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GOOD WORDS FOR OUR MUNICIPAL HOME

York County Councillors Who Visited It Think It is So Well Managed That They Want One Like It.

Frederick, N. B., Jan. 20.—(Special)—The question of establishing a municipal home was taken up by the York county council this morning, and a committee composed of Messrs. McNally, Pond and Akery was appointed to confer with the city council with a view of securing for far better than under the old system which prevails in this country. It was on the motion of the committee that the city council was appointed to ask him to continue in office.

It is expected that the report of the special committee on the Highway Act will be submitted at this afternoon session. The committee will recommend several radical changes. Scott Act cases against Thomas Fenney of the Lorne Hotel and Alonzo Staples, druggist, both third offences, were before the police court this morning, and at the request of counsel for defence, were stood over until tomorrow. City Clerk McCready will prosecute. J. H. Berry, R. C. will defend Fenney and Staples. It is understood that the papers in thirteen other city cases will be served this week, and at the principal witness for the prosecution will be Belyea and McQueston, two young men who have been employed as spotters.

MESSINA SMOTHERED BY SMOKE AND STENCH

Yesterday's Fire Has Burned Much of the Debris—More Rescues Still Being Made—Troops Guard Burned Districts

Messina, Jan. 20.—The area swept yesterday by fire which broke out among the ruins left by the earthquake is still smoldering, smothering the whole town with the smoke, and the noise of burning debris was again. A close watch was maintained, and the working of the pumps was continued for fear the flames might break out again. A column of troops is still maintained about the burnt district to be ready in case of emergency.

CARLETON CURLERS WON

Defeated Two Rinks of Yarmouthians This Morning by 35 to 20.

A large crowd was present in the Carleton curling rink this morning, to witness the curling match between Yarmouth and Carleton. The battle started at 10 o'clock, and both Carleton and Yarmouth had strong teams on the ice. The Carleton curlers carried off the honors, winning in both rinks. Skip Fred Belyea, the old time champion, administered a crushing defeat to C. E. Cairns' rink, beating them 19 to 10. E. R. Taylor defeated Dr. Putnam's rink 16 to 10. It was a big surprise to the crowd to see Carleton down Yarmouth this late evening. After the game three cheers were given for the Carleton curlers. The Yarmouth curlers will leave for home this afternoon. The following is the list of players:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Carleton: A. K. Van Horne, W. H. Estabrooks, A. H. Hood, J. M. Belyea, Roy Cann, Harry Belyea, C. C. Cann, J. Fred Belyea, skip, 35. Yarmouth: L. T. Porter, J. M. Christopher, Wm. Webster, W. Jewett, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, W. Ruddick, Dr. W. G. Pullman, E. R. Taylor, skip, 20.

THE RELIGIOUS CENSUS

More Workers Are Necessary if the Work is to be Done as Outlined.

Rev. David Lang, chairman of the Religious Committee, reports that more workers are required to carry out the present plans of the committee. But 225 have so far volunteered while 500 are required. Any young men or young women over 17 are eligible, and the chairman has in their names to the chairman.

SOURED DEPTHS OF HUMAN SOUL

How Earthquake Affected the People's Minds—None Felt Physical Pain.

London, Jan. 19.—Prof. Cesare Lombroso, the alienist, professor of psychology at the University of Turin, has written a long article on the state of the minds of the people during the recent Italian earthquake. He says that the disaster enables one to sound the very depths of the human soul. He quotes one of the survivors as saying: "I saw the last judgment, the end of the world. I am sure the end of the world must come this way. In the pitch black night I saw houses, tremble, shake and subside, abysses open in the earth, endless shrieks and cries. I thought it was the reign of death as I had pictured it in nightmares. I no longer felt alive. I thought myself dead. I thought that my consciousness was the consciousness that must follow death."

