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DEMPSEY ON THE WAY TO PACIFIC

Back in February for Match With Willard

Notable Work of Cephalonia in Playing 85 Chess Games at Once, Winning 82—Willard's Plans for Big Bout.

New York, Dec. 17.—Jack Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, today are en route to the Pacific coast, where they will spend the holidays with Dempsey's parents. The champion will return in February to prepare for his match with Jess Willard here.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, expects to train intensively three months in preparation for his bout to regain the title from Jack Dempsey, in New York, Feb. 17, according to a statement here today by Ray Arber, his manager.

Archery, the home of the former champion, to confer with Hugh Walker, a heavyweight, concerning the employment of Walker, as one of Willard's sparring partners.

New York, Dec. 17.—Eddie McGeer, veteran middleweight boxer, is among 150 men granted licenses by the New York state boxing commission.

The Chess Masters. Berlin, Dec. 17.—Julius Breyer of Hungary won the international chess masters tournament. He scored six and a half points out of a possible nine.

New York, Dec. 17.—Joe R. Capablanca, of Havana, chess champion, played thirty-five opponents simultaneously at the Manhattan Chess Club here last night and after three and a half hours of play finished with a total score of thirty-two victories and three draws.

New York, Dec. 17.—Paul Kretschel, for many years a champion with international baseball clubs, has been engaged by the Yankees as a scout to cover the college field.

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Lads and Lasses Freed From Routine of School

Big Time for the Children as Christmas Holidays Begin—Medal Presentations and Other Interesting Features.

The Christmas closing exercises at High School were held in the assembly hall this morning. A very large number were in attendance, and an excellent programme was carried out. The principal, W. J. S. Myles, presided, and among those with him on the platform were Mayor E. A. Schofield, Chief Justice McKeown, Rev. Neil MacLauchlan, R. T. Hayes, M. P. P., Andrew Dodds, Dr. H. S. Bridges, Hon. J. G. Forbes, Mrs. Charles Santord and Mrs. Richard O'Brien. The High School orchestra played several numbers, and was obliged to respond to encores. A complete programme was published in yesterday's Times.

The presentation of medals and prizes occupied the greater part of the afternoon. The corporation gold medal was presented to the winner, Frank Corbery, by Mayor Schofield, who drew the attention of the pupils to the high ideals that they must keep before them in order to get the most out of their lives. He complimented the young man on his application to work, and said that the time when the man who had succeeded was held in high esteem had passed, and in these days it was hard work that won.

The governor-general's silver medal, won by John Bond, was presented to him by R. T. Hayes, M. P. P., who paid tribute to Mayor Schofield in praise, and after commending the industry which had won the medal for Bond, he returned the compliments of the season to the gathering.

The competition for the governor-general's medal was so close that it was found necessary to award a second prize, which was awarded to Robert Smith. The presentation was made by Dr. H. S. Bridges, a volume entitled "The Rise and Fall of the Dutch Republic." Dr. Bridges indulged in some remarks on the subject of the early schools of the city and drew comparisons with those of the present day.

The bronze medal was won by Elizabeth Morton, was presented by Mrs. Charles Santord, a graduate and former teacher of the High School. The prize, won by Harriet Roberts, was presented by W. J. S. Myles.

The Forthright Club prize, won by Israel Cohen, was presented by Andrew Dodds, who complimented the winner on his devotion to his work.

Wins Another Medal. The Parker silver medal, provided for by the late Chief Justice Parker, was presented by Hon. H. A. McKeown to Frank Corbery, in compliment to his former classmates who were receiving the rewards of their work, was in presentation of his respects to the memory of his dead father. The second prize was won by Mildred Moore, and the presentation was made by Rev. Neil MacLauchlan, who on occasion to congratulate the citizens of St. John on the excellence of the staff of teachers. The prize-winning essays were "How St. John Received the Prince." The winner of the second prize was at the time the prize was held.

The gold medal donated by Dr. A. P. Emery, chairman of the school board, was won by Nan Coleman, and in the absence of Dr. Emery, was presented by Dr. Bridges. The medal was pinned on the winner by Mrs. Richard O'Brien, a member of the school board. Miss Coleman was also the winner of the silver medal offered by Hon. William Pugsley to the leader of grade VIII for St. John county. In a humorous speech Hon. J. G. Forbes addressed the winner and the medal was pinned on by Mrs. O'Brien. The exercises closed with flag salutation.

