

### WANT REVISION OF LAW HOLDING WIFE "COERCED"

#### Presumption That She is Subject to Husband in Commission of Crime, Under Which Mrs. Violet Peel Was Acquitted, Called Relic of Serfdom.

London, March 18.—Spirited agitation has been started as the result of the decision by Justice Darling, in freeing Mrs. Violet Peel, for the revision of the ancient Statute law of coercion which presumes that a woman coerced in crime in the presence of her husband acts by his coercion. Mrs. Peel under this law was acquitted on the charge of complicity in back-slitting telegrams so as to place bets on a horse race after the result was known to her and her husband, a charge of which her husband, Captain Owen Peel, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Lady Astor says the law is "perfectly ridiculous and out of date. If women demand sex equality in the political and professional work she should also be prepared to accept the same treatment in law as the men."

Mrs. W. L. Courtney, a prominent social worker, said the law obviously was absurd and that women's organization should take steps to have it altered. "A woman does not merge her identity into that of the man she marries," said Mrs. Courtney. "She demands to be regarded in all things as a separate individual."

The press is outspoken against the statute invoked by Justice Darling in acquitting Mrs. Peel. The Times calls the law "almost metaphysical" and adds that much has been left undone in this feminist age toward the leveling process of democracy. This legal protection of married women, it says, "is a remnant not of chivalry, but of serfdom and has more than served its time."

### Brought Here On Charge of Bigamy

#### Sergeant Detective Powers Arrives from Toronto With Grant, the Ex-Precacher.

Sergeant Detective Powers arrived in the city yesterday morning from Toronto with Alexander Grant in his custody on the charge of bigamy.

Grant, who is thirty-nine years of age, was formerly a Presbyterian minister, and it is alleged served a pastorate of three or four years at McAdam Junction. He is said to have married in Winnipeg in 1917 and lived there with his wife until he went overseas with the Canadian forces.

On Feb. 23 he contracted his second marriage with a young girl in Carleton whom he took to Toronto with him to live. The warrant was sworn out on the information of his first wife, who is living at St. Andrews.

It is rumored that wife No. 1 secured a divorce from Grant across the border, but it is doubtful if such a divorce would be recognized by the Canadian courts.

### Complete Plans For Big Drive

#### Banquet Will be Held Tuesday—Subscriptions Already Received for the Y.M.C.A.

A banquet at Bond's for Tuesday evening to complete plans for their drive for funds was determined at a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Publicity Committee which was held at the "Y" Saturday afternoon, with F. T. Barbour presiding.

The chief speaker Tuesday evening will be Harry Dalgantyne, Y.M.C.A. Dominion General Secretary, who has had much experience in this class of work.

It was announced Saturday that several voluntary subscriptions had already been received, which gave added impetus to the canvassers, who have been assigned to the task of securing the necessary funds from five hundred loyal supporters of the association who have responded to its calls in the past.

### Longshoreman In Critical Condition

#### N. Capitani Fell Into Hold of S. S. Sicilian—Head Crushed and Leg Broken.

N. Capitani, longshoreman of Market Place, West St. John, was seriously injured while working on the steamer Sicilian at Sand Point about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The man fell down the steamer's hold, and his head was badly crushed and his leg broken in two places. He was taken to the General Public Hospital in an unconscious condition. His condition was reported critical this morning. Capitani is a married man.

### REV. H. R. BELL AT THE TABERNACLE

#### Clergyman from Centreville Opened Evangelistic Campaign Services With Forceful Addresses.

Three striking and searching messages were delivered by the Rev. Henry Rebell Bell, of Centreville, N. B., in the Tabernacle Baptist Church yesterday at the opening of the evangelistic campaign which he is conducting there this week.

At the morning service the speaker's message was an appeal for all to rally to their part in the task of God. His address "How to Regain Lost Power" to the Sunday school classes in the afternoon at which the attendance was the largest in the history of the school was founded on the story of Sampson.

After a heart warming service in the evening, Mr. Bell concluded his day's preaching with an inspired sermon, taking as his text "What Shall I do with this Jesus, who is called Christ?"