McDONALD IS DEAD

McGill Student Who Shot Himself Yesterday Died This Morning.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Duncan McDonald, the McGill student who accidentally shot himself last night in his room in the Fraternity House, on the corner of St. James and St. Nicholas streets, died this morning in the Royal Victoria Hospital. The coroner disposed of the case as accidental shooting without a jury.

HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN ISSUES STATEMENT ON TARIFF REFORM CAUSE

Birmingham, Jan. 19.—(Special)—Joseph Chamberlain issued the following statement this morning: It seems likely that the year 1909 will not pass away without a discussion in Parliament, and it behooves Tariff Reformers everywhere to take stock of the present situation and to decide on their action in any circumstances. The progress made has been very satisfactory, and it is possible that a general election may lead to a change of government. The present Administration of the country has been found out after a fair trial has been given to its policy. The recent by-elections have proved that a great change has come over the opinion of the country, and show how little foundation there was for the extravagant pretensions with which the Government assumed office. Their ministry legislation has proved to be ineffective, while they have nothing to meet an exceptional time of trade except the old policy which suited their forefathers, but which no longer meets the requirements of the present situation. Yet, while they obstinately cling to a retrograde policy of sixty years ago, they have no remedy to suggest for the evils which it has brought in its train. This has come home to the people largely owing to the efforts of the Tariff Reform League and we have only to continue those efforts to ensure ultimate and speedy success. Meanwhile, the Government must choose between the adoption of our policy, which they scoured when we offered it to them, and the humiliation which attends their continued clinging to office without power. We must pursue without ceasing our effort to educate the people and we prepared to take our practical proposals the moment the opportunity offers. The work already done by the Tariff Commission has provided us with the necessary information on the subject of our widespread commerce, and has given us the materials for a really scientific tariff, which we have reason to hope will ensure more employment for the people and more markets for our producers, both manufacturers and workers.

ARCHBISHOP SWEATLAND ILL.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special)—Archbishop Sweatland is seriously ill at his home, suffering from pneumonia. His condition was very critical through Monday night, but yesterday he improved. Rev. H. F. McLeod and Hon. J. K. Flanagan came in on today's Boston train to attend a meeting of the government here this evening.

CHICAGO LAKE FRONT WAS SCENE OF TRAGEDY TODAY; MAY BE CRIB IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION CAUGHT FIRE—SIXTY MEN WERE AT WORK ON IT—IT IS KNOWN THAT 26 WERE INJURED AND FROM 20 TO 35 ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE JUMPED IN LAKE MICHIGAN AND DROWNED.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—It is reported that twenty men were drowned in attempting to escape from a fire which destroyed one of the intake cribs in Lake Michigan, off 73rd street, today. The crib is one that was established by the George W. Jackson Company, contractors, and is a mile and a half out in Lake Michigan, and connected with the shore by an aerial tramway. Early reports stated that nearly sixty men were working in the crib when the fire broke out.

The tug T. T. Morford, in charge of Captain Johnson, was stationed at the crib, and some of the workmen, many of whom were suffering from burns, were taken on board the tug and brought to the city. The fire broke out at once upon the scene from South Chicago. The first notice that the fire broke out, came in a telephone message to the office of the Jackson Company on the shore. The message read: "The crib is on fire. Send help at once, or a dozen or more of us will be burned alive." The tug T. T. Morford, which was installed to keep it in place and the flames spread rapidly.

Whether World Employees Can be Forced to Testify Before Being Told the Nature of the Case is Expected to be Determined Today.

New York, Jan. 20.—The question whether or not employees of the New York World shall be compelled to testify before a federal grand jury in the Panama Canal libel case, without being informed in the subpoena as to the nature of the case, the name of the complainant or defendant, was expected to be decided by Judge Ward of the United States circuit court today. The subpoena calling the World employees as witnesses demanded that they should testify generally as to what they know concerning the United States, Canal case, but it did not state the name of the subpoena, but C. S. District Attorney Whitson insisted that this form was according to precedent. Briefs sustaining the position and that of the World employees were submitted to Judge Ward today.

