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KILLINGS IN IRELAND SHOW NO SIGNS OF LET-UP

Western Farmers Swing Behind Crerar

Alberta Coal, After All, Equals U.S. Product

FAKIRS SAY BELLEVILLE POOR TOWN

Mediamid Hears All About Native City in Far-Off Los Angeles.

FATHERS WARNED THEM They Couldn't Get Away With Fake Stuff Here—Who Said Lemons!

From W. C. MacDIARMID

Los Angeles, Jan. 28, 1921.

Los Angeles is called the city of the angels by the native sons. The tourists and those from the east, who remain here call it the paradise of the fakirs. When the Missards make the streets of Chicago, New York and Toronto impossible for these slickers to sell their various wares, they get a ticket for Southern California. Some of the best streets of the city are closed to these Klutson Sanford orators, but they infect some of the main streets, the Plaza, Chinatown and the Mexican and Spanish parts. The old market square at Belleville used to hold some splendid samples of these gentry and to listen to them was one of the main outdoor summer evening sports of the Belleville elite.

Passing along one of the interest streets the other day I heard one of these spell binders calling for all the world to come in and see a marvelous invention that burned 95 per cent air, 4 parts kerosene and promised to make all the gas barons in the land commit suicide when they saw the gas this little wonder made. There was the little blue flame in the window and the kettle over it sizzling. "There's a Long, Long Trail with Suckers on Every Foot of It."

Fakirs Know Belleville. No good Bellevillian will ever knock his city. It may not have as many high buildings as Toronto but it has class. The little gas invention brought back the years and I was in Belleville again where the fathers of those artists sold these wonders to a few trusting members of Bridge Street Methodist church and a number of the close-listed residents of Rossmore and Sidney crossing. The tiny pipe that led from the burner to the kerosene tank which Belleville people found out too late was gasoline, struck my eye and I felt that I was with friends. I told them their fathers nearly beat the David Harum of newspaperdom of a job printing bills, but the brain service was slow and they only got to the depot. They said their fathers warned them of Belleville and they showed me a map of Ontario and there was no stops on it between Trenton and Napassee. The Ontario gave the rascals a roast and the proprietor told some of his cronies that he came nearly being handed a lemon by the inventors.

It used to be quite a joke to hand your friend the lemon cross, the double cross or a lemon. Out here in California if you talk about lemons you must whisper it. Lemons in the old days used to be handed out one at a time. Out here you can have a carload of them if you can get them away. Last week forty carloads were dumped in the ocean. Great signs are placed along the roads in the lemon centres, reading "Help Yourself." There is no comedy in this for the Californians. It is tragedy, grim as the ghost scene in Hamlet. If you spent a great deal of your life and money to bring a lemon grove into manhood and then could not give the fruit away you can imagine how the people out here feel about it. The state of California values the lemon groves at \$50,000,000 and the annual revenue has been several million dollars. Owing to the Italian, lemons, prohibition, the Kaiser and the habit of lemons of growing into grape fruit this in-

WEST BUYS ALBERTA COAL; AFTER MANY YEARS DECIDES IT EQUALS AMERICAN PRODUCT

One-Eighth of World's Supply of This Fuel in Alberta's Fields, Yet Until Recently Only Very Small Portion of Daily Consumption Was Canadian

WINNIPEG, Feb. 2.—The coal-buying public of Manitoba has discovered that high grade Alberta lignite coal is cheaper, as clean and as easy to handle as American anthracite, declared a local coal dealer. Canadian coal has arrived and the men who insist that he can burn nothing but American anthracite in his furnace is becoming hard to find.

One-eighth of the world's coal supply is said to be contained in Alberta fields, yet it is estimated that the beginning of 1917 not over seven per cent of the coal consumed in Winnipeg furnaces was the Canadian product.

In 1917, when owing to labor and railroad conditions, it was impossible to obtain American coal in sufficient quantities the government decided to take action and formed a fuel administration, with the result that Alberta coal was introduced to Manitoba. Consumers had to purchase twice as much lignite as anthracite and had to have half their Alberta coal supply before receiving a quota of hard. Men grumbled on the street corners. Afternoon teas became indignation meetings about that "filthy soft coal." However, as the result of the fuel controller's order everybody had to make a test of Canadian coal.

It is estimated now that in the year 1920-21 fifty per cent of the domestic coal consumed in Winnipeg comes from the western mines and old prejudices against western coal are gradually being overcome. An approximate increase of 300 per cent in the sale of western steam coal with a decrease of very nearly 100 per cent in the consumption of American steam coal is recorded.