The meetings will continue throughout the week and it is anticipated that they will grow in power and in numbers.

### Bottomly Again In Toils of The British Courts

#### Former Editor of "John Bull" Accused of Misappropriation of Funds.

London, March 18.—The case against Horatio Bottomly, member of Parliament and former publisher of John Bull, was resumed today. He is charged with having converted to his own use £25,000 (about \$38,906) belonging to the Victory Bond Club.

Mr. Bottomly has been chairman of the Independent Parliamentary group but resigned that position and has attempted to recover by application to police courts.

In the course of one of these actions Mr. Bottomly testified that £250,000 had been subscribed to the Victory Bond Club and that £250,000 had been returned to a police court organization resulting from publication of what purported to be an expose of his conduct of that organization.

At that time Mr. Bottomly promised that the remainder would soon be returned to the subscribers. On his behalf it was stated that he had lost £250,000 in the project, and owing to decline in the price of Victory bonds, expected to lose another £100,000.

### MINERS' STRIKE SERIOUS THING FOR ALL WORKERS

#### Lower Priced Coal Would Bring Many Benefits to the Country.

(Financial Post)

If a general strike of coal miners follows the expiration of the wage scale agreement with the United Mine Workers on March 11, a very serious industrial situation threatens. Canada is affected in two ways. In the first place there are our own mines in which the miners belong to the United Mine Workers and in the second place there is the dependency of Central Canada upon American coal supplies for both industrial and domestic purposes. The Western mine owners are quite frankly looking for trouble. They declare that in Alberta and British Columbia the unions, led by agitators, have been demanding in wages practically every month that their product can be marketed for, with the result that there has been no return on capital invested and the whole industry has been depressed and discouraged. They now have signed an agreement that they will force a show-down on the 1st of April and that if the miners will not take a substantial reduction in wages they will close up operations altogether. They declare that they would rather shut down the mines than be led by radicals and have shown a disposition to employ hitherto untried methods to gain their ends.

In connection with the situation being faced in the United States, emphasis is being laid on the fact that the price of coal is a very important factor in the cost of living of all classes. In reply to the statement that the miners do not earn a decent living and exhorting with the public not to ask that its fuel need be supplied at the expense of the general citizen, the Wall Street Journal declares that the country does not want a ton of coal mined at a price that does not give the workers a decent living. But while the public wants labor paid a wage that will elevate and not degrade wages, it is declared, must be done in all other wage and salary earners as well as those who live on dividends and interest. All of these, in the opinion of the Journal, are entitled to a decent living as well as the workers. Likewise their citizenship is equally valuable and should not be degraded in order to unduly elevate the others.

In order to enforce their demands on the United Mine Workers propose an alliance with railroad brotherhoods. The railroad unions may, therefore, decide to pool their wage question with that of the coal miners but, as pointed out by the New York Times, they do so they will walk into such an alliance with eyes wide open as to the enormously important part the cost of coal plays in their own chance to earn a living. Railroad engineers and firemen know that the fuel they burn under the locomotive boilers after labor the largest item in railway operation expense. They know what is meant to the roads to have their coal bills go up, as they did go up, from \$200,000,000 in 1916 to \$73,000,000 in 1920, when nearly 11 cents out of every dollar take in by the roads went for locomotive fuel.

But this is not all the cost of coal means to the roads or the workers on the roads. The railway trainmen must know that the greatest item of railroad traffic in normal times is coal. Even this is not all that coal means to the railroads and their workers. If the coal bills of the carriers were up to \$300,000,000 in 1916 to \$273,000,000 in 1920, coal bills of the industries of the country went up at the same time and in the same ratio between \$600,000,000 and \$600,000,000 tons.

Coal and Industry.

When coal is hauled in its normal volume it makes work for all railroad men, not only because of the coal haulage itself but because of the haulage of products of industries to which the coal goes as fuel. But when the cost of coal is excessive the volume of coal haulage falls below what is normal because thousands of productive industries cannot operate at a profit and in consequence return freight from those industries operated by coal runs down or stops. Under these conditions train crews who must go off the railroad payroll all over the country numbers, tens of thousands.

