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POPE HOLDS CONSISTORY

New Cardinal Created and Many Bishops Confirmed

TITULAR ARCHBISHOPS

Bishop McDonald of Harbor Grace Becomes Archbishop of Goortyna

ROME, Dec. 6.—At the secret consistory held today in place of the public consistory, previously planned, Cardinal Samassa, Archbishop of St. Rigona, Hungary, who was present although still suffering from illness received the Red Hat. The pontiff pronounced 84 bishops, including the Most Rev. James H. Blenk, as Archbishop of New Orleans; Right Rev. L. S. Walsh, as Bishop of Portland, Maine; Mgr. John B. Morris, as Coadjutor of Little Rock, Ark.; Mgr. Giuseppe Averara, as Bishop of Harbor Grace; Most Rev. E. J. McCarthy, as Archbishop of Halifax; and Right Rev. Wm. McDonald, Bishop of Alexandria, Canada. The most significant appointments were those of the new French bishops, which were made without any opposition on the part of the French government.

In his allocution, the pope said that every day the increasing and storm of vicissitudes is besting down on the church, involving great misery. The pontiff added: "More than ever now, the Church is compared with a ship buffeted by the waves in the midst of the ocean, but our faith does not vacillate in the least. In our belief in the efficacious assistance of Christ, who when the time to succeed comes, will rise and command the winds and sea to go down so that the perfect tranquility so much desired will be on us."

WAGING WAR ON THE BAR ROOMS

Rev. Alfred H. C. Morse Formerly of St. John, is Warming Things up in Brooklyn.

Rev. Alfred H. C. Morse, who, it will be remembered, supplied the pulpit of the Brussels street Baptist church for five or six years, in the summer months, in the interval between the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Carey and Rev. Mr. Waring, is evidently commencing a vigorous campaign against the liquor dealers in the vicinity of his church in Brooklyn, N. Y. The New York Times of Monday, December 3, says:

"The Bishop of Qu Appelle said where ever the Anglican church was sent there was an agency which strengthened and cemented the bonds of empire. In telling the story of the origin of the name of his diocese he asked his audience to apply it in relation to the needs of Western Canada."

FOR AN ELASTIC CURRENCY CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—An elastic currency issued by the banks at a low rate of interest that will satisfy the demands of commerce was advocated by Judge Foran in an address before the Bankers' Association last night. The basis for this double issue will be the unused balance of the National Bank's bonded reserve. Mr. Foran said the commission investigating this matter found the 6,000 banks had outstanding but 32 1/2 per cent of the amount they are used to issue. They have a standing reserve of 67 1/2 per cent.

COSTS MORE TO LIVE NOW NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A list giving the average cost of living in December compared by Dun & Co., showed there has been a advance in prices compared with November. The cost of living has advanced from \$106.08 to \$108.17 reached on December 1. The cost of commodities is the highest since February, 1884.

THE LADIES OF CULLOM, L. O. B. A. No. 11 meet in their hall, Simonds at 8 o'clock.

ADVANCE IN DRIED FRUITS

Pump Puddings, Mince Pies, etc., Will Come High This Year

FRUITS ARE AWAY UP

Raisin Crop Was Light and Demand is Heavy, Consequently Prices are Up—The Same is True of Dried Fruits and Peels.

Pump puddings, mince pies, fruit cake and other Christmas specialties will cost the householders dearly this year. All kinds of dried fruits have advanced during the past few months, and prices are reported higher than for years back. During the spring and summer of the present year all fruits were cleaned up and when the new crop came it found everybody bare and the big orders in consequence forced the price up very rapidly. The crop of raisins is said to be very much below the average, and they have advanced from a quotation of 9 cents in August to 12 cents at the present day. Currants have also advanced about 3 cents per pound, while figs and dates have also taken an upward leap. Evaporated apples are quoted at from 1 to 1 1/2 cents a pound higher than two months ago, and prunes are 1 1/2 cents higher. Evaporated apricots and peaches are reported to be in short supply, and the wholesalers have decided not to handle them at all.

Candied citron, lemon and orange peels have also advanced, citron being from 6 to 7 cents a pound higher than last year. In nuts, Brazil nuts are very high, and in Virginia, where the packers have formed an association, claiming that they have been selling below cost during the past season, the new tariff also adds an additional duty of one cent. Almonds also are much higher than last year.

