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MONCTON MAN DEAD; FOUGHT AT PAARDEBERG

Edward Durant Was Wounded In Memorable Battle With Boers

HE DIED IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Was Under Pension and Had Place in I. C. R. Service—Mrs. John Nash, Dead in Moncton, Leaves Sister and Daughter Here

(Special to Times)

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 12.—Edward Durant, a South African soldier who was wounded in the battle of Paardeberg, died in Cambridge, Mass., last week. He was a son of Moses Durant of Moncton and he is survived by his wife and four children who live in Lewisville.

In the famous battle of Paardeberg, fought February 27, Durant and other Canadians were in the thick of the fight. As Moncton boy, Young Scott, was among those killed and Durant was among the wounded. After his return from South Africa he was in receipt of a pension and was given employment in the I. C. R. service. He was thirty-six years of age and well known here.

The death of Mrs. John Nash occurred on Sunday evening at her home on Bridge street. She was seventy years of age. Besides her husband, she leaves a sister, five daughters and one son. The sister is Mrs. Thomas Dempsey of St. John. The daughters are Mrs. Havelock, of St. John, Mrs. N. C. Reid, of Boston; Mrs. White, of Bloomfield; Mrs. John Flood, of St. John and Mrs. Haver of this city. The son is John Nash Jr., of Moncton.

WOLVES SEEN SEVEN MILES FROM CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 12.—(Special)—Mel Knight and Michael Seale say they saw a pair of wolves a week ago on Sunday while in the woods about five miles from Mr. Seale's farm. They had gone on an old camp and were a little distance from it when a strange noise attracted their attention to their right. Two grey wolves came on upon and disappeared in the forest.

The presence of wolves within seven miles of town is almost an unheard of thing and their presence in this winter is causing speculation among lumbermen and woodmen as well as farmers who live far from the highway. One theory is that the abundance of game has drawn them down from Quebec and even Ontario.

ANOTHER GOLD SPELL

The lowest temperature in St. John today was eight below. On Saturday night at nine o'clock the thermometer registered ten below, and in the morning on Sunday morning, showed eleven and twelve. Although not so low as the mark of 13 on January 12, the average throughout the night was lower. The mercury remained below zero mark all day yesterday. Continued cold weather is predicted.

In Chatham today it was twenty-two below, Chatham held twelve, Quebec twelve, Halifax ten, New York held 5 ten above, and Boston eight above.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Table with columns: Max., Min., Dir., Val. for various locations including Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Chatham, etc.

FORECASTS—Fresh to strong northeast to north winds; fine and very cold today and Tuesday. Synoptic—A severe cold wave is centered over the Great Lakes, indicating a continuance of low temperatures in the maritime provinces. To the Grand Banks and American Ports, fresh to strong Northwest to North winds.

Local Weather Report at Noon. 12th day February, 1912. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs., 8 below. Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs., 8 below.

Barometer readings at noon (sea level) and 33 degrees Fahrenheit, 29.81 inches. Wind at noon: Direction, N.W.; velocity, 24 miles per hour. Fine. Same date last year: Highest temperature, 16; lowest, zero. Cloudy, snow flurries and fine.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director

BOOM IN EAST IS ON ROCK FOUNDATION

Canadian Bank of Commerce Manager Inspects Conditions And Gives His Views

Mr. Laird Saw Great Optimism Here and Declares He Agrees That Outlook is Rosy—Expansion Movement is Sound

(Special to Times)

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Alexander Laird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce spent most of last week in the maritime provinces. Mr. Laird made the trip as the guest of Sir William McKenzie who had some business in Halifax, while Mr. Laird was simply interested in reviewing his acquaintances in that section of the country. After his return to his office here, Mr. Laird said that there was no special significance attaching to his visit to the east except that he had been more impressed than he had ever expected to be by the commercial situation there.

RUSSIA TAKES STEPS TO STOP WAR OF ITALY AND TURKEY

Fears Disastrous Outcome in the Balkans and Makes a Suggestion For Joint Action By Powers

(Canadian Press)

Rome, Feb. 12.—Details of the proposals made by Russia for peace between Italy and Turkey are not known, but it has been disclosed that they are based on the necessity of stopping the war and averting the danger of complications in the Balkans. The situation in the Balkans is regarded by Russia as most serious and she has therefore assumed the initiative in an attempt to bring hostilities to a close. The proposal has been communicated to Germany, Austria, France and England.

