president wrote: "Great care should be taken in any revision not unduly to interfere with vested interests which have been properly created under the existing laws, or to impair the efficiency of a system, from which so much benefit has been derived by the country."

TWO BOYS KILLED BY FALLING COAL

Hazleton, Pa., May 10.—At the district office of the United Mine Workers it was announced today that a fatal coal field had been reported. The two boys were killed and three were seriously injured today by a fall of coal.

Mount Carmel, Pa., May 10.—Two boys were killed and three were seriously injured today by a fall of coal in an abandoned mine working.

TRADERS AND ROYAL BANKS MERGE

Amalgamation Proposed By Latter May Be Consummated

UNDER CONSIDERATION Directors View Plan with Favor and Decide to Submit Matter to Shareholders of Both Institutions—Would be of Mutual Benefit.

Toronto, May 10.—The following official announcement of the directors of the Traders Bank of Canada was made at a meeting of the board held on Friday morning, the 10th day of May, and given to the press by the general manager.

A proposition was submitted by the Royal Bank of Canada to this bank a few weeks ago having an amalgamation of the two banks and as the terms appeared to be favorable to the shareholders and customers of this bank the directors decided to consider the matter and discuss the same and conditions upon which the proposal was based.

A thorough investigation of the whole situation was made by each board, terms were discussed and subsequently agreed upon as the basis of an agreement to be submitted to the shareholders of each institution. A copy of the proposed agreement will at once be sent to all the shareholders and a meeting called for submission and approval. The Royal Bank will take over all the assets and assume all the liabilities of the Traders Bank and will give to each shareholder of the latter bank three shares of Royal for four of the Traders Bank stock. This is on a value of \$150 per share of Traders and \$200 per share of Royal, the net result having regard to the respective dividends will be in future nine per cent. instead of eight to the shareholders of the Traders Bank.

In addition to this, the shareholders will become a most important factor in one of the strongest banks and the third largest in Canada. We feel too that by the amalgamation the Royal Bank is to be congratulated on acquiring a splendid connection and many influential stockholders in Ontario and elsewhere in the Dominion.

Depositors and borrowers of both banks will necessarily benefit by the amalgamation as a large bank with strong reserves will be enabled to take care of its borrowing customers in times of financial stringency.

Montreal, May 10.—Directors of the Royal Bank today issued a statement confirming that issued in Toronto by the Traders Bank directors.

ACTIVE WORK ON VALLEY RAILWAY STARTS TUESDAY

First Soil Will Be Turned Amid Great Eclat—Plant Reaches Woodstock to Commence Operations.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, May 10.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Preston Wheeler, took place this afternoon with burial in the Methodist cemetery. Services were held at her late residence by Rev. A. C. Herrie, assisted by Rev. F. S. Todd. The pall-bearers were Cook Hall, John McDougall, F. L. Atherton and John Davis.

Mr. Kennedy of Kennedy & McDonald, Mr. Arneil of the Quebec Construction Co., D. F. Maxwell, government engineer, Hon. J. K. Fleming and officials of the Valley Railway are here today. As a result of their visit the first sod will be officially turned next Tuesday afternoon here. There will be speeches and a big time generally. A steam shovel and other parts of the plant of Kennedy & McDonald have arrived for active construction work.

TAKING CAMPAIGN TO INVOLVE SIXTY-THREE SPEECHES

President May Not Be As Strenuous as Some, But Theodore Hasn't Got Mustering Patented.

Washington, May 10.—The complete schedule of President Taft's final campaign tour of Ohio before the presidential primaries there on May 21 was made public here tonight.

As announced tonight, the President will make sixty-three speeches but there is a possibility that this number may be increased if the railroads can work on additional stops. On every day he speaks he will make ten speeches except on Saturday, May 18, when he will make twelve, and on Thursday, when he will speak at a big night gathering at Cleveland.

EVEN REPAIR WORK TO BE CALLED OFF IN THE COAL FIELDS

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RIOTING IN GOAL FIELDS IS NOW OVER

Slight Disturbances Quickly Quelled and All is Now Quiet.

Philadelphia, May 10.—Outside of the attack on the Cayuga break of the Lackawanna Coal Company, in North Scranton by about 2,000 foreigners, there was no rioting of consequence in the hard coal fields today. The North Scranton disturbance was quickly quelled and everything is quiet today.

Chief interest now centers in the action the miners will take on Tuesday when they meet in Wilkesbarre to either approve or reject the action of the representative who took part in the recent conference in New York.

A large meeting of miners held late today at Shenandoah was addressed by Father L. B. Norton of the church of the Annunciation. Father Norton urged the men to "stand by your leaders and vote to adopt the agreement arrived at by the sub-committee of the union who in the New York conference." He urged the men to "turn a deaf ear to the representatives of a certain labor organization who are endeavoring to stir up discontent among you miners."

Officials of the United Mine Workers are endeavoring to keep the foreign element under subjection, and they express confidence that the most serious outbreaks have already occurred.

PERMANENT BOARDS FOR ARBITRATION OF LABOR DISPUTES

Department of Labor Considers New Means for Solution of Difficulties—Likely Prove Acceptable.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 10.—Permanent boards of arbitration or conciliation for the adjustment of labor disputes are proposed by the Hon. T. W. Crothers to be located in the different industrial centres of the country. It is the experience of the department that where a board once investigates a dispute thoroughly and arrives at a unanimous conclusion, the same personnel is likely to be of usual acceptance if there is a recurrence of the difficulty. The permanent board idea is being applied to the western coal miners' cases and will be extended if possible.

COHEN ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGE OF MURDER OF WOMAN

Grand Jury Returns No Bill Despite Verdict of Coroner's Jury—New Phase of the Case Develops.

Toronto, May 10.—The verdict of the coroner's jury charging Abe Cohen with the murder of Rebecca Berger, alias Cooper, who was fatally shot while standing on the doorstep of a house on Chestnut street, on March 25 last, was reversed, when the grand jury of the session returned no bill this afternoon. One of the witnesses before the grand jury in the Cohen case, has communicated to the police the fact that he can identify the real perpetrator of the murder. This witness states that he has since learned the identity of the murderer, whom he chased for some distance up a lane before losing trace of him. The police are now working on this information.

WARDEN OF KINGSTON PENITENTIARY SOON TO BE SUPERANNUATED

Ottawa, May 10.—The investigation into conditions at the Kingston penitentiary as the result of the escape of the Manitoba convicts, will be concluded today and the report will be submitted to the Minister of Justice next week. It is, however, practically certain that Dr. Platt, the warden of the penitentiary, will soon be superannuated.

MARITIME PROVINCE MEN AMONG THOSE WHO PASSED MCGILL EXAMS

Montreal, May 10.—The list of students granted honors in the graduating class in the faculty of Applied Sciences, MCGILL University includes: R. K. Hoys, Halifax; K. S. Campbell, St. John's; V. C. Egan, St. John's; G. C. Jones, Halifax; H. McLeod, J. I. Steves, Hillsboro, N.B.; R. W. Steves, Charlottetown, P. E. I. [British Association Medal and prize]