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BIG NEW RIVAL OF THE MEAT TRUST

Canadians and Americans Organize Powerful Syndicate

OPERATE FROM BRAZIL

Build Greatest Beef Producing Plant in World in Project and Will Ship Chilled Beef to Europe—Salary of \$50,000 to Manager

(Canadian Press) Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Announcement of the establishment of a powerful syndicate of Canadian and American capitalists for the establishment of the largest beef producing plant in the world, was made here today. It is to be in Brazil.

Murdo McKenzie, of Colorado, former president of the National Stockmen's association, has been engaged as head of the concern at an annual salary of \$50,000 for a long term.

It is not the intention of the syndicate to compete with the raisers of this country, or in Canada. They do not expect England or Germany to grant them any abatement of the quarantine regulations against South American cattle, but extensive preparations are under way for the establishment of plants for the shipment of chilled beef to Europe, where the exports of the American meat trust are expected to be cut.

The headquarters of the company will probably be in Sao Paulo, and the principal port of shipment, Santos, 250 miles from Buenos Aires, the shipping point for Argentine beef.

Despatches to J. C. Macdonald & Co., of Montreal, announce that Murdo McKenzie of Colorado heads the syndicate and that they are buying or leasing millions of acres of land in Brazil for their operations.

THERE WAS NO \$30,000 NECKLACE IN HER TOMB

Jewels Grave Robbers Sought Were But a \$50 Imitation

Paris, Dec. 27.—There is a very good reason why her alleged \$30,000 pearl necklace was not buried with Mme. Lantini. This is the particular gem which it was supposed the robbers were after when they broke into the vault in Pere La Chaise cemetery.

It turns out now that the former actress possessed no such trinket. She appeared at the theatre one evening wearing a necklace of antique design, and which was said to be worth \$30,000. It really cost \$50, and was the work of a practically unknown specialist in making necklaces.

She possessed a diamond necklace, however, which was valued at the time of the robbery at \$15,000. She said she had other jewels, valued at \$20,000.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. E. Stupp, director of meteorological service.

24 H. WEATHER REPORT. Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

Max. Min. Dir. Vel. Toronto... 36 W. 30 Cloudy Montreal... 34 W. 20 Rain Quebec... 32 N.E. 30 Snow

Forecast—Strong southeast winds with sleet and rain followed tonight by south-west and west gales; Thursday, becoming colder.

Saint John Observatory. The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.50 and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 64th Meridian, equivalent to five hours Greenwich time.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 32. Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 20. Temperature at noon, 31. Humidity at noon, 89. Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Falt), 29.99 inches.

Wind at noon: Direction, S. E. Velocity, 14 miles per hour. Snow. Same date last year: Highest temperature, 37. Lowest, 16. Snow and sleet.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

Mother of McNamara Dying. Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—Mary McNamara, mother of James and John McNamara, confessed dynamite men, now in the penitentiary at San Quentin, Cal., is apparently dying at her home in Cumminsville, a suburb of this city.

THIRD TRAGEDY OF THE SEA IN BAY OF BISCAY

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—Still another vessel, the German steamer Chios, founded with nearly all hands, during the recent storm in the Bay of Biscay. The Chios belonged to the German Levant line, and was proceeding from Hamburg to Alexandria on Thursday when she was caught in the hurricane and sank with all but two of her crew, the chief officer and one sailor, who were picked up by a passing vessel.

FORMER HANGMAN IS PREACHING IN TORONTO

James Berry Has Officiated at Two Hundred Executions in England

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Resigning his position of public executioner to the British government because he believed many innocent people were executed at the gallows, James Berry of Bradford, England, entered the ministry after a lapse of five or six years, and he is now conducting special evangelistic services in the Church of God Mission in this city.

He says that he has executed at least 200 people on the scaffold. He was in charge of the execution of John Holt Lee, convicted of murder in Essex in Devonshire, and who walked upon the gallows on three occasions, but the scaffold would not work. Lee was eventually committed to twenty-four years' imprisonment.

MORE THAN YEAR FOR SMUGGLING CHINESE INTO UNITED STATES

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Lorne Stansburg and Albert Queltette, convicted in the United States District Court of smuggling five Chinese over the Canadian border to Chicago, were sentenced to serve fourteen months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by Judge Landis.

