

### OBSEVE THE FE OF CANADIAN CONFEDERATION

P. E. Island Plans Commemorating 50th Anniversary of the Union. WOULD MAKE THE EVENT GALA ONE. Bring Sir Charles Tupper from England in Warship, and Erect Monument, Among Scheme for Celebration.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 30.—On September 1st, 1864 delegates from Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, met in executive council chamber of provincial legislative building to discuss the idea which subsequently crystallized into Canadian confederation. Tonight in the same chamber a large number of representative citizens met to discuss plans for celebrating next summer the memorable fiftieth anniversary of the confederation. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. B. Daggert, secretary for agriculture. Mr. Daggert returned last evening from Woodstock where he was attending a meeting of the Potato Shippers' Association, and on Friday he will be in Woodstock attending another meeting, when officials of the dominion agricultural department are also expected to be present.

Announcement to that effect was made following a conference which was held this morning by Premier Fleming and Mr. J. B. Daggert, secretary for agriculture. Mr. Daggert returned last evening from Woodstock where he was attending a meeting of the Potato Shippers' Association, and on Friday he will be in Woodstock attending another meeting, when officials of the dominion agricultural department are also expected to be present.

The business of the meeting was then taken up. On the Premier's motion Mr. Justice Hazard, of the supreme court, an ex-premier, was appointed permanent chairman of the general committee. The other members consist of three vice-chairmen, including two from other counties, a permanent secretary and permanent treasurer, an executive committee consisting of senators, federal and provincial members ex officio, the mayors of incorporated towns and sixteen others.

### RESUME WORK ON RACER

Bristol, R. I., Dec. 30.—Construction work on the sloop yacht being built for the Vanderbilt syndicate for the America's Cup trials next year, was resumed today after a delay of two weeks because of a change in the moulding of the keel. The keel plates which had been re-cast were found to fit perfectly.

### BLIZZARDS AND FLOODS DO GREAT DAMAGE IN FRANCE

Railways Cut in Many Places—Tributaries of the Rhine Rise to Dangerous Height—Town of Le Creusot Hit by Cyclone. Paris, Dec. 30.—France and a great part of Europe are experiencing the bitterest year-end in a decade. Blizzards and floods have done damage inland and along the coast. In Spain and Portugal the intense cold has caused numerous deaths. In the south of France the temperature has registered some degrees below zero Fahrenheit. Mount Vesuvius, in Italy, is covered with a mantle of white. Germany is now in the grip of storms, and in many places, including Berlin, there have been heavy falls of snow. In France and southwest Europe the railroads are cut in many places, and this section is completely isolated, so far as telegraphic communications are concerned. Conditions are at their worst in southern and central France, which usually are favored by mild weather. Scores of villages which ordinarily never see snow, are cut off. The suffering of the poor is intense and death from exposure are common.

### TWO MEN ACCUSED WITH BIG TIME TO APPEAR

Only One of Those Accused Present to Stand Trial. STOLEN ARTICLES ARE IDENTIFIED. Officer as Witness Tells of Receiving Packages from Accused—Necklace and Other Valuable Property Stolen. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 30.—The case of the three I. H. trainmen, Fern Perkins, Leonard Hanson, Warren Beaumont, charged with the theft of hundreds of dollars worth of articles entrusted to their care as baggage, was resumed before His Honor Judge C. A. Steeves in the city court this morning.

Only one of the accused, Perkins, appeared to face the serious charge, it being believed that the other two men have left Moncton for parts unknown, thereby forfeiting the bail of \$2,000 on which they were released. The two who skipped out were the baggage-master and brakeman on the same train. Continued on page 2.

### POLITICAL WAR FACES GERMANY

Incident at Zaborn, May be Beginning of Bitter Fight—Resignation of the Chancellor not Improbable. Berlin, Dec. 30.—Indications that Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's retirement may eventually be brought about as a result of the political crisis arising out of the trouble between the civil and military authorities at Zaborn, Alsace, were given at the conventions of the Centre and Liberal parties held yesterday evening.

### PROSPERITY REIGNS ON THE ISLAND

Fox Industry Outstanding Feature of Year—Agriculture Holds its Own—Outlook for 1914 Bright. Charlottetown, Dec. 30.—The outstanding feature of the year on the island has been the phenomenal development of the fox industry. The present value of ranches is \$12,000,000, twenty-five per cent. more than stock on the farms.

### DR. J. L. CHARBOT, M.P. HAS BLOOD POISONING

Scratched Finger While Performing an Operation—Hopes Entertained for His Recovery. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Dr. J. L. Charbot, M. P. for Ottawa, is in a local hospital suffering from blood poisoning contracted a month ago when he scratched a finger while performing an operation. Two operations have since been performed on his arm and it is expected he will recover.

### SHRINERS PILGRIMAGE LEAVES FOR MANILA

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—On a pilgrimage of 14,000 miles, one hundred Nobles of the Myrtle Shrine sailed today for Manila when the degree and Nobles will be conferred on 200 waiting candidates under special dispensation granted to Nile Temple of Seattle. The Shriner, who are making the pilgrimage, come from all parts of the United States and Canada. Many of them are accompanied by members of their families. The class at Manila will be initiated January 31.

