

# INQUIRY INTO HIGH COST OF LIVING BEGUN

Board of Commissioners Meet in Informal Conference—Take Up Data Already Collected on Monday.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—Special—The cost of living inquiry has already begun. The board appointed by the government last week has been in informal conference and on Monday will begin consideration of the data collected by the departments of the government during and since the Laurier regime. Mr. C. G. James is out of the capital today, but is returning for the meeting Monday.

# NEW PAPER PLEADS FOR TANGO'S JOYS

Editor is Maitre de Ballet, an Exponent of Maxixe and Trot—Defender of Dip.

New York, Dec. 26.—The tango now has a periodical devoted to its interests. There appeared yesterday No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Modern Dance Magazine, defender of the dip and a champion of self-expression.

The editor of the publication is G. Hepburn Wilson, exponent of the maxixe and the turkey trot, who sties himself M. B., which stands for maitre de ballet. Mr. Wilson says he has 4,000 disciples already who are studying the art of self-expression. The editor says he "stands for progress."

The thirty-six pages of the magazine are illustrated principally by pictures of graceful young women in clinging Grecian garments and who are dancing with ghostly partners. "Joy," says the editor in his salutation, "is the spirit of life."

# SEVERE STORM SWEEPS THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Death and considerable property damage resulted from storms which raged throughout Eastern Pennsylvania last night and today. Michael Clark, an inmate at Schuylkill county jail, was killed, and Dennis McFadden, a farmer, were found frozen to death today in snow drifts in the vicinity of Pottsville.

# INVITED TO JOIN MEXICAN FORCES

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Fifty Japanese military officers have requested permission through the Mexican embassy, now in Tokyo, to enlist in the service of the Mexican army, according to information received by the war office here. The rest, it is said, is being given consideration. It is reported that a five hours' skirmish took place today between federals and followers of Zapata on Capitan Mountain near Ajusco, at the edge of the federal district. The federal commander claims that forty-five of the rebels were killed and that the remainder of them were dispersed.

# NEW LAWS FOR STOCK EXCHANGE.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Legislation to regulate stock exchange transactions and prohibit dealings in futures will be the object of hearings before the house committee on agriculture early in the new year. Various bills are pending before the committee, on which action will be asked, and as to which stock exchange officials, congressmen, representatives of the farming interests and others will be given an opportunity to air their views.

# PERSONAL.

The employees of Charles M. Lingley, the printer, presented him with a testimonial of their esteem on Christmas.

# "COUNT," FAVORITE AT TEA DANCES, CAUGHT AS THIEF

After Exciting Automobile Chase in Broadway, Miss Stella Ford, Opera Singer, Causes Arrest of Russian Described as Charles S. Speis—Took Diamond Ring.

New York, Dec. 26.—As the aftermath of a gay whirl through the White Light District a man who gave his name to the police as Charles S. Speis, but who is alleged to have represented himself to be Count von Bromerhoff, son of a Russian nobleman, was locked in a cell in the West Fourteenth street police station last night, accused of grand larceny. The complainant in the case is Miss Stella Ford, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who alleges he stole from her a diamond ring valued at \$350 on the pretext of taking it to a jeweller to have it repaired.

Of soldierly bearing, Speis since arrived in this country, on November 1 last, soon found himself in the good graces of many people met at matinee dances in the Tenderloin, and it was due to his graceful dancing, it is said, that he obtained both money and jewelry from them.

The arrest of the handsome Russian was brought about through the vigilance of Miss Ford, who for more than a week had stationed herself every afternoon at Broadway and West Fifth street for the purpose of having him arrested. Yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Detective Sergeants Trojan and Van Twilert, of the West Thirtieth street station, Miss Ford was standing there when she saw Speis in the tonneau of a big automobile which was going up Broadway at the rate of thirty miles an hour. Motivated by the detectives, Miss Ford started in pursuit of the automobile, but just when Speis turned, and seeing her, the detective declared he ordered the chauffeur to put on more speed.