Stansburg, who the Federal officers had sought for thirteen years, and who formerly was a switchman, told the court that he had been blacklisted by every railroad in the country, and that he was compelled to go into the business of smuggling Chinese into this country to earn a living for his wife and children. He said he was blacklisted at the request of government inspectors who suspected him of aiding others in the illegal traffic.

He said he received \$65 to \$120 for each Chinese brought to the United States from Canada.

MANY INDICTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF A GIRL

Boston, Dec. 27.—Indictments in seven counts were returned by the grand jury last night against five prisoners held on suspicion of having caused the death of Mary Boddy, a French-Canadian girl of Manchester, N. H., whose decomposed body was found in a Forest Hill apartment house last Friday.

Mrs. Annie M. Reed, who conducted a rooming house, and Miss Mary Johnson, of Manchester, N. H., were indicted as principals in the performing of an illegal operation.

Doctor Ferguson, whose information given to the Manchester police, resulted in the discovery of the body, Mrs. Jennie H. Shattuck, at whose home in Forest Hill the body was found, and Hattie Milledge Heald, of Cambridge, employed by Mrs. Shattuck, were each indicted on four counts as accessory before and after the fact.

WEST INDIES BUSINESS. A meeting of the provincial shareholders in the new West India Company being organized by E. S. Kirkpatrick, former trade commissioner with Cuba for Canada, is to be held in the office of Powell & Harrison, at half past two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Kirkpatrick came to the city this morning and is at the Royal Hotel, 100 St. John street.

CITY LIQUOR LICENSES. Thirty-six applications to conduct retail liquor businesses were received up to noon today by Inspector J. B. Jones, as well as applications from six hotels and seven wholesalers. Tomorrow will be the last day for receiving license applications.

There are expected to be seventeen more retail applications by tomorrow, as there will probably be at least fifty-three applicants.

PRESENTATION. A meeting of a joint committee of the firm of Scott Bros. Ltd., received a handsome chair from the employees of the custom tailoring department of Oak Hall on Saturday night last. J. J. McDonald made the presentation, and Mr. Scott replied briefly.

PRISON MATTERS. A meeting of a joint committee of the municipal council and the common council of which F. M. Cochrane of St. Martins is chairman will be held this afternoon in the office of the city secretary for the purpose of discussing the plans for prison reform and a prison farm.

HOTEL AFIRE, PEOPLE ALL OUT SAFELY

Brockville, Ontario, Has \$75,000 Blaze in Early Morning—City Block Ruined

(Canadian Press) Brockville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Glad only in their night clothes, and leaving large quantities of valuable belongings, thirty people boarding in the Strathcona, Brockville's principal hotel, got out only in time to escape the flames, which destroyed the hotel block with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The fire broke out in the laundry and was discovered by the night clerk, George McCulloch, and a bell boy, Robert Emsland, who aroused the people in the house. The building was a four-story brick structure. The fire worked its way through the walls and when the elevator shaft was reached the flames leaped to the roof and burst out through every window.

From the southwest drove the flames across the street towards the block owned by John Culbert and the Central Hotel. Mr. Culbert's building caught fire several times but was saved.

The tailoring establishment of Mowat & Jackson, located in the hotel block, is ruined through smoke and water, and the loss will be heavy. The proprietor of the hotel, W. H. Brown, is a heavy loser, as he and his family lost all their belongings. He carried no insurance. The building was heavily insured.

One narrow escape was recorded, that of Police Magistrate Clark of Cardinal, who occupied a room at the rear on the second floor. He was found wandering around by two firemen, almost overcome. He was rescued in a half dazed condition.

Waterloo, Me., Dec. 27.—A loss of \$100,000 was caused by a fire, which burned the stock in the Wardwell-Emery department store in Main street, and damaged nearby stores, last night.

Marquis of Anlesley, who is reported to be seriously ill. He is one of the most "eligible" bachelors in England.

MARQUIS IS ILL

ON TOUR TO EXPLOIT THE FASHIONS IN WOMAN'S DRESS

Paris, Dec. 26.—One of Paris' greatest lords of fashion has gone on tour. With several of his mannequins and a moving picture show of his latest creations he is touring the provinces.

