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## PROBING METROPOLITAN LIFE COMPANY NOW

### One of Its Chief Officials Doesn't Remember the Salaries Paid

### Treasurer of Mutual Life Tells Legislative Committee How Big Companies Are at the Mercy of Bankers in Investing Their Money--Enormous Profits Made Out of a Trust Company.

New York, Sept. 14.—When the special legislative committee probing life insurance companies' methods adjourned today, Chief Counsel Hughes had finished for the present the examination into the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was started on when Silas B. Dutcher, a director and a member of the finance committee, was called to the stand.

Mr. Dutcher was questioned regarding the securities held by the Metropolitan, and as to the syndicate operations of his company. He was asked the salaries of the company's officers, but could not remember them. He will present the list of officers' salaries to the committee tomorrow. Mr. Dutcher was still on the stand when the committee adjourned.

Earlier in the day treasurer Cromwell had taken the stand to continue his explanation of the Mutual Life's syndicate operations. In explaining the relations of the Mutual Life with trust companies, Mr. Cromwell stated the interesting fact that on the purchase of \$1,120,000 shares of the Title Guaranty & Trust Company, the Mutual had received individuals \$1,220,000, making these shares cost nothing and realizing a profit. Mr. Cromwell stated these shares were now selling at over \$90.

"In the advantage of dealing through syndicates in preference to buying railroad bonds direct, Mr. Cromwell said he had actually traded with the bankers from a railroad company. He went to his friend, Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central Railroad.

"Mr. Fish told me he could not afford to sell bonds to the Mutual," he said.

**Bankers All-powerful.**

"Then the truth is that the railroads must stand in with the bankers in order to sell their securities, and the insurance companies must stand in with the bankers in order to buy at low prices," Mr. Hughes asked.

"Exactly."

"The bankers control the situation?"

"No doubt about that."

## Laurier Praises Senator Wark Western Canada

### Tells Ottawa Audience That Its Fertility Amazed Him

### FLING AT TORONTO

### Declares He Always Gets a Warm Reception in That Place Except on Polling Day--Says Dominion Capital Will Always Remain His Residence.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the chief guest at the luncheon of the directors of the Canada Central Fair today. In replying to the toast of his health, proposed by Senator Edwards, Sir Wilfrid said:

"As to the crops of the Northwest no words can describe them. The quantity of fertile land in the eastern part of the Dominion is a revelation. I had thought that in the course of my experience I had witnessed the best things in the Dominion of Canada. I had seen the valley of the Annapolis, in the province of Nova Scotia, through which, as was said by Joseph Howe, you can travel for forty miles under apple blossoms. I had seen the valley of the Richelieu in my own native province, which I thought could not be surpassed. I had seen the fertile land of the province of Ontario between Coburg and Sarnia which is claimed to be the garden of Canada.

"But when you see the valley of the Saskatchewan and the Red River Valley growing under a crop of forty bushels to the acre, field after field and mile after mile of the finest land there is under tillage, you have some faint conception, but only a faint conception, of what the qualities of the western country are. In fact we do not know the extent of the riches we have. And the more it is explored and developed, the more we will come to the conclusion that we have here the best heritage which God could give to man." (Cheers.)

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### LOOK FOR C. P. R. HELP

### New Line Will Be Equipped with Enormous Terminal Facilities and Claim That Their Route Will Be Much Shorter Haul Than Boston, Portland or This City.

(Special Despatch to the Herald F. W. Bangor, Me., Sept. 13.—President F. W. Bangor, of the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, told a representative of the Boston Herald today that the construction of the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, by which it gets an ocean terminal, open all the year, at Stockton Springs, would be ready for operation by Nov. 1. One of his assistants stated later that Mr. Bangor was allowing plenty of leeway in order to be on time, because at the same rate of progression the work was begun in earnest last April everything would be in readiness fifteen days before the date set by the president.

The route is known as the Northern Maine Seaport railroad, and extends from South La Grange (Me.), on the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, to Stockton Springs, a generally southerly direction to the Maine Central, crossing over the Maine Central, railroad at Hermon Centre.

That President Bangor and his engineers calculate on a large freight business over the new line is shown by the fact that throughout the entire distance 85-pound steel rails have been used. These are also strong enough to bear the heaviest Pullman cars which may be run over them, and the equipment of the bridges has been such that the heaviest known railroad strain may be put on them without weakening them structurally.

