

# ALL HINDS TO FURTHER VALLEY RAILWAY SCHEME

## Annual Meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade Held Last Night—President Deals With Many Matters—Several Addresses—Officers Re-elected

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 10.—The annual meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade was held this evening. The meeting was well attended. President Hodge delivered his annual address. He referred to the prosperity of the city and its advancement the past year. In reference to the St. John Valley Railway he spoke at length, speaking of the encouragement received from all along the valley, and strongly recommending the Fredericton Board to urge forward the important work. He strongly urged the institution of a chair of agriculture in connection with our university. He referred at some length to the present passenger and freight service of the railway companies, urged progressive movement in the building of a union station, and dealt with a general complaint made of the early closing of telegraph offices.

The president, in closing, spoke of the fine work done in the past by the Tourist Association, and all regretted the retirement of President Chestnut, who had been so forward in making this association such a success. He advised that the most advantageous possible should be carried on in the future, and recommended the adoption of a week in each year to be known as merchant week.

The president's address was taken up section by section and for the most part referred either to committees or the council to set upon. The matter of passenger service and the closing of telegraph offices was strongly criticized by the board. The question was finally left to a committee with power, if committee thought it necessary, to bring the matter before the railway commission.

A resolution to ask the Dominion

government to vote an increase of \$500 to the historic Hampton, between here and Gasquet, was defeated by an amendment making the recommendation that the increase should apply to any steamer which properly did the service.

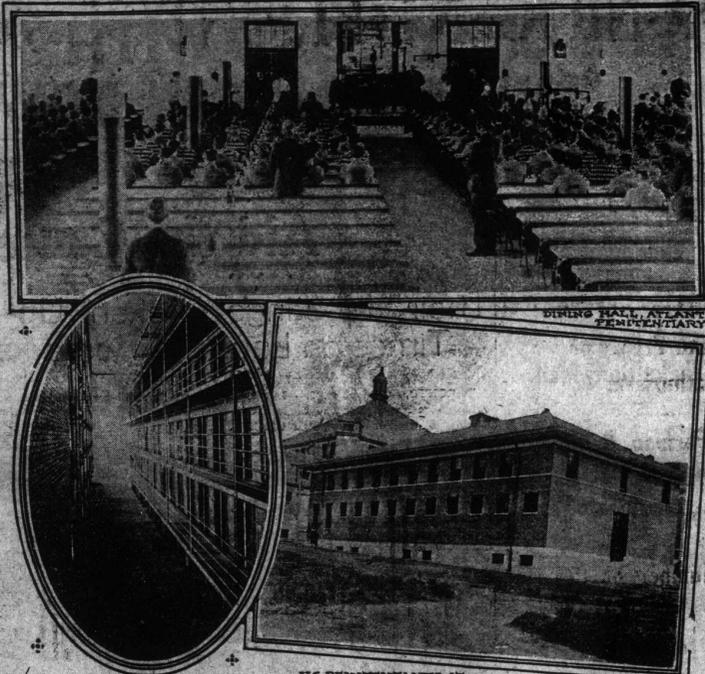
The John Valley Railway brought forth some interesting speeches, both Liberal and Conservative speaking irrespective of politics. All urged the necessity of dropping any political feeling and urging upon the local and federal governments the demand or wish that people asked. On this subject Mr. Slipp, M.P.F., Secretary Winston and others spoke at length.

Mr. Slipp said that for his part he was earnest in seeking that this matter was carried through. The people of his county (Queens) demanded it and with his colleague, Mr. Woods, he would use his best endeavors to bring the matter to a successful termination. The other matters in the address were all strongly recommended and left to the executive council of committee to deal with.

Officers for ensuing year were elected as follows: President, G. W. Hodge; vice-president, J. T. Jennings; secretary, J. J. F. Winslow; treasurer, M. Tennant. Tourist Committee—F. B. Edgecomb, J. W. McCready, T. V. Monahan, A. R. Slipp, A. A. Shirte. Transportation Committee—J. T. Jennings, C. Fred Chestnut, F. B. Edgecombe, G. Y. Dibblee, J. W. McCready.

Council—C. F. Chestnut, F. B. Edgecombe, J. T. Jennings, W. E. Farrar, W. G. Clark, John Palmer, R. Slipp, J. J. Weddall, G. Y. Dibblee, J. S. Neill, J. W. McCready.

