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TRAWL FISHING VENTURE FOR THE LABRADOR

Mr. George Hampton Resigns From Ayre & Sons to Engage in New Undertaking

HAS EQUIPPED TWENTY TON SCHOONER FOR THE WORK

Great Possibilities in Fall Fishing of This Kind on the Labrador Grounds.

Mr. George Hampton of Ayre & Sons has resigned his position with that firm and intends to prosecute the Labrador fishery. He has fitted a 20 ton schooner with a 20 h.p. Norwegian engine and will use her as a trawler off the Labrador coast after trapping is over.

This is a sound proposition, and, in our opinion, one that will prove a success. The Labrador shore fishermen can put in an additional month every season and procure 20 to 50 qtls. per man by the use of motor boats and trawls off the shore after the trap season is ended.

Likely Blessing
If Mr. Hampton's venture proves a success, it will mean a complete revolution in Labrador shore fishing and will prove a blessing to Conception Bay.

This paper heartily congratulates Mr. Hampton upon the pluck and enterprise shown in pushing forward this new venture and wishes him and his crew every success.

The F.P.U. of Conception Bay should do all in its power to encourage this new venture and be prepared to adopt it generally in the near future. We believe that the Labrador shore fishery can be made a continual success whether the trapping is good or bad, by utilizing trawls and motor boats in August and September to bring to land some of the great fish wealth which is known to abound off the Labrador shore in the fall.

Market Available

A market for the late fish will be found at Gloucester. This later fish should be split with extra care, washed well from the knife and covered with salt, giving it not less than 18 lbs. to 100 qtls.

We trust that every means will be utilized by the Fishery Department to establish half a dozen bait depots on the Labrador shore and to secure a small steamer to supply squid bait from the Newfoundland coast.

All that is needed to ensure success along the above lines is a bait supply and the time has come when the Government must establish a chain of bait depots all around Newfoundland and the upper portion of the Labrador.

NO HELP CAME AT "S.O.S." CALL

Hamburg-American Liner Damaged By Striking Rock Sends Out Wireless Calls for Assistance, But Without Avail, Although a Land Station Was in Her Neighborhood.

Shanghai, May 20.—With her holds and bunkers full of water, the Hamburg-American liner Sambia, put in here to-day. She struck a rock 150 miles distant, and three holes were pierced in her bottom.

She sent out the S.O.S. calls for twelve hours, but received no answer, although there is a land station here and several warships in the harbor.

The American warship Saratoga picked up a mutilated message to-day, but the Sambia was then entering the harbor.

\$1250 For Ulster From Chicago

Chicago, May 21.—Ulster sympathizers sent \$1250 to the Unionist headquarters at Belfast yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Light to moderate winds, cloudy and cool with a few local showers to-day and on Friday.

Survivors Now Safely At Home

Twenty-Seven of the Crew of the Columbian Arrive at Antwerp

Antwerp, May 20.—The captain and 26 other survivors of the Columbian, which was burned off Sable Island, on May 3rd, arrived here yesterday on the Kronland Manhattan.

The captain is still in a condition of prostration, but the others have virtually recovered.

CASE IS SETTLED AFTER 24 YEARS

Details of New York's Longest Litigation Case

Period of litigation, years	23
Number of trials	10
Total No. of trial days	100
No. of lawyers	95
No. of justices	45
No. of witnesses	249
Justices who have died	17
Lawyers who have died	13
Witnesses who have died	42
Mr. Donnelly's counsel fees	\$186,000
Mr. McArdle's counsel fees	200,000
Estimated cost to State	100,000
Mr. Donnelly receives	48,000
Mr. Donnelly loses	136,000

Long Court Feud is Ended at Last After Disputing Two Fortunes—Out of 329 Persons Originally Involved, 72 Have Died During the Much-Protracted Litigation.