CHATHAM NEWS

Central Last Night—Curlers Will Meet New Glasgow for the McEllan Cup.

Chatham, Jan. 20.—(Special)—The carnival held in the Exhibition rink last evening was one of the most successful in years. Over 200 were on the ice in costume and the makeups were exceptionally fine. The curling winners were Best gentleman's costume, Harry Healey, Algonquin Indian; best ladies' costume, Miss Lettie McLean, Algonquin Square; best boys' costume, Arthur MacKenzie, Turkish Coast; best girl's costume, Miss Lettie McLean, Algonquin Square; and best originality, Miss Fenton, the new I. C. R.

TAKING WATER FROM THE NIAGARA FALLS

Taking 8000 Cubic Feet Per Second Only Lowered Falls Two Fifths of an Inch.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The report of the International Waterways Commission on its findings with relation to the diversion of water in the Niagara River by the power plants based on observations made June 14, July 19, and August 1 last, when the two American plants shut down to permit an inspection, shows that by these two plants diverting 8000 cubic feet a second, lowered the water level two-fifths of an inch. The normal flow over the American falls is about 19 inches. The report further shows that of the water diverted on the American side, a larger portion is drawn from water tributary to the Canadian side than has heretofore been estimated.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., Jan. 20.—(Special)—Reaction set in today in the stock market after the opening, but some new high records were created, before realizing a quiet set back.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Henry L. Johnston was held from her late home, St. Patrick street, this afternoon at 2.30. Service was conducted by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, and interment was in Cedar Hill. The funeral of James Sinclair was held from his late home, Waterloo street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. A. A. Graham and interment was in Fernhill. Hon. H. F. McLeod and Hon. J. K. Flanagan came in on today's Boston train to attend a meeting of the government here this evening.

MAINTAIN THE LATEST IN THE EARTHQUAKE CLASS

MR. SPENCE MET THE ALDERMEN

Ex-Controller of Toronto, Talks to Civic Heads of Government by Board of Control.

The mayor and members of the common council met in the mayor's office this morning and had an informal discussion with F. S. Spence, ex-controller of Toronto, on the system of civic government by board of control. The present system of government was discussed, and it is possible that the reorganization committee at its meeting tonight may evolve some changes in the arrangements of the civic government here along the lines referred to by Mr. Spence.

MISCHIEF MONGERS ARE TRYING TOMAKE TROUBLE FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, Jan. 20.—It is believed here among officials and others that the introduction of anti-Japanese bills in the California Legislature and the subsequent attempt to create the impression that Americans and Japanese are much aroused, is merely a continuation of a plan originally determined upon to insure such a result. Following the Canadian club banquet last evening, Dr. T. D. Walker, president, entertained Mr. Spence and a few friends at his home on Princess street.

POLICE COURT

John Chamberlain was charged with incubation, profanity and resistance in a public court this morning. He pleaded not guilty and was represented by G. H. V. Belyea. Policeman McColl testified that he and Officer Belyea, were patrolling Union street shortly after ten o'clock last night and he perceived Chamberlain and two companions in an alley near Watson's corner. He and Belyea continued down the street, until attracted by boisterous talking. They returned and ordered Chamberlain to go home and he replied: "I'll go home when I like," accompanying the remark with a profane phrase. He was then arrested and on the journey to the station kicked and otherwise strove to fire himself. Harry Alexander and three others responded to the summons for assistance and the prisoner was carried into the lock-up. To Mr. Belyea the officer admitted that he overheard the man talking of awaiting the arrival of a car. William Howard and Charles Friars testified that the officers shoved the trio up the street and at the corner grabbed Chamberlain. Friars attributed the remark: "You'll not get him tonight, he's mine," to McColl. He and Howard were attempting to escort Chamberlain to his home and were intending to board a car. A deposit of \$24 was accepted until the resumption this afternoon. Richard Anderson was remanded for incubation and another offence on Main St. Anderson said he had "only a few beers."

