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STANDARDIZE HOLIDAYS

A British M. P. Has Bill to Change the Calendar.

London, March 13.—Robert Pearse, M. P., will introduce into the House of Commons a bill for reforming the calendar and standardizing the dates of all holidays. Should this bill become a law the first day of the year would be excluded from the calendar and called New Year's day. The next day would be January 1.

This would give 364 days in the months of the year. The 364 days would be divided into four quarters of 91 days and each quarter would have 30 days in each of the first two months and 31 in the third. In leap year the additional day would not alter the calendar, but would be treated like New Year's day. It would come as an additional holiday between June 31 June being the third month of the quarter would have 31 days and July 1.

The bill also fixes Easter Sunday on the same day of the month every year; April 14 is suggested. The effect would be to place Ash Wednesday, Whitsunday, Derby Day and other festivals on the same recurring days. August 1 would always fall on Monday, as would Christmas day.

The bank holidays under the arrangement would be: New Year's day, Easter (April 14), Whitsuntide (seven weeks after Easter), August 1, Christmas Day.

The scheme has been approved by the International Congress of Commerce and Industrial and Commercial Associations. It is declared that the standardization of the holidays of Europe would be an enormous saving to the commercial world.

WIRELESS PEACE IS NOW REIGNING

Troubles Between German and British Shipping Have Been Adjusted.

Berlin, March 13.—Wireless peace now reigns between the mercantile shipping of Great Britain and that of Germany by the conclusion of an arrangement whereby in future there will be free exchange of radiograms between British ships and the 150 German vessels which carry wireless installations.

The trouble dates back to the Berlin international conference of 1906, when the principle of obligatory communication between all systems was accepted, apart from the British reservation in regard to communication from ship to ship) to all the states represented except the United States and Italy. In the interval America has introduced legislation extending the principle of compulsory communication to wireless telegraphy in her territory. Italy is prevented from giving in her adhesion by her contracts with the Marconi Company, and the British Government could not accept this principle out of consideration for the Marconi Company, which at great cost had equipped many British ships with wireless apparatus and in organization and numbers had the predominant position.

In the four years that have elapsed since the international convention immense strides have been made in wireless telegraphy, and the clauses of the convention dealing with technical questions and the regulation of wireless traffic stand in need of revision. The right to refuse communications is now no particular advantage to British ships, all countries having equipped their mercantile fleets with wireless apparatus, and the foreign stations are now at least as numerous as the British. Germany, Austria-Hungary, France, Holland, Denmark, Spain and many other countries have ship stations of various systems, so that there is no longer a question of ship to ship communication injuring the Marconi Company, as the foreign ships are no longer dependent on the company.

SEES WEAKENED BONDS

Former Rainy River Member Opposed to Reciprocity.

Toronto, March 12.—D. C. Cameron, former Liberal member for William and Rainy River in the Ontario Legislature, and now of Winnipeg, is opposed to the reciprocity agreement. Interviewed tonight he said:

"So far as my own personal interests are concerned I see no harm in the treaty, in fact, I believe it would benefit the lumber industry, in which most of my capital is invested in British Columbia.

"But speaking from the Canadian national standpoint, I am distinctly opposed to reciprocity. I think it would tend greatly to weaken the bonds between the eastern and western parts of Canada. It would mean a closer union between the Canadian and American west, and a corresponding breach with the east. Though no ill effect might be noticed immediately, the malefice of the treaty would show itself in time.

"I do not wish to speak as an authority, but I think my views are practically the same as those of most people in Winnipeg."

THE LAW'S LONG ARM.

Montreal, March 12.—Four years ago Maxime Demontigny, after securing two watches and chains on approval from a jeweler named Buisson in this city, decamped without paying for them and went out to California.

On Tuesday he came back to the city, and Buisson, seeing him on the street, had him arrested.

Demontigny was brought in court yesterday morning charged with having stolen $200 worth of jewelry. He made a very pathetic appeal to the judge, saying that he was an honest man and had simply forgotten to pay for the watches, and "would not steal anything for the world."

He was unable to give bail and was locked up pending his trial on Thursday next.

AMERICAN CITY BUILT IN CHINA

Project of Oriental Capitalists Regarded as of Much Significance.

Washington, March 13. — United States Government reports from time to time are bringing news of the progress of a singular enterprise in South China, near Hong Kong. This is nothing less than the construction of a complete model city, after the plans of an American city, with wide streets, electric lights, gas, waterworks, sewers, street cars and even a board of aldermen designed to be as rotten as any, of course.

A number of Chinese capitalists took up the matter several years ago and commenced the construction of the place in 1909. Their primary idea was that they would make of it a home for Chinese who had made their fortunes in foreign lands and had become accustomed to modern comforts. Of these many are returning to China, and it has been noted that soon after they get home it is almost invariably true that they get very tired of the Chinese method of living. As they have the money it occurred to the native capitalists that they would build a place for these new nabobs to live, provided they were willing to pay the price.