# MR. MORSE AT ATLANTA



THE CELLS, ATLANTA PENITENTIARY. U.S. PENITENTIARY AT ATLANTA, (ISOLATION BUILDING) DRAWN BY G. S. BROWN.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Chas. W. Morse, wife of the convicted banker, is here working with the object that her husband be afforded every possible prison advantage and privilege, and to start her campaign to have President Taft pardon him. She regards her husband's conviction as an error of justice, because, she maintains, his violation of the law was only technical. Mrs. Morse shows unmistakable signs of worry and anguish.

# CHILDREN IN GRAVE PERIL

## Fire in Ottawa School Two Conservative Candidates 250 IN DANGER CHABOT AND ELLIS

### Eight Children Injured—A Heartrending Spectacle Latter Refused to Abide by Decision of Convention

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 10.—Fire this morning totally destroyed St. Jean Baptiste school in Hull, and for a time imperiled the lives of 250 children. Eight children were injured through jumping from the windows, two of whom are in a serious condition. Property losses is estimated at ten thousand dollars.

When the fire broke out, mothers ran hither and screaming from all parts of the district to the school. 250 children rushed for the doors, fire escape and windows, and there was much disorder.

Those on the west side of the building, where there was no fire escape, stood at the windows of third, second and first floors. Two or three girls in their party frocks jumped from the window into narrow alleys separating the school from a wooden shed and were seriously injured.

Seeing what was about to occur blankets were held by firemen in which over twenty children were caught. In the meantime the fire had made rapid headway. A hurried search was made of the building and one girl was found who had gone to a clothes cabinet for her jacket and had rescued and revived.

The list of children injured is as follows: Marie Noel, aged 9, broken wrist and back dislocated, may die. Miss Thielberg, wrist probably fractured and injured internally. Miss Turpeite, face cut by broken glass. Edna Laurin, aged 11, broken wrist. Alice Hanau, aged 10, daughter of J. Hanau, caretaker of school, internal injuries. Two firemen were also hurt. Eliza LeBlanc, slight injuries. Miss Lefebvre, slight injuries.

"At one time there was a pile of a dozen kids or more, all unconscious, right under the window," said one of the rescuers in describing the scene. "It was the hardest sight I ever witnessed in my life. Little children were falling around. When they fell on their backs you could have heard all the wind knocked out of their bodies. Many of them lay there apparently lifeless. If they were not pulled out of the way other youngsters would jump on their unconscious forms."

Official (collected with in the past) said: "What a clumsy ox (recognizing superior)—I am."

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—Dr. J. L. Chabot, who was French Canadian Conservative candidate in Ottawa in the last general election, was selected tonight at the Conservative nominating convention to sign a carry the party standard in the coming by-election.

No other names were put in nomination, though a number of members of the association present were inclined to urge the claims of ex-Mayor Ellis, who has already announced himself as an independent Conservative candidate, having as the chief plank in his platform an elaborate naval programme, contemplating a much larger expenditure for immediate construction than the government has announced, coupled also with the proposal for an immediate contribution to Britain of one or more Dreadnaughts or equivalent in cash.

Dr. Chabot in accepting the nomination, said that he would have preferred to wait until the result of future efforts to induce Mr. Ellis to withdraw was known. He also noted that his own health was poor and he had postponed undergoing a surgical operation in order to be present at the meeting. The convention, however, insisted on his accepting the nomination, leaving Mr. Ellis to be dealt with afterward.

A writ for the election will be issued in a day or so and the election will take place at the end of the month or early in February.

After the convention Mr. Ellis was escorted by a number of local Conservative leaders, who appealed to his party loyalty and used every possible argument to induce him to leave the field clear for Dr. Chabot. Mr. Ellis finally refused to yield to the solicitations of his party managers and declared that he would stay in the field unless he was voted out.

He said he owed no party allegiance and was in the field to stay. The conference broke up shortly after midnight. It is possible as the only way out of the quandry, Dr. Chabot may now carry out his previously announced intention of not going to the polls unless he has a clear field.

"He called me a silly ass. What should I do?" "You'd better see a vet."

# OLYMPIC AND TITANIC TO BE 60,000 TONS EACH

## White Star Line's New Steamers Will be Nearly Twice as Large as the Mauretania

LONDON, Jan. 9.—At Messrs. Harland & Wolff's shipyards at Belfast, great progress is being made with the two leviathan steamers, the Olympic and the Titanic, which are being built for the order of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, more widely known as the White Star Line.

