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PRISONERS RENDERED INSANE BY INHUMAN TREATMENT.

Bright Blue Light and a Never Stopping Phonograph the Means Used to Destroy Their Intellects.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A London despatch published here says a correspondent at Odessa, describing instances of police repression there, writes of one man who has just finished a six months' sentence in jail for a political offense. Throughout his imprisonment, night and day, a phonograph fixed in his cell unceasingly ground out the Russian national anthem "To teach him patriotism." He is now a hopeless idiot. Other prisoners have been confined in cells illuminated by a blinding blue light with the result that they were made imbeciles within a few months.

CHINESE REBELS ARE CAUSING ANXIETY Government Has Sent a Strong Military Force to Meet Them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A despatch to the Times from Hankow contains official telegrams from Chang Sha indicating that the disturbances in Hunan Province are becoming increasingly serious. The rebels, whose object is anti-dynastic, are reported to be several thousands strong and well armed. They have attacked the town of Liu-Yang, and the officials fear that unless checked they will move on Chang-Sha, where the Government's military force is small. Viceroy Chang-Chi-Tung has dispatched 2,000 foreign drilled troops with six horses and guns. This force is expected to reach Yo-Chau today.

HAD A GENERAL SMASH-UP IN THE SIX DAY RACE.

Ten Riders Thrown Down in a Bunch and One of Them, Hollister, Was Badly Hurt—Race Suspended While Repairs Made to Track.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The worst accident since the beginning of the present six-day bicycle race, at Madison Square Garden occurred early today, when ten of the thirteen riders on the track went down in a bunch at what is known as "Dead Man's curve" on the 26th street side of the saucer. Hollister, the Samuelson-Hollister combination of Salt Lake City, and Vanoni, one of the foreign riders, were severely injured and several others were badly shaken up. The board track was torn up for a distance of nearly 25 yards and the race was suspended for an hour and a half while repairs were made. It was thought at first that Hollister would be fatally injured, or at least so badly that he would be obliged to withdraw from the race. While the men were confined to a severe shaking up, scalp wounds and the loss of several teeth, and it was feared that Vanoni, who would relieve his partner, Samuelson, after a rest. Vanoni has a fractured nose and several minor hurts, but he is expected to continue later in the day. All the old riders who fell were able to take their places on the track when the race was resumed at 5 o'clock. In order to maintain the positions with the leaders which their teams had, the partners of Hollister and Vanoni must remain on the track constantly until the injured men take their places. While the men were still lying in a heap, Pyle, of the Clark-Tye team, who had escaped with slight injuries, leaped out of the bunch and running wild along the track, began to shout, "I win the race. I continue when the race is resumed after a delay of an hour and a half. The partners of the two injured men continued behind and it was believed at that time that both Hollister and Vanoni would be able to resume after two or three hours rest. At 5 o'clock the score was 1,425 miles and 4 laps for all the teams except Walthour and Bell, who were one lap behind, the leaders were 133 miles behind the record.

CARLETON COUNTY COURT CASES

Hard Time to Select Jury in Holmes-Shannon Case—Political Meetings

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 12.—The county court was engaged all the morning in trying to secure a jury for the assault case preferred against the three Shannon brothers—John, Robert and Jonathan—at the instance of Joseph Holmes, who claims the three greeted him with a fusillade of rocks one spring morning when he set out to go upon some property, which he had leased the year before, to remove his farming utensils. Solicitor General Jones appeared for the crown and A. E. Connell, K. C., for the accused. So numerous were the challenges that at the noon adjournment a special panel was secured. Finally at three o'clock the taking of evidence was begun. Holmes finished his testimony, and the case will likely go to the jury tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Richard J. Coughlan's congregation at Johnsville has forwarded a donation of fifty dollars to the local hospital. Solicitor General Jones has called a

number of parish conventions for the proposed county convention here in January, when three candidates will be named for the assembly. The first of these meetings is billed for Debec on Monday evening, to be addressed by the solicitor general and N. Foster Thorne. Warren P. Hale, son of J. J. Hale, the prominent lumberman of Grafton, was united in marriage this afternoon to Miss Minnie McElroy of the same place. Miss Estey, eldest daughter of Chesley Estey, carriage manufacturer, became the bride of Malcolm Orford of London, England. D. W. Kyle has been elected master of the Masonic lodge.

HOPEWELL HILL

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 11.—The Albert train got down from Salisbury shortly after midnight last night and made the round trip today in fair time, considering conditions of weather, track and rolling stock. W. E. Cahoon of Cape Station, who has been at Sussex undergoing special surgical and medical treatment, has arrived home greatly improved. Misses Rena Irving and Cassie Derry, who have been visiting relatives here, left today for their homes in Dover. At the police court at Riverside on December 3rd the Hillsboro doctors, Randall and Lewis, were fined for issuing liquor prescriptions. William McGorman, who has been building a wharf at Pink Rock for the Albert Manufacturing Co, returned home today.