The new city is called Heungchow. It is located on the Bay of Vehll, to the westward of Hong Kong.

A large number of buildings had been erected, when suddenly a question arose as to the attitude of the general government of China toward the innovation. This appears to have crippled the credit of the promoters, and work on the more costly improvements stopped. It has been intimated in some of the reports that there is a nice little Chinese hold-up in the situation, and that as soon as the enterprise has paid a trifle of royalty in the direction of Pekin, the general government will not further question the project.

It is the intention of the people behind the new city to make it an open and free port, like Hong Kong and Shanghai, only it will be purely Chinese and not partly foreign as those cities are. This plan, if carried out successfully, will make the place a commercial centre of such magnitude as to interfere with the prosperity of Hong Kong. American Government officials consider it of the highest significance that the idea of such a city should have entered the heads of the Chinese at all; and they predict large results from it, if this place proves a financial success. It will mean virtually the beginning of the end of the present native style of living in China, it is believed, and the general adoption of sanitary ideas now strange to most of the natives.

DECOY TELEGRAMS

Financier Russell Alleges They Were Used to Lure Him.

Montreal, March 13.—A new move in the cause celebre of David Russell, the well-known Montreal capitalist and financier, against the Pinkerton Detective Agency, was made yesterday, when, in accordance with a recent decision of Judge Guerin, Russell's lawyers filed particulars of his claim for upwards of $250,000 damages for alleged conspiracy, by which Russell declares an attempt was made to have him sent to an asylum as insane.

Among the new particulars is a telegram sent to Mr. Russell at New York, and alleged to have been sent by Chief Detective Carpenter, and two other telegrams sent to him there, to which, it is alleged, Detective Carpenter's name was forged, and a copy of an alleged decoy telegram, which it is alleged was sent to Russell at New York by McNamara, one of the defendants.

The rest of the particulars consist of dates of the independent investigation made into the matter by Mr. Russell, and the new detectives he set to work when he had relinquished the Pinkerton people. Russell's claim is set forth in detail in the bill of particulars. His total claim amounts to $250,000, of which $100,000 is for compensation for injury which he alleges was done his credit as a businessman, $50,000 for compensation for personal injuries through humiliation amongst his associates, and $50,000 as exemplary damages.

PERSONALITY MAKES MEN WHAT THEY ARE

Professor Law of Knox College at First Presbyterian Church.

Prof. Law, of Knox College, Toronto, was the special preacher at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday. He delivered two very powerful addresses during the day. The services were attended by very large congregations.

In the evening he took as his text, "To the pure, all things are pure." The subject suggested a great question and the answer. It meant that personality, not circumstance, made men what they are. A man's nature is the fountain from which all good or bad springs.

The physical world reflects the personality of humanity. To the dyspeptic, the world is bitter, to the jaundiced eye yellow. That goes through the whole aspect of the great world outside.

"The world is really the world plus ourselves," declared Prof. Law. "The world also reflects man's tastes and habits. To the clodhopper there is nothing high or noble in it. To the mere scientist, the world is a great machine, without mind or spirit behind it. To the religious man, it is God's world, reflecting His care and love everywhere.

"It is wonderful how the world reflects our dispositions and temperaments," declared the preacher. "It is really wonderful how sweet the world is to a sweet nature—how bitter the world is to the bitter man. To the frivolous man, the world is but a place for frivolity. To the earnest man it is a place for earnest work and noble endeavor. The world is really kind to the kind man, and bitter to the bitter man. The small things of life, even our eating and drinking, may be made holy or brutal by the spirit within us. In our social relations, no man can harm your soul unless he makes you hate him. There is no substitute for a good heart."

FIRE IN OIL WORKS

Half a Million Dollars Blaze in Subsidiary Plant of Standard Oil.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, March 13.—A $500,000 fire which started on Saturday in the plant of the Pratt Oil Works, a Brooklyn subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, is still burning today, and a force of two fireboats and three companies of firemen are engaged in an endeavor to keep the blaze confined to the wharves and storage plant. The firemen are hampered in their work by the constant explosions of five-gallon cans of naphtha which were stored on the piers.

According to officials of the oil company the fire started when a tugman threw a shovelful of hot ashes into the river close to the dock, igniting some oil which was floating on the surface.

CAN'T AVIATE THERE.

San Francisco, March 13.—A report was brought here yesterday by the steamer Mongolia from the orient that Aviator J. C. Mars was prohibited by the British authorities from making flights at Hong Kong. The British Government has strict regulations against the use of aeroplanes within the sight of fortifications.

Mars, who left here in January, gave exhibitions in Honolulu. It is said that he planned to make Hong Kong the scene of his most ambitious work on the present tour.