What can be sadder than the house of a woman without dress? A woman badly dressed?

Only a man can dress a woman. A female dressmaker loses herself in details and neglects line. A male couturier dominates detail and respects silhouette.

A woman ought to be dressed according to her type. Generalization is the bankruptcy of elegance.

Explore Northern Ontario. Toronto, Dec. 27.—Further exploration of the James Bay coast of Ontario as well as of the Moose River estuary and the James Bay shore will be undertaken next spring under the direction of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario commission, probably in charge of Prof. Ellis, of Ottawa.

Midwinter Grain Trip. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—The marine season reopened today when the steamer Ariadne loaded with grain at Richardson's elevator and cleared for Stone Mills on Bay Quinte. This is a record for carrying grain as late as Dec. 27. The Ariadne had been laid up but as the weather was spring like it was decided to make the trip.

Signs With Wanderers. Montreal, Dec. 27.—Ernie Russell, a brilliant forward, this morning signed a Wanderer contract.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Mrs. Ellen King was held this morning from her late home in Somerset street to Holy Trinity church, where Rev. J. J. Walsh celebrated high mass of requiem. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Brooks was held this afternoon from her late residence in North street to Fernhill, where Rev. J. J. Walsh officiated.

EIGHTEEN HOMELESS DIE IN INSTITUTION

Added Scraps of Spoiled Herring to Municipal Shelter Meals in Berlin—Others Are in Serious Condition

(Canadian Press) Berlin, Dec. 27.—Eighteen people in the Berlin municipal shelter for the homeless, died during last night, of which there are about forty, and the officials, on making another considerable number are dying or seriously ill from the same cause.

The number of destitute men who took refuge in the institution last night, was 4,431. Some of them brought with them scraps of extra food in order to give a Christmas touch to the frugal meal of bread and soup served out to them by the authorities. This extra delicacy consisted in many cases of spoiled smoked herring, of which a large number partook.

Soon after midnight groans were heard in the dormitories, of which there are six, and the physicians, on making an investigation, found several men dying and others in convulsions. The physicians attached to the institution at once applied enemas and at the same time telephoned for help from the city hospitals, but the state of many of the men was hopeless, and the eighteen of them died in a short time.

BRITISH CONSUL NOT TO BE FOUND AFTER SKIRMISH

His Indian Cavalry Escort Attacked by Persians who are Driven Off With Loss, But Mr. Smart Disappears

(Canadian Press) Teheran, Persia, Dec. 27.—Despatches from Shiraz give further details of the attack on Indian cavalry, at Kanroon. The Indian troops were escorting W. A. Smart, British consul at Shiraz, from the port of Bushire to his post. Suddenly, when they arrived in the vicinity of Kanroon, fifty-five miles west of Shiraz, they were fiercely attacked on all sides by the Persians. A desperate fight ensued, in which the troops used their lances and carbines with great vigor.

The Persians were driven off and it is believed they carried several dead and wounded with them while the Indian cavalry suffered casualties, including two killed. During the fighting Mr. Smart disappeared, and it is not known what has become of him. His wounded horse was found straying on the roadside, but no other trace of Mr. Smart has been discovered.

W. Morgan Shuster is still here waiting the nomination of a successor, to whom he can turn over the financial functions of the general. The populace is much incensed against the cabinet, owing to its action in dismissing him.

GOLD WATCH FOR W. E. JARDINE FROM FREDERICTON MEN

Presentation to Bank Manager Who is Going West—School Inspectors' Conference

(Special to Times) Fredericton, Dec. 27.—In the city council chamber this morning W. E. Jardine, retiring manager of the local branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, was visited upon by prominent citizens and a gold watch, suitably engraved, was presented to him. An address was read by Mayor Thomas. Mr. Jardine returned thanks in an appropriate speech. He will leave tomorrow evening for British Columbia to go with the Bank of New Brunswick.

Scott Act Inspector McFarlane and Detective Roberts made seizures of H. H. Stanley and Millville this week. The school inspectors of the province will hold their annual conference with the chief superintendent here tomorrow.

There was a light fall of snow this morning. The school inspectors of the province will hold their annual conference with the chief superintendent here tomorrow.