No one has a bigger stake than the railroad workers in cheap coal to

### Basketball Team Hold Scovill Cup

#### Local High School by Winning Interscholastic League Obtain Beautiful Oak Hall Trophy.

By winning Saturday's game from the Provincial Normal School, the local High School team slipped one more tentacle about the Interscholastic Basketball Trophy which has been put up for competition amongst the schools of the province by Messrs Scovill Bros. of Oak Hall. To obtain complete ownership of the trophy it must be won three years in succession. The rules governing the cup, state that teams contending for it must play in sections, as in the N. B. and P. E. I. hockey league, and that the leaders of each section will at the end of the season, play off with the leader of the other section, or sections.

As there was only one section this year, the High School will take the cup.

The local boys have still one more game to play and that with Hothouse Collegiate, but this will not affect their title, however the game goes.

The standing of the league to date follows:

Won	Lost
St. John High School	5 0
Provincial Normal School	3 3
Rothsey Collegiate School	2 3
Fredericton High School	1 5

There is a possibility that other sections of the Interscholastic League will be formed next year. An Eastern section might comprise teams from the Moncton, Sackville and Dorchester high schools, and possibly from the academies of Mount Allison and St. Joseph.

### Juniors Work In Hexathlon Contest

#### Are Intent on Equalling Envious Record of Seniors—Hundred and Fifty Entered.

The Y.M.C.A. Juniors are all wrapped up in the Junior National Hexathlon contest and are intent on equalling the enviable record of the Seniors. There are some one hundred and fifty boys entered, whose ages range from twelve to eighteen years.

Their showing in the shot-put and the short distance pistol races, which events have already been run off, has been very good.

In the shot-put a number of the boys have heaved the weighty sphere distances averaging from 44 to 46 feet. Last year the Juniors came third in competition with all the Dominion associations, which was three places better than their standing of the year before. On this ratio they are basing strong hopes for the championship this year.

### Protest Entered By Normal School

#### President of Interscholastic League Receives Letter Pointing Out Grounds of Protest.

The Provincial Normal School Basketball team have entered a protest concerning their game with Rothsey Collegiate School played in the Rothsey College gym Saturday afternoon in the Interscholastic Basketball League.

The following letter has been received by J. M. Wilson, president of the League:

"Dear Sir:—We, the members of the Provincial Normal School basketball team wish to protest the game played between the Provincial Normal School and Rothsey Collegiate School March 17, 1922 in the Rothsey gym on the following grounds:

"1st—Presence of students around the gym obstructing play around the baskets.

"2nd—Reference (a) Contrary to law that a coach or person officially connected with the team can referee. (b) Failing to enforce rules laid down by I. B. L., that is holding, charging, and running with the ball.

"(Signed) "ERNEST BRADLEY, Captain. "ALFRED J. GLEIS, Manager.

One of the probable reasons for the lodging of the protest, is that should Rothsey win their next game, with St. John High, they would be third place in the Normal School for three places in the league.

### St. John Girls Won From Mt. Allison

#### Locals Were Victorious by Score of 18 to 11—Seniors M. A. Defeated Moncton Y. M. C. A.

Moncton, N. B., March 19.—In the basketball game at Sackville Saturday between St. John Y. M. C. A. and Mount Allison Ladies' College, the St. John girls won by a score of 18 to 11.

The Mount Allison senior basketball team defeated the Moncton Y. M. C. A. team at Sackville Saturday evening by the score of 24 to 18.

enable industries to turn out freight for the railroads and the hardheaded brotherhood chiefs should think twice before they form an alliance with the miners to keep the price of fuel so high that it will cost railroad workers their jobs just so long as the price of coal does not come down where it will permit industries to function normally.