THE Donnelly-McArdle feud, a case that has occupied the attention of the New York courts for twenty-three years, and is as celebrated as that of the action of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce, is ended. Twenty-three years and one month after Michael Donnelly, an iron dealer of this city, filed an action against Patrick McArdle, his brother-in-law, of Albany, the Court of Appeals has decided that Mr. Donnelly was entitled to part of his claim.

Grown Old in Contest

In the meantime both of the contestants have grown gray in the bitter feud, and spent most of their fortunes in an effort to best each other. The decision finds them virtually poor, but with the bitterness born of their earlier hatred fanned into fresh flame by the added grime of passing years.

An attempted murder in a courtroom, pistols drawn in the streets of Albany, the expenditure of vast sums of money and the array of eminent counsel in the fight are several of the features that have made the case stand out prominently in the history of New York jurisprudence.

Contestants Married Sisters

Mr. Donnelly and Mr. McArdle married sisters, but there is no record that the women ever entered into the feud except at the beginning. It was said that Mrs. McArdle once told her brother-in-law that her husband was losing confidence in him. It was then, Mr. Donnelly asserts, that he made the proposal to sign the document that resulted in the long legal entanglement.

Michael Donnelly, in 1837, formed a partnership with Mr. McArdle. Mr. Donnelly then was an iron merchant at No. 134 Leroy street. Under an oral agreement they became co-partners in trade to conduct a business of buying and selling iron under the firm name of M. Donnelly & Co.

Cause of the Trouble

The document he signed was a bill of sale. That paper, Mr. Donnelly asserts, was signed merely for the purpose of a collateral security for Mr. McArdle in case the firm should be found insolvent on investigation. If solvency was proved, he contended, he was to have one-half of the net proceeds of the firm's assets and the bill of sale was to be null and void.

On this bill of sale and its contents the legal contest of years was turned. On March 17, 1891, Mr. Donnelly asserted, Mr. McArdle and several friends arrived in this city from

Government Takes Action In Big Hospital Mix-Up

Scandalous Condition of Affairs At Last Forces Them to Take Definite Action

DR. KEEGAN'S APPOINTMENTS OF NURSES CONFIRMED

And Affairs at the Institution Are At Last On An Efficient Basis

STORIES OF RECENT MIX-UPS

That Have Been Caused By Certain Whimsicalities of The Matron

WHAT about the Hospital Comish? Oh, they're right on the job—"at home" every day at the Institution to the "nursing sisters" and the general public, not to mention Miss Southcott.

Can you blame them if they prolong their investigating indefinitely, when the surroundings are so attractive? Nix! also assuredly not!

What are they up to? O, just that!

Momentous Question!

On the side, they're trying to decide the very momentous question of "Who's Who," and are likewise endeavoring to save the Honorable John R. Bennett, Colonial Secretary for the Ancient Colony of Newfoundland the exertion, also the disagreeable task, likewise the terrific responsibility of saying that the General Superintendent of the General Hospital of the City of St. John's is—well just what he is paid a few trifling thousands of dollars to be, and that is General Superintendent of the said Institution.

For the Honorable John R. definitely and with marked decision sidestepped the responsibility of doing this, although it is one of the duties and prerogatives of his office. He gets a couple of thousand for acting as Colonial Secretary, does, the Honorable John, pseudo-premier, but he preferred seeing a trio of light-weights undertake the thankless task, for a consideration, of course, aggregating a couple of thousand or so of the coin of the realm.

What's The Wherefore?

What's the wherefore of this shrinking modesty on the part of the Honorable John, Acting-Premier and Colonial Secretary?

Well, you see gentle readers, it's this way.

The General Superintendent of the General Hospital is and must be a

Roman Catholic in religious affiliation. The Matron is a member of the Church of England and could be chosen from no other denomination.

This job must be filled by a Methodist and the other by a Salvationist and this custom, like the laws of the Medes and Persians must know absolutely no alteration.

Two Horns of a Dilemma.

