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SHELDON NOW SAID TO BE FORGER

Bogus Page in Phoenix of Brooklyn Company Records Giving Unlimited Power to Him

New York, Dec. 13—George Preston Sheldon, for many years president of the Phoenix Insurance Company and who is now under indictment on a charge of having misappropriated \$45,000 of the funds of the company, says there is an actual shortage of more than \$100,000 in now accused of forgery in addition to the other offenses.

Members of the board of directors of the Phoenix are corroborated by the investigations of the state insurance department in the statement that in the book of minutes of the Phoenix Company for the year 1893, there was fraudulently substituted a page, both sides of which are in the handwriting of Sheldon, and which empowered him to pledge the securities of the Phoenix Company in such a manner as he deemed fit.

MOVING PICTURES RECORDED THE MURDER OF ITO

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 12—For the first time in the world's history, according to reports brought from the Far East, by the steamer Kanamaru, a moving picture film is to be used in a murder trial.

CRUCIAL TIME IN BASEBALL IS HERE

New York, Dec. 13—Upon the arrival of President Dan Johnson of the American League in New York today, the baseball public will soon learn whether the junior league's opposition to the election of John Montgomery Ward to the presidency of the National League will cause a split in the peaceful relations between the two bodies.

CANADA AND THE WEST INDIES

London, Dec. 13—The Royal Commission which has been enquiring into the question of reciprocal trade relations with Canada and the West Indies has unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Resolved that a preferential trading arrangement between the British West Indies, British Guiana and Canada offers the best prospects for future welfare and prosperity of these colonies, provided the interests of the individual colonies be safeguarded."

FRUIT EATING TO CURE LIQUOR HABIT

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 13—Dr. Samuel Bailey, of Mount Airy, and a prominent member of the National Medical Society, before the State Horticultural Society declared that apple eating kills the taste for cocktails and other strong drinks.

HEAD OF PORTLAND GAS COMPANY DEAD

Portland, Me., Dec. 13—Edward H. Davies, for fifty years at the head of the Portland Gas Company, either as president or manager, died yesterday at the age of ninety-one. He had always been esteemed as one of Portland's astute business and financial men. He was born here in 1818.

STRICKEN KING SHOWS FORTITUDE

Leopold in Critical Condition But Report That He is Dying Lacks Confirmations—Summons Lawyer

Brussels, Dec. 13—King Leopold was reported as dying today, but the report lacked confirmation. It is known that the condition of His Majesty has reached a critical stage, but death is not at hand.



THE KING SLEPT INTERMITTENTLY LAST NIGHT. DURING ONE PERIOD OF WAKEFULNESS, HE SENT FOR HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, BARON GIFFIN, WHO REMAINED SEVERAL MOMENTS IN THE CHAMBER.

MATTER OF APPEAL BY DR. CURREY NOT DECIDED ON

The appeal in the Currey separation suit, of which notice was given by M. G. Teed, K. C., counsel for Mrs. Currey, before Judge McKewen in Fredericton on Saturday, will be heard before the Supreme Court of New Brunswick at its next sitting in January. It has not yet been decided whether or not an appeal will be entered on behalf of Dr. Currey, but this matter will be determined within the next few days.

WILL HELP STEEL WORKERS IN STRIKE

Gompers Makes Statement Before Federation Conference in Pittsburgh

Pittsburg, Dec. 12—"We are desirous of helping the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, in this contest with the United States Steel Corporation and will do all within our power to that end." That was about as far as Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is here for the conference today on the situation of the strike of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Plate Workers against the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, a subsidiary of the Steel Corporation, would say when asked for a statement relative to what it was proposed to do.

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BALFOUR IN MIDST OF CAMPAIGN IS ORDERED OUT OF THE FIGHT

Unionist Leader's Doctor Says He Must Rest For Some Weeks—The Government and the Laborites—Suffragette Dresses as Messenger Boy in Effort to Get into Albert Hall Meeting

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13—(Special)—A select committee appointed to consider a bill fixing an eight hour day on public works, held its first sitting today. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King in the chair.

It was agreed to send copies of the bill to manufacturers and others interested in the proposed legislation, and to afford all desiring to give evidence an opportunity to be heard. Another meeting will be held on Wednesday or Thursday.

SCOUR LAKE, ERIE IN HOPE TO SAVE FERRY SURVIVORS

Eric, Pa., Dec. 13—When the sun came up today every available craft of any size put out from the breakwater here to aid in the search for possible survivors of the ill-fated Marquette and Bessemer car ferries No. 2, which was probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie. Nine of the crew of the vessel were brought here last night frozen to death in a small ice-man yawl, in tow of the state fisheries boat Commodore Perry.

It is stated that further boats will be picked up within the next few hours. Capt. Driscoll, commanding the Perry, said: "I expect to find other yavls with the members of the crew (if they are) in them. I hope against hope that I may reach the yavls if there are any about, in time to be of real service."

Officers of the car ferry company have spared no efforts to locate their missing ship and shipwrecked crew. It is reported that the bodies of the nine bodies recovered yesterday will be paid for by the car ferry company, and that the loss in some instances falls heavily upon the railroads.

