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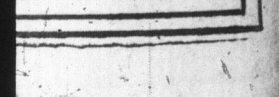
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**Cost of Living**  
 LONDON, Jan. 23.—(Can. Press.)—A gloomy prophecy as to the probability of conflict in the Pacific Ocean was made by the well known lecturer on military strategy, T. W. M. Maguire, at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute.



**Only Federal Senate Reading Room—  
 Clearly Define When  
 Marriages Are Valid**

**Imperial Privy Council Has  
 Already Indicated Its Un-  
 willingness to Deliver  
 Judgment on Academic  
 Question, Tho Supreme  
 Court Can Decide on Stat-  
 ed Case.**

**QUEBEC LAW NOT  
 QUITE AS PAINTED**

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The air has cleared of the tension of last night over the discussion of the Lancaester marriage bill, and it is possible to tabulate to-day some of the outstanding facts that have emerged.

First, it is clear that no settlement of the question is yet in sight, and that the only sufficient settlement must be a federal law, defining marriage and divorce, husband and wife, parent and child, and that this law obtain through the whole of Canada.

Next, it seems clear that the imperial privy council will decline to deal with a more or less academic reference as proposed by Mr. Borden; have, in fact, so declared themselves. The supreme court of Canada, however, is already authorized by legislation to consider and give its opinion on stated cases, say as to the distribution of powers, which may be submitted to it by the Canadian Government. But even this very power of the supreme court to pass on referred questions is now under review by the imperial privy council. So it is not at all certain that any satisfactory settlement as to jurisdiction over marriage is to be forthcoming by the motion of Mr. Borden. The law in a hypothetical situation can be got from the Canadian supreme court, but not from the imperial privy council.

Quebec Judges at Odds.

It also came out that, tho the Quebec judges had differed in their interpretation of the Quebec code on marriage and that Protestant and Catholic judges were at variance as to how they interpreted certain sections of the code, none of these cases had been carried to the imperial privy council. Sir Wilfrid Laurier wanted the case now in the court to be so carried to the foot of the throne for a final ruling. This seems good logic. It was for this reason that Mr. Maclean wanted the Lancaster bill to be passed and to have its constitutionality tested by the first case that came up in the courts. The privy council is not likely to give a finding or a hypothetical case as suggested by Mr. Borden.

No Disability to Protestants.

Another thing that came out in the debate was that none of the speakers was able to show any disability that Protestants suffered under the Quebec marriage law, or that any disability came to the parties to a mixed marriage, whether solemnized by either a Catholic or a Protestant clergyman. The only disability that was established was that, if two Catholics failed to be married by their parish priest, that any other marriage ceremony observed by them (before say a Protestant minister) was invalid. But it was contended that this law was constituted to prevent clandestinity, not to penalize any one married by a Protestant. The Catholic Church had enacted in its

**No Authority,  
 Says Hellmuth**

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The premier tabled in the commons this afternoon, the opinion of the eminent counsel, which he mentioned last night as endorsing the proposed action of the government in regard to the marriage law. It is the opinion of I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., of Toronto, and is as follows:

"The following questions have been submitted to me:—  
 '1. Has the parliament of Canada legislative competence to enact bill No. 3 (being an act to amend the marriage act)?'  
 '2. Has the parliament of Canada power to validate a marriage which has not been solemnized in accordance with the formalities or before the person prescribed by the law of the province?'  
 '3. If the law of any province requires that the marriage of two Catholics, in order to be valid, must be celebrated before the parish priest or before a Catholic priest, has the parliament of Canada power to declare that such marriage, although solemnized before some other clergyman or officer, shall be valid notwithstanding the law of the province?'

"In my opinion the answer to each of the above named questions should be 'No.'"

**VIADUCT COMMITTEE  
 WILL MEET THURSDAY**

**May Reach Definite Decision as to  
 Which Plan Will Be Presented  
 For People's Approval.**

A meeting of the committee appointed to consider viaduct situation will be held to-morrow at 4 p.m. in the city hall.

