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PLAY BALL! APRIL 10 IS DAY TO START

National and American Leagues Will Have Opening on Same Day

SIX MONTHS OF IT

Ban Johnson Announces Plan To Do Away With Present Unfair Method of Scoring Pitching Records—Hits and Earned Runs The Basis

(Canadian Press)

Chicago, Dec. 18—April 10, 1913 will be the opening day in both the American and National Leagues. President Ban Johnson of the former organization, announced this today. The season will close on October 4 in the east, and October 5 in the west.

Schedules for both leagues will be drawn up at a meeting of Johnson and his secretary, Wm. H. Harrison, and Barney Dreyfus, of Pittsburgh, and John Heydler, secretary of the National League, at a meeting at French Lick Springs, starting on January 2. The charts will be presented for adoption at a meeting of the managers of both leagues in New York on February 11. No exception is expected to be taken to the schedules. Johnson said he was greatly in favor of a new method for scoring the pitching records. He will suggest several changes at future meetings. The won and lost column will be absent in the next batch of pitching figures sent out from my office," he said. "Instead of having the pitchers arranged according to their victories and defeats, it is my intention to have them rated according to the number of hits they yield in an inning or according to the number of runs that are earned off them. I intend to put an exact yardstick to work to evolve a satisfactory formula and expect to have one ready by the opening of the season."

A SENSATIONAL HOCKEY MATCH IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 12—in the most sensational hockey game ever played on the coast, Vancouver defeated Victoria before 5,000 wildly enthusiastic spectators last night, and assumed the leadership in the Pacific coast league. The score was 6 to 3. Both teams set a terrific pace and the checking was hard and close. Vancouver played better combination and coming from behind in the closing period, rushed through five goals while Victoria netted only one.

Frank Patrick and Tommy Dunderdale, started, giving a wonderful display. Fred Taylor was also in the line-up, and Ken Kendall, a former Ottawa amateur, showed grand form. The Victoria forwards were unable to do much against the Vancouver defence. Griffin and Patrick intercepted many rushes, while Taylor was to the fore in leading attacks on the Victoria goal. The line-up was:

Table with 2 columns: Position and Name. Vancouver: Goal, Linday; Point, Patrick; Centre, Dunderdale; Right Wing, Howie; Left Wing, L. W.; Small, Paulin. Victoria: Goal, Rover; Point, Dunderdale; Centre, Howie; Right Wing, L. W.; Left Wing, Small.

AMHERST MAN DIED WHEN POLICE CALLED AT HIS HOUSE

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 17—On Sunday night a telephone message came to the police notifying Chief Carter that there was a drunken man on the Highlands using a disturbance in one of the houses. Policeman Hartine was sent to the scene and placed the man under arrest, and was removing him from the house when one of those in it, Jas. Hestley, a native of Pughwash, fifty-five years of age, dropped dead from heart trouble. He was an expert and had been residing in Amherst for some fifteen or sixteen years. He formerly resided in Pughwash on a farm at that place. His wife died some years ago.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

The storm which was centered in Newfoundland yesterday has moved away to the Atlantic and the western disturbance is now dispersing over the great lakes. The weather continues moderately cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan but has turned much milder in Alberta.

Probabilities Here: Maritime—Increasing southeasterly winds, followed by sleet or rain tonight and on Thursday.

SERBIA WILLING TO LEAVE PORT TO GREAT POWERS

Important Step in Interests of Peace Announced in London

Will Rely on Justice of European Nations Relative to Adriatic Port—Negotiations Also With Austria—Military Men May Upset Turkish Government

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 18—Serbia took a most important step in the direction of peace today by intimating her willingness to leave the matter of an outlet on the Adriatic Sea entirely in the hands of the great European powers. In announcing the decision of the Serbian government to take this step, the Serbian peace delegation reported that Serbia stands ready to accept moderate ones and that, relying on the moderation, the justice of her claim and the sympathies of the European governments, she had decided to take the course indicated.

In regard to the tension between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, it is generally expected that direct negotiations between the two nations will begin immediately. The object aimed at will be the realization of the mutual desire of the two countries for the clearing up of the situation and the removal of misunderstandings.

