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Interesting Evidence Heard by Canal Commission

Col. Goethals Says the Gatun Dam Will be a Success—Advises Construction of Fortifications.

PANAMA, Jan. 8.—The special committee of the United States Congress which has been investigating canal affairs here for the past week, has now examined the head of every department of the waterway construction. The most important examination was that of Lt. Col. Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian Canal Co., who testified that he considered the local canal practicable and safe and that the location of the locks on the Pacific side was changed from Sosa Hill farther into the interior for military and economic reasons simply. He explained minutely the hydraulic process of constructing the Gatun Dam which he thinks can never subside. There may be slides during its construction, he said, but none after the work is finished. Col. Goethals does not admit that there is a weak spot in the dam and believes that the peril of seepage has been eliminated. The long reservoir built among the Zool hills shows no seepage whatever through the hills. Col. Goethals believes the canal should be fortified and that the time is ripe to begin the fortification so as to have them finished when the canal is completed. The canal chairman told the committee that \$85,000,000 had already been spent and that the construction of the waterway had not gone beyond preparatory stages of the building of the locks.

LIQUOR DEALERS PROTEST AGAINST POSTPONEMENT

Petition Presented to Mayor Bullock Today—Will Go to Council.

A petition has been presented to Mayor Bullock by the representative of the liquor interests of the city, regarding the proposed plebiscite on ward prohibition. They protest that as they are doing a legal business they deserve fair treatment and submit that an injustice would be done to the dealers if the vote were not taken until the late of the civic elections. If certain of the dealers were forced to go out of business they would probably suffer a serious loss. Besides this there would be difficulty in granting licenses for the coming year. The petition will be submitted to the common council on Monday.

WHAT TOMMY RYAN THINKS OF THE JOHNSON FIGHT

"I was greatly disappointed, although not really surprised over the outcome of the Burns-Johnson fight," said "Philadelphia Tommy" Ryan, the well known local boxing instructor. "The fight was between a heavyweight and a good middleweight and the heavyweight won. Burns is only 5 feet 7 inches tall and what business has he with a man who is over 6 feet tall and heavy, weighing over 200 pounds. "It looks now and though there was no man to dispute the title with Johnson, Al Kaufman, is a fairly good man, but he is not one, two, three with the big negro. The negro is not a game fighter, but he has speed and science. "What about Jeffries?" was asked. "Jeffries will never get into the game again. He is too fat and old and out of condition. No, it looks to me as though Johnson had a cinch on the title for some time to come, unless some new man comes up. Sam Langford is a good fighter, but he would be too small for Johnson. I am afraid Philadelphia Exchange.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

WESTBORO, Mass., Jan. 8.—Henry Gorman, 64 years of age, was burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the little two-story house in which he made his home with Daniel Robinson, Robinson escaped. SACKO, Me., Jan. 8.—An indictment for manslaughter resulting from a gunning fatality, was returned by the grand jury in the Supreme Court today against Seth Chambers, of Sanford, Chambers and a companion named Ralph Downs, of Sanford, were hunting when Chambers' gun was discharged accidentally, killing Downs. The coroner's jury found that Chambers was guilty of gross negligence and the indictment today was based on that charge.

CARRIE NATION "REFORMING" SCOTCH SALOONS.



PRODUCES GOOD PULP FROM SUGAR CANE

Texas Doctor Meets With Success in His Experiments.

WINSTED, Conn., Jan. 9.—Paper pulp has been produced from sugar cane at the mill of a local company according to the foreman in charge there. Experiments by the score have been made with the sugar cane and corn stalks before, but had never been entirely successful. Dr. Bute has returned to Texas highly elated over the results of the tests of his secret process.

NEW ZEALANDERS OPPOSE IMPORTATION OF TIMBER

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Jan. 9.—A great conference of the timber trade was held at Palmerston, North, today to discuss the question of the importation of Oregon pine. The press was excluded, but several delegates asserted after the conference that owing to the recent wholesale importations of pine fully sixty saw mills would close down indefinitely. The mill owners demand the deposit of a duty on all imported timber except in bulk.

