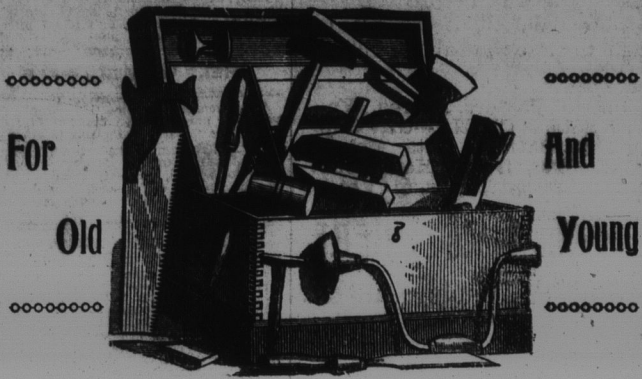


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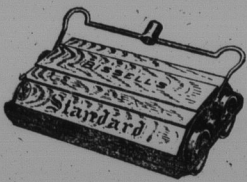
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OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier left for Montreal this afternoon to witness the first presentation of an historical play by L. O. David, city clerk of Montreal, a great friend of Laurier's. The play is entitled Le Drapeau de Carleton. The census department gives the population of Montreal as 267,730.

JAMES ROSS

Says the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. Will Command the Situation.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—An important meeting of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co.'s directors was held here today. At the close it was announced that James Ross hereafter would take a more active part in the management of the company, practically replacing H. M. Whitney in the financial management, as he did a short time ago in the management of the Dominion Coal company. Mr. Ross announced that he had just returned from a trip to the leading steel manufacturing centres in the United States, and felt that nothing would prevent the Dominion Steel company from commanding the situation both in pig iron and steel on the American continent. He also announced that the manufacture of steel would be begun early next month and that the output had been sold in advance at remunerative prices. Ross, Cox, and other Canadian shareholders have largely increased their holdings recently and the company is becoming Canadian in ownership as well as location.

MARCONI'S BALLOON ADRIFT.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 12.—The trial balloon of Wm. Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, who is here conducting experiments with his system, broke from its moorings last night and drove away seaward. The accident is not uncommon and occasions little annoyance. The inventor is prepared for such emergencies and will send up another balloon today.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., to the Associated Press on Dec. 10, said that Marconi had that afternoon succeeded in floating a balloon 200 feet above the summit of signal hill, which is 600 feet high, and overtook the harbor of St. John's. This balloon was fastened by a series of stays which rendered it almost motionless. It held up the vertical steel wires which are used in the system of wireless telegraphy in communicating with distant ships.

NEW MAIL ROUTE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Another important step has been taken in developing the new route to Ireland authorized by parliament, which may at no distant date provide the quickest way for mails and passengers between London and New York, says a London despatch to the Tribune. The contract for the erection of a pier a thousand feet long at Rosslare near Wexford, has been closed. This pier is a portion of the scheme in which the Great Southern of Ireland is concerned. A fast line of steamers is to run between Fishguard, on the Welsh coast, and Rosslare, and the idea is seriously entertained in certain quarters that this is to be the American mail route for the future.

SEARCH ENDED.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 12.—John McIntyre arrived here today in search of his brother, Nichol, whom he had not seen for twelve years, and found that the dead body of the man he sought had been brought in the same train in which he travelled, to be buried in the city. Two weeks ago in Montreal, Que., the father of John L. McIntyre and Nichol McIntyre died, leaving a large estate. When Nichol McIntyre was killed he was not known, and the body was buried at Indianapolis. Later his father-in-law here learned of his death and had his body exhumed and brought here and buried yesterday.

STORM SWEEP.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A fierce gale is sweeping the English channel. Many vessels are seeking shelter, and the life boats are busy rescuing small craft. Devoted to experiencing the full force of the storm, and numbers of ships off there are showing signals of distress. A Belgian fishing boat has foundered in the North Sea, resulting in the drowning of fourteen persons. Snow in the midlands has stopped hunting.

FOR HIGH TREASON.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—In the Bow street police court today the prosecution against Dr. Kraus, ex-governor of Johannesburg on charges of high treason and inciting to murder having concluded its case, counsel for the prisoner announced that he reserved his defence. Dr. Kraus was again remanded until Dec. 18, when he will be formally committed for the January assizes on the charge of having incited Cornelius Broekama to murder John Douglas Foster.