In canned goods tomatoes and peaches are much firmer, there being no stock left in the packers' hands, and they are only able to fill about 80 per cent of the orders for tomatoes. Canned strawberries and raspberries are both higher than last year.

Surplus crop advanced 30 cents per box last month, and some of the other lines are also expected to have the price raised.

Both wholesalers and retailers report that business during the present year has been exceptionally good. The general prosperity of the country, it is claimed, is responsible in a large measure for this fact. "The best year yet," seems to be the general opinion.

FOURTEEN BUILDINGS IN LYNN DESTROYED BY FIRE FROM BOILER EXPLOSION

Boiler in Big Factory Exploded and Hurlled Itself Into the Street—Sheets of Flame Followed and Big Conflagration Resulted—Eleven Persons Injured But No Lives Lost.

Fire Under Control

At the building of the H. G. Worthy factory, the firemen also had gathered its force and after hard fighting, with reinforcements from surrounding places, had the blaze well in hand and the building escaped with a bad scorching and damage of water.

From the Harney factory, the wooden frame of which was now a mass of flames, the fire leaped to the adjoining shoe factory of Tuttle & Friedman. Two Hebrews were seen at one of the windows of the Friedman structure, and while the flames were being swept away into this, the patrolmen dashed within the walls and brought out the imprisoned men whom the flames had already reached sufficiently to burn them badly. The little box-like structure of the Boston and Maine station was next in the path of the fire. The long tongues of flames licked it up before a stream of water could be turned on it. Not stopping here, the flames hurried the gap to the building occupied by Hoda & Sons. There, however, the firemen met the onslaught and the structure was damaged, but not entirely ruined.

Some Thrilling Rescues Plunging into the midst of the stricken territory the firemen and police made some thrilling rescues, the police being especially conspicuous for their heroism, while the fire fighters devoted their efforts to keeping the blaze confined to as small a space as possible.

A patrolman sounded the alarm. As he was in the vicinity of Harney's he heard a dull roar and saw the heavy boiler in the wing of the Harney shoe factory burst through the engine house, 1919 across a corner section of the main building and landed in the street. He was stunned for an instant by the concussion and a sheet of flame shot up from the Harney building. Asst. Supt. Fred Winchell, of the company, was in his bed at the time. He was thrown to the floor and stunned. Recovering quickly, he ran out and saw the flames shooting up the elevator shaft. He made a quick survey of the surrounding rooms. Only twenty hands were assembled, he said, the rest not being due until a quarter past seven.

These all made a dash for the exits, and Supt. Winchell was positive that all escaped with burns about the face and hands, and he is sure there were no fatalities. The engineer of the factory, W. J. Jennings, was picked up by the police on Alley street, in an unconscious condition. He was badly cut and bruised about the head, but upon being given treatment by the police, he could not give any account of what caused the explosion.

The dwellings destroyed were: Peter Pheasant's, Charles street; Isaac Senter's, Charles street; Robert Johnson's, Charles street; Richard Johnson's, Charles street; Daniel Johnson's, Charles street; Morris Becker's dwelling and grocery store, rear of Charles street. While the direct monetary loss to the shoe firms made up the greater bulk of the Hinton loss, the loss to the business will be heavy. The disaster came at a time when most of the firms were working full time and great numbers of the surrounding firms were on hand. Some of the firms were also caught at the beginning of large spring and summer orders.

The Boston and Maine station was valued at \$300,000 and Sons sustained a comparatively small loss, as did the M. J. Worthy Company. The R. J. Russell factory on Charles street was owned by M. J. Harney and was insured. The Harney Company are by far the heaviest losers, but are insured up to \$300,000.

The list of injured LYNN, Mass., Dec. 6.—A careful canvass of the district of the Lynn General Hospital and the police stations showed that eleven persons were injured, but that no lives were lost. Of the injured nine were taken to the hospital, where their wounds were dressed, others were treated by physicians on the scene. The injured at hospital were: Robert Burt, Maurice Fetteil, Oelia Traubman, Logueria, Nathan Friedman, Thomas Wyman. Others injured were: Bernard Friedman, C. X. Gidney, Fireman George Miller, W. J. Jennings, Engineer Fred Winchell, assistant superintendent at the Harney factory.

KILTIES LEAD BY TEN VOTES

A Double Surprise in Times Contest Today

COURT LA TOUR THIRD

Scotch Boys and St. Mary's Band have Deposed the Foresters -- Now There Will be Great Struggle for the Coveted First Place.

