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FAIR AND WARM

TWO CENTS

ANNUL MIXED WEDDING THE CHURCH DENIED

Protestant Girl and Catholic Man Refused Marriage by Quebec Bishop.

SUPERIOR COURT DISSOLVES BONDS

Couple Were Married, After Church Refusal, by Rev. Canon Scott.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—The marriage of Bernard John Dahan and Gertrude Idella Barbeau, which took place at Quebec September 21, 1914, was annulled today by a judgment of the Superior Court rendered by Mr. Justice Bruneau on the wife's petition.

The ground for dissolution was that, being a "mixed" marriage, performed by a Protestant minister, it could not be held legal and binding under the Quebec civil laws.

According to petitioner the couple went to the Bishop's Palace at Quebec on September 21, 1914 and asked to be married. The request was refused both by a priest and the bishop because she was a Protestant and Dahanman a Catholic. Her fiancé then suggested they should be married by a Protestant minister and they went to St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Quebec and were married by Rev. Canon Scott by license.

She stated that all items that she had as having no binding effect on him "spiritually, religiously, or civilly." There was no contestation of the petition.

FORD NOT BUILDING FIVE MILLION DOLLAR PLANT IN MONTREAL

Not True Either That He is Seeking Whereface in the Port.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—C. S. Hobbs, district branch manager of the Ford Motor Company today issued a statement to the effect that the announcement that the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, intends to erect a five million dollar plant in the city of Montreal is incorrect, as is also the statement that the company has applied to the Harbor Commission for wharfage. He adds that all items that the Ford Motor Company intend, including similar plants at Drummondville and other points were "merely unfounded rumors."

MINERS DENY THEY WANT TO STRIKE

Executive Committee Agrees to Meet Labor Minister in London.

Portsmouth, Eng., Sept. 8.—The executive committee of the Miners' Federation, which is attending the Trade Union Congress here, has decided to accept the invitation of Sir Robert Horne, president of the Board of Trade, to meet him regarding the threatened coal strike. The committee will proceed to London for a conference with the labor minister Thursday. In address to the congress on the subject of the miners' demand, J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the trade union's organization, pointed out that the railwaymen and the transport workers had unanimously decided to support the miners in their claims, which are regarded as just and reasonable.

"It is assumed in some places," he added, "that the miners are anxious for a stoppage, but any answer on behalf of every member and union of fact is that the stoppage of the mines is the last thing we do not want."

CLEVELAND RAISED \$400,000 TO HELP REPUBLICAN PARTY

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Patriotic evidence supporting Governor Cox's charge that large quotas were assigned to the principal cities by the Republican Campaign Fund Committee was introduced in the Senate Committee investigation today when Dudley S. Blossom, who helped raise Cleveland's quota, testified Governor Cox's figure, \$400,000 for that city, were correct. Mr. Blossom testified that A. A. Protzman, a paid agent of the National Committee, was present when the Cleveland quota was announced at \$400,000 and that Mr. Protzman helped direct the raising of the money. Forty teams of six men each were organized for the drive. Mr. Blossom said Mr. Blossom's director of public welfare of the city of Cleveland.

APPROVE HARDINGE AS NEW AMBASSADOR

Paris, Sept. 8.—The French government has given its approval to the appointment of Baron Hardinge, of France as British ambassador to France.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

St. John

William Ambrose Johns killed himself with revolver in Salvation Army Home here while worrying over family affairs. At the gate of the Exhibition the paid admissions yesterday were \$425, an increase over the previous day.

Canada

Hon. Mr. Carvell threatens stopping coal stocks from any firm that uses freight increases as an excuse for boosting prices to high level.

Supreme Court in Montreal annulled marriage of Protestant girl to Catholic man.

The S. S. Bassam is in distress off Cape Race with leaking hull. Two ships have gone to the rescue.

Italy

At least 400 persons were killed and many thousands were injured in the earthquake that swept across of Italian towns on Tuesday.

Ireland

Lord Mayor MacSwiney is much weaker and his wife says his mind is wavering.

