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THE TIMES' WASHINGTON LETTER

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—The news that the United States customs officers are making the matter of exacting duties on the presents brought home by the Roosevelt from China, Japan and the Philippines is not dignified even if it is backed by the president in his dual role of father and head of state. In attempting to enforce the tariff laws in regard to dutiable articles brought into the country by travelers the government always places itself in a contemptible and contradictory position. In this case it reaches the zenith of its absurdity and may well be a spectacle to make a patriotic American blush for his native land. These gifts were made by a people anxious to pay tribute to a country for which they have at present no respect and no love. The president's opportunity to pay a tribute to it and they did it in the best and most respectful form they knew. Miss Roosevelt was with-out alternative in the matter of accepting them. To have rejected them to the country would have been to insult the country which had entertained her. No doubt she was bored by the presentations and it is doubtful if she would have looked at the gifts if they had been displayed at an exhibition; but she has had good training and she had good advisers and she accepted gracefully, took a personal interest in supervising their packing, and with a smile in her good eyes again, for she entered no protest and has very skillfully concealed any disgust she may have felt. Miss Roosevelt is rich in her own right, having come into the possession of her twenty-five birthday last year. She could well afford to pay the duty, no matter what she thought about the justice of it. But no sooner had the announcement been made that duty would be collected than she behind the announcement began to fret. It was just the right to demand duty, but it was not just or right to demand too much. A careful inventory of the goods would be made and in order not to excite any disaffection in the White House they would be valued as low as possible. Therefore inspectors who couldn't tell jade from lapis lazuli or royal astoria from Copenhagen are to be given the task of appraising with full instructions as to the injustice of taxing the president's daughter an unseemly amount.

And meanwhile what of the rules of Japan, China, Korea and the friendly princes of the Philippines? They are sitting at home reading with satisfaction that their gifts are still lying in the Georgetown custom house, while the government is preparing for the city, post-haste, to excite any disaffection in the White House they would be valued as low as possible. Therefore inspectors who couldn't tell jade from lapis lazuli or royal astoria from Copenhagen are to be given the task of appraising with full instructions as to the injustice of taxing the president's daughter an unseemly amount.

ARE COMING AFTER CANADIAN MARKET

Ottawa, Nov. 12.—(Special)—The Canadian commercial agent at Bristol writes to the department that the Welsh owners intend on account of the high price of anthracite in this country to enter into competition with the Pennsylvania mine owners in the Canadian market.

It is said that a higher grade of coal can be sold in Canada from Wales for less than the figure paid for United States coal. The intention is to ship the Welsh anthracite to Quebec and have it broken up there into the size required for use.

Charles Callahan, former principal of the Union Point school, and now of St. George, is visiting in Fairville.

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ABOUT PARKER L.

The sale of horses at the Springfield stable, Nov. 10, is attracting much attention. Among the horses offered will be Parker L. 2204, and the owner's statement in the catalogue says:—

"Parker L." was bought in Prince Edward Island last spring for this stable, being second every heat at Chatham, being a head only by "Red Pepper" in 2:17 (outside watches had it 2:16), eligible for the 2:21 class, and looks the best prospect in this class in the province.

"Parker L." is sound, young, good driver and an excellent race horse; has never made a break in all his races. Trainer Warren says:—"He is the best best race horse I ever drove."—Halifax Recorder.

NEW RECORD FOR DAN PATCH

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 11.—Dan Patch, champion pacer, in an exhibition race, day on the track of the Memphis Trotting Association, lowered the world's pacing record with a mile in 1:58. The former record of 1:59 was made by Star Pointer. This was the first time since the inception of the National Trotting board was observed and it was ascertained that the record will be allowed although the attempt was not made at a race meeting.

WRESTLING MATCH

The contestants in the wrestling match to take place in York tonight tomorrow night, Paul Greenway and Geo. Schmale, are competitors in the first leg of the tournament now taking place in Moncton. This match will decide the third prize between Maupas, who won from Peter Dodge here a short time ago, and Schmale, who is one point behind Maupas.

OUT ON BAIL OF \$25,000

Dr. Percy McLeod is Indicted But is Released Under Heavy Bonds.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 11.—The grand jury today reported an indictment against Dr. Percy McLeod, in connection with the suicide case mystery, the indictment charging him with being an accessory after the fact to the operation which resulted in the death of Susan A. Geary, the Cambridge chorus girl.

McLeod was at once arraigned and his bonds were increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Tonight Dr. McLeod was released from jail, Daniel J. Brown and A. S. Pierce, his former sureties furnishing \$25,000 bonds.

THEY MAY MAKE GOOD

Hamilton Bank Manager's Friends May Make Up His Shortage—Dominion W. C. T. U.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 11.—At the opening session of the biennial meeting of the Dominion W. C. T. U., yesterday a strongly worded resolution on the subject of polygamy in the Northwest was passed and ordered to be forwarded to Hon. Mr. Oliver, minister of the interior, with an appeal for a thorough investigation. Reports presented showed 274 unions in the Northwest, with 9,800 members, and \$1,500,000 as a result of the year's financial operations.

Rumors are rife in this city that M. J. Hillhouse Brown, late manager of the city branch of the Bank of Hamilton, will be punished for the big defalcation with which he is charged, but that the shortage will be made good by friends. The case is called next Thursday. However, County Crown Attorney Washington says the prosecution will go on.