The committee, which is a representative one, was formed when representative citizens at the call of Mayor Geary met last Thursday, and the purpose of its formation was to see if an agreement could be reached. The members of the committee are: H. R. Frankland, chairman, W. F. Maclean, M.P., Dr. Charles R. Smith, J. M. Lyle, C. H. Beavis, Strachan Johnston and J. B. O'Brien.

The three plans which will come up for consideration are the straight viaduct between Danforth-avenue and Bloor-street which was voted upon at the last election, the crooked viaduct scheme which is advocated by the Civic Guild, and the plan submitted by J. M. Lyle which provides for a boulevard beginning at the corner of Bloor and Parliament-streets, running in a southerly direction to the head of Parliament-street, where it would be joined by a bridge connecting with Danforth-avenue. Four members of the committee favor the straight viaduct, and as City Engineer Rust, the city council and most of the people vitally affected by the project advocate this plan, it is felt that the discussion will be largely centred on the straight street scheme.

Dr. Charles R. Smith said last night that he had just attended an informal meeting of the Ward One Business Men's Association and that Mr. Lyle's plan had been discussed but not approved of. He was under the impression that a straight viaduct was the only solution to the problem.

**GOODEVE AS YUKON COMMISSIONER**

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—That Mr. Goodeve, member for Kootenay, will be appointed to the commission-ship of the Yukon is almost certain. The appointment will be a popular one.

**Blew in the Money**

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Did you ever have your rich uncle in a temporary spasm of generosity offer to send you a cheque for \$200 and you woke up to find he had "cashed it" overnight, and that you were not even mentioned in his will? This is about what happened to a cheerful bunch of Montreal sports who went to a tournament at Nancy, France, and came back covered with glory and medals. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux was the uncle in question in the case, and conveyed the joyous tidings to Mr. Dandurand, acting mayor of Montreal.

Great was the rejoicing. The athletes broke several world records in getting to the bank before closing hour, and held up the manager with the Lemieux letter. Then they fractionated several records in blowing in the money.

But the fatal day of Sept. 21 was hard at hand and the promise turned out to be a post-obit.

But cheer up, the heir may be generous. Hon. W. T. White has promised consideration.

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**PREMIER YUAN  
 IN DIRE PERIL**

**His Assassination Is Being  
 Urged by Hot Heads—  
 Deadlock Still Un-  
 broken.**

PEKIN, Jan. 23.—(Can. Press.)—The advice of Yuan Shi Kai to await an attack by the rebels is distasteful to the younger princes, whose talk of war is alarming Pekin.

It is persistently reported that Tieh-Liang, the former Tartar general at Nanking, who is largely responsible for the reaction, advocates the killing of Yuan Shi Kai, whose influence, he thinks, is so great that he should not be permitted to leave the capital. Yuan Shi Kai evidently foresees the possibility of an attack upon him and is adopting extreme precautions. Another 1000 Chinese troops of the imperial army from Paoingfu, in the Province of Chih, arrived here this evening, making Yuan Shi Kai's force of Chinese 4000. Against these there are 12,000 Manchu troops of the imperial army, who, it is suspected, are being incited against Yuan Shi Kai.

It is difficult to believe, however, that even the more hot-headed princes will countenance Yuan Shi Kai's assassination, which would assuredly entail the extinction of the claim, as the majority of the northern troops are loyal only to Yuan Shi Kai.

On Neutral Ground.