In both tonnage and size the Olympic and Titanic will surpass the Mauretania and Lusitania, of the Cunard line, although they are not expected to do so in speed. The Olympic, which is in a more forward state than her sister ship, will be ready for launching in August next, and the Titanic will take the water about the end of the year. The following are the dimensions of each vessel compared with the largest liners afloat:—

Olympic—Tonnage, 60,000; length in feet, 840. Titanic—Tonnage, 60,000; length in feet, 860. Mauretania—Tonnage, 41,938; length in feet, 762. Lusitania—Tonnage, 51,500; length in feet, 762.

In almost every respect the ships will be floating hotels. Dancing rooms, smoking rooms, cabins, a library, and even gardens are to occupy prominent positions in these wonderful vessels. There will be a cool avenue of Oriental palms, beds of roses and carnations, and arbors skilfully contrived by expert gardeners. In the winter months these are to be protected by glass roofs. Among other interesting innovations will be a swimming bath, sufficiently deep for diving and skating rink.

Each vessel will accommodate five thousand persons and the crew of each will number six hundred.

The suites of cabins are to be in their design and fittings equal to the rooms of the finest hotels in Europe, and families will be able to cross the Atlantic in almost the same privacy as in their own homes. There are to be many dining-rooms, the principal one of which will be elaborately decorated and will seat no fewer than six hundred. Those who wish to take their meals on deck can do so at a "verandah cafe" situated on one of the upper decks fifty feet above the level of the water. All the cafes will be decorated in a remarkable manner. They will be fashioned to represent those of the Riviera. Exposed rafters will be twined with vines, and to complete the illusion, the attendants will be similar to those in Southern Europe.

Another interesting feature, which it is expected will be extensively patronized by Americans, will be a replica of the famous Chesire Chop House. It is to be constructed in old English style, with high-backed stalls made of ancient oak, with broad, low tables. The grill room will be open night and day.

With dining rooms, smoking-rooms, ball-rooms, palm courts, a swimming bath, a skating rink, and numerous other interesting features, one wonders if transatlantic passengers will complain of ennui.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—Living as father and daughter, Roberta Puist de Janon, 17 years old, a Philadelphia heiress, and Frederic Cohen, a former waiter at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, who eloped December 29 from Philadelphia, were found and arrested today.

They were discovered by detectives in a rooming-house at West Superior Street, on the north side of the city. When policemen entered the house, Miss de Janon was playing with a pet dog which she took with her when she disappeared with Cohen, who is 47 years old and married. Cohen was reading in an adjoining room.

They were taken to the Chicago Avenue police station. Cohen at first protested against arrest. He soon admitted his identity, however, and Miss de Janon, sobbing bitterly, pleaded with the police to restore her to her parents.

STORY OF FLIGHT

Cohen revealed to the officers a story of his flight with the girl from Philadelphia, a flight extending for thousands of miles through the United States and Canada, and in which a strip in England was interrupted at Halifax because the boat officers would not permit the presence of Miss de Janon's pet dog on the vessel. At least that was Cohen's explanation of the abandonment of the sea voyage, which began at St. John, N.B., but the police believe that he planned to leave the boat at Halifax to elude detectives. Cohen and Miss de Janon reached Chicago on Thursday and rented a room in a boarding house owned by Mrs. Frank Perrin. Cohen introduced the girl as his daughter Alice. He identified himself as Robert King, and said he was a barber just arrived from Montreal in search of work.

The girl, when questioned by the officers at the police station after she had admitted her identity, said that she and Cohen reached Chicago with only \$1.50 and that she gave Cohen a bracelet and a necklace which he planned to procure money to live on. Their apprehension followed a report to the police in the afternoon by Mrs. Perrin, who had seen pictures of the eloping pair in the newspapers, and suspected that her new boarders were the missing Philadelphia couple.

Cohen is locked up to-night at the Chicago Avenue station. He said he would waive extradition papers. The Philadelphia police were advised to come to Chicago for the prisoner. Miss de Janon and her dog were taken to the woman's department of the Harrison Street police station.

Cohen vehemently denied that any harm had come to Miss de Janon since she fled with him from her home. He outlined the route taken to evade capture. They went from Philadelphia to New York City on December 29, remaining there only a few hours.

