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R. EARLE RICH GETS TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Man Who Obtained Fred S. Ferris' Endorsement to a Note By Fraudulent Means is Sentenced By Judge Forbes—Rich and His Wife Create Scene in Court

After being adjudged guilty of obtaining the signature of Fred S. Ferris to a promissory note last July by fraudulent means, R. Earle Rich, the erstwhile insurance agent and alleged swindler, was sentenced to a term of two years in Dorchester penitentiary by Judge Forbes in the county court chambers this morning and the conviction and sentence was followed by a tumultuous scene in which Rich, his wife Judge Forbes and Ferris were the most prominent figures.

WON'T FORCE G. T. P. TO USE ELECTRICITY AS THEIR MOTIVE POWER FOR RAINS

Mr. Burchill Gives Notice in Legislature of Motion Calculated to Protect New Brunswick's Forests—Wants to Take no Chance on Disastrous Fire From an Engine Spark

There is much speculation as to the meaning of the visit of Sir William. He is interested in the Grand Falls lease, but they have passed to other hands. The syndicate in which Sir William is interested to have the lease set aside in favor of the syndicate. The present company is understood to have started work. No announcement has as yet been made as to the policy of the government will pursue.

ICE AT FREDERICTON HAS STARTED TO MOVE

Advices From Up River Points Show River to be Gradually Breaking Up—Governor Tweedie's Ball This Evening—A Fashionable Wedding

Fredericton, April 14.—(Special)—The ice in the St. John river opposite the city made a start at ten o'clock this morning and after shoving about 20 feet jammed against the bridge piers. It seems to be badly honeycombed and incapable of doing much damage. The ice in the main Nashuapituck ran out yesterday and there is now open water for a considerable distance below the railway bridge.

SUPREME COURT

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POLICE COURT

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THE NIAGARA ICE JAM

Buffalo, N. Y., April 13.—The wind today shifted to the southeast and blew up a city mile gale. The ice jam in the Niagara River from Lake Erie into Niagara River. A warm rain had freed the ice jam from the upper steel arch bridge to Lewiston, but the pack held solid from that point to Lake Ontario. It is feared, tonight, that the river-pack has been sufficiently cleared to care for the thousands of tons of ice going over the falls tonight.

WINTER PORT ITEMS

Furness line steamship Rappahannock, now on her way to London took on board 16,288 bushels wheat. C. P. R. steamship Lake Manitoba, which sails this evening, takes away 911 head of cattle, 139 of which are United States cattle. C. P. R. steamship Montclair, for Bristol, via Liverpool, took away a cargo valued at \$330,500. Her wheat shipments were 28,590 bushels, also 792 head of cattle.

CO NSCIENCEMONEY

Montreal, April 14.—(Special)—Stung by his conscience, a young man employed in the department of marine and fisheries sought refuge in the confessional box, and visited Father Leseau for the purpose of returning twenty-five dollars which did not belong to him. Today Father Leseau visited Mr. C. A. Labelle, the assistant agent of the department, and refunded to him the twenty-five dollars.

MONTREAL NEWS

Montreal, April 14.—(Special)—The wife of a well known medical man, Mrs. Evans, hanged herself today. She had been in poor health for some time and had previously attempted to take her life several times. The Dominion Steel Company directors will meet on Friday to discuss financial affairs and take action on the proposed dividend on preferred shares. C. D. Trueman came in on the Montreal boat.

BIG REWARD FOR THE ROCHESTER FIREBUGS

City Council Offers \$2,500 For Apprehension of Men Who Set Yesterday's Fires By Which \$500,000 Damage Was Done

Rochester, N. Y., April 14.—Revised estimates of the damage caused by yesterday's spectacular fire place the loss at \$400,000 and \$500,000. These figures include the loss of the business block and forty houses were destroyed, hundreds were made homeless and scores were thrown out of employment by the conflagration, the most serious since the fire of 1904 in the retail dry goods district. The scores of fires, some accidental and some incendiary, with which Rochester has been afflicted have resulted in an increase of 25 per cent in fire insurance rates by the state board of fire underwriters. The common council of the city has increased the amount of the reward offered for the apprehension of incendiaries from \$1,000 to \$2,500, although it has been sufficient to attract a number of persons.

COMPANY FORMED TO FLY OVER OCEAN

York to Promote Aerial Navigation Between Europe and America

New York, April 14.—Supreme Justice Hendrick approved yesterday the certificate of incorporation of the European America Aero Navigation Society, and the papers were forwarded to Albany last night to obtain the signature of the secretary of state. The corporation is formed to promote flights in dirigible balloons across the Atlantic ocean from Europe to America and to add, assist and encourage financially and otherwise, aeronautical inventors to advance the development of the science of aeronautics and to propagate aerial navigation by the dissemination and publication of literature, lectures, exhibitions and otherwise. The "home office" of the society will be in New York, but the society proposes to establish branches throughout the world.