BRADSTREET'S PREDICT LARGE SPRING BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Bradstreet's state of trade tomorrow will say: Trade in Canada reflects the usual post-holiday dullness, inventories being the rule in the larger lines. Travelers are preparing for the road and now that the weather is seasonable, a good re-order trade is expected while at the same time the signs point to a large spring business. Business failures during the week ending with January 7, number 41, which compares with 62 in this week last year.

WILL ACT TOGETHER IN DEALING WITH VENEZUELA

THE HAGUE, Jan. 9.—The foreign offices of Holland, France, and Great Britain have been in consultation recently with regard to their disputes with Venezuela and it was intimated here today that the three chancelleries probably will act collectively in dealing with Jose J. Dapual, the Venezuelan envoy sent over to Europe by President Gomez to effect settlement of Venezuela's difficulties with the powers of Europe.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The registrar's statistics show nineteen births in the city last week, eleven of whom were males. There were three marriages. There were eleven deaths in the city during the past week. The causes were as follows: Old age, 3; tuberculosis, 2; neglect, 1; paralysis, 1; diphtheria, 1; pneumonia, 1; gastric cancer, 1; softening of brain, 1. THERMAN, Jan. 8.—There is a persistent rumor in circulation here that 6,000 Afghans, with six guns, have crossed the Sistan frontier into Persia. The Sistan frontier is at the junction of Eastern Persia and Southwest Afghanistan.

LOTS OF ADULTERATION IN CANADIAN PEPPER

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—A bulletin has been issued by the inland revenue department giving results of the analysis of 23 samples of ground pepper sold throughout the Dominion. Of 146 samples sold as white pepper 22, or 22 per cent, were adulterated, and 142 samples sold as black pepper 27, or 24 per cent, were adulterated. While results show considerable improvement over the analysis made in previous years the bulletin points out that ground pepper still remains one of the most badly adulterated articles of food in Canada. Some of the adulterated samples contained sand, cocoon shells and various forms of dirt. The chief centres of adulteration are in and about Montreal and in Winnipeg. An order in council has been passed amending the order respecting coasting trade privileges of foreign vessels passed last month so to allow all coasting ships of foreign countries which had been admitted to Canadian coasting trade up to and of last year to continue in the trade in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec up to July 1st next. The previous order, containing coasting privileges of foreign vessels for a year applied only to vessels over 1,500 tons burden.

DROWNED BEFORE HIS MOTHER'S EYES

HOPEWELL HILL, N. B., Jan. 9.—The recent rain storm and freshet was the cause of considerable loss to the Dobson Bros. Lumber Co. of this place who had a large quantity of logs carried over their boom in the Sawmill Creek and washed out to sea. It is understood the loss will be about two thousand dollars. The freshet was one of the heaviest seen here in years. The body of the little Colwell boy who was drowned near his home at Chester on Wednesday by falling into a stream that had been swollen by the freshet was found yesterday morning not far below where the accident occurred. The body was quite badly bruised by striking against the rocky sides of the stream. The unfortunate lad's mother who saw the accident from her home but was unable to render assistance, is nearly crazed with grief. The little fellow whose father was away at the time, had only been away from the house a little while having told his mother he wanted to see how deep the water was in the stream, which had been swelled to unusual proportions by the rains. While using a pole for this purpose a part of the pole catching the pole jerked him over the edge of the little bridge where he was standing into the rapid current and carried him beyond reach of help. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents throughout the community.

FATAL FIRE IN A NEW YORK TENEMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Three persons are dead, another was probably killed and half a hundred others had narrow escapes tonight when fire swept through a five-story tenement house at No. 62 Ninth Avenue. The bodies, those of two women and a man, were found in an upper hallway burned beyond recognition. The fire started at night when most of the tenants were sleeping. It began in a print shop on the ground floor and was carried speedily through the building by means of the dumb waiter shaft. The toll of life would have been greater had it not been for the prompt and brave action of Nicholas Gontier, a young man of the neighborhood who was passing by. He aroused the tenants, helped several on the lower floors to escape and then ran up stairs to help the people there. The fire was subdued. The financial loss is about \$5,000.