Yuan Shi Kai to-day authorized the Canadian Press to make the following statement regarding his position:

He is inspired primarily by the desire to serve the best interests of the Chinese people, and not the interests of either the republicans or monarchists. That time will prove. He is seeking no selfish ends and hopes to continue in office as premier long enough to cause a proper election of members of the national assembly, or otherwise ascertain the correct view of the majority of the people. As, however, a general election seems difficult to accomplish considering the attitude of the republican leaders, he desires to bring about peace and some form of

**THREE BIGAMIES MAYBE  
 FAMILY MUCH WEDDED**

**Husband and Wife Agreed to Part and Remarry if They  
 Pleased—Woman Did and Says Husband  
 Followed Suit.**

Bigamy by agreement all round is the admission of Mrs. Sarah Jane Harper, 45 years, 113 Ontario-st., who was arrested yesterday by Detective Miller charged with bigamy. The woman declares that she and her husband, Walter Harper, who lives at 225 East Barton-st., Hamilton, agreed to part three years ago, and that they further agreed that either or both should marry again if it pleased them.

She says that Harper availed himself of this agreement and is now living with a second wife in Hamilton, and that last summer she was married by Rev. Canon Dixon to Robert J. Ward, 56 years, 1187 Yonge-st. She says that they lived together until two weeks ago, when he left her and went to live at that address. She says that Ward, when he married her, knew of her earlier marriage, and that her husband was still living in Hamilton.

A few days ago, the woman's daughter, who lives with her father in Hamilton, received a telegram from Ward saying that her mother was seriously ill. The girl, who is nearly a woman grown, came to Toronto, but found that her mother was not, nor had she been ill. The daughter returned to Hamilton, only to receive yet another telegram from Ward. This time the distressing news was that her mother was in the hospital dying. Harper notified the Hamilton police and Detective Miller was sent to investigate with the result that the mother was arrested, charged with bigamy, and Ward was also taken in on a similar charge. His offense is that, as it is alleged, he married a woman, knowing her to be already married.

**DETROIT LOSES CHANGE  
 FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

**Ordinances Designed To Clear Up  
 Traction Tangle, Fail To  
 Secure Majority.**

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 23.—(Can. Press.)—The Thompson-Hally plan for a street railway settlement in Detroit, including an opportunity for municipal ownership of the railways, was decisively defeated at to-day's special election. The plan needed a sixty per cent. majority to secure adoption, but to-night, with a few precincts unheard from, it fell 6000 short of securing 60 per cent. of the votes cast.

The election brought to a close one of the bitterest battles ever waged by Detroit newspapers. No serious trouble was reported. Many women voted, but the total cast was not exceptionally heavy.

The Thompson-Hally plan provided for the extending to and ending of all Detroit Street Railway franchises on December 4, 1924; fixes rates of fare at eight tickets for 25 cents for a quarter until 8 p.m., six tickets for 5 a.m. until 8 p.m., six tickets for a quarter. The company was also to make extensions in 1912, and thereafter build annual extensions totaling five per cent. of the total track mileage in the city. The plan also gave the city the right to purchase the entire railway properties at any time, the purchase price to be fixed by arbitration.

Opponents of the proposition, who termed it a franchise grant, contended that it imposed upon the city paying expenses which counter-balanced the reduction in fares, and that inasmuch as many of the street railway franchises have already expired, and all will expire by 1916, the city will soon be in a position to force the street railway company to grant lower rates and give better service without a franchise.

**MEN'S FUR-LINED COATS.**

A cold day makes a fur-lined coat the most necessary garment in all the world of garments. In this January sale at Dineen's you will find some absolute bargains in men's fur-lined coats, starting at \$35 and up to \$70. Mink-lined, muskrat-lined, and lined with Russian fur. Some things unusually good at a price inviting and reduced to from twenty to fifty per cent.



**OLD MAN ONTARIO: Look out, boss!**

**INJURED FIREMAN  
 CLUNG TO AERIAL**

**Hurriedly Rescued From Possi-  
 ble Death by Chauffeur—  
 Chief Sufferers Left Build-  
 ing Not Knowing of Fire.**

Clinging to the rungs of the swaying ladder of the aerial truck 40 feet from the ground, Fireman Joseph Waterman of the Queen-street hall, was struck by a falling section of that ladder when a cog broke in the elevating gear of the truck at a fire in Sheppard-street. The descending section struck both his feet, crushing the bones in them and leaving him clinging by his hands alone in his precarious position. There were several of his comrades above him, but these could do nothing to aid in lowering him to safety. The one man below him was holding a line of hose which he dared not let go for fear of dislodging the injured man.

