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THE WEATHER

Moderate to fresh with westerly winds, partly fair, with occasional showers today and Saturday.

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Presbyterian Ministers Reply to Charges of Catholic Priest DEFEND MISSIONS

Make Statements About Work Among Ruthenians in Western Canada — Father Roche Details the Charges He Makes

Toronto, Oct. 1.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Camille, of Winnipeg, and Rev. Dr. Ed. McLaren, of the Presbyterian Home Mission executive, yesterday published a statement strongly defending the Presbyterian Ruthenian mission in the west against recent charges of Roman Catholic authorities.

They say the work was undertaken at the request of the Ruthenians themselves, who represented that they were being neglected by the Roman Catholic and Greek churches.

What Father Roche Said

(Toronto Telegram, Monday)

Father Roche repeated his charges against the Presbyterian church and its officers last night at St. Ann's Roman Catholic church. Accusations of a startling character were made, similar, however, to what he had written for the Catholic Register, with which he is connected. Referring to his recent visit to the Ruthenians in the west he said:

"I am confident that if these people were allowed to remain unmolested in their region that in time they would learn the English tongue and become good Canadian citizens. But the truth is they are not allowed."

"There are bogus priests and men from missionary societies in there, stirring up the people, raising the race cry that we have always striven to keep down, and by means of the most vile and indecent literature, endeavoring to work on the emotions of those people."

"These are absolute facts, my people, we were not candid in our case, we help our case."

"The Presbyterian Mission Board is helping to support many of these independent missionaries. I saw a little red church building erected on ground given to the Catholic Ruthenians by the followers of the Greek Orthodox Church who there have their own preacher. Our people have to be misled and built another church."

Unethical Dishonesty

wouldn't object to help from the organs of their honest about these people. They intended to make these people missionaries. But they do not. They intend to follow a policy of falsehood, calumny, deception, trickery and fraud that they intend to see it through. Here is what they do: In all these mission churches there is a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a Ruthenian prayer book, published in Winnipeg, along with three other publications, containing matter so vile and indecent that when I sent a copy to the sisters here to have it translated they wouldn't allow anyone to see it. They said they couldn't allow any of the young sisters to see it."

Rev. Dr. MacLaren, of the Presbyterian Mission Board, admitted the publication of this paper. But I don't know where the men who stand for this. There are too many God-fearing, truth-loving people who are Presbyterians to let such a thing go on but it has been done in their name."

Continuing, Father Roche said there were 135,000 Ruthenians in the western country with only seven priests to minister to them. The Catholic church, he said, must send more men and funds to help these people.

In Philadelphia

Father Roche related his experiences in Philadelphia two years ago when, with a Philadelphia priest, he visited the "Big Tin Church," the largest Presbyterian church among the 100,000 Italians in that city. This building had the name of its denomination over the front door, but had a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in one corner. Why was that? Surely those Presbyterians did not worship that statue? The men and women turned out of the church were almost all enemies of religion. Why could the Presbyterian church not be honest about what they do?

"These people call our worship idolatry. Why do they practice it?"

Father Roche said the press generally had no malice, and had always tried to be fair to Catholics. He urged them to support Catholic publications more. "If it were not for them no one would know you were on top of the earth," he declared.

Because people are learning things and a broader and better spirit is being cultivated, malice is dying out, and the lies and calumnies of the backwoods preacher and the ex-priest are not now so frequently heard. "In fact the public press is running these charges to the ground," he said.

"It used to be that every little 2 by 4 pulpit would rip the Gospel to pieces. Here and there you'd find a man who still believes in the Bible, and I read a letter from one in this week's Presbyterian."

Father Roche concluded by openly challenging anyone to dispute the truth of what he had uttered.

TIMES SPECIALS

IN SHORT METRE

Toronto, Oct. 1.—Hydro-electric power, is expected, will be delivered here by week.

Jubee, Oct. 1.—In connection with theenary council yesterday a reunion of French speaking children was held in the Basilica. Premier Couin entertained the delegates at dinner yesterday.

Amherstburg, Oct. 1.—A man named Charles was fined \$40 yesterday for conducting a "blind pig."

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 1.—J. Hickey was given two years in jail yesterday for abusing his family.

SAW OFF IN THE ISLAND ELECTIONS

No Further Evidence Against Fraser, and He is Confirmed in Seat—Judges Advise Further Inquiry

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 1.—(Special)—Yesterday the council for the petitioners in the trial of the election petition against A. I. Fraser, M. P., Conservative for Kings, announced that they had decided not to take further evidence. Although much evidence had been submitted to show many corrupt practices, the difficulty was to establish agency.