The Evening Times contest is full of surprises. Today the standard of the lads of the kilt and tartan floats over first position and Court La Tour and St. Mary's Band fall back before their victorious onslaught. The success of the Kilties today was entirely unexpected, Court La Tour's grip on the leadership being considered secure. Before noon today, however, the bandmen succeeded in wresting first honors from the Foresters by a large increase in their vote. Their success was short lived, however, for at the eleventh hour the Kilties came forward with enough votes to secure the coveted position. Their lead over the bandmen is very slight, but close enough to be interesting.

An interesting struggle between the three contestants may now be looked for; if St. Rose's L. A. D. Society does not come forward and further complicate matters, a possibility which is extremely likely.

The lads of the Scots Brigade now that they have again been successful in carrying off first honors, will doubtless follow up the advantage they have gained, by securing their position against the assaults of their rival organizations.

The bandmen and the Foresters will, without question, make a combined attack upon first position before the day closes. The organization which succeeds in winning the purse of gold will have reason to congratulate itself, while those who fall will have something pleasant to remember in the days to come.

Although the rivalry in the contest has been intense, the struggle has been conducted in a manner which proclaims the membership of the different organizations of St. John through gentleness and sportsmanlike.

No feeling of bitterness has been manifested by any of the contestants, and the award of the gold pieces may rest assured that it will receive the hearty congratulations of its less successful rival number of people are now leaving the infected district about Springhill, and that doubtless many of them will come to Cape Breton mine.

The Sydney board realizes the necessity for quick action, and has recommended a general vaccination of those who have not been vaccinated within past few years. It was also decided to recommend to the warden of the county that a man be placed on all incoming trains, who would see to it that all passengers were vaccinated before being permitted to enter the city.

MONTEZUMA IS LABELLED

Customs Officer Discovers Smuggling Carried On

THE SMUGGLER CAUGHT

He is Frank Moran, Boatswain of the C. P. R. Liner Montezuma—Collector of Customs Fined Him Heavily and Labelled the Steamer.

Lewis E. Tapley, who is acting customs tide waiter, is a terror to smugglers. Last night, on his rounds, about 8:30 o'clock, he spotted Frank Moran, boatswain of the C. P. R. steamship Montezuma, coming ashore from that vessel at No. 1 berth with a lot of cigars which were not on the inward manifest of the steamer and which he was trying to smuggle ashore, but the customs officer put his hand on him and made him disgorge. This morning the smuggler was brought before the collector of the port and acknowledged his guilt. The collector has imposed a heavy fine on Moran, and has also labelled the steamship Montezuma in a heavy fine; the amount is not made public.

The collector of customs says he is determined to prevent smuggling at this port and has instructed his staff of officers to keep a sharp lookout for parties who are trying to evade the customs laws. In future all guilty parties will be punished to the limit of the law with fines or imprisonment.

SYDNEY TAKES PRECAUTIONS

Alarmed by Possibility of Smallpox Sydney Health Board Orders General Vaccination.

SYDNEY, Dec. 6.—(Special).—There is a grave danger of smallpox, now epidemic in eastern Nova Scotia, finding its way to Sydney, and this danger was discussed at a meeting of the board of health yesterday.

Dr. McIntyre, city medical officer, is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Reid, provincial health inspector, stating that a large number of people are now leaving the infected district about Springhill, and that doubtless many of them will come to Cape Breton mine.

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CANADIAN FRUIT SHOWN IN ENGLAND

British Columbia Apples Win Gold Medal and Nova Scotia Apples Silver Medal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—(Special).—A special London cable says: The exhibition of Canadian fruit at the Royal Horticultural Society's fall opened Tuesday and attracts considerable attention. A huge display of apples from British Columbia was awarded the silver medal, and gold medals were given to the press, as does the Knighton silver medal. Silver medals are also bestowed on the individual growers. The Post's criticism of these exhibits indicates that it is 101 compared with Kentish fruit, and 80 lack of refinement in texture, color and taste. "They are, however, excellent apples of culinary fruit," says the paper.

