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MISS THOMSON PLAYS WONDERFUL GOLF

Leads Her Thirty-five Competitors in Qualifying Round

St. John Ex-Champion Made the Eighteen Holes in 87 During a Pouring Rain, Her Nearest Opponent Making 96--Only Seventeen Qualified and Four of Them Tied--Sixteen to Play Today.

Montréal, Sept. 18.—(Special)—Miss Mabel Thomson of St. John, turned in a remarkable card in the qualifying round of the women's golf championship which began yesterday afternoon on the course of the Royal Montreal Golf Club at Dixie. Miss Thomson won eighteen holes in 87, turning in the lowest netts of the thirty-six players who started.

Under the best of circumstances Miss Thomson's score would have been excellent to say the least, and when made under such conditions as prevailed yesterday it is nothing short of marvelous.

Miss Thomson is an ex-champion yet the game hardly ever on any previous occasion equalled the splendid performance made in the opening struggle of the present championship battle. There are many men who would be pleased to turn in such a card and the few who saw the St. John player go over the wet, soggy course without a mistake were indeed envious of her fine golf.

Seventeen Qualified.

Seventeen cards were in the qualifying round, necessitating a play-off between four of the competitors before the drawing could be completed for the first round. There are four players each with a card of 116,

STARTLING FACTS OF INSURANCE INQUIRY

Big Companies Bought Off Adverse Legislation

Belief General That Huge Corruption Fund Was Spent at Albany, and That Legislative Committee Has Got Evidence it Didn't Want—New York Paper Calls for Searching Investigation of the Enormous Sums Spent Belonging to Policyholders—Stock Market Steady to Strong.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, Sept. 18.—The legislative investigation into insurance conditions begins to get interesting. Any legislative investigation here is regarded humorously by everybody who knows anything about the legislature of the sovereign state of New York, but once in a while the investigation gets hold of the hot end and it looks something like that in this instance. Where the thing touches the people and strikes at the basis of the institutions of American democracy is in the element of political corruption.

The financial methods of these big corporations are pretty well understood, and the officers always have the answer "we made money for our company and our policy holders," which is generally true. But the existence of big political corruption funds, although vaguely hinted at, has never been brought right home to the hearts of the mass of the people.

Insurance Companies Buy Immunity.

It is an absolute fact, so far as the big insurance companies are concerned, or so far as anything most remotely affecting them is concerned, they control utterly and completely the law-making bodies. The \$100,000 item on the Equitable books testified to as being paid to Andrew Hamilton was of course used

answer was, "that he doesn't know who got the money. And he will say it truthfully. He does not know and he doesn't want to know. He is ready to pay the money was paid by the New York Life as a retainer for the protection of the company. And if he is pressed too close he can say: 'Gentlemen, 'Not on your life. What is \$100,000 for instance, to the New York Life? The big companies take care of all legislation affecting them. They own enough of it to buy any states to protect themselves. The very genesis of a bill affecting in the remotest degree the interests of any of the big companies is known at once to the big insurance men, and if once to the big insurance men, it has a chance of becoming law as a snowball has a chance of rolling itself into a snowdrift. It maintains its retentive force in the place that Dante described so faithfully.

Wants Contributions Probed.

The thing must be met, however. In a double-headed editorial the Sun publishes the following fervent remarks: "The insurance investigation has disclosed the fact that the New York Life closed the Albany story to Hamilton who is described as an Albany lobbyist and 'third house' tout at the state capital. It is absolutely essential that this transaction be sifted to the bottom. What was the object of making it? What would the New York Life have to face had it failed to pay that \$100,000? Let every aspect of it be stripped of all disguise and concealment, even if it reveals some familiar phase of political industry. Let the eminent legislative committee.

"We believe Charles E. Hughes is conducting this investigation with an eye single to the truth and without regard to political vicissitudes or sensibilities of any one."

Paul Morton's Promises.