REV. C. BURNETT STATES VIEWS

Over-Churched State of St. John—Benefit of Baptist Union.

(Winning Free Press)

"We have too many churches of our denomination in St. John," said Mr. Burnett, "and for some time I have been endeavoring, in conjunction with several of the other ministers of the city, to persuade several of these churches to unite. Prior to the union of the Free Will and Calvinistic branches in New Brunswick, this surplus of churches was not so greatly felt, as both branches were working energetically in St. John and throughout the province. The consummation of the union was effected just two weeks ago, and we believe that the number of churches in St. John might be reduced. We have nine organizations there, which we think is three too many. With a consolidation of our forces, more effective work can be done."

"The union of the two branches of the denomination has been hailed with great pleasure in New Brunswick. Many of the small towns of the province have two Baptist bodies, neither of which could succeed in maintaining services. Under the new arrangement, they will unite and be able to maintain a pastor with ease."

"The union which has been effected will be brought to an issue in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in a constituency of about one hundred and fifty thousand communicants in the Reformed Baptist, who left the Free Will Baptists in 1860 on the business question might also come into the union, but so far there is not much evidence to suggest that they will."

A meeting of the liquor license commissioners was held on Saturday to deal with an application from the Imperial Wine & Spirit Company to have the date of their license changed from May last to November 1. The license taken out was for the purpose of doing business in Union street, but it is likely the company's intention to open up in the store adjoining James McCarthy in Dock street and used by him as a tea store. The commissioners are decided to defer the decision pending further information.

MAY GO TO OTTAWA

Delegation of I. C. R. Freight Handlers to Ask for Higher Wages.

A delegation to Ottawa representing the I. C. R. freight handlers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is a possibility. The wage question is the reason. The local union, No. 8, held a general meeting yesterday in their room, Charlotte street, the vice-president in the chair and the matter was taken up.

The petition fund was debated on and the question of better wages for the freight handlers was gone into vigorously. Letters from Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec and several from Nova Scotia unions in sympathy with the St. John men were read. It is likely the delegation from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will meet the government next January.

The men receive \$1.40 a day and claim it is insufficient, and not just in comparison with the pay of others.

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Acadia Beaten by Moncton

Moncton, Nov. 12.—(Special)—About three hundred football enthusiasts saw Moncton lower the colors of the Acadia football team in one of the fastest games seen on the local gridiron in years. Individually the Moncton players showed up much stronger than Acadia, but the college boys showed the benefit of training in team work although Acadia was forced five times to touch for safety and play was in the visitor's territory the greater part of the time.

Moncton failed to cross their opponent's line once, their only count was on a pass from Scrut to Crockett, who made a star drop kick from Acadia's twenty-five yard line, and scored. The goal was secured in the first half and was the only scoring on either side.

Acadia's scrim is strong but this was also the strong point in the home team. The game for the most part was a series of scrim and so brilliant runs were made. Towards the end of the latter half Acadia made a desperate effort to score and succeeded in forcing Moncton to touch for safety. The line up of the teams was as follows:

Halifax at Harvard

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 11.—The exhibition game of English Rugby football at the Harvard stadium this afternoon between the All-Halifax and Dalhousie University teams, both of Halifax (N. S.), resulted in a tie, 3 to 3, each team scoring one touchdown.

After the game President Eliot was asked for his opinion of the English game as compared with American Rugby, and he said:—"The English game is a beautiful game to watch, and although it is twenty-three years since I have seen a Rugby game, it is thoroughly up to my expectations. I am not prepared at present to recommend its introduction at Harvard, either as a minor sport or a substitute for the American game. It has many good points as a manly sport where skill rises to the top."

Prof. H. S. White, chairman of the Harvard athletic committee, said: "I don't think it is a better game than Association. I think our game with some change would be made more interesting, at the same time be manly."

Other Games

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11.—Pennsylvania today defeated Harvard in one of the fiercest gridiron battles ever witnessed on Franklin Field. The final score was 12 to 6. Penn eleven scored a touchdown and kicked the goals in the first half and the kicker eleven added a second touchdown with goal, by the score of 12 to 6.

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 11.—Princeton rose to the occasion today and defeated Cornell in a splendid exhibition of football by the score of 19 to 0.

WESTPOINT, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Failure to kick a goal saved Westpoint to lose today's game to the Carlisle Indian football eleven. The score was six to five in the Indians' favor. The goal which would have tied the score was missed by Jess Brown.

Prince Louis of Battenberg was a spectator of the game. He watched it intently by throughout, seldom taking his gaze off the play.

At New Haven—Vale, 11; Brown, 0.

DEALT WITH FATAL BOUT

Rev. A. G. H. Dicker Made Pulpit Reference to Queen's Rink Fatality.

In St. Paul's (Valley) church yesterday morning, the pastor, Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, in the course of a sermon preparatory to the mission to be begun in St. John on Sunday next, referred to the New York insurance scandals as showing the tendency of the age. He also spoke of the late fatal sporting exhibition in the Queen's Rink, instancing it as an example of declining of the old religious standards.

There was, he thought, a craving for amusement, a constant longing for excitement. "More than 800 people," said the preacher, "were at a boxing bout that had such a fatal ending and paid admission prices higher than was paid for high class concerts." Many present that night, he thought, could ill afford to spare the money. In contrast to this rather gloomy state the preacher instanced the successful revival being conducted in Wales and hoped that the mission to be held in his church would prove as beneficial.

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