Ex-Premier Asquith declares Government treatment of MacSwiney is a gigantic blunder.

Authorities carry mail by airship to prevent Sinn Fein captures.

CARVELL TO GO AFTER COAL MEN IF PRICES SOAR

Fifteen Cents Per Ton All Dealers Are Justified in Adding Now.

MAY PREVENT COAL GOING TO PROFITTEERS

No Profiteering With Rate Increase as Excuse Says Commissioner.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Hon. F. B. Carvell, chief commissioner of the Board of Railway Commissioners, stated today with respect to a statement to the effect that certain coal dealers had stated that they would have to raise the price of coal fifty cents a ton on Monday when the new rates become effective, that the greatest possible increase which could take place on coal coming into Ottawa as a result of the railway rate decision would be fifteen cents per ton and therefore, if any dealer increases his price more than that amount, it is profiteering, pure and simple.

Speaking for himself, Mr. Carvell said he was willing to discipline such a merchant, even to the extent of refusing him any more coal for the remainder of the season, which he claims the board has the right to do under the recent legislation.

Mr. Carvell was very emphatic there would be no profiteering with the freight rate as an excuse anyway.

FARMERS' SUN TO PAY SEVEN PER CENT.

U. F. O. Expects to Issue Paper Three Times Per Week Soon.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—Notwithstanding the troublesome times for newspapers with the rising tide of costs, the Farmers' Sun, at the annual meeting of the shareholders, of the United Farmers' Publishing Company here today, reported that dividend of seven per cent. would be paid and there would still be a considerable balance on hand. It was stated that probably before the year was out the paper would be issued three times a week instead of twice a week, as at present, and that ultimately a daily paper would be published. R. A. Amos, president of the U. F. O., was added to the board of directors.

THREE LINERS CLEAR FROM MONTR'L PORT

Montreal, Sept. 8.—Three liners are sailing from the port of Montreal this week-end, the Gramplan, of the C. P. O. S., the Minnesota, of the same company, and the Cassandra, of the Anchor-Donaldson Line.

Two Canadian Pacific Ocean Service liners, the Pretoria and the Metagama, are expected to arrive here within the next few days. The former is carrying 215 cabin and 233 third-class passengers; the latter, 662 cabin and 1172 third-class passengers.

NO EVIDENCE OF TRAGEDY CRIME IN TRAGEDY

Montreal, Sept. 8.—The jury inquiring into the death of 14 year old Don Lamothe, whose body was found floating in the Lachine Canal last week, today decided that the evidence given did not necessarily point to the commission of a crime. Lamothe disappeared some weeks ago under circumstances which at the time were considered to point to possible foul play, his last traceable movement being the entering of an automobile at the invitation of a stranger, for the appointment of Baron Hardinge, of France as British ambassador to France.

400 KILLED WHEN TOWNS ARE RUINED

Thousands More Are Injured in Appalling Disaster That Swept Italy.

WIDE AREAS ARE WITHOUT ASSISTANCE

Dust So Thick Sun Was Hidden from Shattered Villages and Citizens.

Rome, Sept. 8.—Italy is again affording from an earthquake disaster the extent of which has not yet been measured. It is known, however, that hundreds of people have been killed and thousands injured. Many small towns and villages have been wrecked, and although assistance is being hurried from all parts of the country to the affected areas there is much suffering for want of food, medicines and shelter for the people.

"Every earthquake disaster is for Italy like a lost battle," said ex-Premier Luzzatti after the Avezzano catastrophe, and this is now repeated in Tuscany. Though not so great, the present disaster recalls the distant tragedy of Messina.

Fear 400 Are Dead.

It is not yet possible to calculate how many hundreds are dead, the loss up to this evening shows close to 1000 already reported. There are many bodies under the ruins, and there are wounded under the ruins who have not yet been reached by the rescuers. There are believed to be many thousands of injured; the hospitals as Spezia have already received about 500 have been taken to other hospitals nearby. Unimpaired hospitals composed of tents are caring for how many others nobody knows. The injured and the homeless are thankful at least that the weather keeps fair, but at night it is very cold, especially on the mountain slopes.