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Jan. 20.—Opening prices of stocks were higher but the gains were small with a few exceptions. New York Central rose 1 and Wisconsin Central and Peoples' Gas large fractions. Amalgams bared Copper fell 5/8. The dealings were in moderate volume. The election case in the county court of the Bishop of St. John vs. Ellen Lawlor, was settled out of court this morning.

Great Cloudburst Over Mount Banahai Did Much Damage—Fields Ruined, Highways Impassable and Bridges Destroyed.

Reggio, Jan. 20.—Several additional earthquakes at short intervals were felt here today. Manila, Jan. 20.—The volcano Lomags in the Tayabas province which forms the southwest part of the Island of Luzon, became suddenly active between 8 and 9 o'clock last night and the eruption seriously damaged the surrounding country. No reports of loss of life have been received. Loud reports, detonations and deep rumblings preceded the eruption and were heard during the afternoon. Telegrams received here describe the outbreak of the volcano as a "giant explosion of water." The government of the province reports by telegraph that a large area of cultivated fields was ruined, highways were rendered impassable and many bridges destroyed. It is believed, however, that the subterranean rumblings and detonations warned the people of coming danger in time to allow them to flee to the hills, thus preventing loss of life. From reports received, it appears that torrents of lava rushed down the sides of the volcano during the eruption.

Mexico City, Jan. 20.—The volcano near the city of Colima is in eruption. It is thought that a great quantity of ashes and pumice stone. Several slight earthquakes have been reported from that region but no damage has been done. Predictions of more severe earthquakes are made by seismologists.

Manilla, Jan. 20.—Late despatches today from Tayabas Province, extreme southern Luzon, state that western part of Lomags, express the opinion that what was believed to have been an outbreak of the volcano of Lomags last night, was not an eruption, but merely a great cloudburst over Mount Banahai. The area damaged by the storm is apparently very wide. The government of the province reports fields ruined, highways impassable, and bridges destroyed. Detachments of constabulary have been ordered to ascend the mountains to investigate the cause of the disaster. First reports were that an outbreak of lava had descended with a great explosion of water.

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

These Occupied Most of the Time in the Ottawa Commons Chamber This Morning.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special)—Greetings and introductions were the order of this morning's doings in the parliamentary chamber. The first of the members, fully fifty were on hand to be introduced to their fellow representatives. At noon the members proceeded to sign the book in the commons chamber. The roll, so called, is really a handsomely bound volume, its parchment pages highly illuminated. The first of the signatures were those of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Mr. R. L. Borden and Hon. Sydney Fisher.

MORE ABOUT FRANK BELL

Mrs. Millie Lord Tells About a Letter She Received Nine Years Ago.

Mrs. Nellie Lord, of 83 Breech street, North End, on whom a Times man called yesterday, with reference to the finding of Frank H. Bell, the St. John man who was murdered as dead for 30 years, but who was not at home, said today that about nine years ago she had received a letter from Bell who, in explanation of his writing said that he had an aunt in St. John by the name of Lord, and asked if she would place the letter in the hands of some one by that name, who might know him. On the same day Mrs. Lord said she went to a Mrs. Lord Fring, at the Old Fort Carleton, and there located Bell's aunt, an aged lady. She had but to mention the name of Bell when the old lady exclaimed at once that it was her nephew whom she had mourned as dead, "and" said Mrs. Millie Lord, "she sobbed and cried," she believed after that there was much difficulty in locating Bell. Mrs. Millie Lord is no relation to Bell.

FOUND INDIAN CEMETERY

Nine Skeletons With the Usual Stone Pipes and Drinking Jugs Found Near Windsor, Ont.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special)—While excavating near Taylor's Point, in Sandwich, yesterday morning, workmen came across the remains of nine skeletons in a fairly good state of preservation. The remains are thought to be those of Indian people who lived here a century ago. Two stone pipes and stone drinking jugs also were found. The condition of George Price showed slight improvement today, though he is not yet well.