No Peace Talk With Greece While Fighting Goes on The peace conference was interrupted yesterday owing to the fact that Greece, while still waging war, wanted to be represented in the conference. The Turkish delegates refused to resume the conference until the fighting had ceased and the removal of instructions from Constantinople. The conference adjourned until Thursday.

The first sitting of the ambassadorial conference was held yesterday afternoon and continued for three hours. The contingency that mediation may offer the only solution of the Balkan situation was discussed and the United States government was mentioned as a possible mediator. General Danaglis, aide to Crown Prince Constantine of Greece, arrived in London last night. He brought important documents for Premier Venizelos, who has also received an avalanche of telegrams concerning the situation in Greece and the Greek military and naval operations. Greece alone among the Balkan states is fighting Turkey on four different fields, the east at Saloniki, to the north and on the Adriatic and Aegean Seas. The whole Greek delegation is busy deciphering dispatches. The Greek premier, pointing to them last night with his usual impassioned exclamation, "Now nobody will say more than that it was an exaggeration to

GAS PLANT OF HOTEL EXPLODES; MAN DIES

Carlyle, Sask., Dec. 18—An explosion in the gas plant in the cellar of the Antler Hotel, owned by E. Rifford here, on Monday morning, resulted in the death of one man and the destruction of the hotel worth \$20,000 damage. The force blew up the kitchen floor and part of the floor above it, and hurled sleepers out of their beds. F. W. Brown, a local merchant, was sleeping on the second floor, never awakened and his remains were discovered on a burned mat about eight hours later.

CROWN PRINCE NOT TUBERCULAR

Berlin, Dec. 18—Proof that the Crown Prince Alexis of Russia is not suffering from tuberculosis was received by the Russian ambassador here today. The ambassador had called the attention of the Russian imperial family to the remedy for tuberculosis, which Dr. Fridrich F. Friedmann had announced. In reply to his communication, the Russian ambassador was informed that a tubercular diagnosis of the imperial crown prince's ailment was absolutely excluded, whatever else may be the nature of his ailment.

IN A FRENZY AS TIME FOR DEATH DRAWS NEAR Montreal Prisoner Physical and Nervous Wreck—Screams and Shouts as he Paces Cell

Montreal, Dec. 18—With death on his mind only forty-eight hours distant, Carlo Di Battista is today a physical and nervous wreck in the Montreal jail. When early this morning the governor of the prison visited the condemned man to tell him that the last ray of hope had vanished and that the cabinet would not interfere with the course of the law, he broke down utterly. In striking contrast to the youthful

DOUBLE TRACK FOR PARTS OF C. P. R. LINE

Near St. John and Between McAdam and Vanceboro, Because of Traffic Rush

The steady and rapid growth of the traffic handled by the Canadian Pacific Railway through this port has become so great that it is necessary to provide for its prompt despatch. Although it is said that the larger part of the single line between St. John and Montreal is capable of handling almost double the present amount of traffic, there are portions of it where the need of more room is being felt.

In order to meet this need it is reported that the C. P. R. will commence next spring to double track two sections of the road. One of these will be the first section extending out of St. John, where the traffic inward and outward for both St. John and West St. John concentrated. The other will be the section between McAdam and Vanceboro, where the traffic from the branch lines and from the New England lines all meets on the one track.

With these sections double tracked it is said that the road will be equipped to handle all the increase in business that will be expected for some considerable time.

FORMER OROMOCTO MAN KILLED IN WISCONSIN

Chief McCollom Gets Word of Death of Daniel Hatch

Fredericton, Dec. 18—Chief of Police McCollom has a telegram from Bayfield, Wisconsin, asking him to notify relatives of Daniel Hatch, of West Oromocto, New Brunswick, who had been killed in the lumber woods near there. The telegram stated that Hatch was a brother of Ashby R. Hatch, a brother at West Oromocto. No details of the fatality were contained in the telegram.

Daniel Hatch, who was about 48 years old, had been in Wisconsin for twenty or twenty-five years. He was killed by a log about three years ago. He is buried near the death of his son, who was also killed by a log.