Party Lines Forgotten.

All classes are combining in their efforts to render aid. Monarchists as well as Republicans, Socialists and clericals and even anarchists are flocking to the scene of the earthquake from the bigger cities—Spezia, Florence, Lucca, Modena, Savona, etc. to describe the shock as terrifying; the air was filled with choking, blinding dust, so black that the sun was lost to view. It seemed like the end of the world," terrified peasants say.

The great towers of medieval castles were shaken, partially destroyed, or seem tottering to a fall. The ducal palace at Massa Carrara, which are making all preparations, such as inventing of raw materials and distribution of the working classes, as it is put, are "capable of self-government."

ITALIAN LABOR SENDS OWNERS AN ULTIMATUM

Firms Are Given Until Saturday to Accept All Demands of Socialists.

SOVIET PICTURES NUMEROUS ON WALLS

Unions Plan to Show Capital They Can Run the Business.

Rome, Sept. 7.—The greatest efforts are being made to reach a solution before Saturday of the situation created by the metal workers taking over the plants.

The employers in metal factories seized by workers in the present contest over conditions in the industry were given until Saturday in a resolution passed by the socialist members of the general confederation of labor, in which to comply with the workers' demands. A rapid movement toward general nationalization was threatened should the employers decline to yield. Meanwhile the unions are making all preparations, such as inventing of raw materials and distribution of the working classes, as it is put, are "capable of self-government."

THINKS CANADA WILL DOMINATE THE CONTINENT

Dr. Powell Says Dominion Will Need All Its Energies for Great Task Ahead.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 8.—(Canadian Press).—Five hundred members of the Empire Club of Canada greeted Dr. Ellis T. Powell, LL.B., D.S.O., one of the members of the Imperial Press Conference and editor of the Financial News, London, England, with applause as he rose to speak today at the luncheon here. His experience, observation and knowledge of the world's affairs is looked upon as unique, and his address today on "Scientific Imperialism" was listened to with eager interest.

Canada was undoubtedly destined to dominate the future of the North American Continent, he said. Every economic, political and psychological reason led him long ago to that conclusion, and what he had seen in Canada during this, his fourth, visit had only deepened his judgment on that point. That being the case he would need all her energies for the solution of the colossal political and social problems which would confront her, and consequently her utilization of the hitherto unworked forces of nature on the scale which he had witnessed was simply a flash of genius, making what he had called scientific imperialism in the very highest sense.

OTTAWA VOTES CASH TO FIGHT 'PHONE CO.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Whether Ottawa will join in the provincial acquisition of the Bell Telephone system now practically rests with the board of control.

After a short debate at a city council meeting last evening, Alderman Grace moved to refer a letter asking Ottawa to join Toronto in the fight to the board for investigation. In addition, the council passed a vote of one thousand dollars to assist in the fight against the proposed increases in telephone rates.

KINGSTON MARINE STRIKE SETTLED

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 8.—The strike of longshoremen, which had been in progress for some days, was amicably settled today by the government appointing a commission to inquire into the cost of living of laborers and artisans, with a view to bettering their condition.

S.S. "Bassam" Calling For Assistance From Off Cape Race Now

Vessel Filling Fast from Leak But Two Ships Are Rushing to Her Aid.

Halifax, Sept. 8.—The following wireless message was picked up here late today:

"Steamship Bassam, north 62-50 west, pumps unable to control leakage. Request immediate assistance. U. S. Shipping Board steamer Hoosier in direct communication. Expect to arrive in seven hours. Steamship Edmond Hope Stearns, also standing by in close vicinity."

The Bassam is a British steamer and last reported as leaving Montreal and Portland, Me., for West African ports. The position given in the message is off Cape Race.

STRIKING CAR CREWS LOSING OUT

Disgruntled Workmen of Rapid Transit System to be Replaced.

RECEIVER SCORES LABOR LEADERS

Who Failed to Discipline Members for Violating Laws of Their Organization

New York, Sept. 8.—Striking employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, who failed to return to work today at the expiration of the period allowed in which to retain their senior rights, will be replaced by new men, Lindley M. Garrison, federal receiver announced tonight. Plans for rebuilding the force will be made immediately, he said.