LOCAL NEWS

FORMER CHATHAM MAN DEAD IN VANCOUVER

R. B. Joyce Was at One Time in Lumber Business on North Shore

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 12.—(Special)—Many people on the Miramichi will learn with regret of the sudden death of R. B. Joyce in Vancouver. He was at one time a well known citizen of Chatham. His death was due to a hemorrhage of the brain and occurred on Thursday night. He was sixty-six years of age and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joyce, and two daughters—Miss Susan Joyce at home and Mrs. Geoffrey Stead of Chatham.

Mr. Joyce was born in the north of Ireland and came to this country when a young man. For several years he was connected with the H. A. & J. Stewart Company, a lumbering firm which did a large business in Chatham in the seventies. Fourteen years ago he removed to Upper Canada where he had some real estate for the most part.

NORTH SHORE DOES WELL IN FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR KINGS

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 12.—(Special)—In speaking of the forward movement for Kings' College, Ven. Archbishop Forsyth, in a sermon last evening in St. Mary's church, said he had received pledges of \$1,000 from members of St. Mary's and St. Paul's churches, and of the \$280 had been paid in and forwarded to the diocesan treasurer. Several pledges are yet to be received. Newcastle parish has raised more than \$300 for the fund.

JUDGE DEWEY TO HOSPITAL FOR INSANE AS PARANOID

Boston, Feb. 12.—Former Judge Henry S. Dewey of the municipal court has been committed to the Boston insane asylum after a hearing before Judge Robert Grant. Two physicians, testified that their observations had satisfied them that Judge Dewey was suffering from paranoia; that the disease was incurable and progressive.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS GREATLY ON INCREASE

London, Feb. 12.—There was a remarkable increase of infantile paralysis in Devon and Cornwall last year. Doctor Reece, reporting to the local government board, suggests that the prevalence of the disease in late years may be associated with dust raised by motor cars.

ELOPEMENT OF YUGNESS REPORTED

London Paper Gives Rumor of Sensational Episode in Society Life

NO NAMES ARE PUBLISHED

Woman of Nobility Said to Have Run Away to France With Swiss Masquerade Society Circles Much Exercised Over the Matter

(Canadian Press)

New York, Feb. 12.—The New York World publishes the following London cable:— "A tremendous sensation has been caused here today by the rumor that an English duchess has eloped with a masquerade. All day prominent business men have been frantically trying to locate all the duchesses in the past in efforts to disprove the story. The identity of the duchess eloped has not been disclosed, nor has the rumor been confirmed.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY IN A PEACE PACT

Haldane's Visit to Germany Ends Towards This Result—France Has Been Playing a Game

(Canadian Press)

London, Feb. 12.—The visit of Viscount Haldane to Berlin has served to emphasize the intention of Great Britain to adhere consistently to the new policy of the old hand and the abandonment of the old one of being a mediator between Russia, like China and Persia, announced by Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary in a speech on January 29.

"There is no longer any doubt that Great Britain is anxious to cement the breach in her German relations by a hard and fast agreement, and will not permit a situation to develop which is likely to involve the French dominions."

The knowledge, through recent revelations, that former Premier Balfour had other offers declared for a German treaty, while bound to England by a similar arrangement between France and Great Britain to stand together against Germany, is largely responsible for the present friendly overtures between London and Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Reports that the mission of Viscount Haldane to Germany, had been cancelled, were denied by the German foreign office today and contributed to the prevailing weakness and pessimism. The rumors, however, were not entirely without foundation. It is reported that the mission will be delayed only until Viscount Haldane has conferred with his colleagues in the British cabinet.

It is reported that the decision as to whether definite negotiations with Germany are to be begun. The German office today is apparently well satisfied concerning the prospects of the situation. Viscount Haldane's mission is not to be cancelled. The outline of the new German naval and military proposals, notwithstanding the fact that the German fleet is being increased, is being discussed by the German cabinet.

Cologne, Germany, Feb. 12.—Viscount Haldane had plenty of opportunity during his visit to Berlin to confer with authoritative personalities and gain an understanding of the existing feeling in Germany, according to an inspired despatch from Berlin, which appears in today's Cologne Gazette. It continues: "When a personage like the British minister for war goes home after his trip the information acquired by him undoubtedly will have weight with his government. This information probably will tend among other things to change Winston Spencer Churchill's surprising conception that the fleet is a luxury for Germany. Whether the secretary for war's trip will have further consequences must be awaited."

MANY LIVES LOST IN FIRE IN MINE

Antoninohetta, Prussian Silesia, Feb. 12.—Many fatalities were caused by a fire which broke out in one of the collieries in the coal mining centre last evening. Seven corpses of miners have been brought to the surface, and the survivors believe that at least twenty more men have perished.

