

TRAVELLERS HEAR FINE ADDRESSES

Board of Trade Smoker for Knights of Grip Proved Grand Success—Good Time Enjoyed.

Rev. G. M. Campbell Delivers Eloquent Peroration—Spirit of Optimism Very Apparent.

The smoker tendered by the Board of Trade to the commercial travellers last evening in the Assembly room was a great success.

The members of the board did their utmost to make the function a success. They used every effort to get a representative gathering of commercial travellers to listen to the tale of the city's future, and once the audience was secured no pains were spared to make the visitors feel at home.

It was a most successful gathering and while the entertainment was all enjoyable, the feature was really the lofty, eloquent and patriotic address delivered by Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell, who last evening took even higher rank as a platform speaker of rare ability.

CONTRACTORS REPORT PROGRESS ON N. T. R.

Labor Coming in More Freely Since Immigration Regulations Were Relaxed—Some Sections Complete in 1911.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Contractors for several divisions of the National Transcontinental Railway are in the city and report good prospect for work this winter.

Relaxation of immigrant regulations has resulted in labor coming more freely. Difficulty is experienced in some places in getting ballast and prospecting for pits is in progress.

CHANGES IN C. P. R. ENGINEERING DEPT.

J. E. Schwitzer Appointed Chief With Headquarters at Montreal—J. E. Sullivan Goes to Winnipeg.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 28.—The announcement was made by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy today in connection with the organization of the engineering department of the Canadian Pacific Railway now in progress that J. E. Schwitzer, assistant chief engineer, with jurisdiction over western lines, has been appointed chief engineer of the company, a position which has been held in suspension for a considerable number of years.

J. E. Sullivan, assistant chief engineer, who has had charge of the eastern lines for the last three years, goes to Winnipeg as assistant chief engineer with control of the lines west of Fort William. These two appointments become effective January 1st, when Mr. Schwitzer takes up his headquarters in Montreal.

'SDEATH. HERE'S A CONSPIRACY

Dave Russell Announces To Supply Sensation In Few Days—Charged Plot To Ruin Him—Rooms Guarded

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 28.—David Russell promised a splendid sensation in a few days, saying this evening that Detective W. J. Burns of New York has uncovered one of the greatest conspiracies ever heard of in Canada.

Russell, who has had his offices and apartments guarded for two months by detectives, says there is a conspiracy to ruin his reputation and says someone is supplying a barrel of money for the purpose and this is what he wants to find out.

INSANE MAN HEIR TO \$200,000 ESTATE

Frank Healy, Incarcerated In Asylum Has No Understanding Of Brother's Death—Commission Appointed.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Though Frank Healy, for 17 years an inmate of the government hospital for the insane, is sole heir to an estate worth nearly \$200,000 left him by his brother, James A. Healy, a druggist who died last Sunday, he may never be able to use any of it.

The court was informed today that when the news of his brother's death was imparted to Healy at the asylum, he neither responded nor gave any sign of understanding what was being told him.

At the death of the present heir, the estate will be given to the nearest relatives of the dead druggist, who are cousins.

IDENTIFY TRIO UNDER ARREST IN CHICAGO

Springfield Resident With His Wife And Her Brother Held For Larceny—Latter Has Police Record.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 28.—After an investigation here today the local police authorities declared that the trio under arrest for burglary in Chicago, were Samuel A. Bertrand, his wife Mrs. Gladys Bertrand, and Harold L. Gay, brother of the woman.

Bertrand's mother is a widow, who lives here and who is highly respected and the possessor of considerable property. Bertrand formerly worked in an automobile establishment in this city. He has never been arrested before, so far as the Springfield police have knowledge.

Young Gay, however, is well known to the local police having been arrested here for breaking and entering and also for larceny from automobiles. The Springfield police have written to the Chicago authorities for information.

WOMAN FALLS DEAD BY HUSBAND'S GRAVE

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Jan. Feeley, of Flushing, L. I., fell dead of heart disease today beside the open grave of her husband, as the coffin was being lowered into it. Husband and wife were both photographers and worked side by side for 35 years.

LOOK FOR RESUMPTION OF RECIPROCAL NEGOTIATIONS



Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—It is impossible to obtain any definite statements here as to the resumption of reciprocity negotiations, but there is every reason to believe that the original programme will be adhered to and that Mr. Fielding and perhaps Mr. Pater-

son will go down to Washington about Jan. 12. The minister of finance has returned to Ottawa feeling much better and will devote his time between now and the reassembly of parliament to clearing off the slate. One of the important questions to be settled is that of an appropriation for Winnipeg's world fair.

At present there is no intention for delivery of the budget speech before February, and it may be March and by that time Mr. Fielding, it is hoped, will be in a position to deliver the speech himself, and to make a detailed announcement as to the result of reciprocity negotiations.