### George Gould Sues His Kin, Claiming Balance of \$644,904

#### Brothers and Sister Must Show Cause Why His Income is Not Paid.

New York, March 18.—The disagreement which has existed for the last three years between George J. Gould and his brothers and sisters over the management of the estate of their father, Jay Gould, took a new turn in court yesterday when George Gould obtained from Surrogate Foley an order requiring his brothers, Edwin and Howard, and his sister, Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, to show cause why they should not pay to him \$544,904.29, which they hold as trustees and which he declares belongs to him as unpaid income from his share of his father's property.

His petition states that his brothers and sister have the money invested in Liberty Bonds and have refused to pay it to him, although they do not deny that it represents earnings of the one-sixth share of his father's estate allotted to him in Jay Gould's will.

He has received nothing from the estate, he says, since December, 1920.

Date for Argument.

When the order issued yesterday has been served on Edwin and Howard Gould and Mrs. Shepard, Surrogate Foley will set a date on which they may give their reasons why they should not pay their brother the money he wants.

The money represents earnings of his share which he has accumulated in the hands of his brothers and sister since 1920. He was ousted as one of the executors of his father's estate in 1919 after a long court proceeding brought by the other Gould heirs, which charged him with mismanagement.

In asking for his removal they alleged that he used funds of the estate in business and speculative ventures on his own account and had made a profit out of his trusteeship and had so handled the estate that it was worth \$25,000,000 less than the \$26,000,000 which was supposed to be its value when Jay Gould died. The proceedings ran through a number of hearings and was appealed twice after it was decided against George Gould. Twenty-four lawyers represented the individuals of the family. After his removal his brothers and sister took charge and paid his income until November, 1920.

While the proceedings was on it was alleged that a lawyer who had been acting for George Gould split a commission with him after the sale of some estate securities upon which no commission should have been paid. Thomas L. Chadbourne was George Gould's counsel at the time, but it was never charged that he knew of the sale.

No Explanation Offered.

Two weeks ago complaint was made to the Bar Association that Chadbourne had failed, as George Gould's counsel, to inform him on one occasion that a sale of securities which he was about to make was improper under the terms of his trusteeship.

Mr. Chadbourne has stated that the charge against him is without foundation and that he can prove the propriety of his conduct when the time comes for him to be heard. His name was attached to George Gould's petition as attorney when yesterday's application was made, but the firm of

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### GOOD OPENING OF CAMPAIGN

#### Services at Waterloo St. Baptist Church Largely Attended Yesterday.

The opening of the evangelistic campaign in the Waterloo street Baptist church was held yesterday. A special prayer service was held at ten o'clock, and a large number were present. At the preaching service at eleven o'clock, the pastor, Rev. John Swetnam took as his subject, "The Greatest Need in our Campaign," in which he explained this need as being the spirit of prayer among the members of the congregation.

At the after-noon session of the Sunday school, the pastor delivered a short evangelistic address, after which the Bible class was addressed by Rev. F. M. Appleman, of the Christian church Coburg street.

The evening service opened with a lively song service, led by the pastor. The subject of the address was "Safety First," in which the speaker made a good impression on his hearers. During the course of the service, Mr. Swetnam rendered a solo very effectively, "Jesus Remembered You."

The day closed with twelve persons manifesting a desire to live a Christian life, which augurs well for the success of the campaign during the coming week.

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### Moncton Celtics Play The Y. M. C. A. Rub Rheumatism Or Sore Aching Joints

A new basketball outfit is to make its initial appearance before local fans, when the Moncton Celtics play the Y. M. C. A. Intermediates Wednesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. gym. Another interesting match will be that between the High School team champions of the Intermediate League and the Old High School Boys who will have on their line-up, Beef Malcolm, Murray Nixon, Les Kerr, Don Robertson and Pete Millidge. A ladies game is also to be featured.

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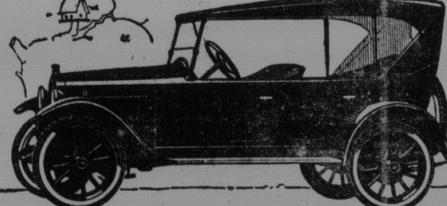
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