ZELAYA JUNIOR GETS IN LIMELIGHT

Breach of Promise Suit for \$100,000 is Brought Against Him

New York, Dec. 13—Dr. Anabel Zelaya, second son of Prince Gaitana, of Nicaragua, promises to eclipse his much-written-of father as a subject of news interest this week, when a suit for \$100,000 damages against him is brought to trial in the supreme court.

Miss Elizabeth Juliet Hero, a Greek girl, the daughter of Mrs. Gaitana, of Nicaragua, is the plaintiff in the litigation. She asks money for her wounded affections by reason of the South American physician's failure to keep an alleged promise of marriage.

In justification of the allegation that the young Zelaya wooed her avidly and then jilted her, Miss Hero says she has about 200 love letters that tell in classic "historic prose" how fond he was of her when he looked upon her as his bride-to-be. She charges that he even publicly announced their engagement at a reception to her friends and relatives, and that there was not a jarring note in their relations until his father forbade the marriage, declaring it to be a "mesalliance."

RED CLOUD, NOTED INDIAN CHIEF, DIES

Washington, Dec. 13—Red Cloud, last of the great fighting Indian chiefs, whose name thrilled schoolboys readers of dime novels, is dead, at the age of seventy-nine. The news reached here from Pine Ridge Reservation, S. D. For the past twenty-five years the warrior who scoffed at the army, had been on the reservation. The old chief was helpless for years—blind and hardly able to walk.

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VOLUNTARY UNION, NOT ANNEXATION

Goldwin Smith Replies to Reference in Judge Riddell's Speech—Important Decision on Local Option

Kingston, Dec. 13—(Special)—Dr. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, in a letter to the Standard, thus replies to Judge Riddell's declaration in a recent speech before the Canadian Club of New York, that there was only one man in Canada in favor of annexation, the reference being clearly to Dr. Smith:

"It seems that I have been reported as advocating annexation. Let me assure you that I have studiously avoided the use of the term which implies submission on the part of Canada and the United States. That which I think seems likely to come to pass is a voluntary union of the two great English speaking communities on this continent for their mutual benefit and security. Social fusion seems to be already pretty complete.

SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIER ARRESTED AS WIFE BEATER

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 13—(Special)—An ex-soldier who saw service in South Africa was in the police court this morning charged with being drunk and assaulting his wife. The latter testified that her husband had pulled her hair and otherwise ill-treated her. She had called in her own name with his assistance. They bound the husband and turned him over to the police. He was remanded until Wednesday.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC LEGISLATION AND PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

Montreal, Dec. 13—(Special)—There is now in the hands of the federal government, transmitted to the secretary of state by Hon. J. M. Gibson, who in turn received it from Hon. J. J. Poy, one of the most important documents ever sent out from the Ontario parliament buildings so far as provincial rights are concerned. It is the reply of the people of Ontario through their government to applications and petitions sent to the federal government asking for disallowance of the hydro electric legislation.

HIGH BINDERS FRIGHTEN CHAS. SUEY, CHRISTIAN

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 13—(Special)—Charles Suey, a Chinese, claims that the Highbinders have threatened him because he took out naturalization papers and professed Christianity, and he has asked for police protection. Suey has a white wife and is reported to be worth a lot of money.

MONCTON'S BLACK HAND INCIDENT

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 13—(Special)—A letter received here by the police from W. J. Osborne, business college principal, Fredericton, goes to show that the man arrested here had nothing to do with the writing of the Black Hand letter received by A. S. Torrie, threatening if \$13 was not put in a certain place the Black Hand Society would take his life. A large black hand, was roughly sketched on the top while marks of blood were made in each corner.

FATHER OF GRAIN BINDER INDUSTRY

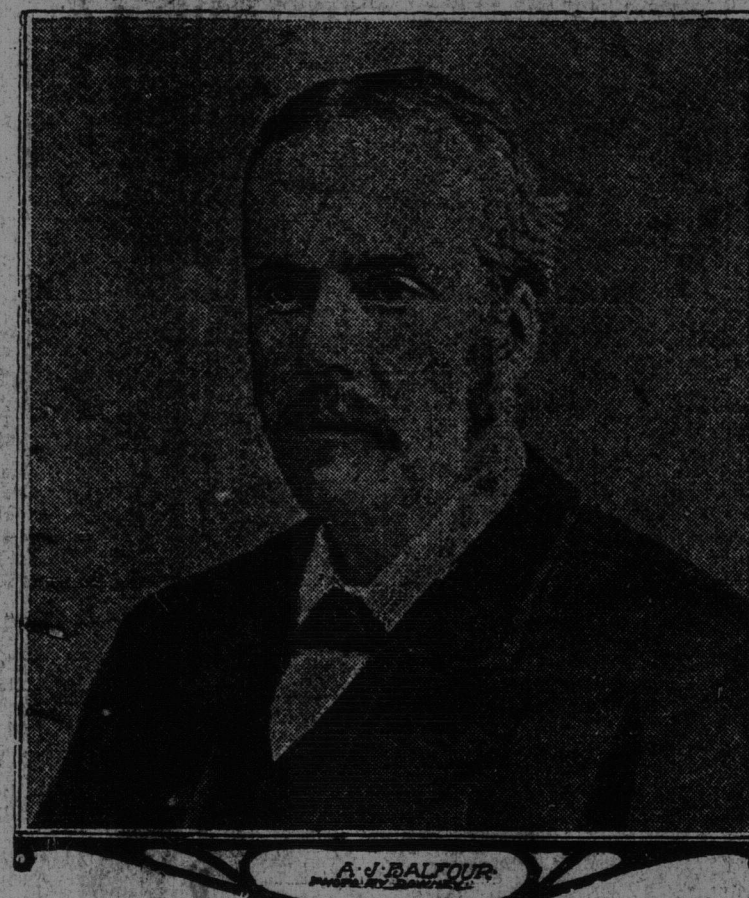
Chicago, Dec. 13—Charles B. Withington, inventor of the first automatic grain binder and known as the "Father of the Grain Binder Industry," died last evening at his residence in Jenneville, Ill.