PREMIER EMPHATIC IN STAND AGAINST O. T. A. SPY SYSTEM

Mr. Drury Don't Like "Stool Pigeons" and Says So, but Mr. Flavelle declares these Kind of People Necessary to Get Convictions.

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—Premier Drury's bitter condemnation of the employment of "stool pigeons" to secure evidence for the prosecution in the Ontario Temperance Act cases was the chief feature of this morning's sitting of the committee appointed by the legislature to consider the workings of the O. T. A. and to suggest possible amendments. The sub-committee had declared itself as realizing that in the enforcing of the O. T. A. it is necessary that they obtain evidence of violations of the act by employing individuals who will place themselves in a position to obtain such evidence. "I don't like that," said Premier Drury promptly.

"We don't stand for stool pigeons," said Dr. Forbes Godfrey. "Mr. Flavelle told us that it was absolutely impossible to get the necessary evidence without employing individuals of this kind.

My own opinion is that if you want to enforce an act you have to get popular sympathy and you cannot do it by methods of this sort," said the premier.

Hon. Mr. Raney said that the O.T.A. would be recast after the referendum next spring. The Attorney General stated there was a whole lot of dead wood in the act.

The committee will recommend to the legislature that standard hotels should not be given the exclusive right to sell malt products and were of the opinion that there should not be any limitation to the hours within which standard hotels should be able to sell temperance beverages.

The committee reported that it had not received any information to justify statements that bars in standard hotels are to be wiped out.

Prohibition has not helped the lemon growers any. With the passing of the hotels the lemon trade got its first hard jolt. It was figured the other way by the temperance men and they thought that lemonade would be a standard drink. In Belleville it was only taken clear once a year on circus day and it had to be colored an attractive red to be put over at that.

No Drink at All. Billy Cochrane tried to make the gin rummy a popular drink before the war. He said they all drank it in Kingston but that was no recommendation. We humored Bill a while and drank them if he bought, but we

WIFE SLAIN AS MAN IS FIRED UPON

Irish Police Inspector is Wounded in Row at County Cork Depot

FOUR POLICE ATTACKED One Slain, One Wounded, When 20 "Enemy" Fire From Ambush.

SKIBBEREEN, Ireland, Feb. 2.—Four policemen were ambushed last night at Dromoleague, County Cork, by a party of twenty men. One of the constables was killed, and one seriously wounded. The others escaped.

His Wife Shot Dead. CORK, Feb. 2.—Captain King, district inspector, was seriously wounded and his wife was shot dead last night near the Malloy railroad station in County Cork.

The curfew goes into operation at nine o'clock in the evening in Malloy. The attack occurred at 10.20. The police, hearing shots, rushed to the railway station, where it is alleged that they were fired upon and one of them was slightly wounded. Several railway men ran up the tracks and a fusillade rang out behind them. One of these men fell dead and several were wounded, one of these wounded being in the infirmary later.

Repeated Volleys. Captain King was on the staff of Commissioner Smith, divisional commander of the Royal Irish Constabulary for Munster, when Smith was murdered in the Cork County Club last July.

A railwayman said repeated volleys were fired at the station. Twenty railwaymen were lined up on the platform for a long time, during which they were compelled to keep their hands raised. Then they were marched off being told that they must go to the barracks.

Prof. Wright Coming To Stir Varsity Men On Extension Plans

Prof. C. H. C. Wright, head of the Department of Architecture in the University of Toronto, will be in Belleville on Friday evening to address all graduates of the University of Toronto and the public in general at the High School on the matter of University extension. There will be an effort to bring about a strong public feeling to back up the action of the special committee which has in hand the matter of urging upon the Provincial Government support of the scheme for extension of buildings and improvement of equipment at the University.

Lions Will Attempt To Improve Local Fair

The Belleville Lions Club will roar in the ears of the Belleville fair directors in an attempt to make them improve the local exposition. They will offer aid by way of suggestions and will even help to spend money if necessary to make the fair a bigger success than it has been so far.

This was decided on today at the noon luncheon at which Mr. J. Owen Herity was chairman. Messrs. O'Flynn, Cherry and Major Ponton on a committee of "cubs" selected to draft a constitution. This having been done, officers will be elected later. E. D. O'Flynn and "Ginger" Stewart were appointed auditors.

CRERAR CALLED THE MAN AS GRAIN GROWERS MEET FARMERS' POLICY O.K.'D

MOOSE JAW, Feb. 2.—The Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association enthusiastically endorsed the leadership of Hon. T. A. Crerar in Federal politics following his address before the session of the annual convention last night.

The resolution, endorsed the promised support of the Association to the new national policy of the Farmer's Association in federal politics, and approved the choice of Mr. Crerar as leader.