WILL BUILD NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual meeting of the German street Baptist church Sunday school was held last evening, when very encouraging reports were received. It was decided to begin the erection in the spring of a large addition to the church, to be used for Sunday school purposes. The new building will be built on the lot adjoining the church on German street.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Honorary superintendents, I. S. Staines; superintendents, W. C. Hunt; assistant superintendents, D. Cross and St. Hunt; treasurer, S. H. Davis; general secretary, T. H. Delys; school secretary, A. J. Dearnes; chorister, W. F. Nobles; pianist, S. E. Fisher; librarians, Fred G. Fisher and Charles Metz; marshals, F. Dival; primary superintendent, Miss Vaughan; primary secretary, Miss Georgia Dodge; cradle roll superintendents, Mrs. T. S. Sims and Mrs. W. C. Cross; superintendent home department, Miss Bessie Bowman; secretary I. B. K. A., F. F. Dival.

A committee of ladies in charge of Miss Alice Estey and Miss Olive Siprell served tea.

DROPPED DEAD WHILE WAITING FOR TRAIN

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 6 (Special).—While waiting to board the train at River Hebert last night Henry Keith, belonging to Parraboro, N. S., dropped dead. The deceased, who was quite an elderly man, carried on peddling around the Cumberland shore and was well known throughout the country. He is married and has a family. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death.

American Women Explorers Gain Fame.



NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—"Mrs. Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492." It would look very odd in a text book. Yet at woman's present rate of progress in the field of exploration, says a writer in the Los Angeles Times, the children of the next generation may have a chance to study of new countries whose discoverers have been members of the gentler sex.

Not one, but half a dozen women have lately figured in sensational and dangerous trips to little known or completely unknown parts of the world. They have been sealing mountains, pushing into the frozen north of the Arctic and delving in deepest Asia and darkest Africa.

Mrs. Stephen P. M. Tasker recently arrived at Fort Kimo, the first woman who had ever crossed the frozen wastes of northern Labrador. And she made the trip as a honeymoon adventure.

Another woman, Mrs. Hubbard, had just returned, but not across the same country. Mrs. Hubbard made the trip in search of her husband's ill-fated expedition.

Mrs. Peary, whose husband is now engaged in the never ceasing quest for the North Pole, was with the lieutenant on a preceding journey when he touched the furthest northern point, and she has a child that was born in the Arctic. Accompanied only by natives, Mrs. Kingsley pushed for long distances into the interior of the Niger country. As for mountain climbing, the fair sex is actually beginning to distance men in that line. The same made by Mrs. Anne Peck as a mountain climber is world wide. From the Matterhorn to the Peruvian peaks there is scarcely a mountain she has not scaled.

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THE STANDING TODAY

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JEROME AFTER THE GAMBLERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Significant action was taken today by District Attorney Jerome and Police Commissioner Bingham to further the investigation by Mr. Jerome of gambling in this city.

ANOTHER MURDER CASE

HAZELHURST, Miss., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Angie Birdsong, 22 years old, a member of one of the prominent families in the state, is on trial here on the charge of murdering Dr. Butler, a nephew of former Governor Louisa, at Monticello, Miss.

The case has attracted wide interest in this section. Mrs. Birdsong, on Nov. 23, 1905, entered Dr. Butler's private office at Monticello and fired five shots at him, killing him instantly. Going on the street, she remarked to a gathering crowd that they would find the result of her work upstairs.

A few days before the shooting Mrs. Birdsong attempted suicide. At her preliminary hearing her brother-in-law testified that the prisoner had experienced extreme mental troubles over rumors concerning her character.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

SEWAGE AND WATER. An enquiry into the probable effect of emptying the sewage of Fredericton into the St. John river.

Mr. Peter Binks is greatly surprised that so much money should be spent in an enquiry into the probable effect of emptying the sewage of Fredericton into the St. John river.

Beyond question, said Mr. Binks, "it will improve the quality of the water. Any algæ in St. John will tell you as they are not today drinking Loch Lomond water? And is there not sewage emptying daily into Loch Lomond near where the water enters the lake? Have you not noticed yourself the improved flavor of the water you drink—Oh! You don't drink water—Well, I do, and the Loch Lomond liquid is delicious. Perhaps a little more sewage would improve it. There you will remember, some silly talk about preventing the flow of sewage into the lake—but I am glad to see that the aldermen took no action. It seems to me the Fredericton people should summon the St. John city council as witnesses and settle the question up there. Sewage for mine, every time."

A BOND OF SYMPATHY. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, by a simple remark, has established a bond of sympathy between himself and a vast number of persons who had never dreamed that they had anything in common with the great railway man. Speaking in Montreal yesterday Sir Thomas said:—"I never made five cents by a stock deal in my life."

A few automatic laughing harlequins would find lucrative employment in Montreal, with occasional excursions to Dorchester.