At St. Vincent's. In the absence of His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, who is in Halifax attending the centenary celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral, Rev. W. M. Duke, rector of the Cathedral parish, presented to Miss Beatrice M. Farren the St. Vincent's Alumnae gold medal, awarded for the highest marks in the matriculation examinations last year. The presentation of the Elsie gold medal for excellence in mathematics was presented to Miss Helen Kennedy by Mrs. E. R. Taylor.

The closing exercises at St. Vincent's High School were held in the music room of the convent. The opening march was played by Misses M. Bridges and M. Steel project is being abandoned, Col. Grant Morden, its promoter, told the Canadian Press—

The scheme is not off. We have been held up and unable to transmit money because of exchange difficulties. Twenty-five million dollars is available here and we shall have to change our plans to meet present conditions.

"Roy Wadwin, president of the Dominion Steel Co. and W. H. McDonnell, president of the N. S. Steel Co., will arrive in London at the end of the month. We shall then settle plans, making it go forward. Our financial friends here have ever confidence in the future of the consolidation."

MARITIME WINTER FAIR WAS SUCCESS. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 17.—The Maritime Winter Fair was officially closed last evening, after one of the most successful shows in the seventeenth years during which it has been in vogue. The attendance was above 4,000 for the four days.

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As Hiram Sees It

"I had a funny dream last night," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I dreamt all the women in St. John had a new way of passin' the time. One of 'em told me in the dream that they was gittin' ready for a hard winter. She said they knowed they'd be a lot of families needin' clothes for the kids an' they'd get together in parties all over town, meetin' in the evening or the afternoons, makin' up things to be all ready when they was needed. She told me about one woman with a lot of it. The woman was in bed, her man was away somewhere, an' she didn't know which way to turn for medicine, an' clo'es, an' somethin' to eat. The woman that was talkin' to me said she'd be a lot of cases like that this winter. She said it was good fun, too, they could learn to do things as good as anybody else. Just then I woke up, kickin' the foot of the bed, an' 'Hamer' said he'd be the wighnaree she ever seen."

NO BAND THERE TO GREET THE DUKE

Windsor Bandsmen and Council Were at Odds Over Remuneration.

Windsor, N. S., Dec. 17.—There was no band to greet the duke when he arrived here yesterday owing to a difference between the town council and bandsmen over the subject of remuneration. The citizens of Windsor, however, turned out en masse.

Lunenburg, N. S., Dec. 17.—The governor-general tomorrow will drive the first bolt in the keel of a schooner being built here to contest next year for the right to race for the international schooner trophy.

HEADQUARTERS OF POLICE BURNED

Big Loss in Berlin, Records, Automobiles and Other Valuables.

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch to the London Times from Berlin, says police headquarters in Alexanderplatz was burned on Tuesday evening and that a quantity of the records and other valuables and some automobiles were destroyed. The damage is estimated at millions of marks.

GERMAN KILLS A BRITISH OFFICER

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 17.—Travelers who arrived in this city this morning reported a bad wreck on the transcontinental railway at Somers, near Leprie Lake. Three freight cars fell in the lake and fifteen others went in the ditch. They say a brakeman named Nelson was killed. The material damages are very heavy. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

CITY ENGINEER OF SYDNEY RESIGNS

Action Follows War of Words With Ald. Hines.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 17.—Following a verbal altercation with Alderman Seymour Hines, who has been severely criticizing several departments of the city government, Mayor N. K. Hay, city engineer, resigned last night. His resignation was accepted by the council.

RIOT IN KANSAS

Independence, Kas., Dec. 17.—One white boy and one negro were killed and three men probably were fatally wounded in a riot here last night, following an all day search for a negro who held up and killed a grocer. Late last night Chief of Police E. M. Hall said he had the situation under control, but that he had already reported to Governor Allen for state troops.

SWEDEN TO END THE COMMERCE TREATY WITH GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Sweden has notified the German government of Sweden's intention to discontinue next March the Sweden-Germany trade treaty, which was provisionally renewed last March. Sweden is prepared to negotiate a modus vivandus.