If the Superintendent is right in the position he sets up, then the Matron is wrong. He who decides for the Superintendent necessarily decides for his denomination and of equal necessity incurs the friendship of said denomination and the hatred and enmity of the denomination to which the Matron is attached.

The inmates? Oh, well, they're just the patients. And (excuse the pun) they must abide with what patience they can the time when the Comish has decided just "Who's Who," and "What's What" in the big Institution where many of them are wrestling with questions of life and death.

But, can you blame any politician for side-stepping the duty of making a decision on a question where said decision, will, in his mind, at any

rate, set some religious denomination or other by the ears?

If you cherish the slightest resentment against him for shouldering the responsibility on to the other fellows, then you're not a politician, that's all.

What's it all about?

The Primary Cause.

Oh, in the first place, the senseless pretensions of a self-opinionated woman—and something else.

The second in command of the nurses resigned.

The Government appointed her successor—Miss Scott, to wit.

Yes, Miss Scott, was thoroughly competent to fill the job, but please understand that at the Hospital that's not by any means the chief consideration when appointments and promotions are on the carpet.

You must, just decidedly and absolutely, must be of proven loyalty. To the Institution—oh, rats! To the super? Oh, guess again! Why to whom else, but to the Matron? At least that is what the Matron says.

Well, a little bird whispers that the appointment of Miss Scott wasn't exactly pleasing to—well, we haven't heard yet that the Superintendent objected at all.

They Vamoosed.

Anyway three nursing sisters resigned, as a mark of their disapproval of the action of the Government. And they were inspired, of course and likewise doubtless, by their own good consciences—what else, anyway?

And so the nursing staff was short to the extent of three nursing sisters. And then the Superintendent—taking his position seriously—wrote the Matron a letter, suggesting that, for the good of all concerned, particularly the poor creatures running a handicapped race with death in the hospital wards, these positions should be filled at once.

Three qualified nurses were available for the positions—he suggested that they get the appointments.

But the Matron answered never a word.

Then went forth letter numbered two, from Superintendent to Matron conveying exactly the same message.

And he was answered in exactly the same way, with complete, disdainful silence.

Caesar Nods.

Then the Superintendent "appealed to Caesar"—he who occupies the chief place in the Colonial Secretary's Department. But the double-headed god of the Government was either asleep, or chasing himself out of town, or peradventure, was taken with an overwhelming spasm of modesty, but at any rate he did nothing—lots of it.

Meanwhile the Hospital was crammed to capacity with suffering humanity—and the nursing staff was short three "Sisters."

Having appealed to those exalted to high places without result and having received a double dose of silence from those whose "lower seats" had been placed on high, the Superintendent decided to act.

And he did. He appointed the three

This Volcano Is Also In Fashion

Stromboli, Off Coast of Sicily, Is Reported As In Violent Eruption

Messina, May 20.—The volcano Stromboli, upon the island of Stromboli, 20 miles north of Sicily, is in violent eruption. A despatch from there says that a stream of lava is running down the mountain side into the sea, and sending up clouds of steam, which mingle with the vapor and smoke which is rolling from the crater.

HUERTA REGIME NEARS ITS END

Believed That His Career as a Dictator is About Ended and That He Has Arranged Flight From the Capital—Constitutionalists Have Decided On His Death.

Vera Cruz, May 20.—Despite Huerta's declaration that he has no intention of resigning, close observers here have information that his dictatorship is tottering, and that his flight from the capital has been arranged for.

This is confirmed by advices that Huerta has decided not to fill the place of Jose Maria, the Minister of Communication.

It was learned to-day that Huerta requested General Blanquet, Minister of War, to take command of the federal troops opposing Villa, at Sattillo, but he refused.

The War Minister, like Huerta, has been sentenced to death by the Constitutionalists for the murder of ex-President Francisco Madero.

nurses to these three vacancies and they at once assumed their duties.

But a storm, yea a cyclone overtook them and before the wrath of the Matron they vanished and their place in the Hospital knew them no more.