HALIFAX NURSE JOINS MISSION FOR RUMANIA

Eight Canadian Graduates to Sail Soon for New Post.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—Eight Canadian nursing sisters, all of whom served in the great war, will sail from Montreal on November 5th for hospital and nursing school duty in the capital of Rumania, under the auspices of the Rumanian Red Cross.

The inspiration belongs to Mme. Pantazzi, formerly Miss Ethel Greening, who, with her husband, Commander Pantazzi, and the famous "Klondike" Boyle, who escaped from the Russian Reds during the early days of the revolution.

At the head of the Canadian nursing mission to Rumania, as it is called, is Miss Dorothy Cotton, of Montreal, a daughter of the late Gen. Cotton, and one of the Canadian nurses who served on the staff of Lady Paget's Anglo-Russian hospital at Petrograd during the early years of the war. To work with her she has chosen Miss Jean Graham, superintendent of the Killamater, of Brampton; Miss Irene Savate, former matron at the Christie street hospital; Miss Claire Carter, Port Colborne; Miss Helen Kendall, of Winnipeg.

TORONTO STRIKE AVERTED FOR TIME

Threatened Tie-up of Street Car Service Postponed Until Monday.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—The threatened strike of electrical workers in the employ of the Toronto and Niagara Power Company and the Toronto Street Railway Company, and the consequent tie-up of the street car service here while the exhibition is on, has been averted. The men held a meeting tonight and decided to extend their ultimatum from tomorrow morning until noon next Monday. The ultimatum is a demand that the companies accept the award recently made by a Board of Conciliation granting the men increases of from ten per cent. to twelve per cent.

It was stated tonight that the companies had agreed to the ten per cent. advance in wages, but there was trouble over the twelve per cent. advance; also trouble in arriving at a satisfactory settlement on the question of working conditions.

CHARITY GUEST HAD \$125,000 BANK ROLL

New York, Sept. 8.—When Peter Vidovitch, a 65 year old charity guest of the municipal lodging house, died in a hospital here today, it was learned that he was possessor of a fortune exceeding \$125,000. He was registered at the hospital as a miner of San Francisco and Alaska.

BLAMES MONKEYS FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Discovery of the cause of "sleeping sickness" was reported today by Dr. L. S. Wheeler, of Columbia University, to the state conference of health officers and public health nurses, in session here. The origin, he said, was found to be a filarial virus, which, in experiments, he transmitted from man to monkeys.

Mgr. Chiasson Named For Episcopal Seat Of Chatham Eudists

Prelate is Now Vicar Apostolic of Gofte Saint Laurent, Quebec.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—Monsieur Patrick Alexander Chiasson, Vicar Apostolic of Gofte Saint Laurent has been nominated to the Episcopal seat of Chatham, N. B., according to announcement by the Eudist Fathers of Quebec.

BURDENS MUST BE BORNE BY ENTIRE PUBLIC

Railway Board Endeavors to Explain Why it Granted Increased Rates to Roads.

COST OF OPERATION GREATLY INCREASED

Emphasises Fact That Large Part of Increase Will be Taken up in Increased Pay.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—The judgment of the Board of Railway Commissioners in the railway rate case, covering some twenty typewritten foolscap pages, was issued this afternoon. It was written by Hon. F. B. Carvell, chief commissioner, and is concurred in by four of the other five commissioners composing the board. It states the reasons of the board for arriving at the decision to grant increases in freight and passenger rates, and emphasizes the fact that the railways have not received advances in rates consistent with the advancing cost of operation.

Public Carries Burden

"I realize," says Mr. Carvell, in the judgment, "that these rates will be a substantial burden upon the people of Canada, but it was admitted by all parties at the hearing that the cost of everything entering into the operation and maintenance of railways has increased more than one hundred per cent. in the last four years, while the railway companies have been granted increases, in what are known as the fifteen per cent. and twenty-five per cent. cases, amounting on an average to not more than thirty-five per cent."