BRITISH AND SOVIETS REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON MATTER OF TRADE

London, Dec. 17.—Leonid Krasin, representing the Russian Soviet government had conference yesterday with Sir Robert S. Horne, president of the board of trade, lasting nearly the whole day, regarding the resumption of trade between Russia and Great Britain. It is authoritatively declared that the main obstacle in the way of an agreement is British dissatisfaction with the replies from Moscow pertaining to the cessation of the Bolshevik propaganda in the east.

MONTREAL MAYOR WANTS SHU CONSTRUCTION TO ASSIST UNEMPLOYMENT

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Premier Melchior in a reply sent yesterday to a letter from Mayor Martin calling his attention to the state of unemployment in this city a majority of six million votes have for and asking that the government place certain contracts for shipbuilding in government impossibility," was signed Montreal, says that the government is prepared to do its utmost to relieve the unemployment situation and points out that he has drawn the attention of the minister of marine, Hon. C. C. Ballyntyne, to the mayor's suggestion that the contract for construction of ice-breakers should be awarded in Montreal.

GIOLITTI TO LONDON TO CONFER WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Paris, Dec. 17.—It is announced here that Premier Giolitti of Italy, will go to London to confer with Lloyd George, during the Christmas vacation.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Opening: Wheat, December 1.69 1/2; March 1.69 1/2; Corn, December 67 1/2; May 68 1/2; Oats, December 46 1/2; May 47 1/2.

NEW LOWS ON STOCK MARKET IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Continued weakness, characteristic of the last couple of days, was the feature of the local stock exchange during the early trading today, and issues which were weak yesterday were weaker today.

BIG FIRE LOSS IN SYDNEY, C. B.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 17.—Fifty thousand dollars damage was done by a fire yesterday which destroyed business block known as the Titanic, and owned by John McLeod & Sons.

Peace Negotiations In Ireland Resumed

Archbishop and Bishop Reported Taking Prominent Part—Anxious in London Over Action of Lords.

Dublin, Dec. 17.—Peace negotiations have been resumed in Ireland, so it is learned on good authority. It is difficult to ascertain the lines on which the intermediaries are operating, owing to the reticence of all engaged, but it is understood that high church dignitaries, including Archbishop Clune of Perth, Western Australia, and the Bishop of Killarney, Monsignor Fogarty, are prominent among those continuing their efforts to bring about a settlement.

Dublin, Dec. 17.—Four policemen were killed at Kilmommon when a patrol of eight of them were ambushed by 100 men.

The Lords and Home Rule. London, Dec. 17.—Members of the House of Lords, who have firmly stood against the Irish home rule bill as passed by the House of Commons, were in consultation with members of the government overnight, it is understood, trying to arrange some sort of compromise relative to the measure. It was asserted here this morning that the virtual deadlock between the two houses of parliament must be compromised or the bill would be lost, and the home rule bill of 1914 would automatically become a law as soon as ratification of the Turkish treaty formally ended the war. Diplomatic sources are being awaited with curiosity and anxiety.

Killing of Canon Magner. Dublin, Dec. 16.—Dublin Castle says Canon Magner of County Cork was killed by an auxiliary cadet, who also killed Timothy Crowley, a farmer's son. It intimates that he became insane as a result of experience in an ambulance.

"Thirty auxiliaries left Dunmanway at one o'clock for Cork to attend the funeral of a colleague killed a few nights ago," says the statement. "They were in charge of an auxiliary cadet and proceeded in two motor lorries. Some jumped out and demanded that Crowley Magner and Timothy Crowley walking. The cadet ordered the lorries to halt. He showed him his permit for the bicycle he was trundling."

At this point the Castle explained that the report was not clear as to just what happened up to the shooting. The statement continues: "The cadet returned the lorry the men decided to return to Dunmanway, where they reported the occurrence to the colonel in charge. The colonel promptly arrested the cadet.

"Crowley was respectable, 24 years of age, and engaged in politics. Canon Magner was a highly respected priest and always exerted influence for good in the district."

Call, Dec. 16.—The inspector-general of the Royal Irish Constabulary has been ordered to investigate the circumstances of the death of Canon Magner, and to report on the matter to the chief secretary.

"Please accept my deepest sympathy on the appalling tragedy of the death of Canon Magner, and kindly convey to his relatives an expression of my deep respect and sincere sympathy."