Dismissal of the petition was therefore asked for. The judges said that they could not dismiss the case, but considered the evidence so far as given.

After the court adjourned and they had three hours' consideration of evidence, the judges found that evidence of extensive use of liquor and treating was submitted, but agency had not been established. They confirmed Fraser in his seat, but said they would report to the speaker that there should be a further enquiry.

The proceedings had been stopped as the result of an agreement between the parties whereby a counter petition against J. Hughes for violation of the independence of parliament act. Mr. Fraser is to pay the cost of the election trial. It is understood also that a petition against Prowse, Liberal, for Queens, will be dropped.

MR. JACK, MR. COHEN AND CASE OF TRESPASS

"You have left nothing for a lawyer," said Judge Ritchie in the police court this morning to Thomas K. Cohen, a Hebrew, who was charged by William A. Jack of 62 Wright street with trespassing on his property, "as your defence fairly bristles with beautiful pleas. The defendant had asked him to secure a lawyer."

Cohen had purchased from a Mr. Coughlin a two-story house in Summer street and had had some lumber hauled through to the rear and by so doing it was claimed had trespassed on Mr. Jack's property.

Mr. Jack, on the stand, said that the road was a private way and that in going to the rear he had removed a portion of the picket fence. Those who had the right of way were Thomas A. Linton and T. Barclay Robinson whose property was adjoining.

LeBaron Wilson told of hearing a wordy warfare last evening between Mr. Linton and Cohen about the matter, and the latter was saying that it was a public thoroughfare and he had a perfect right to go through. In conversation with the judge later Mr. Wilson had told him that he was taking the wrong position and Cohen had again asserted that the way was public and he would see it as often as he pleased.

The defendant made efforts at cross-examination when he was stopped by his honor. Cohen said that he would like time "to defend the case."

"Well don't you know whether you went over the man's property or not?" said his honor.

Cohen explained that he was told that he bought a public way when he bought the property.

"Of course if you are spilling to spend \$20 on a fee I suppose we should not stand in the way," observed Judge Ritchie and added "perhaps we should have a fellow feeling."

"There might be a few points that a lawyer might be able to explain," insisted Cohen. He then proceeded to insist on guilty general principles. Then he added a plea of justification in that he personally had not trespassed but the driver of the wagon, and said that he had not hired him. Then he said that he had not damaged the fence as it was in sections and was removed easily.

"Your case reminds me of a case I read when I was a law student," said Judge Ritchie. "A man pleaded not guilty to trespassing an iron pot, then said that the pot had a hole in it any way that the pot belonged to a third party and the case would have to be tried over again."

ANDOVER NOTES

Andover, N. B., Sept. 30.—The friends of Mrs. Allen Puley will be sorry to hear of her illness in Montreal, where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nelson Hanson. Mrs. Puley was taken ill with typhoid fever just after her arrival in Montreal.

Miss Fay Chamber, of Woodstock, and Miss Mabel Johnson, of Boston, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Porter this week.

Much sympathy is felt for Dr. and Mrs. Dickson in the death of their daughter, Helen, who died on Tuesday from meningitis. She was in her fifth year. Interment will be made today in the Presbyterian cemetery. Rev. Mr. Pringle officiating.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 1.—Several inches of snow fell at Jordan, a small place between Hamilton and St. Catharines, this week, and frost damaged late fruit considerably.

WHITNEY TELLS THE TIMES HE BELIEVES BOTH COOK AND PEARY WERE AT THE POLE

Passes Through St. John After Memorable Northern Trip

NO REASON TO DOUBT

Declines to Say if He Will Send Vessel to Get Cook's Instruments — Wealthy Sportsman Spends Few Minutes Here — Cook Awaits Him

Harry Whitney, around whom these days' question marks are flying from every direction, passed through St. John early this morning, and while here for a few minutes broke a resolution he had formed to grant no interviews, and he gave to the Times a short talk on his Arctic experiences which, in his meeting with the rival explorers, Cook and Peary, are of such keen interest at this particular time.

Summed up very briefly, Mr. Whitney expressed his belief that both Cook and Peary had reached the pole, said that Cook had told him he was there and had given him some things to bring back to civilization. He absolutely refused to say whether or not he would send a vessel next year to bring these things from Etah to the States.