**Big Wharves Being Built.**

At Stockton Springs wharves are booming and that portion of the new line will not be laid until the other parts of the road when the tracks for the first time. The immense freight wharves at Stockton will be 1,600 feet in length and 150 feet wide for a distance of 600 feet and 300 feet for a distance of 1,000 feet. This runs out at an angle of 45 degrees for the first 600 feet, and then parallel with the shore for the remainder of its length. Along the shore a bulkhead will be constructed which will furnish practically double the loading and unloading of the largest of deep water vessels. Of the wharves already constructed and already in use, a big gang of men is at work every day. The piling for the bulkhead on shore is all set, and the work of placing the planking was begun this week.

At Kitter's Point there is to be a wharf for passenger boats which will be 300 feet long and 150 feet wide. Of this 500 feet are now in readiness and work is being pushed rapidly to complete the remainder. The coal wharves at Kitter's Point are completed and ships can arrive and unload at any time it is now desired.

There is much conjecture as to the future of the road. It is not yet ascertained whether there was also much conjecture about the Bangor & Aroostook railroad. It was built during the hard times of 1883-85, and was declared from its inception that it would be a failure, instead it has been one of the greatest railroad success stories of the generation, and every two good dividends is an important extension with good dividends being paid all the time.

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## SUDDEN DEATH OF MAYOR P. A. COLLINS OF BOSTON

### Expired Suddenly at Hot Springs, Virginia, Thursday

### Went South in Quest of Health and the End Came Quickly--Boston Mourns the Loss of Its Chief Magistrate--Tributes from Notable Men to His High Character--President of Board of Aldermen Likely to Fill Vacancy Till the Next Election.

Boston, Sept. 14.—The death of Mayor Patrick A. Collins at Hot Springs (Va.), was announced here this afternoon by M. J. Curran, secretary to the mayor, who had received a brief telegram to that effect.

Mayor Collins left here about a week ago for Hot Springs to obtain a greatly needed rest. He was accompanied by his eldest son, Paul. When he started south the mayor was apparently in good health. Mayor Collins had been here about a week. He complained more or less of being ill. The immediate cause of his death was a hemorrhage. The mayor had kept to his room for three days, but had not been confined to his bed entirely. He was sitting up talking with his son this morning, when seized with the attack, death occurring at 9 o'clock.

Dr. Pole, who had been attending him, did not anticipate the sudden termination of Mayor Collins, and upon his arrival at the bedside of the stricken man, found that he was beyond medical skill.

**Boston Mourns.**

Up to a late hour tonight the arrangements for the funeral of Mayor Patrick A. Collins had not been completed. It is expected that the funeral will be held on Monday or Tuesday next week at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the largest Roman Catholic edifice in the city. The death of Mayor Collins caused general sorrow among all classes of citizens, especially among Boston business men, many of whom, regardless of party affiliations, supported him in his campaigns for chief magistrate.

Among the numerous tributes to his worth as a citizen and public man were expressions from former President Grover Cleveland, under whom Mr. Collins was counsel general at London; Richard Coney, secretary of state under Mr. Cleveland; former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, Governor William Douglas, William Redmond, M. P., and other prominent men.

During the afternoon flags were half-masted throughout the city, and over the fire alarm system sixty-one blows were struck, one for each year of Mayor Collins' life.

The body will arrive in Boston at 1.30 a. m. Saturday.

Daniel A. Whelan, chairman of the board of aldermen, will act as Mayor Collins' successor, and will probably hold the office until the close of the year. It is not thought that a special election will be called as the regular municipal election will be held in about three months.

Mayor Collins was one of the leading Democrats of the country. He served in congress from 1883 till 1889, and was United States consul-general at London from 1892-1897.

**Josiah Quincy's Tribute.**

New York, Sept. 14.—Former Mayor Josiah Quincy, of Boston, who was in the city today, said concerning the death of Mayor Patrick A. Collins, of that city:

"I am greatly shocked at the news of the sudden death of Mayor Collins. We had been not only political but personal friends for many years, and his unexpected passing away brings me a sense of great loss. He was a man of remarkable personality and powers, not only standing at the very head of the citizens of Irish blood, but holding a high position among representative Americans. His service for nearly four years in the office of Mayor of Boston—a service which at the time of his death seemed altogether likely to be continued for another term—did not constitute his chief claim to public distinction, but was only the first rounding out of a life of great and varied public activities and of wide influence for good. His talents in the prime of his life were of a remarkable character and he employed them for high and unselfish objects. As mayor of Boston he had achieved a unique position in the public mind and the administration of the office was known of all men. The Democratic party has lost a high official, and the country cannot be filled; this nation will not look upon his like again because he was one of nature's original characters."