AMERICAN CARDINALS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Tribune from Rome says:—To maintain the decision of the pope not to create any new cardinals in America while Cardinal Gibbons lives, and satisfying at the same time the urgent solicitations which some have even attributed to President Roosevelt, it has been suggested to create Arch-bishop Ireland a cardinal, to reside in Rome, and to make Archbishop Corrigan a cardinal, reserved "in pectore" for announcement after the death of Cardinal Gibbons. It is reported that Dr. Farley, auxiliary bishop of New York, is now here pushing this plan.

RUMFORD FALLS, Maine, Dec. 12. Levi Garrett, a young French-Canadian in a critical condition at his home here as the result of knife wounds received at the hands of highwaymen last night. The robbery occurred \$150 which Garrett had drawn from the bank to defray the expenses of his wedding, which was to have taken place today. The assailants escaped and the police have no clew.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

The Men Who Will Leave This Evening—News From the West.

The following nineteen men were chosen yesterday from the applicants for enlistment in the battalion for service in South Africa:

- Frederick W. Betje, clerk, 182 Exmouth street, formerly of Canadian Mounted Rifles. John R. McCully, surveyor, Chatham, formerly of Canadian Mounted Rifles. John H. Williams, fireman, St. Stephen, formerly of G. Co., 2nd R. C. R. Alfred Simpson, laborer, St. John, formerly G. Co., 2nd R. C. R. John N. Rawlings, fireman, 65 Douglas avenue, formerly G. Co., 2nd R. C. R. Roland Penny, laborer, St. John, formerly G. Co., 2nd R. C. R. Frederick W. Addy, farmer, 147 Union street. Martin J. Burns, plumber, 280 Duke street. Henry T. Comeau, carpenter, 38 Charles street. John C. Daisell, wireworker, 34 St. Paul street. Claude McDavidson, railway clerk, Hopewell Cape. Chalmer A. Darrah, blacksmith, Hartland, N. B. Robert M. Fairfowl, stevedore, Edinburgh, Scotland. Samuel E. Fox, farmer, 249 Brussels street. James McD. Gilchrist, farmer, Cambridge, Queens county. Christopher Graham, street railway conductor, Lakewood, St. John county. Herbert McIntyre, teamster, Murray's Mills. William Parry, guide, Gaagetown. James A. Rose, laborer, Prince of Wales, N. B.

The men have been instructed to meet at the depot at sharp ten o'clock, local time, tonight, in order to catch the train for Halifax.

The militia department have ordered that the names of all rejected applicants for enlistment be taken in case an increased number of men are sent. At half-past ten o'clock this forenoon and at half-past two this afternoon the men assembled at the barracks and were instructed in drill by Lieut. Ralph Markham.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—A number of officers at present holding commissions in the militia are so anxious to go to the front that they have enlisted in the mounted rifles privates. Col. Evans thinks there will be fully a dozen officers serving in the ranks.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Ontario recruits for the third contingent will leave tomorrow evening for Montreal, being conveyed from that point in specials by the Intercolonial to Halifax.

STABBED AND DROWNED.

ALTONA, Pa., Dec. 12.—In Blair county last night, two Poles accused another Pole with the theft of some of their money. They attacked him and slashed him fearfully with knives. In an effort to get away he fell into the river and was drowned. His assailants made no effort to rescue him from the water. The two Poles who made the attack have escaped.

MONEY OR YOUR LIFE.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—Two robbers gained admission to the home of Mrs. August Scheffler, near the Western limits of the city last night. One pointed a gun at Mrs. Scheffler's head and demanded her money. She conducted the man to where she had \$1,400 hidden, which the thief appropriated. Both robbers escaped.

ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

In the Marriage of a Well-Known Baptist Minister.

One of the chapters of a pretty romance was ended yesterday afternoon when Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, B. A., of Westchester, N. S., was united in marriage to Mary E. Sweet, of Chicago, at the residence of Rev. J. D. Freeman. Mr. Belyea is a well-known Baptist pastor, and has been for a number of years one of the assistant secretaries of the Maritime convention, and one of the chief promoters of the N. Y. U. Miss Sweet is a native of Nova Scotia, but has lately been engaged in missionary work in Chicago. When they stood before the officiating clergyman yesterday afternoon and were made man and wife, Mr. Belyea and Miss Sweet had seen each other but three times.

They met for the first time in church some years ago, and after that at the residence of Miss Sweet's father, who was one of Mr. Belyea's parishioners. At that time they met as casual acquaintances, Mr. Belyea was a widower with eight children. Shortly afterwards, Miss Sweet's mother died, and it became the duty of the pastor to tender to the bereaved daughter all the sympathy and consolation in his power, and at the same time forward the last loving messages. Pity is akin to love.