Mr. Whitney's home is in New Haven. He is of a wealthy family and himself has an income which makes it easy for him to devote his time to any pursuit which fancy might suggest, and, since July 1908, fancy has kept him in the far north hunting the polar bear, the wild ox and other animals of the frigid zone. He is a friend of Commander Peary and went with him on the Roosevelt, leaving the steamer at Greenburg. While there he encountered Dr. Cook, whom he met for the first time, and this meeting is the one which has brought Mr. Whitney so prominently into the public notice, because of the fiercely waging controversy as to the discovery of the pole.

Cook Told Him He Reached Pole

It was in April of this year that Mr. Whitney met Dr. Cook. Since then the former has been hunting. Last week he reached St. John's, Nfld., on his way home. Yesterday he arrived at North Sydney and, being no time, he took the first train out and passed through here about 6.45 o'clock this morning, the train being some ten minutes late.

To a Times reporter who a friend introduced to Mr. Whitney, the latter said he had really nothing to say. He had been questioned at many places on his way home, but had nothing to give out.

"But, Mr. Whitney," he was asked, "will you not say what you know of Cook and Peary reaching the North Pole?"

"I have no reason to doubt that both were there," he replied. "There is really nothing more I can say. I am not at all experienced in Arctic exploration, and therefore can express no opinion other than my belief in the statements of the men."

Asked if Cook had told him of his discovery before news of Peary's achievement was known, Mr. Whitney replied: "Yes." It was in April last Mr. Whitney said that Cook and Peary had been in Etah, and he had been to the North Pole. It was August when Commander Peary's success became known.

Dr. Cook, Mr. Whitney said, gave him a package, contents unknown, to bring back with him. That was all Mr. Whitney had to say in reference to that phase of the matter. These things had been left at Etah.

"Will you send a vessel after them next year?"

PRESTON WINS LIBEL SUIT IN JAPAN

Toronto, Oct. 1.—(Special)—W. T. R. Preston, Canadian trade commissioner to Japan, now in this city, has received a cable from Tokio announcing he has won his libel suit against the Japan Chronicle for reprinting from the Victoria, B. C. Colonist, a statement alleging that he was conspiring to bring Japanese laborers to Canada in contravention of the international agreement.

Preston sued for \$10,000 and was awarded \$2,000.



RIVER CONDITIONS BETTER BUT WATER IS STILL RISING IN SOME PLACES

Logs Running Past Fredericton—Deals Afloat—Improved Situation Along the Nashuaak—Perry Pleads Guilty to Theft

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 1.—(Special)—Although there has been no rain since Wednesday, the water in the river here is still rising. It came up nine inches last night and is now within four inches of the top of the Star Line Company's high water wharf. If it keeps on rising by tomorrow the steamers will be compelled to tie up at the wharf, near the highway bridge.

A tugboat captain told the Times today that in his forty years' experience on the river he never remembers a fall freshet which evidently broke away from some land which destroyed nearly all the hay stacked on the island at Springhill, but there has been nothing since as great as this one.

An immense quantity of drift wood has been passing down the river and there has been a good run of logs since yesterday. A large quantity of spruce—decks, which evidently broke away from some mill, passed the city between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning.

At Other Points

A VanBuren despatch at noon says that the river there fell one inch this morning. Edmonton reports the river still rising, with weather cool and cloudy. Advice from Woodstock are that the river rose eighteen inches last night. Many logs are running, the weather is fine and cool. The water is falling in the Nashuaak and conditions along that stream are considerably improved. Trains on the later colonial and Gibson branch are once more running on schedule time. The weather here is still cloudy and unsettled, with very southerly.

Harry Perry, arrested on Tuesday on charge of stealing \$5 from William Merrihew of Keswick, pleaded guilty this morning. He was taken ill a week ago and was remanded to jail until Tuesday. Other charges may be preferred against him.

Frederick E. Blackmer, a well known jeweller, is lying at death's door, suffering from pleuro-pneumonia, complicated with meningitis. He was taken ill a week ago and last night his condition became alarming, and all hope for his recovery was abandoned.

A young man named Harry Sharp, a shoe factory striker, was fined \$7 and costs in the police court today for assaulting Wilfred Chappin, a employe of the factory. On the strength of a promise that there would be no repetition of the trouble, the defendant was more leniently dealt with than he otherwise would have been.

CAN'T COME IN OR LEARN REASON FOR EXCLUSION

Toronto, Oct. 1.—(Special)—The government immigration officials having refused to allow his family to land here and he being unable to get any satisfaction from the department at Ottawa, a man named Stanley has decided to place the matter in the hands of a solicitor. The peculiar part of the case is that the department has passed part of Stanley's effects.

