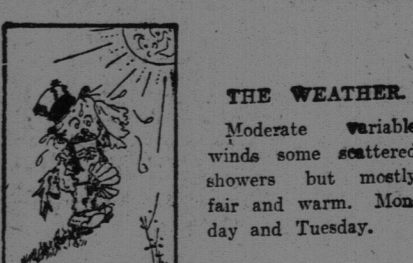


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DR. IDA M. OBERG PROMISES SENSATION FOR MONCTON

She Claims that Moncton People Assisted Her Husband in His Plans to Kidnap Her Child—Unless Child is Returned She Will Tell Her Story.

Moncton, July 13 (Special).—Sensational disclosures involving the name of a prominent Moncton lawyer and two ladies well known in society circles in this city are announced by Dr. Ida M. Oberg, widow of her little son, Holger, kidnapped by her divorced husband from home and friends in Mattapan, Mass., on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1907.

OLYMPIC GAMES COMMENCE IN LONDON STADIUM TODAY

Great Crowds Assembled at Shepherd's Bush This Afternoon—Royal Family Present—Great Reception Given to American and Canadian Athletes—The Races Started.

London, July 13.—When the city of London awoke this morning it seemed as though the English climate, which was so kind to the sports held earlier in the year, was trying to show the two thousand athletes assembled here for the Olympic Games, how disagreeable it could be.

FOREST FIRE SITUATION IS REPORTED IMPROVED

Absence of Wind Today Has Had Good Effect but There is Still Much Danger—Still Fighting Fire at St. Stephen—Repor's From Provincial Points.

The forest fires that prevail in several sections of the province are causing considerable anxiety to residents in the threatened districts. The fire that has been raging from Spence Lake almost to South Bay, is reported today as not so bad as it has been and the people along the shore of South Bay are hoping that if rain does not come the wind will at least keep calm as it is today.

SAILOR PICKED UP ON BOTTOM OF BOAT

North Sydney, N. S., July 13 (Special).—The steam trawler Wagram has arrived from the Grand Banks. The Wagram left Bologne, France, June 16th for Grand Banks and on June 28th picked up a Portuguese sailor named Emanuel Marquis, who was floating on the bottom of an overturned boat. The sailor belonged to the schooner Florida, hailing from Lisbon. He said he left the schooner on June 27, in company with a jorymate and became lost from the vessel. Among the provisions in the boat was a considerable amount of rum which had been secured and sold to Margus. Margus says that he had drunk and was very drunk and that he had managed to climb on the bottom of the boat but his mate was drowned.

LEGAL ACTION FOLLOWS LIQUOR RAID IN SUSSEX

Supreme Court writs have been issued against C. W. Weyman, Scott Act inspector; Constables W. A. Ebb, William Ebb and Cobham, Police Magistrate Hornbrook, Rev. George Orman and Hugh Cunningham, all of Sussex, claiming \$2,000 damages for the unlawful seizure of a safe owned by George Doherty, also of Sussex. L. A. Curry, K.C., is representing Doherty.

COMMON COUNCIL This Afternoon's Session Should be an Interesting One.

Among the matters to be dealt with by the common council this afternoon will be a recommendation by the committee appointed to consider the suggestion of the mayor's inaugural address, that a committee be appointed to look into and report on the question of civic government by commission or by council of control or of changing the system of aldermanic representation. The suggestion is that the committee so fully into the question and report, say in November next, so that the matter can be fully discussed before next election.

THE GRAND LAMA WITH RIFLES AND PISTOLS MARCHING ON PEKIN

Head of All Buddhists Comes Not With a Sword but With an Appetite—Chinese Must Feed Him.

Peikin, July 13.—In the spring of 1904 Sir Francis Younghusband, of the British army, led a British column over the mountain passes of the Himalayas and fought his way into the holy city of Lhasa. In the eyes of all true Buddhists this was desecration, and ever since then Dalai Lama, the religious head of the Buddhist faith, and his successors have vowed that they will not set foot in the city after the feet of the British.

AT CHATHAM

Chatham, N.B., July 13.—No forest fire in the vicinity. Wednesday's heavy thunder shower effectively soothed the forest fires.

IN CARLETON CO.

Woodstock, N.B., July 13.—There has been no damage by forest fires here. St. Stephen, N.B., July 13 (Special).—The section southwest yesterday under a temperature that registered ninety-eight in the shade and with atmosphere that carried volumes of smoke from the nearby forest fires. At Lawrence Station, fifteen miles away, a fire started Saturday in a twenty thousand acre block of timber owned by the St. Croix Paper Co., and men are still fighting it.

THE HONDURAS REVOLUTION.

San Salvador, July 13.—It is believed here that the revolutionary movement in Honduras originated here. A limited number of revolutionists, which included mostly Hondurans, well armed, crossed the frontier and proclaimed the independence of the Republic of Honduras. Benoni is now in British Honduras. The Salvadoran government has offered assistance to the Honduran government by imprisonment of several of the leaders of the uprising. Quiet prevails here.

IN HOT WEATHER.

Don't eat, don't drink. Don't work, don't think. Let worrimenta be small. Shun care of strife. The rule of life. In scarce to live at all. —Washington Star.