# MALAY PLANT CURES A MORPHINE "FIEND"

London Physician Vouches for the Efficacy of An Infusion

LONDON, Jan. 9.—A London physician vouches for a cure of the moriac habit of ten years' duration by the infusion of dried leaves of a plant grown in the Malay peninsula. He asserts that a wineglassful of this, taken every half hour daily, for four weeks, cured his patient.

The patient, a man of thirty, had reached a stage where he injected forty-five grains of cocaine, and from twenty-four to thirty grains of morphine into his system daily. He began the new treatment in November. His craving for the drug returned at intervals, but with lessened force, until a week ago, when the cure was announced to be complete. The patient now sleeps eight hours a night.

The qualities of the herb were discovered accidentally. Some Chinese coolies, working on the Malay peninsula, ran short of tea, and in its place used a substitute. The herb, they used, was destroyed their taste for opium.

"See here, you swindler!" exclaimed the suburban property-owner, "when you sold me this house you said that in three months I wouldn't part with it for \$10,000."

"Well, you haven't, have you?" demanded the real estate man.

# MINISTER IS CONVICTED OF ABDUCTING A GIRL

Jury Finds the Rev. W. M. Stuckey Guilty of 'White Slave' Charge

OTTAWA, Kan., Jan. 9.—The Rev. W. M. Stuckey, of Williamsburg, a minister, who had been on trial here charged with abducting Lorena Sutherland, a sixteen-year-old member of his congregation, was found guilty by a jury today.

Stuckey was found guilty on both charges, those of abducting the girl for his own purpose and for abducting her for "white slave" purposes. The penalty is from one to five years on each count.

The Rev. Mr. Stuckey, Williamsburg pastor of a church at Williamsburg, was editor of a newspaper, Lorena Sutherland was a member of his congregation and worked on his newspaper. They were arrested at Waukegan, Ill., where they were found living together last summer. They had also lived in Chicago.

"I'd be a great man," says the Philosopher of Folly, "if I could invent a new excuse for every mistake I made."

LENNY.

To hope! Full high, Come, fairer day! Some sweet maid will walk my way!

—Jean Florena Braun.

# MANY WOMEN ACTIVE IN ENGLAND'S POLITICS

## Voteless Themselves, They Are Valuable as Vote-Getters and May Determine the Result

LONDON, Jan. 9.—It is worth noting how women are gradually gaining a more and more prominent and active part in public affairs, and at the forthcoming general election many candidates will have the assistance of their wives, who, although voteless, are among the most valuable of vote-getters. No doubt the much-abused suffragettes have to a great extent stimulated the interest of their sex generally in politics; for women are beginning to feel that they must fit themselves to wield the power of the vote, which, it appears certain, must come to them in time, even if it come in but restricted form.

Lady Edmund Tennant, who is helping her husband in the Chichester division of Sussex, is quite an expert electioneer who knows how to make a good canvass. She is the eldest daughter of Lord Abingdon, and niece of the British ambassador in Paris.

Lady Tennant has so much brilliance and charm of personality that she will be invaluable to Sir Edward in his contest at Salisbury. Oddly enough, though her sympathies are now with the Liberals, she was brought up in a strictly Conservative atmosphere, being the daughter of the Hon. Percy Wyndham, one of the very first reform crusaders, and the sister of George Wyndham.

Lady Herrietta Cameron is much beloved in Sutherlandshire, which she has inherited. She intends to represent in the next parliament. She is one of the handsomest children of the duke and duchess of Montrose. She married Lord Lifford some three years ago, but long after he succeeded to the title of Viscount. Her marriage to Lord Lansdowne's heir was particularly happy, for not only was her father, Sir Edward Hope, and Lord Lansdowne old cronies from their Eton days, but her mother is similarly an old friend of Lady Lansdowne's.

As the sister-in-law of Lord Bute, Lady Winifred Crichon-Stuart is sure of a hearty welcome from the Cardiff district, for which her husband is standing. She is the only daughter of Lord Gormanston, the head of an ancient Catholic family, who has inherited several colonies. Lady Ninian is a charming hostess.

Mrs. F. E. Smith, whose husband is contesting once again the Walton division of Liverpool, is the daughter of a famous Oxford scholar, the late Rev. H. Furneaux. She is the happy mother of a "pigeon pair," and it is interesting to note, as proof of how little political differences interfere with private friendships, that the godfather of the little boy is Winston Churchill. Mrs. Walrod is very popular in the Tiverton division of Devonshire, which her husband, Lionel Walrod, is contesting. The future Lady Walrod is the eldest daughter of George Coates and sister of Lady Duoro.