STANLEY'S EFFECTS

Stanley and his father arrived here two weeks ago from the states with five horses and \$1,000 worth of household effects.

CANADIAN IS SECRETARY AGAINST BUDGET

London, Oct. 1.—London bankers, including a majority of the large firms, have petitioned the House of Lords to reject the budget on the ground that the principles of taxation contained therein are revolutionary and destructive, and would not only destroy confidence and credit, but hamper commerce and industry and diminish employment.

CHANGES FOR EXHIBITION

PEARLY IN NEW YORK BUT FEW TO WELCOME

Arrival Too Early for Demonstration—Board's Roosevelt Devoted Cook Matter With Club.

New York, Oct. 1.—The whistles of a hundred craft were booming a continuous salute to the Roosevelt as she ploughed up the harbor this morning at the moment Commander Robert E. Peary stepped from a train in the Grand Central Station returning to New York after his trip to the North Pole to participate in the Hudson-Fulton naval parade up the Hudson River.

Had it not been for the rush of traffic about the big station the commander could have heard the roar of welcoming whistles which echoed shrilly along the water front and reached the city streets in a steady drone like the hum of some great machine.

Few to Meet Him

The Roosevelt was well on her way from the quarantine station on Staten Island to a pier at the foot of West 42nd street where the explorer was to board her when Commander Peary arrived at 7.15 a. m. He was accompanied by Mrs. Peary and they had left Portland, Me., last evening to participate in today's naval demonstration.

The hour of their arrival was so early that few persons were at the station to greet them. They were warmly welcomed by a group of newspaper men, a staunch supporter and friend of the commander. A group of newspaper men were also gathered on the platform and they, with the few others in the station who discovered that this was the return of the North Pole explorer crowded around the commander and questioned him about his trip to the Far North. With the laughing remark that he was too hungry to talk, Commander Peary turned aside the questions and hastened across the street to the Hotel Belmont for breakfast.

Mr. Peary said that he did not know then what the plans for the first day in the vicinity of New York would be other than he expected to take his place on the bridge of the Roosevelt during the parade and that Mrs. Peary would share that position with him. Mr. Peary said he should obtain further details from Mr. Bridgman.

After a hurried breakfast the commander and Mrs. Peary left in a taxicab for the vicinity of West 42nd street. The night ride from Portland to New York was without incident. The hour of his departure had been withheld and there were no gatherings as his train stopped at stations on the way.

Different Kind of Trip

Members of the Peary Arctic Club and close friends of the explorer will discuss with him during his stay in the city the various phases of the North Pole controversy but Commander Peary said he would not talk about the subject for publication until his formal statement is prepared. "I appreciate the honor of being in today's naval parade," said the commander, "and it is an especial pleasure to be with my crew on board the Roosevelt on such an occasion. The trip up the river for them that is a much different event from the trip to the Roosevelt at Smith Sound in the ice to the winter quarters at Cape Sheridan."

"No, there is nothing to be said about the Cook controversy. I do not want to talk about it now."

COMMISSION ON TUBERCULOSIS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Sessions to Be Opened in Montreal on Tuesday—Three Aspects of the Matter

Montreal, Oct. 1.—The Royal Commission on Tuberculosis will meet in Montreal on Tuesday next. The commission is composed of one lawyer, Charles M. Holt, K. C., of Montreal, and twelve medical men, Drs. E. P. Lechappelle, J. G. Adams, T. G. Roddick, J. J. Guerin, J. E. Dube, Elz. Pelletier, and J. Lesperance, of Montreal, and M. J. Aboars, C. R. Paquin, A. Simard and R. Rousseau, of Quebec, G. Bourgeois, of Three Rivers, and Lieut.-Col. Jeffrey H. Burland, of Montreal. Dr. M. C. N. Valin, of Montreal, is the secretary of the commission.

This commission was appointed by the government at the request of the Montreal Board of Trade, the Chambre de Commerce, and the Montreal Tuberculosis League. In its composition three elements are represented: The legal aspect of the question, consisting of an examination of the present law and a report to the government as to the further legislation necessary; the medical aspect, including a comprehensive study of the conditions affecting the disease in Canada and abroad; and the economic aspect. The commission will hold its sittings in Montreal during the present week and a report to the government in the spring.

CANADIAN WINS FROM FRANKIE NEIL

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 1.—(Special)—Bill Lauder, Canadian lightweight champion, defeated Frankie Neil, in a fifteen round bout here last night.