Automobiles in Pursuit. The detectives shouted to a traffic policeman to intercept the automobile, but before he could do so the automobile had gained headway and was fast disappearing in the direction of Columbus Circle. The shouts of the detectives and Miss Ford caused the driver to stop, and the automobile was being pursued by the detectives. Miss Ford started in pursuit of the automobile, but just when Speis turned, and seeing her, the detective declared he ordered the chauffeur to put on more speed.

# CHICAGO'S UNEMPLOYED WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CULINARY COMMITTEE

Had to Stand too Long in Line Because of Co-operative Bureau's Inadequate Force of Cooks.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—The unemployed were given permission today by the Board of Supervisors to organize their own culinary committee.

The men complained that they were kept too long in line and supplied with badly prepared and insufficient food by the co-operative employment bureau, a private charity which has been caring for them.

The co-operative bureau would be rid of work which it is inadequately prepared to see through, and Secretary Bogart complained that Y. M. C. A. and churches that had promised to aid were not living up to their pledges.

# FELL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT AND ESCAPES DEATH.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—William Pest, King Street, night watchman of the building at 62 Front street, had a miraculous escape from death this morning. He was making his rounds when he stepped into the open elevator shaft. The car was two floors above and he would have fallen to the basement, about 25 feet, had he not grabbed the cable as he fell. By so doing he was able to slide to the bottom of the shaft in safety.

# CUNARD LINER ASCANIA ARRIVES AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—After an absence of half a century, the Cunard Line steamers are again coming to Halifax. Today the Ascania arrived from Southampton, and after landing 189 passengers, sailed to Portland, Maine.

# PARLIAMENT SQUARE, FREDERICTON

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# NOTICES TO FREE POLICE FROM BURDEN OF IDLE MEN

Public Welfare Board in Los Angeles Decides Officers Were Justified in Action During Riot of Unemployed.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 26.—The police were justified in operating the meeting yesterday of 1,000 unemployed men at the Plaza at a cost of the life of one, the arrest of seventy-five, and the clubbing of many others, according to members of the public welfare committee of the city council.

That decision was reached late today after an official investigation of the affair, which convinced the committee that the riot was started by the idle men themselves. The industrial workers of the world, and Mexicans and other foreigners, when the police attempted to stop a public meeting which was being held without a permit.

It was decided to issue complaints tomorrow, charging disturbance of the peace against thirty-two of the seventy-five men arrested, the belief being that it would be easier to obtain convictions upon that charge than upon rioting.

A more serious charge—probably assault with a deadly weapon—will be placed against Jesus Savla, the Mexican accused of stabbing Police Lt. H. R. W. Krieger in the neck after having knocked him down.

During the council's investigation a large number of witnesses was heard. They included officers who were bruised with stones thrown by the rioters and some of the disturbers. Among the witnesses was later an industrial worker of the world, who accused the police of having kicked and beaten the Mexicans about the Plaza.

He said as an I. W. W. he believed the United States government had inherited him, and as that was an organization of which he was a member, if it was strong enough, would take over the government.

# EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES

preside at the opening of a conference of 21 educational associations which will meet Friday the University of London. The conference promises to be one of the greatest gatherings of educators ever held.

Mr. Bryce has chosen for his inaugural address: "Salient educational issues." Dr. J. Scott Kellie, secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, will speak on "Thirty years progress in geographical education," and Lieutenant Sir Robert Baden Powell on "Character building in schools."

# MURDERER BLEW UP HOUSE TO KILL WIFE

Had Quarrelled, and He Placed Blasting Powder on Floor of Dwelling—Mob Try to Lynch Him.

Charleston, West Va., Dec. 26.—Closely guarded by deputies, Thomas Ellis was brought to jail here today charged with the murder of his wife on Christmas night. They had quarrelled, according to the authorities, and while the woman was asleep Ellis is alleged to have placed a quantity of blasting powder in the middle of the floor of their mountain cabin near Winifred, West Va., and exploded it with a fuse. The explosion which tore the cabin to pieces aroused the settlement and Ellis was captured. Officers searched him in a coal mine during the night to prevent his infuriated neighbors from lynching him.

# MARRIED.

BYARD-RICHARDS—By Rev. Wm. Lawson in Zion Methodist parsonage, Dec. 24, Wm. Byard of Truro, Nova Scotia and Hannah Richards of St. John, N. B.