To this the bishop replied: "I should accept sympathy from the inspector-general of the old R. I. C. The verbal sympathy of an inspector-general whose men are murdering my people and have burned my city, I cannot accept or convey to the relatives of the murdered Canon Magner."

"In view of the murder of this innocent priest and this dead peasant boy, is the chief secretary prepared to withdraw the cadets altogether?" demanded Joseph Devlin.

The chief secretary replied emphatically that he was not. Mr. Devlin retorted: "Then you are the murderer." This brought cries of "withdraw" from the house.

At Washington. Washington, Dec. 17.—The commission of the committee of one hundred, investigating conditions in Ireland, heard two witnesses yesterday and adjourned until other witnesses arrive from England and Ireland early next week.

Miss Nellie Craven, of Washington, described the killing of her cousin, Michael Walsh, which she said was done by the Black and Tans while she was visiting in Galway, Ireland, in last October. She also declared that her nineteen-year old brother had been stripped and beaten by British soldiers on Sept. 30.

Paul J. Farnas, of New York, a member of the Society of Friends, presented a report of the British branch of the society on conditions in Ireland. The report said that the English government has ceased to function over at least 80 per cent of Ireland. The Sinn Fein government could and would run the country and at present order and safety are only found in districts from which the English military and police have been withdrawn."

Massachusetts Legislators. Boston, Dec. 17.—A communication to Lloyd George, terming the Cork Free State "British atrocity" and declaring that the people of the United States "by the state of unemployment in this city a majority of six million votes have for and asking that the government place certain contracts for shipbuilding in government impossibility," was signed Massachusetts Legislators.

"We, elected representatives of the state of Massachusetts, the message, 'sharing in the universal horror with which civilized peoples of the world have witnessed your latest barbarities in Ireland, denounce you and the government of which you are the head.'"

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Canadian Steamships, whose drop of eight points was the feature of yesterday's trading, weakened another two during the first hour this morning to 84, thus establishing another new low.

Dominion Steel also made a new low by descending to 42, after closing at 42.5 last night, while Dominion Textile sagged a point to 100.

Other important issues did not appear at all during the early trading.

WEATHER REPORT

Issue by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. P. Stephens, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—Pressure is low and the weather mostly cloudy with light local snowfalls from the Great Lakes to the maritime provinces, while in the west it is fair and moderately mild.

Cloudy With Snow. Maritime.—Fresh winds, mostly cloudy with local snowfalls today and Saturday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh Gulf and North Shore.—Strong north-east winds, with snow today and on Saturday.

New England, Dec. 17.—Unsettled to much change in temperature. Fresh north winds, with snow today and on Saturday.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Temperatures: Prince Rupert 42, 40, 40, 40; Victoria 30, 28, 28, 28; Kamloops 10, 10, 10, 10; Calgary 6, 2, 2, 2; Edmonton 8, 8, 8, 8; Prince Albert 4, 2, 2, 2; Winnipeg 10, 10, 10, 10; White River 22, 16, 20, 20; Sault Ste. Marie 27, 28, 27, 27; Toronto 28, 28, 28, 28; Kingston 28, 28, 28, 28; Ottawa 30, 30, 30, 30; Montreal 28, 28, 28, 28; St. John, N.B. 28, 28, 28, 28; Halifax 30, 30, 30, 30; St. John's, Nfld. 30, 32, 28, 28; Detroit 28, 30, 30, 30; New York 36, 42, 42, 42.

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PUT THEM ON PERMANENT LIST

Temporary Federal Civil Service Employees Who Have Made Good.

(Special to Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Plans for the permanent list some federal civil service employees who were taken on as temporary employees during the last few years in the name of an order in council just passed by the government. The argument is that when these employees have proved their fitness by their work it is absurd to require them to prove their fitness by an examination. It is said that lists of those they consider desirable to retain will be made up by the deputy ministers.

STEEL MERGER IS NOT ABANDONED

Colonel Morden Says Only Held Up By Exchange Difficulties.

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Get Dominion's Opinion On Naval Construction

London, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—The prime minister, answering Percy Hurd, in the House of Commons today, assured him, as he hoped to summon those having a special knowledge of the point of view of overseas dominions to the investigation into the question of naval construction which will be held by the committee of imperial defence.

"That is, of course, very important," added the premier, "because in any future naval construction I trust the dominions will take a fair part."

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