STRAY BULLET HITS BOY

Thornton, N. H., Dec. 13—Willis Merrill, aged 15, son of William Merrill, a well-to-do farmer of this town, was hit by a stray bullet, supposed to have come from a hunter's gun and his condition is critical.

BOY IS DROWNED

Portland, Me., Dec. 3—While skating on the Presumpscot River yesterday, William Page, Jr., aged 15 of North Windham was drowned. Companions rescued a young woman who was endangered.



Arthur J. Balfour, the Unionist leader, who has been ill for several days, is said to be suffering from jaundice, catarrh, and over fatigue.

New York, Dec. 13—(Special)—San calls says "Neither Prime Minister Asquith's speech nor Mr. Balfour's manifesto can be said to have made much impression on the political situation or to have markedly stimulated interest therein. Both men excel in house of commons debate, but neither possesses the fiery, compelling energy of the great statesman of the depths of popular enthusiasm outside.

Asquith, of course, had a magnificent reception by his great and unanimous audience, but the note of enthusiasm was struck only twice during the opening when Lloyd George entered the hall, and again when he rose to propose a vote of thanks to the prime minister.

CRAIG COMPANY ASK PERMISSION FOR EXPORTING

This and Other Matters to Be Considered at Meeting This Afternoon

The special committee of the common council appointed to arrange about the lease to the David Craig Company will meet this afternoon with the recorder to consider several details of the agreement which have not been provided for in the resolution passed by the council. It has been found, since undertaking to draw up the lease, that certain lots which were included in the agreement with the Craig company are now under lease to Randolph & Baker.

MERGER ESTATE CLAIMANT MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 13—(Special)—Yesterday morning Joseph B. Wolverton, who lives six miles from town, in Northampton, left his wife and a little immigrant girl at home while he went to a neighboring house to telephone to Woodstock. His wife was getting ready to drive here. During his absence she was seized with a paralytic stroke and upon his return she was dead.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE

Rome, Dec. 13—The general assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture, representing forty-six states and colonies, met here yesterday. Count Palma, president of the institute, greeted the delegates, who numbered more than 100, after which Senator Bodio was elected president of the assembly.

TOMMY RYAN MAY ASSIST JEFFRIES

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 13—Tommy Ryan, the former middleweight champion who took an important hand in training James J. Jeffries for his meeting with Jack Johnson. Ryan is at his home in Benton Harbor, (Mich.) in a letter to a local promoter, (Mich.) in a letter to a local promoter, he says that he will confer with Jeffries this week. Ryan is credited with having taught Jeffries the famous "crouch" position.

MAN AND WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 13—While driving across the tracks of the Highland division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. at Mill Plain yesterday, Edward Madden and Mrs. Randolph Wagner were instantly killed when their carriage was struck by an engine. Madden was 28 years old and unmarried. Mrs. Wagner was 38 years old and leaves her husband and three children.

BOUT IS POSTPONED

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 13—The round bout scheduled to take place between Frank Picato and Ad. Wolgast before the Pacific Athletic Club in this city tomorrow, has been postponed until December 31.

Picato's manager asked for the postponement, asserting that Picato was suffering from an attack of grippe. He forfeited \$200 which he put up to insure Picato's appearance.

IN SHORT METRE

Toronto, Dec. 13—A Macedonian was burned to death on Saturday by falling into a tub of cyanide of potassium.

Pop. Ont., Dec. 13—An infant being held into the death of an infant found buried in a soap box. The little one is thought to have been the child of a seventeen-year-old girl.

Toronto, Dec. 13—St. Michael's College team on Saturday won the Canadian Junior Rugby championship from the Alerts of Hamilton.

Montreal, Dec. 13—Ernest Desrochers, K. C. is dead.

Berlin, Dec. 13—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung says that two bombs have been found on the Russian imperial yacht Standart. Several arrests in connection with the supposed plot to blow up the yacht have been made.

Kieff and Yalta.