Paul Morton added his quota to the pressure of national policy by announcing that heretofore the Equitable would make no more campaign contributions. They will probably be in the form of rebates. McCall is expected to take the stand on Wednesday when the legislative committee meets. He is a different type from Perkins, who has been described as a man who thinks that brass and push and nerve take the place of brains. They have done so in his case. He has been a man of money goes, but the American people are beginning to look with more or less repulsion upon this type. McCall is more suave.

CZAR CALLS SECOND PEACE CONFERENCE

Date Not Announced But Meeting Thought to Be Due Soon

It is Believed That Roosevelt Was Consulted by Russian Emperor Before He Decided on His Plan—Powers Also Taken Into His Confidence—Speculation as to Whether Japan Was Notified or Not.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The Russian government has called and President Roosevelt relinquished his part in it to the emperor.

There is strong reason to believe that the news even of the intention of the Russian government would not be given out unless invitations had already been sent to the powers and possibly, that their answers had been received.

In this connection an interesting proposal is clear proof that the conference has already been called and that President Roosevelt relinquished his part in it to the emperor.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—Emperor Nicholas today again appears before the world as a promoter of universal peace. No sooner is the Russo-Japanese war over and the holding of a second peace conference at the Hague. It is known that President Roosevelt is anxious that such a conference should be held, but he is of the opinion that the first step in this direction should be taken by the emperor of Russia on whose initiative the first conference was held.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The emperor has done so was learned today from a source which leaves no shadow of doubt as to its authenticity.

It is officially announced that the Russian government proposes to address the foreign powers with a view to the holding of a second peace conference at the Hague, but it is known that negotiations preceding the announcement that the government proposed to address the powers were entered into especially with the United States and were conducted with the greatest secrecy, there being no slightest inkling that Russia contemplated anything of the kind.

The announcement created the greatest surprise here, and that Russia should plan a second conference despite the steps already taken by President Roosevelt will also be heard with amazement. It is clear that the step could not be taken by Russia without first reaching a complete understanding with President Roosevelt. The reports being entirely in sympathy with that to the initiator of the first Hague conference should be held in honor of convoking the second, and readily and even gladly acceded to the Russian proposal.



EMPEROR NICHOLAS II. OF RUSSIA

arises as to how the invitation was communicated to Japan in view of the lack of diplomatic relations but the invitation may be delayed until such relations have been resumed or it may have been forwarded through the United States. It was impossible to learn tonight the proposed date of the second conference or to gain even an approximate idea regarding it, but it probably will not be greatly delayed. Russia as the power convoking the conference will probably submit an official programme the other powers submitting suggestions.

THERESE HUMBERT'S BROTHER TURNED BACK

New York Immigrant Officials Order Him Deported Because He Was a French Convict.

New York, Sept. 18.—Despite his appeals to the immigration officials for permission to visit New York city for a few hours in the custody of a guard from Ellis Island Romaine Daurlige was compelled to remain a prisoner on Ellis Island today. He had attempted to enter the country but was ordered deported because he had served a term in a French prison for his connection with the operations of his sister, Therese Humbert in Paris.

Daurlige wanted to come to New York city to see publishers for whom he has written a book dealing with French prisoners. He was allowed to have a friend visit him at Ellis Island and to send the manuscript of the book to the publishers through him.

AMERICAN SCHOONER SEIZED AT CAMPOBELLO

The Glendale Failed to Clear from That Port Last Summer--Vessel Will Be Stripped and Towed to St. Andrews.

Digby, N. S., Sept. 18.—(Special)—Acting under instructions of Fred L. Jones, Customs Inspector at St. Andrews, the schooner Glendale at Campobello today for failing to clear from that port last summer.

The Glendale had been placed on the customs black list a few weeks ago, that is all customs officers had been notified to detain her as soon as she arrived in a Canadian port.

As Collector Clark feared an attempt might be made from across the line to get the vessel away instructions have been wired him by Inspector Jones, to strip her and tow her to St. Andrews. Captain Pratt, master of the Curlew, who is in that vicinity, has been asked to render assistance if necessary. The Glendale is held subject to the deposit of \$400.