# DIED.

MRS. D. S. ROBERTS—Mary Elizabeth, wife of the late D. S. Roberts passed away in the 79th year of her age, at her home 33 Albert street, December 25. Funeral services at residence, 2:30 p. m., Saturday, 27th inst.

# FUNERAL NOTICE.

The members of True Blue Lodge No. 11 are requested to meet at Fraternal Hall, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28th, at 8 o'clock, to attend the funeral of their late Brother, William Treacraft.

# D. H. TOLMAN, LOAN SHARK KING PREFERENCES TO REMAIN IN PRISON

—Clerks in Supply Department.

New York, Dec. 26.—Daniel H. Tolman, known from coast to coast as the loan shark king, spent Christmas Eve in jail on Hart's Island.

He was arrested last night after he had finished his day's work. He has served two and a half months of a six months of a six months' sentence. As clerk in the stores he checks out the supplies which the ferry brings to the kitchen.

Tolman looked fat and well. The physical lenses of the expensive spectacles which he was wearing contracted strangely with the prison garb of striped blanket, while the small skull of his head protruded through a touch of dignity to his presence. He said that Hart's Island was not a bad place to live in.

Deputies from Albany stated that his son and wife were making efforts to obtain a pardon for him, and that they were offering to give up \$500,000 to obtain his release. Tolman himself, however, does not approve of this, he said.

"I would much rather serve out my time in prison than sacrifice my manhood. There is no reason to think of making such a sacrifice as is there suggested."

Tolman's intention, if his movements had not been interfered with by a process server, was to spend Christmas with his wife and two of her sisters he was to make a two-year tour of the world. He explained that he had sold millions of dollars worth of bonds for enterprises in the far east and in South America and was anxious to see these countries.

Last year at Christmas time Tolman was making his customary annual tour of the string of offices which he had established in every large city of the United States and Canada. He had been out of the country for several months before that time with the upholders of the law, but he thought that through the advice of legal talent he employed his operations were such that he was within the law.

Later he was convicted of usury by Judges Zeller, Collins and Parker, in the Court of Special Sessions. In pronouncing sentence Judge Zeller called Tolman "one of the most contemptible usurers ever brought before the Court." He added that "men of the prisoner's type are a curse upon the community. It is a surprise to this court that such a man as this can do business in a self-respecting community."

Notwithstanding the strictures of the court, Tolman still maintains an entirely different view of his financial transactions. It is what he said is "My presence here is due to the greatest miscarriage of justice in the history of the country. The judges' verdicts before that time with the upholders of the law, but he thought that through the advice of legal talent he employed his operations were such that he was within the law."

"What is usury, anyway? If you are in Wall street you can make a fortune out of it. It is in Wall street loans are made frequently at the rate of more than one hundred per cent. I was in Wall street for many years and the amount of the loan is big, it isn't usury. If you get a cent under \$5,000 then it becomes usury."

"I have spent a lot of money on this fight. The lawyers I employed were astounded when I was convicted. I never thought I should be and my wife seems to have become crazy about it. The lawyers sent some one here yesterday with a paper for me to sign but I didn't read it through. I saw that its purpose was such that I would never have anything to do with it. It was suggested that the total amount of the loans be given up, but there is absolutely no reason to think of that."

Tolman became excited as he talked of this. He called down, however, when he began to discuss life in the prison. He said he found that he was not the only one there without good cause.

"There is one fellow here," he said, "who had a pistol slipped into his pocket and was convicted under the Sullivan law, and another one because he had a few cards brought in from France."

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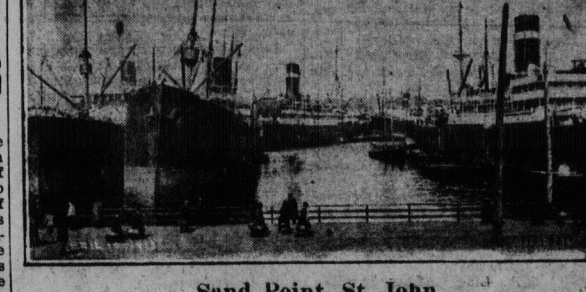
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