The judgment lays emphasis upon the fact that a large proportion of the increase granted will be taken up in meeting the increased wages, which employes of Canadian railways will receive when the Chicago wage award schedule goes into effect in Canada.

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FAILED TO HOLD RESPONDENTS

Men Accused of Homicide Given Freedom of Preliminary Hearing.

New York, Sept. 8.—William Moloney and Charles Kain were freed today on charges of homicide in connection with the murder of Frederick P. Eckert, alleged liquor runner, who was found dead in an abandoned automobile on Staten Island, a few weeks ago.

Fifty five witnesses were examined at the arraignment in the Stapleton Police Court, but Joseph W. Malloy, District Attorney for Richmond County, said he was unable to gather sufficient evidence to warrant detention of the accused men any longer.

Mrs. Florence Eckert, widow of the murdered man, expressed dissatisfaction with the result of the investigation and said she would retain counsel to proceed further.

TORONTO QUILTS ITS SUMMER TIME SUNDAY

Toronto, Sept. 8.—Daylight saving for this season in Toronto will end at two a.m. Sunday morning next, according to a proclamation issued by Mayor Church this morning. The order authorizing daylight saving last spring mentioned September 25th as the day for reverting to standard time but the mayor explained this morning that the citizens were making so many complaints about having to get up in the dark that he decided to advance the date.

MONCTON LABOR INTO POLITICS

Moncton, Sept. 8.—Complete organization for the next civic election and the advisability of a complete and definite understanding between organized labor and the organized farmers were matters discussed tonight at a meeting of the Moncton Amalgamated Central Labor Union.

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MacSWINEY IS SINKING FAST WIFE IS TOLD

Prison Doctors Tell Her He is Living on His Vitality Only.

ASQUITH WARNS AGAINST "BLUNDER"

English Establish Air Mail Service to Prevent Captures.

London, Sept. 8.—Mrs. MacSwiney, on leaving Brixton prison this evening after visiting her husband, the Lord Mayor of Cork, said that twice this afternoon the attending physician had warned her not to speak to her husband as he was "living on his vitality." She added that the Mayor suffered from giddiness this afternoon.

Ex-Premier Asquith, answering an appeal from John Howard Whitehouse, former Liberal Member of the House of Commons, for his intervention in behalf of Mayor MacSwiney, said: "I think the decision to allow the Lord Mayor of Cork to die in prison is a political blunder of the first magnitude. I would gladly intervene if any appeal of mine could lead even to wiser counsels prevailing, but I fear that the latest declaration of the Minister precludes any such hope."

Use Air Mail Service

Dublin, Sept. 8.—In order to check the constant attacks on the Government mails throughout the country an airplane mail service has been inaugurated for the conveyance of mails for Duvvargan, County Waterford, and other points where police and military are quartered.

INSPECTORS BUSY AT FREDERICTON

Three Arrests for Infraction of Prohibitory Law Made Yesterday.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 8.—Arthur Forbes, of Stuyckney, C. W. Selig, of this city, W. P. Brown, of Blackville, and M. Pallett, of Southampton, are writing the examinations for positions as forest rangers in the city today at the Parliament Buildings.

This morning Inspector Fraser D. Saunders and Chief of Police Finlay arrested two Austrians, one of whom was charged with having liquor in his possession, while the other was charged with purchasing liquor from a person not entitled to sell it.

One of the two prisoners was ready to give a statement to the inspectors, as a result of information obtained from him, an uptown residence was raided by Inspector Saunders and the Chief of Police this morning and eight bottles of liquor were found on the premises. The prisoner, who was willing to talk, pointed out a woman residing in this house as the person who had sold him the liquor and a charge of keeping the liquor for sale was preferred against her. The three cases will probably come up before the magistrate in the near future.

ENGLISH FIRM SECURES CONTRACT

London, Sept. 8.—(By C. A. P.).—The contract for the electrification of the first section of the Midland Railway of New Zealand has been secured by an English electric company in the face of strong United States competition.

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