REBENT OF BAVARIA WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 27.—It is feared that Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria is suffering from serious injuries. While riding in a hunt recently he fell from his horse. The prince's leg will unite with the greatest difficulty, in consequence of a laceration of a muscle of the right thigh.

JAPAN'S BUDGET. Tokyo, Dec. 27.—The emperor personally presided at the Diet today. He deeply deplored the disturbances in China, and prays for a speedy restoration of peace. The budget for 1912 shows the following estimates (yen being equivalent to about fifty cents in Canadian money): Revenue ordinary, 92,553,895 yen, extraordinary, 70,286,191, which includes the surplus of 15,025,724 yen from the previous year; appropriations, civil list, 45,000,000 yen; foreign, 46,191,181; home, 33,229,016; ministry of finance, 23,990,235; war, 43,430,689; navy, 92,697,311; increment not included; justice, 13,125,067; education, 10,498,569; agriculture and commerce, 16,694,461; communications, 7,846,995. The railway account, which is independent of the general budget, shows a deficit of 40,000,000. This will be met by a loan.

MARITIME PREMIERS WRITE OF CONDITIONS IN PROVINCES. Toronto, Dec. 27.—Our people are hopeful and the future looks bright. Hon. J. K. Fleming of New Brunswick in the annual number of the Monetary Times. The harvest in that province was bountiful, he writes, and good prices prevail for farm products.

PREMIER MURRAY, of Nova Scotia, reports that the resources of that richly endowed country were utilized to advantage by a handworking and thrifty people for future prosperity. Although the year was the most generally profitable in Nova Scotia's history, it was only the forerunner of a greater one in 1912.

The conditions in P. E. Island this year were favorable, writes Hon. J. A. Mathias, the premier. The prices of farm products were generally good, trade prospects satisfactory, and the outlook for next year encouraging.

COLD WAVE REPORTED FROM WEST

Fight Over Carrying Of Immigrants To The West

(Canadian Press) Chicago, Dec. 27.—A cold wave sweeping from the northwest has reached the lake region. Since yesterday noon the temperature here has fallen from 41 to 22 degrees above. It was said at the government weather bureau that the temperature probably would fall ten degrees more in this section before tomorrow.

Heavy snows are reported in Wisconsin and parts of Michigan. Effects of the storm may be felt in all parts of the central west. Reports from the northwestern states show the range to be from six above to fourteen below zero.

COTTON LOCK-OUT IN EFFECT TONIGHT

The Labor Trouble in England Has Not Been Averted

Manchester, Dec. 27.—Notices were posted this morning at all of the mills belonging to members of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners in the north and northeast of the county of Lancashire that the mills will be closed tonight and not re-opened until further notice. Weavers to the number of 160,000 will thus be locked out tonight, and about an equal number of spinners will be reduced immediately to half time with every prospect of a complete stoppage of work if the trouble should be prolonged.

The federation this morning decided that it was impossible to continue turning out yarn while the looms were idle. They will therefore curtail production by stopping work on three days in each week, beginning on January 1. The hopes that a man named Riley and his wife, the two non-unionists whose employment originated the strike in the Helms mill at Accrington, on December 29, which led to the lockout, would consent to join the union, and thus save rupture between the employers and the workmen, have been finally shattered. The Rileys have resisted every inducement.

SAY PEACE TALK IS ALL IN THE AIR

Denial of Report of Negotiations to Settle the Turco-Italian War

London, Dec. 27.—Tentative propositions with reference to peace between Turkey and Italy, have reached the background. Despatches from Constantinople declare that no such overtures must come from Italy. Malta despatches say that the Italians are making no headway in Tripoli because the coast strip which they occupy has increased, especially in Crete. Even on Christmas day the Turks tried to rush the Italian trenches at Benghazi. Heavy storms on land and sea are causing the Italians great expense and difficulty.

SAY ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST STREET RAILWAY LIKELY

Daniel Mullin, K.C., said this morning that in the course of a few days, he would probably institute proceedings against the St. John Railway Co. in consequence of the death of Thomas Ryder, who was killed in North End some days ago in a street car accident.

John A. Barry, who appeared on behalf of Captain Tutts at the inquest, said today that he would probably also enter suits against the company for the injuries received by his client.