TRouble OVER QUEBEC "PAP"

Liberal M. P.'s in Revolt When Hon. Sydney Fisher Disregards Recommendations For Civil Service Positions.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—There is a new development in the political situation in Quebec which seems likely to still more embarrass the government in that province. There are certain positions in the outside civil service such as customs officers, post office employees and penitentiary guards which are allotted to English Protestants and the award of these positions is generally made upon the recommendation of Hon. Sydney Fisher as the English speaking minister from Quebec.

But it has been the custom in the past for the local member of parliament to pick his own man and forward his recommendation to Mr. Fisher with the idea that it will be at once accepted.

Now, however, a change has come over the situation. The minister of agriculture is reported by Liberal members to be refusing their recommendations and appointing friends of his own.

The result is that the Liberal M. P.'s who have English constituents who they are anxious to placate, are unable to "deliver the goods" and three of them were in Ottawa today to present an ultimatum to the prime minister that "this thing has got to stop." That they must have some say in the patronage of their districts, and that if they do not get it, they will know the reason why.

Mr. Dubeau, one of the Liberal M. P.'s in the city is very loud in his protestations.

STILL LIVES WITH PART OF BRAIN GONE

Independence, Kas., Dec. 28.—Although five square inches of his skull and a part of his brain are gone, Claude Stafford, 18 years of age, of Peru, Kas., apparently is recovering in a hospital here from a bullet wound received in Tulsa, Okla., last Saturday.

FIVE KILLED; MANY INJURED IN EXPLOSION

2,400 Pounds Of Blasting Powder Accidentally Struck By Workmen At El Paso, Texas—Houses Wrecked.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Five persons were killed, a score injured and an extensive property damage resulted today when workmen at the plant of the American Smelter and Refining Company, endeavoring to destroy a slag pile, accidentally exploded 2,400 pounds of blasting powder.

The explosion partly wrecked the plant and many small houses in the vicinity while window glass three miles distant was broken. The men were tunnelling under the mound of slag when the explosion occurred. Eight workmen in the tunnel farthest away were taken out alive. Tonight two bodies had been taken from the tunnel nearest the scene.

Three other workmen are known to have been in the same tunnel and could not have escaped death. In other tunnels imprisoned workmen are signalling to the rescuers and the work of digging into these is proceeding tonight. All the dead are Mexicans. Of the injured who were struck by flying debris, one is expected to die.

RAINBOW TO MEET EARL GREY IN NORTH

Governor General Will Start On Long Trip Northward Early In July—Will Occupy Three Weeks Time.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—When Earl Grey reaches the Arctic Ocean next summer after the long trip he has planned down the MacKenzie River from Edmonton, he will be met by the cruiser Rainbow. The cruiser will be sent north in the spring to meet him, passing through Behring Sea, and Behring Straits and around Alaska to the mouth of the MacKenzie River.

ENGLISHMAN WON CONTEST

James Radley In French Machine Makes New Record In Race With Eugene Ely At Los Angeles.

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—England and France in a speed contest defeated the United States today in the first aeroplane Derby ever run. James Radley, the British speed champion, in a French Bleriot monoplane, beat Eugene Ely driving a Curtiss racer, and Phil Parmelee in a "Baby" Wright in an eight and three quarters mile race.

He established a new record for the Los Angeles field, his time for the 8.24 miles being 9:13.15 or an average of about 57 miles an hour. His fastest lap was made at the rate of almost a mile a minute. Ely's time was 10:02.45 or about 52 miles an hour, while Parmelee covered the course in 10:35 or about 40 miles an hour.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS FINISH CONFERENCE

Work Of Normal School Discussed At Last Evening's Session—Annual Meeting Of Guides' Association.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 28.—The conference of the school inspectors will be taken along. He hopes to arrive on the other side after four or five days and six nights in the air, taking advantage of the trade winds as far as possible.

NOT AFRAID OF MOUNT AETNA

Canantia, Sicily, Dec. 28.—Mount Aetna continues to emit flames and smoke but no lava. The people who for a time were wrought up over the possibility of a disaster are now tranquil and it is believed that the volcano will soon subside.

COMMISSION TO CONTROL RATES

STEAMER IN AFTER 105 DAYS

Hamburg American Liner Arrives At Boston With Broken Propellor—Drifting About Since October 28.

New York, Dec. 28.—One hundred and five days out from Busserah, Atlantic Turkey, the Hamburg American steamship Cheruska arrived here today in tow of the Welking steamer Rescue. Since Oct. 28, she had been foundering without a propellor, and as a sailing ship she was not a success.

With favoring winds she sometimes logged 14 knots for the 24 hours. Once she was provisioned by American gunboats, twice she was driven back to a port of call by rough weather, and in one heavy lurch Chief Engineer Winkelman broke a leg.

ENGINEER DEAD WITH HAND ON THROTTLE

Suddenly Stricken With Heart Disease, H. E. Beck, Of Pittsburg Express, Brings Train To Standstill.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 28.—Attacked by heart disease, with his hand at the throttle, H. E. Beck, engineer on the Pittsburg Express, which left Philadelphia at 8:40 this morning, brought his engine to a standstill at Witmer, a few miles east of this city, as he lapsed into unconsciousness.