## CANADA CHANGES EMIGRATION POLICY

### No Further Attempt to Establish Alien Communities in the West

### System of Paying \$1 Bounty for Continental Emigrant and Only 7s. for a British One Likely to Be Abolished.

Montreal, Sept. 14.—(Special)—The Star's London correspondent cables: Recent criticism of Canada's European emigration policy are clearly having effect. The Times has a leading article in which it states that the contract of paying \$1 for a Continental emigrant, and 7s. for a British emigrant will probably be cancelled, so strong are the objections in the west to this form of discrimination. This step will be made to establish alien village communities in the west, the community systems being unsuitable. Other significant changes in the Canadian government emigration policy are expected.

The Times article warmly applauds the British preference for Canadian wheat as the means of diverting British emigration from the United States to Canada, and also warmly increasing the migration from the United States to Canada.

## BOSTON BROKER CHARGED WITH BIG FORGERIES

### Harry Clifford Brown Alleged to Have Fleeced Concerns Out of \$750,000

Boston, Sept. 14.—Harry Clifford Brown, a stock broker of this city, and a well known resident of Brookline, was arrested today by inspectors from the Boston bureau of criminal investigation on a charge of forgery. According to Chief Inspector William Watts, numerous trust companies, other corporations and individuals claim to have lost \$750,000 through transactions with Brown.

The charges upon which the broker was taken into custody were those of raising two certificates, each representing one share of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, to 20 shares, and issuing the certificates as security on notes, upon which Brown is alleged to have obtained \$17,000 from the Washington Trust Company.

The complaint states that on June 19, a certificate, raised from one share to 20 shares was deposited at the Washington Trust Company as security, and that Brown obtained \$17,000. It is also alleged that \$4,000 was paid by the trust company to the broker on a similar certificate on April 28 last.

Chief Watts is still investigating the charges which have been made against Brown and it is said further developments are expected.

Brown is 45 years of age and resides at 30 Naples St. in the fashionable section of Brookline. He is a member of several clubs.

**Sends Thanks by Wireless.**

St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 14.—Princess Louise of Battenberg last night sent a wireless message to Governor MacGregor via Cape Race, renewing his thanks for the colony's hospitality on the occasion of his recent visit.

## UNKNOWN WOMAN KILLS HERSELF IN NEW YORK HOTEL

### Victim is Young and Handsome--Had Removed All Monograms from Clothing--Letter "B" on Underwear.

New York, Sept. 14.—A mystery about the identity of the well-dressed, handsome young woman who yesterday killed herself with a revolver in the Manhattan Hotel developed today in the discovery that the name "A. W. Wilder, Washington, D. C.," under which she registered at the hotel was probably fictitious.

Other circumstances about the case incline the police to believe that the woman came to New York from some upstate town or New England city to conceal her identity. The police have found that she had cut off every monogram on her clothing and even the tailor's brand from her street coat. A laundry mark "B" was found on some underwear.

In accordance with a note left signed by the apparently fictitious name and stating that her body would be called for "the corner had the body taken to an undertaking establishment yesterday, but late today it was still unclaimed and still unidentified.

## CANADA PAID \$676,000 FOR OIL AND LEAD BOUNTY

### Ottawa, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Canada produced 24,000,000 tons of petroleum last year, on which she was paid \$350,000, being the bounty at a cent and a half a gallon.

The granting of the bounty by parliament had a decidedly stimulating effect upon oil prospecting and production.

The lead bounty payment amounted to \$320,000 against \$101,500 for the year previous.

## BLIZZARD WEATHER AT MT. WASHINGTON

### Portland, Me., Sept. 14.—(Special)—Edward F. Cole appeared to be unconcerned when he was arraigned in the Superior court this morning to answer to the indictment presented yesterday by the grand jury and charging him with the murder of John F. Steeves, his former acquaintance in Hillsboro (N.B.).