FREDERICTON LIGHTING RATES. The Public Utilities Commission will meet this afternoon in the government rooms, Church street, for their monthly meeting. The only business, in addition to routine matters, is the application of the Fredericton Gas Light Company for permission to issue a new schedule of rates proposed for special prices for electric current for heating and power purposes. The chairman, Colonel D. McLeod, Vice of Woodstock, and O. M. Melanson arrived in the city last evening and Fred P. Robinson, the secretary, reached the city at noon.

DEATH OF PILOT GEORGE TAIT. Chatham, N. B., Dec. 27.—(Special)—George Tait died on Christmas morning, aged fifty-four years, after an illness of twelve months. He was a highly respected resident of the Miramichi. He followed the occupation of a pilot, a calling followed by his father before him. Mr. Tait leaves his wife and seven children. William, of Kamloops, James of Vancouver, George of Kamloops, Carlo of Boston and Marguerite, Grace and Edythe at home. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSES. Tomorrow is the last day for receiving applications for county liquor licenses. Two or three were received up to today by E. J. Neve, inspector.

RAILWAY WAR HAS BECOME SERIOUS

Gives Notice of Increase in Rates of Commission to Nearly Double

(Canadian Press) Montreal, Dec. 27.—A fight is now in progress between the Grand Trunk and the Trunk Lines Association, which will prove an expensive affair unless an arrangement is arrived at more speedily than there is any indication of just at present.

The cause of the dispute is that the Grand Trunk has asked for representation in the tariff which the Trunk Lines Association is due to issue today on account of immigration going to western Canada for the Grand Trunk railway. The association covers lines running from New York to Buffalo, to common and local points on the Grand Trunk via Chicago. The Grand Trunk owns its own rails from the Suspension Bridge to Chicago and the management control of the Grand Trunk Association that the Grand Trunk should revert its passengers for the west, either by way of Montreal or Prescott. The gross discrimination against the interests of the line on the part of the association. The United States Trans-Alaska steamship companies are said to be in sympathy with the contention of the Grand Trunk management, that the association should represent via their own rails to Chicago. As the association has not as yet acknowledged the demands of the company's demands, the Grand Trunk have declared war by giving notice to the association and to the passenger agents of the steamship companies, that they will increase their rates of commission to nearly double what they were before, viz: 10 per cent on business to western Canada, routed over the Lehigh Valley and Grand Trunk route from Boston to Chicago, also from Philadelphia to Chicago over the Philadelphia and Reading, Lehigh Valley and Grand Trunk.

RICHESON'S FIANCEE GOES TO NEW YORK IN SETTLEMENT WORK

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—It became known here today, that Miss Violet Edmonds, the Brookline heiress, who was engaged to marry V. T. Richeson, has left her home to become a settlement worker in New York. Miss Edmonds was formerly active in charitable work in Brookline.

RUMOR REVIVES TALK OF KINGADE MURDER CASE

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—It was rumored here yesterday that a private detective agency had asked Crown Attorney Washington, a short time ago, to request the crown to furnish money to continue the investigation of the Kingade murder case, as they had discovered something that might lead to a solution of the mystery.

The local police know nothing about the matter and Crown Attorney Washington said there was no foundation for the story. He declined to further discuss the matter. It is said that a private detective, who formerly worked on the case, has been in the city recently, and there are some who profess to believe that there is something behind the story.

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS IN ASIA MINOR FEARED

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch from Messina, a seaport of Asia Minor, on the Mediterranean, which was sent via Cyprus, says there are grave fears of a massacre of Christians and foreigners at that place. At Adana, thirty-six miles away, the Armenians are in a state of panic and are fleeing to the coast towns. The Turkish authorities are apathetic.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO DIVIDE HEBRIDES

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Sydney, N. S. W., says that Great Britain and France have entered into negotiations for the division of the New Hebrides, the joint government having been affirmed. The New Hebrides group in the Pacific ocean is administered by a mixed commission of French and British naval officers.

KING AND QUEEN MAY TOUR EUROPE

London, Dec. 27.—The Express says it is understood that King George and Queen Mary will undertake a series of state visits to European capitals in 1912.