A DARING OPERATION

Fireman's Broken Back is Wiped Together and He Lives

Philadelphia, Dec. 18—That George Wente, a fire engine driver, whose back was broken in an accident, is alive today is due to one of the most daring operations ever performed in St. Mary's Hospital.

Doctors John A. Boger and Samuel S. Kelly uncovered the backbone and removed several pieces of splintered vertebrae which were pressing on the spinal cord. Then Dr. Boger ran silver wires through the adjoining vertebrae and wired them together.

The surgeon's confident he will survive. The paralyzation has gone.

BIGGEST XMAS TREE EVER FOR NEW YORK EAST SIDE TOTS

New York, Dec. 18—A giant Christmas tree, declared to be the largest ever set up in this country, will be placed in Madison Square next week by the Adolphus Town Memorial Church.

The site and building have been purchased for \$400 and the remainder of \$1,333,548.27, total liabilities of \$60,772,048.05, paid up capital \$2,000,000, and a balance of \$78,487.75 on profit and loss account.

CUT POLICE FORCE TO ONE HALF AT YEAR END

Commissioner McLellan's Plan Adopted By Meeting Today But Explanation Not Given—The Probable One

"Resolved, that from and after the thirty-first day of December, the police force of the City of St. John be reduced to one man."

This resolution was presented to the city commissioners at their meeting this morning by H. R. McLellan, commissioner of public safety, and was unanimously adopted. The only further information or explanation given to the press was that the effect of the resolution would not be to deprive the city of protection for a single hour during which the citizens now receive protection.

Although no announcement regarding the reason for the resolution has been made it is understood that this is another move on the part of the city to further their request that the appointment of the chief be vested in the common council. This request was made to the government some time ago, but the effect only received was that the matter would come up in the ordinary course of legislation. This was not sufficiently

prompt action to meet the ideas of the city authorities; hence, the resolution. Under the present police act the chief is appointed by the provincial government and he has the power to hire and discharge the members of his force. Lately all appointments have been subject to the approval of the commissioner of public safety, but this was only by arrangement and had no legal basis. The city has the power, however, to regulate the size of the force, and under this authority the city has the power to take the step outlined in the resolution of today.

It is supposed that, in order to provide the necessary protection for the city, the members of the present force, or such of them as meet his approval, or any other body which will place them directly under the chief, will be left a head without a body, will become a matter of minor importance.

It is said to be the plan in view, but it is possible that the commissioners may reach some other arrangement with the government before the end of the month that will make this course unnecessary.

GERMAN SERGEANT GUILTY OF TREASON

Fifteen Years Penal Servitude and \$4,000 Fine—Said he Received \$19,000 as Russian Spy

Berlin, Dec. 18—Sergeant Woolfing, a non-commissioned officer at the fortress of Thorn, has been sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude and to a fine of \$4,000 for treason.

The government has confiscated \$10,000, which it is alleged he received from Russia for spying.

Believe 31 ARE DEAD IN MINE

Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 11—Thirty-one coal miners are believed to have been killed by an explosion of black damp in the Achenbach mine this morning.

Six bodies have been recovered from the pit and twenty-five miners are still missing. The explosion was so violent that it is thought all were killed.

PRESERVE HISTORIC METHODIST CHURCH

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18—The first Methodist church in Canada, which was erected by United Empire Loyalists on the shores of Hay Bay, will be preserved and will be known as the "Adolphus Town Memorial Church."

The site and building have been purchased for \$400 and the remainder of \$1,333,548.27, total liabilities of \$60,772,048.05, paid up capital \$2,000,000, and a balance of \$78,487.75 on profit and loss account.

SOCIAL LEADERS CAUGHT IN RAID ON GAMBLING HOUSE

Three Young Married Women of Prominence in London Society

MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE

Night Visit Might Have Involved Several M. P.'s and a Cabinet Minister—Another Place Which Police Fear to Raid Because of Patrons

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 18—Details which came out in court yesterday in regard to a sensational raid made on Sunday night on a west end gambling house show, in the words of Prosecutor Munket, that the place raided was one of the largest gambling establishments in London.