The sudden stopping of the train attracted the attention of Fireman Moore, and he rushed to the side of his prostrate fellow workman. Beck was hanging out of the cab window and in another moment would have fallen headlong to the track.

Assistance was summoned and the engineer was carried into an express car, where a physician endeavored to restore Beck to consciousness, but he died before the train reached this city. Beck was 62 years of age, and had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years.

ANOTHER PLAN TO CROSS OCEAN

Berlin Birdmen Plan To Sprinkle Balloon To Keep Gas Cool During Voyage—Taking Six Along.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Joseph Brucker, who has announced his intention of attempting in March or April next to cross the Atlantic from the Cape Verde Islands to the Barbador or Trinidad in the airship Suchard, will utilize a novel system to keep his gas cool and prevent loss from radiation.

This will be accomplished by sprinklers constructed at the top of the envelope and which will spray water over the surface of the balloon. The water supply will be hand drawn from the ocean in torpedo shaped cylinders offering a minimum resistance to the waves, and after being taken on board will be pumped through a hose to the sprinklers.

Brucker proposes to carry a crew of six in his craft which will be equipped with two motors, each of 500 horsepower. A non-sinkable lifeboat will be taken along. He hopes to arrive on the other side after four or five days and six nights in the air, taking advantage of the trade winds as far as possible.

Chairman Mabec Confers at Washington on International Railroad Matters.

Question of Charge for Lower Berths Taken Up—Final Conference in Progress.

Washington, Dec. 28.—As a result of a long series of conferences between Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Inter-state commerce commission, and the Hon. J. P. Mabec, chief of the railway commission of Canada, an agreement has been reached to recommend to the governments of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, the creation of an international railroad commission, which shall have supervisory authority over the railway rates in operation between the two countries.

Mr. Mabec arrived in Washington from Ottawa last night, finally to discuss the details of an agreement with Judge Knapp last August, and today the two officials were in conference. Their report will be filed within a few days by Chairman Knapp with the state department and by Mr. Mabec with the foreign office of Canada.

No details of the report yet are available beyond the fact that it recommends the establishment of the international commission, upon which shall be conferred certain defined regulatory powers.

Some Action Necessary. For a considerable period it has been realized that the increasing traffic, both passenger and freight, between the United States and Canada, was likely to render control over rates difficult, unless some international action were taken. The acquisition by American railroads of Canadian terminals and by Canadian railroads of American terminals and lines presents increasing difficulties.

In the existing circumstances it is not possible to compel either railroads or express companies to establish joint through routes and rates to and from points in the two countries. In other words neither an American nor a Canadian carrier may be required to furnish to a shipper a through bill of lading from any point in one country to any point in the other.

The reasonableness of the international rates which ordinarily are a combination of the rates local to each country, can be determined only by a circuitous proceeding instituted before the commissions of both countries. No power at present exists that can require carriers engaged in international transportation to establish what may be regarded officially as reasonable through joint rates and to apportion these rates among the participating carriers in the event they cannot reach an agreement among themselves. Out of this situation grew the idea of the creation of an international commission which should have supervisory control over the railroads and other common carriers doing an international transportation business.

GEMETERY INCIDENT AT NORTH SYDNEY

Two Brothers Arrested On Charge Of Interfering With Interred Remains Of Brother-In-Law.

Special to The Standard. Sydney, C. B., Dec. 28.—Two young men of North Sydney have been arrested on a serious charge and are now awaiting trial. The men are Erwin and Bruce Bragg, who are held for wrongfully interfering with the interred remains of their brother-in-law, Theodore Verdy, who died about a month ago and was buried at Lakeside cemetery.

The information was laid by the deceased's sister, Mrs. Jane Marsh, who alleges that on or about November 27th the Bragg brothers removed the remains from the earth and buried them in another part of the cemetery. The case is creating considerable interest.

HAITI AGREES TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION

Washington, Dec. 28.—In order to avoid hostilities, Haiti has approved the appointment of committees representing that country, and Santo Domingo to decide the boundary disputes between the two countries. This information reached the war department today in a cablegram from American customs officers.

It is probable, the dispatch added, that this plan will succeed unless the troops facing each other get beyond control. W. F. Beall, the American customs collector at Camoudador, is safe.

ANNIVERSARY OF EARTHQUAKE

Messina, Sicily, Dec. 28.—In commemoration of the second anniversary of the great earthquake, the city today assumed the character of deep mourning. Requiem masses were celebrated and addresses were made at a great mass meeting in which warm appreciation was expressed for the aid given by other countries.

CANADIAN COINS.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The finance department is awaiting approval by King George V. of his effigy to be used on Canadian gold coins. As soon as this is done and dies are forwarded, coinage of gold will begin at the Ottawa branch of the Royal mint. It will likely be next month.