Three plus three, equals six. That's the number of vacancies on the nursing staff of the Hospital at present.

Yes, it's decidedly ridiculous. But it's by no means funny. With every bed at the Hospital filled, it takes all the staff all their time to look after the patients properly. Now, if we informed you that the nursing staff is six short and then asked you what was the likely effect on the patients, what would your answer be?

Exactly. We agree with your remarks entirely.

Bennett Could, But Wouldn't.

But the Honorable John R. Bennett, Acting-Premier and Colonial Secretary, could have settled this matter long ago in the short space of fifteen minutes, had he been so minded. He wasn't though and demoralization continued to stalk unrebuked through the wards of the General Hospital, growing bolder and more upsetting every day.

Here are two or three things for which the sidestepping of the Honorable John R. must be blamed.

Remember now, at the peril of misunderstanding the situation, that the Hospital mix-up is over the question as to whether the Superintendent is just that, or as to whether or not a subordinate is to be permitted to dictate to him on the management of the affairs of the Institution.

In the wards lies a poor chap from Freshwater Road, who was smitten with deadly tetanus. The doctors have performed the medical miracle of getting him on the mending hand. The superintendent assigned a nurse to the special care of this grave case so that it might be under observation all the time, night and day.

Matron agree? Not much! She was ordering this nurse away, when the Superintendent stepped in and insisted on her remaining, giving the nurse the assurance that he would see that she did not suffer therefor.

Change of Treatment.

Again. In one of the wards, lie the poor fellows who escaped death in the "Newfoundland" disaster with the loss of toes and fingers. The Superintendent decide that a special form of bandaging was necessary to alleviate their sufferings and to hasten their recovery. So he had the dressings applied according to his own instructions.

Came the Matron!

"Who hath done this?"

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HUERTA SAID TO BE WILLING TO DROP OUT

Information To This Effect Reaches The Mediators at Niagara Falls

WOULD END TROUBLES OF MEXICO AT ONCE

Mediators Hope to Get Carranza To Send Representative to Conference

Niagara Falls, May 21.—Notwithstanding that confirmation could not be given the earlier reports that Huerta would resign, if necessary, to solve the Mexican problem, the first day's session developed a feeling of optimism.

It is clear that if an announcement of willingness to retire comes from Huerta in the near future it will be welcomed as making more remote the possibility of any resumption of hostilities between the United States and Mexico.

It was argued also that with Huerta out, the mediators might entertain a hope that Carranza and his Constitutionalist followers would be brought into the conference and become parties to any agreement reached during the day.

The Brazilian Ambassador received a message from the Brazilian Minister at Mexico City, indicating that Huerta was prepared to relinquish his office.

Similar intimations have come to European diplomats at Washington.

Speculation As To Conference

Huerta and Sir Lionel Carden, British Ambassador, Have a Lengthy Confab.

Mexico City, May 20.—Sir Lionel Carden, the British Minister, held a conference for three hours to-day with President Huerta.

No announcement was made of the subjects discussed, and the conference has caused considerable speculation.

Tried To Wipe Out a Family

Ontario Farmer Shoots His Daughter And Severely Wounds One Other.

Gravenhurst, Ont., May 21.—William Puttan, a farmer, living in the country township of Hyde, near here, shot and killed his daughter, Mrs. Coutermanche. George Coutermanche, her brother-in-law, was severely wounded. The wife of the latter disappeared in the bush.

Alfred Coutermanche had laid a serious charge against his father-in-law and this action is supposed to have led to Puttan's attempt to wipe out the entire family.

Personal.

Mr. G. Devereux, of Trepassay, arrived by the Portia to-day.

Const. Pittman, who was on a short visit to Lamaline, returned by the Portia.

Rev. Fr. McGuire arrived in the city last night, having left the Portia at Placentia.

Dr. Perkins, who was undergoing medical treatment in New York, has returned much improved.