CHARLES E. HUGHES, Whose Questions Brought Out Startling Facts in the Insurance Investigation.

where it could do the most good at Albany.

The mysterious \$855,000 Equitable transaction which has figured prominently in Equitable stories was a political corruption fund.

Campaign contributions have been made for a long time. The Republican party has tried to stir and the Democrats try to use the fact in the next national campaign. They will be handicapped somewhat, however, by the fact that the big companies contribute to both parties. This is undeniable. The Republican contributions were obtained personally by Cortelyou, then secretary of the Republican committee and secretary of the department of commerce and labor. He is now postmaster-general and will succeed Shaw as secretary of the treasury.

STOCKS STEADY TO STRONG

Stocks were steady to strong today in a wholly professional market in which, however, the total transactions aggregated \$85,000 shares and in which substantial advances were scored by a few of the prominent leaders and some of the special prices. In the bond market the Wabash B. & O. was up, and among the conspicuous stocks of the day Canadian Pacific, Reading, American Locomotive, Chesapeake and Ohio and New Haven made good gains. Union Pacific, Erie, Steel, Copper and Smelters were among the industrial issues that were rather steady but aggressively pushed. The close was generally firm. Prices in the bond department were firm with dealings in moderate volume.

While the more striking or at any rate the more extensive movements in prices today were toward higher figures the market was by no means uniformly strong and in fact after the first hour of business a great deal of irregularity was apparent.

There was also noted after that period a material contraction in activity which had previously been upon a really large scale. Interest and discussion again converged almost exclusively upon the monetary situation and loan, which they did last week as up to this morning they had lost to the latter institution only \$200,000 and the sub-treasury was a debtor at today's clearing house settlement of about \$1,000,000 gold for shipment to New York. There was nothing otherwise in the news over Sunday or in the day's developments with much direct bearing upon the market at large or individual securities.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH HALIFAX SHOW

Many Features Cut Out Yesterday--Good Crowds Present--Result of Horse Races.

Halifax, Sept. 18.—(Special)—Notwithstanding a heavy mist prevailed all the afternoon with heavy showers during the afternoon, the attendance at the exhibition was large. The performance of the horses was being the only number on the programme given in full. The show this evening was also spoiled by rain. Estelle Boy and Bertha P. were the winners of the two events at the exhibition track this afternoon, the races being witnessed by large crowds.

Summaries:

2.15 Trot; Purses \$400.

Estelle Boy, J. R. Cowan, 2 3 1 1
Frederick, D. H. Taylor, 1 2 3 3
May Parkside, F. Boutilier, Halifax, 2 2 2 2
Best time, 2:22, by Montrose, 5 3 3 3

2.40 Trot; Purses \$400.

Bertha P., Peter Carroll, Halifax, 1 1 1 1

Bennett W., Bennett, White, 2 2 2 2

Kenneth, Chas. Chandler, Charlottetown, 3 4 4 4

Jack Wiley, James Loy, Halifax, 5 6 5 6

Lamarque, P. O'Toole, Halifax, 5 6 5 6

Montrose, Jr., blk., by Montrose, 4 5 4 5

D. D. Duffie, Fredericton, 4 5 4 5

Best time, 2:25.

THE NEPTUNE DELIVERS SUPPLIES TO ARCTIC

Official Denies Giving Out Report About Friction in Service.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—(Special)—The Neptune has reached Chateau Bay and is now on its way to the Arctic. Tomorrow the Neptune will leave for Hudson Bay with Major Moodie in charge. Captain Bernier will be sailing master. After delivering supplies along the Hudson Bay to the different posts the Neptune will return to St. John (N.B.).

Major Moodie will come out with the Neptune and will go overland by dog sleigh to Fort Churchill during the winter.

Col. Fred White has received a letter from C. C. Chipman, Hudson Bay commissioner at Winnipeg, denying that any of the company's officers had anything to do with the circulation of the report that it was an account of friction between the mounted police and marine department that delayed the Neptune going north. It is the government desire Mr. Chipman says that he will hold an investigation.