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ATTENDING GUILD

W. C. Cross, manager of Hall & Fair weather, is in Toronto today attending the session of the Dominion Grocers' Guild.

MEN IN THE CENTRE OF THE STORM OVER HOME RULE

Original Date Thirteenth, But Nationalists, Says London Writer, Had it Put Off for a Day



PARLIAMENT TO ASSEMBLE ON WEDNESDAY

London, Feb. 12.—Supper regarding the original date of the opening of the session of the House of Commons, according to the parliamentary correspondent of the London Times, is responsible for parliament not assembling tomorrow.

The 13th of the day first fixed by the government, but when this became known, the Irish Nationalists urged that the date be changed as the number thirteen was unlucky and an ill omen for the beginning of the home rule bill session.

The ministry were complacent and thought it not necessary to be surprised that they have the superstition of their allies, they changed the date to the 14th (St. Valentine's Day). This is a day which comes about that parliament will reassemble on Wednesday.

TORONTO ANTI-HOME RULE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12.—For a month anti-home rule meeting, under the auspices of the Organisation of Toronto, invitations will be sent to all other Protestant Associations and to all the Protestant clergymen of the city. It will be held in Messer Hall on the evening of Wednesday Feb. 20. His Worship Mayor Geary will occupy the chair. Prominent Protestants of Toronto will address the meeting.

MANCHUS ABDICATE

End of Three Centuries of Their Rule in China

THREE EDICTS ISSUED

No Terms Asked by Retiring Rulers; They Step Down and Out—Same Cable Brings News of Disastrous Defeat of Imperialists

(Canadian Press)

Peking, Feb. 12.—The abdication of the throne of China by the Manchus dynasty, was proclaimed in an imperial edict at noon today. The emperor, Yuan Shi Kai, who had accepted the republic, while a third approved the conditions agreed upon by Yuan Shi Kai and the republicans.

The momentous step which the Manchu dynasty yields up its power after three centuries of rule and agrees to change from an absolute to a representative form of government, was notified in three simultaneous proclamations. Although the final act of abdication had been awaited for some time, the posting of the edict with its declaration that it was an accomplished fact, caused profound excitement. The second edict approving of all the conditions agreed upon between Yuan Shi Kai and the republican representative created even more astonishment. It had been expected that the Manchus would demand conditions which would safeguard many of their privileges, but according to the proclamation their surrender is unconditional.

The third edict informed the viceroys and provincial governors of the retirement of the throne from political power and instructed them to continue doing their duty and to preserve order throughout the land. It declared that the step taken by the throne was in order to meet the wishes of the people.

London, Feb. 12.—The imperial army under the command of General Chang Hsun, which has been in contact with the rebel troops for some days, was today contacted with serious loss by the republicans in the neighborhood of Su Chow An in the province of Anhwei.

According to a special despatch from Shanghai the republican troops mined the ground in front of their entrenchments. Then, by feigning a retreat, they inveigled the imperialists into following them over the mined ground. When a large body of them were assembled they set fire to the fuses and exploded the mines. The imperialists sustained heavy casualties and lost a number of their field guns. General Chang Hsun, their commander, escaped towards the north.

FINLANDER IN ONTARIO CAUGHT ON VESTIBULE OF CAR AND BADLY FROZEN

Sudbury, Ont., Feb. 12.—With both feet and hands frozen, and his body badly frost-bitten, a Finlander, here in the hospital here today in a critical condition due to his efforts to save time and a four mile walk.

Who had been visiting friends at Copper Cliff, and on entering the depot to take the train back to Sudbury, noticed it was just leaving. He ran and got onto the top outside the vestibule and there he hung.

Soon after starting his face became frozen. Then his hands. He had decided to escape the agonizing cold by jumping from the train into a snowbank, while the train was in motion, but as soon as he attempted to remove his hands, he found them frozen to the rails to which he was hanging. He may not live, and if he does, will lose both hands and feet.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 12.—A prayer of twenty-four hours' duration, taken up by relays of fifteen minutes each, was commenced here last night, under the auspices of the men and religion forward movement. The ninety-five prayers will be concluded at nine o'clock tonight. The participants were allotted in their respective fifteen minute periods, hour and place making no difference in the performance of the duty assigned to each man. Some of those engaged are employed in local factories.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The monthly reunion of the Natural History Society will be held this evening. The Women's Society Club will take part and one of its members will read a short paper. There will also be a musical programme, the visitors will be shown through the museum and refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited.

LANGFORD DEFEATS BARRY

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 12.—Sam Langford, the heavy weight pugilist of Nova Scotia, who is the heavy weight champion of England, today defeated James Barry, the Chicago heavyweight on points in a match of twenty rounds. The fight took place in the stadium in the presence of a large crowd.