The proceedings were formal and very short. The clerk read the indictment, and in answer to the usual question, Cole replied "not guilty" in a firm tone.

Scott Wilson was appointed by the court to act as the prisoner's behalf at the trial. Mr. Wilson has been interested in the case from its beginning, and appeared for Cole at the hearing in the municipal court. He is confident of his client's innocence, and expects his acquittal.

The day for trial has not yet been set, but it will probably come late in the term, in which it is expected to be long on account of the unusually long list of indictments presented. At Mr. Wilson's office today it was learned that there has not yet been a consultation between the prisoner's counsel and the county attorney on the subject of the trial date, but that the defense expected that the other matter pending will be all disposed of before this murder case is taken up.

## MARITIME Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION OPENED AT CHARLOTTETOWN

### Identified as the John Grafton of London--Many Rifles Still in Her Hold.

Charlottetown, Sept. 14.—(Special)—The high court of Foresters closed at noon today to hold its next meeting at Montague. Horatio Nelson, of Montague, was elected high chief ranger.

The thirty-fifth maritime convention of the Y. M. C. A. opened tonight. The report of the maritime committee recommended that \$1,000 be raised by the convention and that \$5,000 be used for general work each year in 1906 and 1907, \$500 of which is to be set aside and added to the endowment fund to support the work in Madras and India. That more secretarial help be secured for general work. The receipts were \$2,254 and expenditures, \$4,224.

Twenty-six associations report 4,032 members, 1,653 of whom are active. Every association has felt the pinch of limited financial support, and many good plans are thereby held up. The distinctly religious work of the associations has been beyond the average. The help of women has been given lavishly in some of the local associations.

An address on the Duty of the Hour was given tonight by Harvey Graham, chairman of the Maritime committee, George Irving, of Montreal; Fraser Marshall, maritime secretary, and others.

## BRITISH STEAMER THAT WAS SUNK ON RUSSIAN COAST

### Identified as the John Grafton of London--Many Rifles Still in Her Hold.

Helsingfors, Finland, Sept. 14.—The steamer which was sunk by her crew Sept. 10 after landing a portion of her cargo of arms and ammunition on a barren island in the Gulf of Bothnia, has been positively identified as the John Grafton of London (Eng.), of about 300 tons. Divers who have examined the vessel say that there are 1,000 additional rifles on board.

It was telegraphed from St. Petersburg, Sept. 12 that the news of the accidental discovery of the importation of arms and ammunition in large quantities on the coast of Finland was the most serious disclosure regarding the revolutionary movement in Russia that has yet been made, as it indicated an intention to form a regular military organization.

**Noted Britisher to Study Canada**

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Sir Frederick Pollock, a well known Imperial Federationist in Britain, is coming to Canada to study the question from a Canadian point of view.

## WISCONSIN'S SUICIDE LIST A HEAVY ONE

### Twenty-one Persons Have Taken Their Lives Since First of the Year--Nine of the Victims Were Foreigners--Some Peculiar Reasons for Ending Their Lives.

Winnipeg, Sept. 14.—(Special)—From the beginning of the year until the present time there have been twenty-one suicides in Winnipeg or an average of three a month.

Five persons who have taken their lives since the first of the year chose hanging as the easiest way, one took strychnine, five carbolic acid, five drowned, one cut her throat and four blew their brains out.

Since August 21 to date there have been eight cases of suicide.

Nine who committed suicide were foreigners, the fact of Winnipeg having a mixed population being largely responsible for the large number.

Two peculiar cases are found in the suicides of Arroyo Strizel and Dan Munro. The latter took his life at the jail, because his boss had been out in the operation and the former killed himself because he had an artificial foot and was afraid he would be a burden to others.

## BOSTON POLICE NAB COUNTERFEITERS

### Boston, Sept. 14.—Police officers of station three today arrested a number of counterfeiters of 20 and 30 cent pieces. The first arrest was that of Solomon Fine, a Russian, 18 years of age, who is said to have been passing counterfeit coins. The police also searched his room at 66 Bowdoin street, and there placed under arrest Mahal Fine, wife of Solomon and Daniel Morrison, aged 19. The police also seized a counterfeit outfit and a number of coins. The prisoners will be delivered to the federal authorities.

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