The raid took place at 6.30 p. m., which is supposed to be a quiet time, yet the counters before the dozen players at the tables represented \$4,000. The counters before Gross, the acting croupier, represented \$20,000 in notes of value of \$200, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10 and \$5. The game was chemin de fer.

Three young married women and all the men captured held good positions in society and many of them are of independent means, but a night raid would inevitably have resulted in the capture of a dozen members of parliament and possibly one member of the cabinet.

Some idea of the tremendous profits made at this house was gleaned from the bank account of McKay, the proprietor. September this amounted to \$63,000. When arrested he had \$180,000 in his credit.

The police are watching gambling houses in Grosvenor Square, one of the most exclusive parts of the west end, run by a former captain in the army, who is only the wealthiest and most eminent people in England are admitted. The police would like to raid this place but are afraid of the scandal which would result as it is feared that they would capture one of the biggest names in English political life, not to mention the biggest names in Bret and Westminster.

NEW PRESIDENT SOUNDS WARNING

Wilson Holds Out Threat to Any Man Who Deliberately Starts Financial Panic

New York, Dec. 18—President-elect Wilson last night held up a warning flag to any man who might deliberately start a panic in the United States in order to show that intended legislative policies were wrong.

In a speech at the banquet of the Southern Society of New York he declared that he had heard sinister predictions of what would follow if the democratic party put into effect changes in economic policy. He first distinguished between "natural" and "unnatural" panics. He said that in many cases panic had come naturally because of a mental disturbance of people with reference to loans and money generally.

"But the machinery is in existence," he said, "by which the panic can be deliberately done. Frankly I do not think there is any man living who dares use the machinery for that purpose. If he does, I promise him not for myself but for my fellow countrymen, a gibbet as high as Haman."

The governor added that he meant no "literal gibbet," for "that is not painful," but he said it would be a gibbet of public disgrace which would live "as long as the members of that man's family survived."

"America with her eyes open is not going to let a panic happen," continued the governor. "But I speak as if I expected, as if I feared it. I do not. I am afraid of nothing."

UNION BANK OF CANADA REPORT

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18—The forty-eighth annual report of the Union Bank of Canada shows assets amounting to \$89,468,227.97, total liabilities of \$60,772,048.05, paid up capital \$2,000,000, and a balance of \$78,487.75 on profit and loss account.

The following directors were elected—W. R. Allan, S. Barker, M. F. M. Burt, Leitch, Colonel John Carson, Edward L. Drewry, E. I. A. Duvernay, John Galt, S. Haas, P. E. Kenaston, Wm. Price, R. T. Riley, Geo. H. Thompson, Hon. John Sharles, Wm. Shaw and F. W. Heubach.

PARISH PRIEST OF CHARLO IS DEAD

Rev. Father Patenaude Succumbs to Paralysis at Age of Seventy

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 18—At Charlo on Sunday morning a well known priest of the diocese of Chatham, Rev. Fr. Edmund Patenaude, passed away. For 29 years he endeared himself to the people of St. Margaret's as their spiritual advisor, and only two years ago removed to Charlo. Father Patenaude had not been seriously ill until last Friday, when he was stricken with paralysis.

The news was received here by his many friends with deep regret and was a great shock to all. He was born in St. Joseph de Chatham, Que., on Nov. 18, 1842. He was ordained priest in Chatham on Feb. 2, 1868, and had thus nearly completed thirty years in the priesthood when death called him away. The funeral was held at Charlo at ten o'clock this morning. His Lordship Bishop Barry and Rev. Father O'Leary left for Charlo yesterday afternoon and this morning the plan was handed to the land agents of the Canadian Northern Railway and accepted.

BUY 200 LOTS AT COST OF \$1,400,000

Toronto, Dec. 18—About 200 red patches scattered over a twelve feet square, represent John F. Hanson's purchase of 81,400,000 worth of Lakeland stock. He made his selection yesterday afternoon and this morning the plan was handed to the land agents of the Canadian Northern Railway and accepted.