### PARLIAMENT OF N.F.L.D MEETS JANUARY 14

Premier Morris Has Twenty-One Members of Peoples' Party—Opposition Numbers Ten of Fishermen's Union. St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—Governor Davidson issued a proclamation to-night summoning the legislature elected last October to meet Wednesday, January 14. Sir Edward Morris, the premier, will continue in power with twenty-one members of the Peoples' party, and Sir Robert Bond, former premier, will head the opposition, consisting of five Liberals and ten members of the Fishermen's Protective Union, which won large majorities in the northern districts.

### TELEGRAPHERS AND RAILWAY REACH TERMS

Strike of Wire-Tickers Averted by Agreement Arrived at Yesterday—Concessions Made by Both Sides. St. Louis, Dec. 30.—A strike of telegraphers on the St. Louis and Frisco Railroad was averted late this afternoon when the receivers of the road reached an agreement with the grievance committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

### MONTREAL IS REJOICING ONCE MORE

Water Enters Conduit for First Time Since Christmas Day—Cheers as Fluid is Pumped to High Levels. Montreal, Dec. 30.—At eleven thirty, five o'clock tonight the first drop of water entering the conduit since the break on Christmas day was captured on its way towards the machine Rappin and was hurried into the city's intakes, whilst dozens of officials and hundreds of minor houses and workmen between the mended break and the pumping station at Point St. Charles, and on through the western division, up to the high level pumping station on the Mountain, were waiting anxiously to cheer the flow of fluid that would bring the first real rest from their labors of the last five days.

### PRESIDENT WILSON ENJOYING HIS REST

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 30.—President Wilson's vacation is greatly improving his health. As he climbed over the bunkers at the golf links today there was a spring in his step and a vigor in his walk that revealed to those who have been observing him how much he has benefited by a week of rest and recreation in the mild golf climate. The president played eighteen holes of golf again today, and seemed to enjoy the exercise. Also he made a much better score today than usual.

### CAUSES GREAT HARDSHIP

The Large Industries Idle, Destitution is Widespread. NEWS FROM CENTRE OF WARFARE SCARCE. Federals Practically Defeated at Ojinaga—Rebel Leader Plans to Drive Enemy Across Border into U. S. Territory. Washington, Dec. 30.—Limited means of communication between the isolated border town of Presidio, Texas, and the north, is given by officials here as the reason that no news reached the state or war departments today regarding the battle reported in progress across the border in the Mexican town of Ojinaga. Some doubt was expressed as to the procedure said to have been adopted by the American military commander at Presidio in the treatment of the federal soldiers who are seeking to cross the line into Texas.

### WHITE RATS TURNED INTO GREEN ONES

Remarkable Illustration of Blood Infusion Demonstrated—Clean Blood and Return it to Body. Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—An apparatus by which blood may be removed, cleansed of impurities and returned to the system, and a contrivance by which it can be determined whether one is suffering from hunger or merely has an appetite were among the inventions demonstrated today by members of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in annual session here. A dog was used to illustrate the blood-purifying apparatus, which was the result of the work of Drs. J. J. Abel, L. G. Rowntree, and B. E. Turner, of Johns Hopkins University. Dr. A. J. Carlson of the University of Chicago, illustrated upon himself the efficiency of the hunger testing machine, his own invention.

### PEARL SET RING STARTS INVESTIGATION

Inquiry to Find if \$15,000 Piece of Jewelry is to be Exempt from Duty. New York, Dec. 30.—A pearl set ring, valued by customs officials at from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and owned by his wife, caused W. E. Corri, former head of the United States Steel Corporation, to have an interview today with General Nelson H. Henry, surveyor of this port.

### JURY IN HANS SCHMIDT CASE COULDN'T AGREE

New York, Dec. 30.—After deliberating thirty-six hours the jury trying the case of Hans Schmidt, the former assistant priest of St. Joseph's church, accused of the murder of Anna Amuller, reported about 10 o'clock tonight that it could not reach an agreement and was discharged.

### SHOOTS SON WITH REVOLVER HE INTENDED FOR SUICIDE

Paris Stirred by Shocking Tragedy—Father Eighty-four Years Old, Shoots Down Son—Says Bullet Was Meant to End His Own Life. Paris, Dec. 30.—An extraordinary tragedy occurred in Paris tonight. A popular English vaudeville performer, known on the stage as Harry Fragon, was shot and killed by his 84-year-old father, Victor Pott. Fragon had dined at a restaurant and on the way to the theatre at which he had been appearing called at the apartment which he occupied with his aged father in the Rue De La Fayette. He found the door bolted, and was kept waiting a long time before it was opened by his father. High words ensued, and suddenly the father seemed to lose all control of himself. He drew a revolver and the son fell with a bullet in his head. The report of the revolver brought to the scene those living in the adjoining apartment and the police. The son was hurried to the hospital where he died; the father was taken to a police station.