CANADA'S TRADE RETURNS FOR LAST FISCAL YEAR

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—(Special)—Canada's total foreign trade during the fiscal year up to June 30, 1905, totalled \$470,151,289, which is a decrease of \$2,817,749 compared with the previous year. The import trade reached \$266,834,417, an increase of \$7,822,614, and the export trade \$203,316,872, a decrease of \$7,559,493, in domestic products only, and of more than \$10,000,000 in foreign and domestic products together.

The imports consisted of \$157,194,975 in dutiable goods and \$109,639,442 in free goods, an increase of \$6,580,692. Britain last fiscal year were \$80,538,811, a decrease of \$1,422,698. Our exports to the motherland in the same period were \$101,988,771, a decrease of \$15,632,605.

From the States we took imports of \$168,040,890, an increase of over \$9,000,000, while our exports to that country were \$75,663,915, a betterment of close on \$5,000,000.

SIXTY BUILDINGS BURNED IN NOME; LOSS IS \$200,000

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 18.—Sixty buildings were destroyed by fire at Nome, Alaska, on the night of Sept. 12, causing a loss of \$200,000, according to advices received today. The city hall was destroyed but the records were saved. It is reported that the stores of M. E. Atkinson and J. P. Parker were destroyed. It was at first reported that the fire destroyed the larger wholesale and retail stores but this proved incorrect. No loss of life is reported.

HARD COAL MINERS TO FORMULATE DEMANDS DEC. 14

Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 18.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, announced today that the convention of mine workers of the anthracite district will be formulated to present to the anthracite coal companies next spring, will be held here on Dec. 14.

SIX YELLOW FEVER DEATHS AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Sept. 18.—The following is the yellow fever report to 6 p. m.: New cases today, 34; total to date, 2,685. Deaths today, 6; total to date, 341. New foci, 9. Cases under treatment, 131. Discharged, 1,953.

TARTARS CONTINUE TO SLAY AND BURN

Tiflis, Sept. 18.—General Shirinkin, commander of the troops, today received a telegram from the officials of the copper works at Elizabetopol requesting him to work at the district. The telegram says that the district is surrounded by bands of Tartars and that property and the lives of the employees are in imminent danger.

Five wagons filled with Armenian refugees from Shusha were attacked by Tartars. Most of the refugees were killed and the women were carried off.

Similar outrages are occurring in various districts.

Laurier Off to Quebec

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for Quebec this afternoon and will attend the banquet of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in that city on Wednesday evening.

STATE OF WAR IN RUSSIAN TOWN

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The emperor has ordered a state of siege to be proclaimed in the town and district of Bielostok owing to the disturbances there.

Ottawa Man Drowned

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—(Special)—Gollins D'Martinez, a foreman of Cook Bros., lumbermen, drowned at Murray street today. He was about 40 years of age, unmarried and came from Montreal, but has resided here for a number of years.

THANKSGIVING DAY FIXED FOR OCTOBER 26TH

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—(Special)—An order-in-council has been passed appointing Oct. 26, the fourth Thursday in the month, as a day of general thanksgiving for the dominion.

Another order has been passed fixing May 24 as a day for celebrating the king's birthday instead of Nov. 9.