GOVERNMENT WILL BE ECONOMICAL THIS YEAR

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.—The cabinet council has been sitting daily this week getting estimates in readiness for the coming session of parliament. The list is now practically complete and will be ready for presentation to parliament during the first week of the session. The government, in view of the temporary falling off in revenues, has cut down expenditures for this year to the lowest point possible commensurate with the actual needs of the public service, and many projected schemes for public works, etc., have been postponed until next year. It is the intention of the government to include if possible every expenditure in the main estimates and it is hoped that there will be no necessity for bringing down supplementary estimates as usual later in the session. Sir Richard Cartwright is acting as finance minister until Hon. W. S. Fielding's return from London and Paris which will not be until February 1st. Mr. Fielding is now in Paris awaiting the final ratification of the Franco-Canadian trade convention by the French Senate.

UNITED STATES FLEET.

PORT SAID, Jan. 9.—The vessels of the American battleship fleet still in port are being coaled as fast as possible and as soon as their fuel supplies are on board they are being dispatched to the various Mediterranean ports embraced in the new itinerary. The Nebraska left here today for Marseille and the Ohio proceeded for Greece. The Rhode Island left here today for Algiers.

FATAL ENDING TO A FAST AUTO RIDE

N. Y. Broker Killed and Several Others Hurt.

Friend Had Promised Them a Lively Trip—Wheel Came Off the Car and Party Were Spilled.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Thrown from an automobile heading against a fence Edward C. Gilman, a well known real estate broker of Flushing, L. I., was instantly killed in a ride which a party of young men and women of Flushing were taking through the Long Island villages early today. Most of the other occupants of the fast car were believed to have escaped serious injury but Miss Jeanette McKim of Flushing was rendered unconscious and the extent of her injuries has not been ascertained. Miss McKim and two other young women, Lucy Bopert and Dorothy White attended an amateur play given at the Flushing Town Hall last night in which Miss McKim had a part. After the play the party were taken for an automobile ride by Mervin Lee, Mr. Lee promised his friends a fast ride and they had dashed through the villages of Bayshore and Great Neck when one of the wheels of the automobile came off as the car was coasting down a steep hill at a fast clip. Uncontrollable the machine dashed into a fence at the roadside and turned over. Gilman was flung against the fence with great force and the other members of the party were thrown out and badly bruised. Mr. Gilman was a brother of Lawrence Gilman, the well known author and music critic, and a relative of the late Daniel Cook Gilman, head of the John Hopkins University, of Baltimore. Frank Brennan, the chauffeur of the car, was thrown into the ditch, his skull fractured and his left arm broken.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. JOHN PILOT COMMISSIONERS

487 Vessels Yielded \$33,196.30 in Pilot Dues—Decrease Since Last Year. At the monthly meeting of the St. John Pilot Commissioners held in their rooms on Water street yesterday afternoon, the annual statements were submitted by the secretary, J. L. Thomas. A synopsis of the accounts follows:

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Receipts. Licenses of 23 pilots, \$115.00 Licenses of 4 boats, 40.00 25c. per foot on outward pilotage St. John to Musquash 1,968.25 1/2 cts. per foot on return pilotage St. John to Musquash 988.12 \$2,113.22

EXPENDITURES.

Office expenses, etc., \$1,157.41 Balance transferred to pilot fund account, 966.44 \$2,123.85

PILOT FUND ACCOUNT.

Receipts. Balance on hand, 1 Jan. 1908, \$7,313.30 Received from revenue account, 2,123.85 \$9,437.15

EXPENDITURES.

Two pensions paid to 3 pilots \$475.00 Pensions paid to 11 widows and 2 children, 1,431.25 Balance on hand, 8,218.43 \$8,218.43

RETURN OF VESSELS ARRIVING AT THE PORT OF ST. JOHN FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DEC., 1908.

85 schooners, 1 brig, No ships, 2 barques and barquentines, 188 steamships. Total, 287. Amount of pilotage received, \$38,431.55

PILOTAGE RECEIVED, \$4,665.45.

Total, 245 schooners, 2 brigs and brigantines, 1 ship, 11 barques and barquentines, 22 steamships. Total, 487. Total pilotage received, \$33,196.30. The total receipts for 1907 were \$38,072.21. This shows a decrease for 1908 of \$4,875.91. There are now twenty-three pilots registered in St. John and one at Musquash.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—A mail sack containing bonds, etc., worth \$200,000, was stolen from a delivery wagon in the Champs d'Antin, in broad daylight today. The police have not the slightest clue to the thieves.

LATEST WEATHER REPORT

FAIR AND COLD