Seeing Waterman's danger, R. Burrell, Chief Thompson's chauffeur, hurriedly mounted the ladder and went to the aid of his injured comrade. When he reached him he told him to throw himself over his shoulder, and when he had done this he slowly descended the

**Two Fires in Montreal  
 Loss is Nearly \$200,000**

**Hotels Richelieu and Riendeau Severely Damaged, but  
 Guests All Escaped—Second Fire Causes \$60,000  
 Loss to Several Business Houses.**

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—(Can. Press.)—At a few minutes to seven o'clock this evening fire broke out in the Richelieu Hotel, Jacques Cartier-square and in a short time assumed such large proportions that a second alarm was turned in, followed twenty minutes later by a third alarm when the outbreak had spread with such rapidity that the flames were devouring the premises of the Trades Publishing Co., C. D. Alcantara, Hector L. Dery, the Hotel Richelieu and the Hotel Riendeau. The estimated damage by fire, water and smoke to the two hotels was given approximately at \$125,000.

The guests in the hotels were promptly apprized of the danger and hastily escaped from their rooms.

A Spectacular Blaze.

When the fire brigade arrived the buildings were attacked both from the front of the square and St. Vincent-street, but by this time the topmost rooms were burning fiercely and the flames were pouring high above the roofs, drawing a large crowd to the scene.

Fifty constables were having their hands full keeping back the crowds, the glare in the sky being visible all over the city.

While the first fire was still raging a second fire broke out at the warehouse of the H. B. Mfg. Co., on William-street, and spread with great rapidity. Part of the brigade was withdrawn from the fire on Jacques Cartier Square and hurried to the spot, where the blaze had made great headway owing to the delay.

Factory Gutted.

The firemen attacked the building

**AUSTRIA'S TURN NOW.**

PERIM, Arabia, Jan. 23.—(Canadian Press.)—An Italian warship stopped the Austrian Lloyd steamer Bregenz in the Red Sea yesterday morning. The steamer was bound from Bombay to Trieste.

**WINNIPEG DRANGEMEN IN ARMS.**

WINNIPEG, Jan. 23.—The Orangemen of Manitoba have a fund of \$2415 to fight home rule in Ireland. This has been subscribed as a result of the victory of the grand lodge in Brandon last March. It is to be used for speakers and halls in England to oppose home rule.

**The Handsomest Woman on the Stage**  
 Julian Ethel is a wonder. It is hard to make the audience at the Princess Theatre believe that the beautiful, stylishly dressed woman on the stage is really a man, and many refuse to believe it even when told by the management. "The Fascinating Widow" is a great show. Special matinee to-day.

**LUMBERMEN  
 IN COMBINE?**

**Liberal Members Assert That  
 Settlers Are Being Bled—  
 Straight Party De-  
 cision.**

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—"Westerly winds, weather otherwise stationary," was the record registered by the political anemometer in the house of commons this afternoon. The "effete east" hardly had a look in.

The house was trembling on the brink of a plunge into supply on the estimates of the public works department. It trembled in vain. There was a bulwark strong of British Columbia lumber, to say nothing of Western American lumber planned on one side, fine-sawn on the edge, to protect it from the abyss.

J. G. Turfiff of Astinholm, not content with one attack on the Borden administration, assailed the alleged iniquities of the so-called British Columbia lumber trust, who had tyrannously raised the price on the poor western settler of the plains, to whom lumber was the very bread and butter of his existence.

The new-government was "ever ready to turn the farmer down" at the behest of the combine.

Customs Laws Broken?