THE HARBOR BRIDGE

Delegation Headed by Ald. Scully Will Interview Provincial Government Tomorrow

Alderman W. E. Scully, Ald. W. D. Baskin, Norman P. McLeod, William E. G. Baskin and Rev. W. H. Sampson compose a delegation of west side residents who will leave for Fredericton tonight to interview the provincial government in connection with the proposed harbor bridge. The meeting will be held tomorrow morning and the delegation will ask that the provincial government bear one-third of the cost of the bridge, equivalent to about \$300,000. The balance of the cost is expected to be borne jointly by the federal government and the city of St. John.

FUNERALS

The funeral of John Stack took place from the Boston train this morning to the new Catholic cemetery. The deceased died in New York and the services were held here. The late Thomas K. Kain, who died in New York, was buried this morning from the depot. Rev. C. B. Flinders officiated at the services and interment took place in Fernhill cemetery.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A WORLD OF TROUBLE. The Times new reporter dropped into the Standard office last evening in a friendly way, and found everything upset. He stumbled over large type that had been brought out to announce the resignation of the minister of public works, the resignation of the government at Ottawa, and a summons to Mr. Hazen and Mr. Powell to enter the Foster cabinet. This type had been hurriedly thrown aside in a wild effort to fill up with matter that might be sacrificed if the hoped-for news should arrive at the eleventh hour. The editorial staff was tearing its hair. Ward had come in that the girls were trying to capture City Hall, and that there was a shortage of adherents in the legal department of the paper. The telephone wires were ringing violently, and the young men were answering the calls over a strained and troubled spirit. The new reporter's modestly murmured request for a two-minute interview was greeted with heated remarks—some of them really scathing—that a general air of disappointment pervaded the premises, and that it gave a saddened expression to the enlarged photograph of the editor of the Globe, which adorned the wall. The new reporter respectfully withdrew, and on his return to his office wrote the following paragraph: "The citizens generally will sympathize with the new paper in its failure to deliver the goods. It has the type, and an earnest desire to swat the enemy, but by the time it gets ready the enemy is out of the next bill. This is a word of trouble and disappointment."

AT CITY HALL BIG LEAGUES

It is Expected to be Quiet Until After Election Day

Affairs at City Hall are likely to be pretty quiet from now until election day, on Tuesday next. No meetings will be held until after the election has been decided, as all the aldermen who have opposition are busy campaigning. Ald. Baxter is introducing a new feature in civic campaigns by holding public meetings on the west side, in the north and in the city proper. He pleads in the local option in Lorne, Langlois, Victoria and Dukes wards is also creating considerable interest and both the temperance men and the representatives of the liquor interests are working hard on the lists. The temperance people feel confident of carrying the day.

ENTRIES POURING IN FOR BIG MEET IN QUEEN'S RINK

Entries continue to pour in for the sports to be held in the Queen's rink Friday evening under the auspices of the All-St. John Hockey Club. A list of Montreal has entered in the running events, high jump and high kick, and there will probably be a team from the railway town in the relay race. Baird, of Hampton, will also be a competitor, and a number of other men from outside places will try conclusions with the local sprinters. The list of officials will be:—Referee—Chief of Police Clark. Judges—A. M. Bellinger, E. J. Robertson and S. P. Gerow. Starter—Arthur Melough. Times—Dr. Malcolm, A. Robb, and D. L. Sheppard. Clerks of Course—H. K. Clawson, Richard Edgcombe, F. L. Tufts and H. E. Scorer—George McDade. Announcer—Walter Evans. Judge—Watson. Entries close tonight with F. L. Tufts at the Queen's Rink.

INDIANS' CANOE IS WASHED UP ON BEACH

Two Passamaquoddy Indians Thought to Have Been Drowned at Deer Island. The Eastern correspondent of the Bangor Commercial says:—"Evidence of the drowning of William Haney and Noel Nicholas, members of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Deer Island, N. B., was found Monday when their canoe and part of their belongings were washed up on the northern end of Deer Island, N. B. No trace of their bodies had been found at noon. The Indians started out from Pleasant Point Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock with the intention of rowing to St. Stephen, N. B., a distance of four miles. It was supposed that they were captured by a squall of wind. Haney was married, while Nicholas was a widower. They were between 30 and 40 years of age."

A NEW PULP COMPANY

The following corporation has filed certificates of organization at the office of the secretary of state: The Union Pulp and Board Co., organized at Calais, for the purpose of carrying on a general lumber business with \$300,000 capital stock, of which nothing is paid in. Officers, President, William F. Todd, of St. Stephen, N. B.; treasurer, N. Marks Willis, of St. Stephen, N. B. Certificate filed April 12, 1909.—Bangor Commercial. A musical and literary entertainment under the auspices of the choir of the German St. Baptist church, will be held on Tuesday evening next, April 20th, in the church vestry. The choir will be assisted by some of the best local talent, and a very excellent programme is being arranged. Mrs. Smith and family wish to return sincere thanks to the many friends for kindness and deep sympathy shown in their bereavement by the death of the late William H. Smith. A. G. Dick returned to the city on today's Atlantic express. Fred Doody was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.