RATES ARE LOWER

N. B. Fire Underwriters Reduce Rates 25 Cents.

At a meeting of the board of fire underwriters this morning the resolution of which notice was given at last week's meeting to reduce the rates 25 cents per hundred dollars was adopted. The reduction, which applies only to commercial risks, goes into effect from June 30, last.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, July 13 (Special).—Stocks were stagnant today, the only active feature being Riochelle at 78 1/4, Canadian Pac. at 103 and Mexican at 55 1/4.

NOTED PRIEST DEAD

Easton, July 13.—Rev. Hugh Smyth, styled by the late Pope Leo XIII as the church builder of America, for his activity in the Boston Archdiocese, died last night. He was born in Ireland 60 years ago. During his pastorate in Maine and Boston, Rev. Father Smyth built some twenty churches, schools and convents. When his pastorate in Boston was established, he invariably made way for other pastors and sought a new field.

MR. HATHEWAY HAS A PLAN TO BEAUTIFY THE MARSH CREEK

He Proposes to Erect a Dam by Which Creek Could be Utilized as a Pleasure Spot and Tide Always Kept Level.

Editor "Times":—Often as the train has carried me by the Marsh Creek when the tide was low, I have wondered if it were not possible to make this slimy, ugly place a beautiful and pleasant resort for those citizens who cannot afford to have a country home. This creek extends from the Marsh Bridge up to and beyond the Three Mile House. At low tide its banks are unsightly, and the mud is made muddy by the rise and fall of the tide, at no time does the creek present an inviting place for bathing or boating. A small expenditure of \$800 to \$900 would make the creek very beautiful and change it into a resort for canoeing, rowing, swimming and fishing, which would even in winter it could be used for skating. The way to do this would be to prevent the rise and fall of tide, which is now unmitigated and unwholesome.

STORM AT MONCTON.

Moncton, July 13 (Special).—A brief electric storm accompanied by a strong blast of wind passed over the city shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Lightning struck a tree at the corner of Wesley and Queen streets. Schooner Social, unloading molasses for Reid & Co. was lashed from her moorings by the gale, but was not damaged. The big house in Mark's carriage factory were blown in.

WOMAN HANGS HERSELF.

Bellefleur, July 13 (Special).—Mrs. James Poirer, 57 years of age, committed suicide on Saturday by hanging herself. The woman complained of not feeling well when her husband went out. Shortly after, she was found by her two step-daughters, hanging from the baluster of the stairs in the front hall with a rope around her neck.

SIR WILFRID INTRODUCES RESOLUTION EXTENDING PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES

Much Territory to be Added to Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec by Taking in Northern Lands Which Could Not be Created Into Separate Provinces.

Ottawa, Ont., July 13 (Special).—The final week's work of parliament was begun this morning by the commons, and Mr. Borden at the outset asked when the railway subsidies would be brought down. The house has now been in session for 7 months and 16 days and we are now within 5 or 6 days of prorogation," observed Mr. Borden. "Under the circumstances does not the government think they should have been brought down long ago."

MISS SARAH BRAMLEY DIED IN NOTTINGHAM, ENGL.

Records show that she was born on May 17, 1829, and entered the workhouse fifty years ago.

U. S. CONSUL DEAD.

Peikin, July 13.—Thomas W. Haskins, the newly appointed United States consul at Swatow, died suddenly Saturday night at Pei Tai Ho, a seaside resort.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A meeting of the provincial government will be held at Fredericton on Thursday evening next when it is expected a delegation from the St. John common council will appear before them to ask for assistance in rebuilding the Marsh bridge and Aboubeon and also for making borings at Courtenay Bay.

THE PROPOSED DAM.

The city to build a small dam about 600 feet above the present Marsh Bridge. This dam to be about eight to ten feet high and to be placed between 50 and 100 feet above where the upper sewer enters the Marsh Creek. This dam would make the creek, for at least a mile to a mile and a half, a still, fresh water pond. This water would be perfectly clean, and would not be in any way polluted by the sewers (which are below 10 feet) and would be supplied only by the overflow from Lily Lake and from the different springs and rivulets running into the

MR. GRIMMER AND THE MOOSE.

The effort of a moose to get into society by boarding Hon. Mr. Grimmer's canoe in the Nictau Lake is the subject of much interested comment in select circles. The rudeness with which he antlered head of the forest of the general and his party is explained by the guides to be a result of his early training. The bull moose, as a rule, is somewhat abrupt in his manners, and disposed to be intolerant of the opinions

OF OTHERS.

It is believed, that when he saw the surveyor's canoe, equipped with a lantern, his curiosity was aroused, and he proceeded without ceremony to inspect the outfit; but when he discovered that the craft contained the gentleman who is especially charged with the duty of protecting the moose of New Brunswick, he leaped on over the canoe and took to the woods. This evidence of a well-developed bump of caution in the region of his ears is no doubt partially explained by the laws of heredity. For many generations the moose have learned to suspect their avowed pursuers, and he of the Nictau Lake doubtless experienced the shock of a great surprise when he found that he was not molested or pursued.

OF OTHERS.

The theory that he wanted to hear the latest reports of the fortunes made in dredging at St. John is not credited in well-informed circles. As a matter of fact, it was not very considerate of Mr. Grimmer to turn the light on at Nictau Lake, but he and Mr. Hazen got the habit when they were up around Chipman, and he may, perhaps, be excused on that account. If Nictau Lake had been a fashionable watering place, and the bathers had not been moose, but we will not pursue the subject further.