Miss Sweet answered the letter and thanked Mr. Belyea for his expressions of personal sympathy. As a slight return she enclosed in her epistle a synopsis of several sermons which she had heard in Chicago. These mutual aids assisted to bring about constant correspondence between the two. In regular romantic style the friendship thus formed grew and ripened. Mr. Belyea felt that his lot would be improved and his life brightened were he to have the lady as his constant companion. She agreed that the benefit would be mutual, and so they decided to double their joys and divide their sorrows.

This city was picked out as a suitable place for the performance of the ceremony. Mr. Belyea arrived yesterday morning and Miss Sweet at noon. A few hours later they were married and they left this morning for their home in Westchester.

Mrs. Belyea is a comparatively young lady, of prepossessing appearance. She has been an earnest and successful worker in Chicago mission districts.

CAPE BRETON COAL

Has Proved a Great Success in Norway—Heavy Contracts.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 12.—The Dominion Coal Co. today decided to reopen International mine at Bridgeport, which was closed three weeks ago, and to keep the colliery closed till March, but owing to heavy contracts made lately, it has been found necessary to use the coal of this mine. The company has just closed a contract with the Maine Central railway for 15,000 tons, to be shipped at once. The coal sent to Norway, so the company has been advised, is giving excellent results, better time being made on the railways.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 12.—Dr. Joseph Zemp of Lucerne vice-president of the Federal Council, has been elected president of the Swiss conference for 1902. Dr. Zemp is a Catholic conservative.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 12.—A heavy snow fall on the mountains in this state is causing considerable delay to railroad traffic. Reports from Southern Wyoming are to the effect that a general storm prevails.

MCKINNEY, Texas, Dec. 12.—Three thousand bales of cotton have been sold here for shipment to St. Petersburg, Russia, and to Rotterdam, Holland.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Bank of England's rate of discount is unchanged at 4 per cent.

MORE SOLDIERS NEEDED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the London Times and the New York Times from Wellington, N. Z., says responsible New Zealanders returning from South Africa declare that more soldiers are needed to finish the war. Troops have the utmost confidence in Lord Kitchener, but his efforts are hampered by the ill-advised agitation in the United Kingdom. It is said that excessive consideration is shown to the Boers in the refugee camps, while the colonists in Natal are suffering hardships.

KILLED "JIMMY THE RAG."

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 11.—John Mowbray, alias "Jimmy the Rag" an Italian raggie, was fatally stabbed at his home in the district known as "Holy Acre" at the North end this evening. The man who is suspected of the murder, Joe Sylvia, a Portuguese laborer, has disappeared. The missing man has been a frequenter of the house. He was there this evening and Mowbray was stabbed twice in the left side, a little to the rear of the position of the heart.

PAIR OF THIEVES.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 11.—W. H. Woods and a woman companion, giving the name of True Johnson, both colored, were arrested here today charged with having robbed Alfred B. Lowenthal, a traveling salesman for a New York jewelry firm, in a Portland, Oregon, hotel of \$1,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

The couple were apprehended through a local pawn broker who had bought some of the jewelry from them. They had in their possession when arrested \$3,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry. Railroad transportation to Portland and a check for \$200, which had been given by the pawnbroker in exchange for a diamond brooch.

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A despatch from Calcutta to the London Times and the New York Times, says the military position on the Waziristan frontier is such that six native battalions and one mounted battery have been sent to Tonk. It is, however, not considered necessary to organize a field force. General Egerton is commanding part of the frontier force. His staff has been increased. Flying columns will be told off to parry the Mashudis.

FIRE AT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—Ducharme's piano factory at Bernard and Clark streets, Mile End, was damaged by fire last night to the extent of about ten thousand dollars. The place was insured.

A SOLDIER'S BRIDE.

KINGSTON, Dec. 12.—Capt. W. B. Carruthers, who has accepted a commission in the third contingent, was married yesterday afternoon to Miss Ella McPherson. The couple will spend their honeymoon at Halifax.

A COAL FAMINE.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Owing to the shortage of cars and congestion of traffic at Pittsburg and Buffalo there is a soft coal and coke famine in Ontario. One foundry in Hamilton, has been compelled to close down. Toronto manufacturers will be able to keep open, as a supply of hard coal is obtainable.

ABOLISH SUGAR BOUNTIES.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.—At a meeting of sugar manufacturers held here in anticipation of forthcoming international sugar conference it was decided to oppose any international convention which does not entirely abolish indirectly or directly bounties on sugar everywhere.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Eastern states and northern New York.—Cloudy tonight and Friday, rain Friday in west portion, light variable winds.

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