SIX MORE SCOTT ACT VIOLATORS FINED

Shediac Magistrate Creates Quite a Stir. Constable Belyea Still After His \$1000 Damages—Str. Wilfrid C. to Lay up Today.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 12.—Six Scott Act violators were yesterday sentenced to fines of fifty dollars with the option of spending eight days in jail by Magistrate McQueen, of Shediac, creating quite a stir in the seaside town. The convicted ones were the Waldon, Royal Terrace hotels, T. Boudreau, A. P. Gould and A. Melanson. Last night Patrick Gallagher, the proprietor of the Minto hotel, was served with a Scott Act summons to appear before Magistrate C. A. Bovee of this city. Between Gallagher and the magistrate there is a suit pending preventing McKay from trying Gallagher. Constable A. W. Belyea arrived here today armed with a supreme court warrant for service on Intercolonial Policeman Perry, who is one of the parties concerned in Belyea's suit for a thousand dollars for alleged false imprisonment. Fruit Inspector Sangster went to St. John this morning having recently returned from Albert county. W. S. Edgett, manager of the Shediac wharf, went to St. John this morning, being expected there today to lay up for the winter. The steamer Wilfrid C. being expected there today to lay up for the winter. The steamer Wilfrid C. being expected there today to lay up for the winter. The steamer Wilfrid C. being expected there today to lay up for the winter.

THE CASSANDRA DOCKED TODAY

Had a Good Voyage Out—Many Passengers.

A List of Those in First Cabin—All Sent West—Captain Mitchell and His Officers

The big Donaldson liner Cassandra, Captain John Mitchell in command, docked this morning at No. 4 berth, West Side, and her 223 passengers embarked were examined by the immigration authorities and sent west. The Cassandra had a fair voyage from Glasgow, having experienced the usual winter weather, and Captain Mitchell handed his passengers all in good health. The first cabin passengers numbered 75, and were as follows: W. Hawden, John A. Black, Wm. Bone, Miss Jeanie Boyd, Chas. W. Boulter, George Duchon, John Craik, John Crouch, Richard Cullen, James A. Dick, Charles Dunbar, Gavin Ediniston, Robert Ferguson, John Fisher, Robert Grant, Hugh Howie, Thomas Howie, David Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Jeanie Kennedy, Miss Lottie Kennedy, Daniel Kogan, Miss Fanny Kogan, Miss Lisa Korriblow, Thomas M. Lyall, A. McDonnell, Mrs. McIntosh and infant Charles McIntosh, Neil McKay, Matthew Mair, A. G. Malcolm, Mrs. Malcolm, John Malcolm, Alex. Malcolm, Master Gordon Malcolm, Master Ian Malcolm, John Mathieson, Jno. McK. Miller, Mrs. Miller, Miss Lisa Miller, John Mook, Wm. Muddle, J. F. Robertson, John Robertson, G. Robinson, Thomas Roy, Mrs. Roy and infant, Miss Annie Roy, Miss Jeanie Roy, Miss Sarah Roy, Thomas Roy, Miss Edith Roy, Wm. Roy, Miss Schie Roy, James Roy, Adam Smith, Alex. M. Stewart, F. J. Trevillian, Wm. Urquhart, George Treuhart, Matthew Watson, Wm. Watson.

GERMAN IMMIGRANT MARRIED BY PROXY

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A Berlin despatch published here today says that Stephen Kots, who is described as a prosperous young carpenter of Cleveland, Ohio, has just been married by proxy to a farmer's pretty daughter, his childhood sweetheart. Kots emigrated to America a few years ago and was too busy to come back to be married. He asked a former comrade to give undertakings at the altar on his behalf. There was but one prisoner before Magistrate Ritchie this morning and the unfortunate was fined \$5 for being intoxicated on Sheffield street.

VIGOROUS PROTEST FROM THE VATICAN, AGAINST FRANCE.

PRODUCE SCOONER ASHORE AT ISAACS HARBOR

The Atlanta, From P. E. I., Wrecked in a Snowstorm—Crew Had a Hard Time.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 12.—The crew of the La Have schooner Atlanta, wrecked on Monday, arrived here last evening from Isaac's Harbor by the steamer Strathcona, the captain remaining behind to see what could be done towards saving the vessel's cargo. The Atlanta was from P. E. Island, flying point, of Isaac's Harbor, Monday during a thick snowstorm. As she filled the captain and crew left in a single dory and after rowing for several hours reached Isaac's Harbor. Owing to the thick snow storm and heavy wind they met great difficulty in landing, having two or three narrow escapes from being upset and being thrown into the water. They remained at the harbor until yesterday and then boarded the Strathcona. The men saved nothing from the wreck. Captain Reid, of the Strathcona, says that when he came out of Isaac's Harbor yesterday the Atlanta's spars were still standing, but because of the snow squall he could not see the hull very distinctly.