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FIFTY GO TO DEATH UNDER EASTERN ICE

Rescue of Two Girls By Another—One Instance of Heroism

Boston, March 13.—Fifty persons, a majority of them children under 12 years of age, went through thin ice to their death in New England and Maritime Provinces of Canada during the winter just closing. There were seven double drownings. Many instances of heroic attempts to rescue were recorded, some of which resulted fatally to the would-be rescuers.

Josephine Pizroski, 13 years old, looking from a window of her home, while changing her wet stockings, saw three other little girls fall through the ice in the Chicopee River. In her bare feet the child scampered over the snow and plunging into the water rescued two of the children. Her collie dog sought to save the third but she struggled so hard the dog was forced to leave her to die.

ROYAL WIDOWS WARM FRIENDS

Duchess of Edinburgh Entertains Princess Beatrice in Her Villa in Nice.

Nice, France, March 13.—Princess Henry of Battenberg has accepted the invitation of the Duchess Dowager of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to stay with her at Nice. There is a special tie between the only daughter of the Czar Alexander III. and the "baby" of Queen Victoria's family. The young Duchess of Edinburgh arrived in England in 1874. She came to Clarence House "a narrow little villa on the edge of a public drive"—to find a course marked out for her that appeared at first sight quite intolerable.

The Queen of England was in deepest widow's weeds. There were no royal nights at the opera, and no balls at Buckingham Palace.

Grand Duchess Marie found herself years older than the Princess of Wales, who was in reality nine years her senior. To this lady she had, of course, to give precedence—a fact not realized before she left St. Petersburg.

Princess Beatrice was just fifteen; she was far too young to worry about burning questions of court-ordering. She was delighted with Marie's brilliant talk.

And so it came to pass that a friendship which has outlasted years and defied both time and change had its beginning between Marie of Russia and Beatrice of England. Both ladies are widows now, both have found the hollowness of earthly rank and imperial glory. It does not require vivid imagination to supply the themes of conversation which will occupy the royal sisters-in-law as they sit on the terraces of the Villa Saxe-Gotha watching the sunsets.

PERISHED IN FLAMES

Charred Bodies of Three Found in Fire Ruins of Cottage.

Ravenna, Ohio, March 13.—Three men perished in the destruction by fire late last night of a cottage at Sandy Lake, a summer resort four miles southwest of this city. They are George F. Doughitt, of Ravenna, a lawyer, 50 years old, owner of the cottage; Wm. Vargo, 55 years old, also of this city, a carpenter; and Harry Clark, 30 years old, a laborer, of Breakneck Creek, Ohio. The three men had been making repairs Saturday and Sunday at the cottage. Their charred bodies were found in the fire ruins. It is thought they were asleep when the fire broke out, and were enveloped in flames without a chance of seeking safety.

FIRE CHIEF ILL.

Hamilton, March 13.—A. B. TenEyck, chief engineer of the fire department, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital last night for treatment for a severe attack of the grip. For nearly two weeks the chief has been in poor health, and last week he took a short rest, but evidently resumed his duties before he should have and Saturday he suffered a relapse and his physician ordered his removal to the hospital.

The news of the chief's illness caused much surprise, as he was driving around attending to his work until Saturday, and only the officers of the department and a few friends knew that he was not in the best of health.

Assistant Chief James is in charge of the department. Chief TenEyck is reported much better.

DEATH IN STEERAGE

Six Passengers Succumb on Voyage From Greece to America.

New York, March 13.—The Greek steamer Patris made port yesterday with a record of six deaths in her steerage during the voyage across the Atlantic. Pneumonia and spinal meningitis each claimed three victims, two of whom were brought here for burial. The others were buried at sea. Three men and three women succumbed.

The vessel, with nearly 800 passengers aboard, of whom 683 are in the steerage, was detained at Quarantine for further investigation. The two bodies were transferred to Swinburne Island. The Patris sailed from Piraeus and Patras and encountered rough weather on the trip.

MARY'S CONTRIBUTION.

Ottawa, March 13. — The Laurentian branch of the Daughters of the Empire will place a box for contributions to the Queen Mary coronation fund in the Carnegie library here from the 15th to the 25th of the present month. Members of the league will be present to take down the names of contributors, and it is expected that Ottawa will contribute a large amount to the fund.

ARRANS GOING HOME.

Ottawa, March 13. — The Dowager Countess of Arran and her daughter, Lady Winifred Gore, who have both been visiting here since Christmas, are sailing for their home in England at the end of the week, and will be accompanied by Lady Beatrice Cecil, who has been the guest of their excellencies since the beginning of January.

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The production of platinum in the United States is small, for all that is obtained comes as a by-product in working the gold placers of California and Oregon.

The chief source of supply is the Ural Mountains in Russia, but some is also obtained from Canada and South America.