New Building For Industrial Exhibits, Cattle Sheds

PROGRESS TODAY

A. O. Skinner and T. H. Estabrook Interview Mayor About City Lots and Hon. Mr. Fuglesley About the Grounds.

An additional building for industrial exhibits, new cattle sheds of an improved pattern, and the removal of the grand stand from its present location across the field to the southern side of the grounds, are some of the changes being planned by the exhibition association in preparing for the big Dominion fair next year.

This morning A. O. Skinner, president of the association, and T. H. Estabrook, a member of the executive, called upon the mayor and consulted him regarding the continuance of the lease of certain city lots on which the cattle sheds are located. The association wishes to know if the lease of these lots will be continued, as they contemplate building new cattle sheds of a more substantial design than those now in use. The new buildings would be closed in, so that they could be visited both day and night without inconvenience.

The mayor thought there would be no difficulty about the association having the lease of the lots continued, and he suggested that the association send a communication to the council at their meeting on Monday next.

The delegation also called upon Hon. William Pugsley and outlined their plans for the erection of a new building on the southern side of the grounds, near the south wing of the present industrial building, and also for removing the grand stand across the grounds to the southern side.

The minister advised them to make a formal application to the militia department for permission to make the proposed changes, and he promised his hearty support in furthering the plans of the association.

The executive is also planning extensive changes and improvements to the industrial and agricultural buildings.

DOCTORS SAY THE MATRON TOOK TOO MUCH AUTHORITY

Whole Staff of Hospital Physicians Resign in a Body

Manchester, N. H., Oct. 1.—Eighteen physicians, comprising the entire staff of the Elliot Hospital, with one exception, have signed a document resigning their connection with the hospital, owing to a disagreement over the resignation of Miss August C. Robertson as matron.

While no statement by members of the staff has yet been made public, the basis of the disagreement is said to be the charges that matron had frequently disobeyed the physician in the rules laid down for the care of patients, that under her management affairs of the hospital was not conducted with all due care to medical exigencies, that Miss Robertson conspired the doctors in certain cases, and that she had criticized one doctor in the presence of another, etc.

CEMENT MERGER SENDS UP PRICES

Thirty Cents Added To Figure—A Retailer's View

Toronto, Oct. 1.—(Special)—Following the organization of the Canadian cement merger, prices were raised about thirty cents a barrel, and a new 20 barrel car, which was a losing proposition at those prices, and it was hinted that prices would be considerably boosted by the combine.

MOORS CHECK THE SPANIARDS

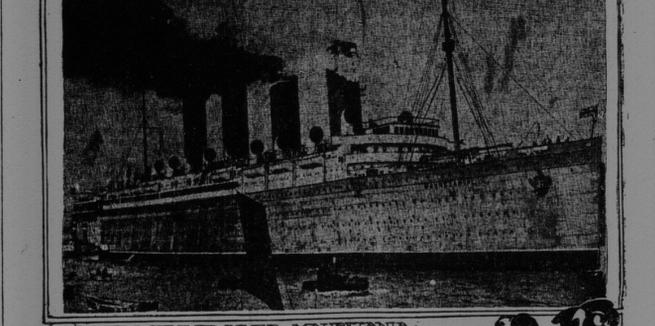
Serious Reverse For Alfonso's Men, a General Killed

Mellila, Morocco, Oct. 1.—A Spanish force from Zeluán, reconnoitering yesterday in the direction of Sokal tennis, encountered the Moors and met with a serious reverse. General Diaz Vicario, three other officers and fourteen men were killed and 182 men were wounded.

COUNTY COURT SPECIAL SESSION IS ADJOURNED

The special sitting of the St. John county court, which was to be held this morning in the county court chambers, was postponed until Monday morning at 11 o'clock. At this sitting George David, who was found guilty of theft, will be sentenced, and Thomas Foley will be tried. The prisoners, Thomas Preece and Jas. Hogan, charged with breaking into a camp at Drury Cove, in all probability will come before Judge Forbes Monday morning, and will be tried under the Speedy Trials Act.

Mauretania Clips Off Forty-Four Minutes More



New York, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Forty-four minutes more was clipped from the transatlantic record by the Cunard liner Mauretania, which arrived this afternoon from Liverpool and Queenstown. The Mauretania, which wrested the title from her sister-ship, the Lusitania, on her latest trip, completed her run of 2,784 knots to-night in four days, ten hours and fifty-one minutes, at an average speed of 26.08 knots an hour.

Her best previous trip was four days eleven hours and thirty-five minutes, and the average speed record had heretofore stood at 25.87 knots an hour. The Lusitania's best performance is four days eleven hours and forty-two minutes.