Unjustifiable, Was the Action of the Government in Forcibly Entering Residence of the Papal Representative—The Pope Will Not Yield

ROME, Dec. 12.—The Observateur Romano has published an article which was composed at the Vatican. This article declares that the "violent and odious measures taken by the French government against Mgr. Montagnini, who was merely the guardian of the archives of the Nunciature at Paris, constitutes a case of exceptional gravity. It was impossible to foresee or conceive of such a measure. It will have its echo in the condemnation and protest from impartial people, not only in France, but in every other country. It represents the last and brutal step in a situation prepared by the government of the French Republic. When it was intended to leave the churches in France to the clergy, the article continues, the French government imposed conditions which could not be accepted without an indecorous abdication of the rights of the church. The French government wanted war. The first shot fired, as M. Clemenceau calls it, shows that justice and absurdity are competing together shamefully. The forcible entrance of the residence of Mgr. Montagnini, besides being unjustified, is absurd, and it is also absurd that the august head of the church should not have a guardian for the archives relating to thirty million Frenchmen. It is true the pope appointed bishops without consulting the French government, the article goes on, accord in this matter being impossible, but the pontiff did not violate the concordate or renounce and even admitting that the regulations of the concordat had ceased to be operative, the situation did not authorize the violating of the Vatican archives, which contained documents of import to other states besides France. The French government has refused to see in the pope a common father and considers him a foreign sovereign. "Well, this foreign sovereign has the right that his house should not be violated and that his archives and papers be not touched or searched by anyone," declared the paper. "When such an affront has been perpetrated he has the right, without awaiting the judgment of history, to denounce it before the tribunal of the civilized world as a gratuitous offence, an offence, however, which will bring more shame and harm to those who commit it than to those upon whom it is inflicted. The French government in grossly mistaken if it thinks, with such procedure to intimidate the French clergy or to break down the durable and legitimate resistance of the church. This rude offence to the supreme authority of the pontiff is but a new argument for him to continue bravely in the same path."

ROOSEVELT SUPPORTS THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Will Confine for Another Year as President of the American Committee

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—James E. Sullivan, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and the Olympic games at Athens, yesterday received a letter from President Roosevelt in which the chief executive accepted an invitation to continue as honorary president of the American Olympic committee of 1904. President Roosevelt took occasion to say that he was actuated by his approval of the government. During the recent Olympic games at Athens, George I. extended invitations to all countries to extended invitations to all countries to again participate in the games in 1904. Mr. Sullivan was requested to form an American committee and did so choosing members of representative of American athletic interests.

CARGO VALUATIONS

The following valuations of outward cargo have been filed at the Custom House: Tunisian, foreign, \$37,877; Canadian, \$6,775; total, \$44,652. Sarmatian, foreign, \$3,500; Canadian, \$12,228; total, \$15,728. Monford, Canadian, \$168,310; foreign, \$140,660; total, \$308,970. Lake Champlain, Canadian \$183,403; foreign, \$41,647; total, \$225,050.

There will be a meeting of St. Vincent's Alumnae Association in St. Malachi's hall this evening at eight o'clock.

THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN WILL BREAK ALL PASSENGER RECORDS

Upwards of a Thousand Will Sail in Steerage While the Cabins Will All Be Filled—St. John Hotels Almost Unable to Handle the Crowd

When the big C. P. R. liner Empress of Britain sails from Sand Point tomorrow afternoon for Liverpool it is estimated that she will take away the largest number of passengers that ever left Canada on a steamship, and St. John is today being taxed for hotel accommodation. The passengers are all from the west, the majority of them are going to England to spend Christmas with friends. For the past couple of days these passengers have been arriving here and are not being allowed on board until sailing day. When a thousand or more visitors arrive without notice and have to get accommodation, the hotel managers find it hard to make room for them. The steamship officials are kept on the jump to obtain quarters for their passengers. A large number are expected from the west tomorrow at noon. Nearly every first cabin berth has been taken and about 1,000 steerage passengers are expected to embark. Ebenezer McVey, who was badly injured at Sand Point yesterday, is doing well at the hospital. In all probability he will recover. Fred H. Kitchen, of Fredericton, arrived in the city on the noon train today. Publicity is the life-blood of prosperity. Last evening several members of the club enjoyed their first game.

A meeting of the summer residents of Westfield will be held in the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon. Organization of the Westfield Outing Association will be completed. The report of the committee appointed to make a classification of sail boats, will be read. Curling has commenced in the Thistle rink. Last evening several members of the club enjoyed their first game.