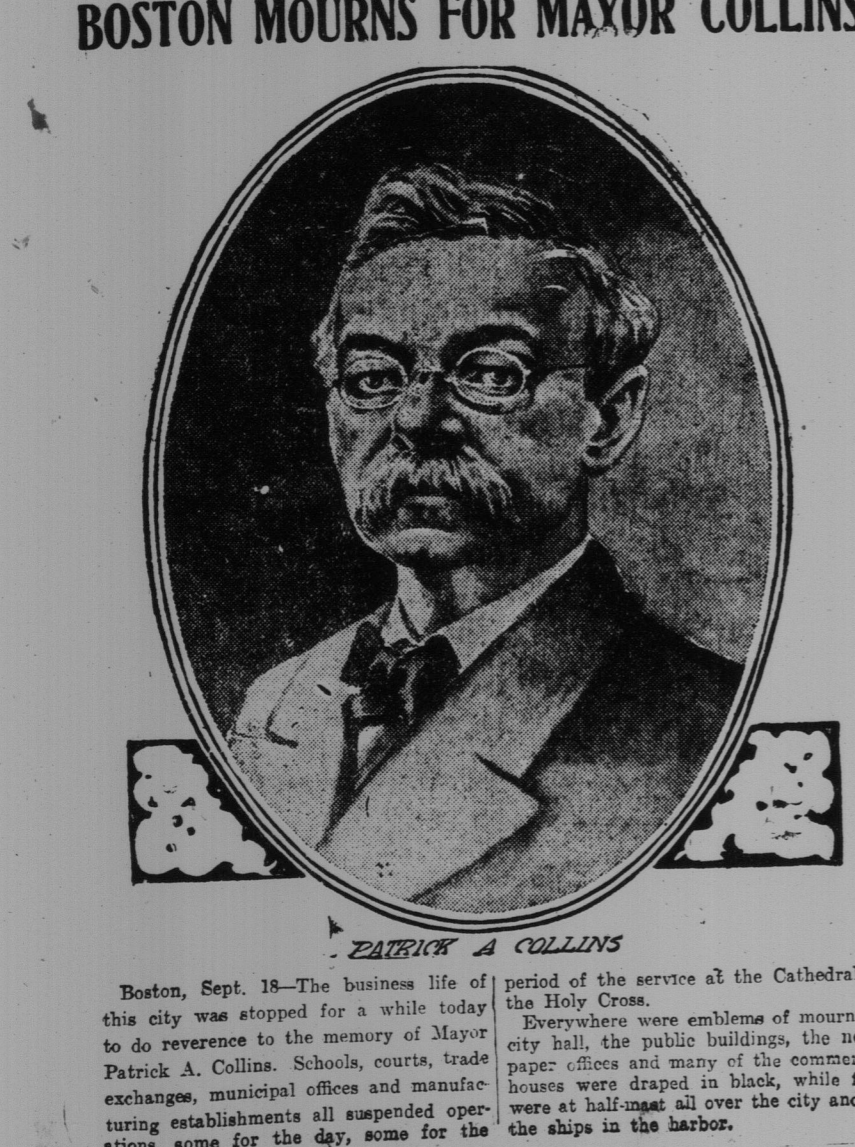
TO CONTROL HALIFAX GARRISON OCT. 10

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—(Special)—The Royal Garrison regiment at Halifax will be disbanded on Oct. 1. Those who desire to remain in the garrison under the Canadian government can do so and those who do not will be returned to England.

The Royal Engineers will remain for another year finishing some work they have on hand.

The Canadian government expects to be in full control on Oct. 10.

BOSTON MOURNS FOR MAYOR COLLINS



PATRICK A. COLLINS

Boston, Sept. 18.—The business life of this city was stopped for a while today to do reverence to the memory of Mayor Patrick A. Collins. Schools, courts, trade exchanges, municipal offices and manufacturing establishments all suspended operations, some for the day, some for the

THE ALBANY THIEVES.

This is very typical of some phases of the present. Just how far the Albany thieves will be uncovered is problematical. In the course of a long conversation yesterday with a man who is very close to the big heads of the giant insurance corporations your correspondent asked: "What will John A. McCall say about that \$100,000?"

"John McCall will probably say," the

THE WABASH FIGHT.

The contest over the control of the Wabash railroad again imparted strength to the securities in question with special animation in the case of the stock of the Wabash and Erie.

There was again much conjecture with regard to the identity of the interests which are supposed to be supporting the present president in the controversy and it was said in his favor that he and his associates were confident of making a formidable showing at the approaching annual meeting.

The more striking movements in prices were for the most part confined to the extent of more than \$1,000,000 in New Haven, Illinois Central, Chicago and

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