CANDLEMAS NOT FINE NOR CLEAR; ONLY ONE WINTER HERE THIS YEAR

Old Adage About Mr. Bruin Comin' Out and Takin' a Bit Squint Around May or May Not be True—Origin of Day Shown.

GAUNT with the winter's fasting in his hibernating quarters, Old Bruin came out at noon today and was greeted by sombre, sullen skies. Not a visible ray of sunlight pierced the gloom at the meridional hour. So Bruin stays out, the harbinger of spring, rather than robins or swallows.

The old adage runs— "If Candlemas is fair and clear, There'll be two winters in the year." So that the opposite will obtain for this year.

Candlemas is the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, celebrated by Roman Catholics. The festival takes its name from the fact that on this day there is a procession of candles and those candles which will be required in divine service for the ensuing year are consecrated. The festival is also observed by the Church of England and the Armenian Church. It has been compared with the Roman festival held in honor of Februa, mother of Mars, when candles were burnt. In Scotland the day is the first of the quarterly terms when interest, taxes, rent must be paid.

Oil Expert Visits Lonsdale to Inspect

Mr. Walter Reeves, of London, England, representing the corporation now interested in the oil developments in Tyendinaga in the vicinity of Lonsdale, was inspecting the property under option today. It is intended to begin drilling operations very shortly.

FIRE FIEND DESTROYS AN ALBERTA LANDMARK

EDMONTON, Feb. 2.—Fire was responsible recently for the destruction of the second oldest ecclesiastical institution in this part of the province when the forty-year-old Catholic church at St. Albert was destroyed.

The church, which was the cathedral for many years, was one of the historical landmarks of the Edmonton district. It was built by the priests and reverend brothers entire-

PRISONER IN MEXICAN MINE, NEVER HEARD OF GREAT WAR

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 2.—A strange tale of imprisonment and slavery in a salt mine in Mexico was unfolded to the immigration officers at the international boundary when they picked up Edwin G. Kehoe. His statements having been substantiated, Kehoe was admitted to Canada and was given transportation to New Westminster.

Kehoe is a native of Quebec, and graduated at Edinburgh University as a civil engineer. In 1908 he took a position with a Mexican oil com-

EASE DOWN ON TERMS TO ENEMY?

London Conference Will Not Pronounce Irrevocable Sentence on Hun.

MAY ALTER EXPORT TAX This Was Strictly French Proposal Advanced to Guarantee Selves.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The conference called by the Supreme Council to be held in London Feb. 28, to which the Germans would be invited will not be for the purpose of pronouncing an irrevocable sentence regarding reparations, from which the Germans will not be able to appeal, it was authoritatively stated here today.

The conference rather would be held to produce a declaration of principles of Germany's indebtedness. It is even probable, it is stated, that a twelve per cent. tax on Germany's exports may be altered by the conference although the principle of the right to impose such tax will be retained.

The export tax measure, it is asserted here, was a strictly French proposal, advanced to guarantee the fullest protection for future German aggression.

No Politics Order Ottawa Conundrum

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Official action by either the management of the Canadian National Railways or the employees on the findings of the board of conciliation investigating the "no politics" order of President Hanna, is not expected by the Labor Dept. for some days. It was said this morning that the finding would be officially received by President Hanna today and by the employees later in the week, as copies of the findings have been forwarded to the latter's headquarters in Winnipeg. The findings has created an interesting situation in official circles and it is expected that the "order" will continue to be a storm centre for a considerable period yet.

CALDER RETURNS. OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Hon. J. A. Calder, president of the privy council, arrived back in Ottawa today from Bermuda. Mr. Calder has quite recovered from his recent attack of grippe.

NEW WAY OF NAMING CENSUS ENUMERATORS. OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Enumerators for the decennial census in June will be named by the government and not by the civil service commission. In all about 15,000 enumerators will be required, and these will be selected for the government by the census commissioners.

LLOYD GEORGE TO VISIT PALESTINE IN SPRING. London, Feb. 2.—Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, will visit Palestine the coming spring, according to a report printed in The Evening Standard. The premier, the report states has accepted the invitation from Sir Herbert Samuel, British high commissioner in Palestine, to make the trip.

LEVEL CROSSING FATALITY

Brookville—Elmer J. Evans, aged 57, a well known cattle and hay buyer of Redwood, N.Y., was seriously injured and his son, Nelson Evans, aged about 30, fatally injured when their Ford runabout was struck and demolished by the New York Central milk train from Ogdensburg to Utica at a level crossing one mile from Theresa. The younger Evans died in the City hospital, Watertown, Saturday afternoon. The accident happened at the same crossing at which an Ottawa life insurance agent was killed three months ago.

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