Mr. Turfiff moved an amendment declaring that the minister of customs, in instructing his officers to collect 25 per cent. duty in certain kinds of lumber, was violating the customs laws.

The amendment was declared lost in a straight party division at 12.30 a.m., on a vote of 107 to 62. The house adjourned at 12.35 a.m.

A. S. Goodeve (Kootenay) pointed out that Mr. Turfiff had actually admitted that the free importation of this lumber by the connivance of the Laurier administration was the result of fraud, as his description of it, as planned on one side and edge, with the edge roughened by a fine saw, showed a manifest trick to get around the customs classification.

This loss to the farmer of the sale of his products to 2000 British Columbia lumbermen, whose camps would be shut down by the foreign competition, would more than offset anything he might save on imported lumber.

The government were building up home markets and interprovincial trade. At the same time they were prepared to make an investigation into the allegations of opposition members as to the existence of a lumber combine.

Lumbermen's Combine?

H. N. Stevens (Vancouver) denied the existence of a combine. If the Lumbermen's Association were one it had been in existence for many years and the blame for not checking it rested on the law government.

It would be prepared to meet fair competition, but it was not prepared to be swamped by the overloaded stocks of United States manufacturers. He hoped the problem of restraining combines, if there were some, would be dealt with scientifically and thoroly.

W. L. Knowles (Moose Jaw) read from the report of the lumber combine investigation committee several sessions ago, to show that a combine really existed. A member of the association actually had to ask permission before he was able to sell a stock of lumber below the price "set down in cold blood in their minute book."

In the course of his denunciation of "this heartless institution, the manufacturers' combine in British Columbia," Mr. Knowles boldly delivered himself of the following gem of political altruism: "This home market business is played out," he declared, and he didn't care whether British Columbia bought his oats or not.

J. D. Taylor (New Westminster) said that the course taken by the late gov-

**VISIT WORRIES  
 WHITE HOUSE**

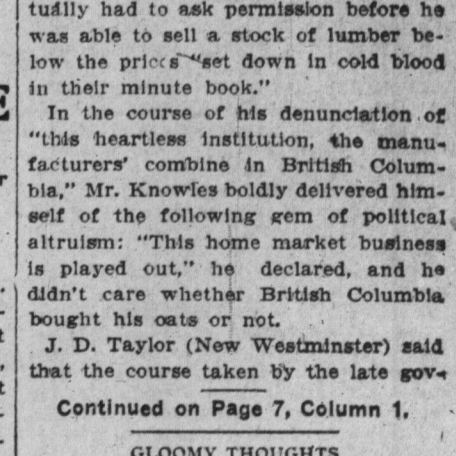
**Much Confering Finds Plans for  
 Duke's Reception Still Unformed  
 —Some Arrangements.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(Can. Press.)—White House plans for the reception of the Duke of Connaught Thursday still were nebulous to-night, altho President Taft and his cabinet conferred on the matter, while Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson and Major A. W. Butt, the president's military aide, were busy discussing arrangements. At the White House it was said that the final arrangements probably would not be completed until Thursday, or at least they would not be made public until that day.

It was learned, however, that the Duchess and the Princess Patricia probably would not come to Washington, and that the reception of the Duke at the White House would last only a few minutes. The time of his arrival here has not been definitely determined, but from the Union Station he will be taken immediately to the British embassy, and then direct to the White House. After his reception by Mr. Taft, he will be driven back to the embassy, where he will be the guest of Ambassador Bryce at dinner. It was said to-night that the Duke probably would leave Washington for New York late Thursday night. While in Washington, a troop of cavalry will form an escort of honor for the visitor.

**GLOOMY THOUGHTS**

Jaff: Vere nas o'er joytu the morn, John, Fata's on ye're mis.  
 John: I'm coddin on what King Solomon and Ramessis and Godfrey de Bouillon and Hiram Abiff will say when they hear that Billy-Madden to lay the corner stone of the Stinson viaduct!



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