Mrs. Alfred Mond, whose husband is leaving Chester to contest Swansea Town, is of course, now in deep mourning for her father-in-law, the great scientist. She is not only beautiful, but extremely witty, amusing and artistic.

Mrs. Seely is now an experienced electioneer, and the free and independent ones of the Abercromby division of Liverpool, for which Colonel J. B. Seely is standing, are enthusiastic about her. Some years ago, while her husband was at the front, she actually won his election for him in the Isle of Wight. Mrs. Seely is a niece of Lord Ernie.

Elections must come naturally to Mrs. G. A. Gibbs, whose husband is fighting West Bristol, for she is the elder daughter of one of Mr. Balfour's most trusted lieutenants, Walter Long. Mrs. Cyril Ward, who is helping her husband in the Thornbury division of Gloucestershire, is a daughter of the late Baron and Baroness de Brien. Last year she presented her husband with twin daughters, only six weeks after her sister-in-law, Lady Dudley, had had twin sons.

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# DE JAGON GIRL TOOK LINER HERE

## She and Cohen Left it at Halifax PAIR CAPTURED Remarkable Story of Chase Over Half the Continent for Missing Heiress

### HEIRESS RUNS AWAY WITH A CHAUFFEUR Daughter of a Wealthy Business Man of Boston is a Bride

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Miss Blanche Gertrude Fisher, young daughter of Wm. N. Fisher, a wealthy cigar manufacturer, created a stir yesterday by eloping to St. John, N. B., with Alvin Ericson, chauffeur for Godfrey Mera, of this city, and marrying him at the Pilgrim Congregational Church. The Rev. Wm. H. Bolster, the so-called "marrying parson," performed the ceremony.

This was the second attempt of the couple to frustrate the plan of the bride's father to hurry her off to Cuba in order to break off the match. The first attempt was made in Providence, but the new law, requiring five days' notice, blocked their plans.

# FRANCE NOT INTERESTED IN MANCHURIAN RAILWAYS

PARIS, Jan. 11.—France's position relative to the proposition for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways was defined semi-officially today as follows:

France has no political interest in the question except to remain loyal to her ally, Russia, and to do nothing which might offend Great Britain and Japan. When those three powers have reached an agreement, France will follow in their wake. It is an international financial syndicate is formed, France will participate upon the condition that she is afforded a basis of absolute equality with the most favored nation.

It is noted that before submitting the note which consists of two separate propositions—first China's repurchase of the Manchurian roads, through the means of an international financial syndicate, and second international support for the construction of the Chin Chow Fu Taiakhar railway, the United States secured the adhesion in principle of Great Britain. It is believed here that the second part of the memorandum has the better chance of success and it is assumed that the United States figures that if this is accepted, it will eventually entail the acceptance of the first part upon the theory that the injunction of two parallel roads will prove necessary, sooner or later.

# CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE SUN SHRINKS NINE INCHES

In one of his lectures on the sun St. Robert Ball pointed out that the sun was the source of all the heat received by this earth. Now, it was a well known fact that most things in cool climates were shorter when it was cold than when it was red hot. The sun, too, must obey this fundamental law and must therefore be getting smaller; if we could measure its diameter on two successive days, we should find it had decreased by nine inches—that was to say, it was shrinking at the rate of, roughly, five feet a week, or a mile in every 20 years.

In view of this shrinkage some of the younger members of his audience might feel anxious lest the sun should not last their time. Such anxiety, however, was groundless. He was 860,000 miles in diameter, so it would take 40,000 years for him to be reduced by 2,000 miles to 858,000, and the lecturer was sure that if there were two suns in the sky, one 860,000 miles in diameter and the other 858,000, no one would be able to tell by looking at them which of the two was the smaller.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Jan. 10.—Eighteen volunteers, composed of doctors, artillerymen and engineers, have reached here from Guatemala. They brought beside their own equipment \$50,000 to aid the cause of the proposed government. Reports from the interior state that hundreds of citizens of the Department of Chontales are flocking to Estrada's army.

MADRID, Jan. 11.—The Marquis de Villalbar, Spanish minister to Washington, has been transferred to Lisbon.

# FIGURING COST

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