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## Peace Conference Resumed Work in London Today

**CHESTNUT-EDGECOMBE NUPTIALS TODAY**  
Popular Young Couple United in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony

The residence of Mrs. Albert W. Edgcombe was the scene of a happy event at four o'clock this afternoon when her eldest daughter, Annie Hazel, was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Kenneth Randolph Chestnut, C.E., youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Chestnut. The ceremony was performed in the spacious drawing-room by Rev. Neil McLauchlan, in the presence of a number of invited guests, including many relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Fred B. Edgcombe, was attended by Miss Helen Ryder of St. Stephen, while Mr. George E. Bowie performed the duties of best man.

The bride looked very charming in a white satin gown, trimmed with Duchess lace and carried a bouquet of white roses.

At the conclusion of the ceremony congratulations were in order, after which all repaired to the dining-room where luncheon was served.

The bride, who is one of the city's most lovable and popular young ladies, was the recipient of a large number of valuable wedding presents, from friends in this city, St. John, Montreal and elsewhere.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the U.N.B. and has already made his mark in his chosen profession of civil engineering. He now fills the important position of inspecting engineer on the Rocky Mountain division of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut will take their departure by the 5.50 train for Central British Columbia, where they will make their home for some time. The bride's travelling costume is of brown broadcloth with hat to match and black mink furs.

The numerous friends of the young couple will join with The Mail in the wish that their wedded life may be long and joyous.

## S. A. V. ASSOC. OF YORK COUNTY ELECTS OFFICERS

The South African Veterans Association of York County met last night in the P. A. P. B. band rooms, Queen Street and elected officers for the ensuing year. The members of the Association also decided to observe the anniversary of the Battle of Paardeberg, February 27th, by holding a supper. Committees to make arrangements for the supper were appointed.

Officers elected were as follows: Hon. Pres.—Capt. James Pringle. President—R. Bruce McFarlane. 1st Vice President—A. E. Finnamore.

2nd Vice President—Frazier Hazlett. Sec.—Treasurer—P. A. Guthrie. Marshal—J. H. McCollum. Chaplain—Rev. J. H. MacDonald. Hon. Chaplain—Rev. Canon Montgomery.

Additional members of the executive—Major the Hon. Thomas Ashburnham, George Rutter, John Jones.

## MASONIC INSTALLATION TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT

Hiram Lodge, A. and F. M., installed officers last night the day being St. John's Day. The installing officer was Dr. H.V.B. Bridges. Those installed were:

Lewis H. Bliss, W. M. Wm. E. McMullen, Senior Warden. H. S. Campbell, Junior Warden. S. H. McKee, Chaplain. M. Tennant, Treasurer. S. L. Morrison, Secretary. F. A. Good, Senior Deacon. Alex. Murray, Junior Deacon.

Harold B. Colwell, Senior Steward. Chas. A. McVey, Junior Steward. Dr. C. P. Holden, Director of Ceremonies. E. Cadwallader, Organist. Luke S. Morrison, Junior Guard. Albert B. Brown, Tyler.

If the Demands of the Balkan States are Complied With Turkey Will be Left Without a Foot-Hold in Europe--The Powers Said to be Behind the Allies--Excitement Growing among the Servian and Montenegrin Delegations--Turkey not Anxious to Resume the War

London, Dec. 28—The peace envoys are meeting again today in this city. It is reported that the Balkan allies are determined to leave to Turkey only a foothold in Europe. In which they will have support of the great powers.

London, Dec. 27—Turkey's reply to the demands made several days ago by the Balkan allies as a basis for peace in southeastern Europe will be delivered tomorrow to the peace conference in St. James Palace. Interest however, has again shifted from this phase of the situation and is centred tonight in the question of what are the intentions of Austria with respect to the Balkans.

The peace delegates are prepared to consider the reply of the Ottoman government and its counter proposals, starting though the latter may be, as simply points for future negotiations. It is well known that Turkey has not the least hope of obtaining what she will demand and also that she has no intention to resume a war which may result in further disaster to her.

This aspect of the situation seems to receive confirmation from the fact that several attempts already have been made unofficially by members of the Turkish delegation to get the Montenegrin, Servian and Greek delegates to recede from the demand that Adrianople be surrendered providing in return that Turkey will not object to their respective enlargement territorially. These advances

and reports, emanating from Constantinople, that Bulgaria is negotiating terms direct with Turkey there are considered to have as their basic purpose an attempt to divide the allies.

### ALLIES STILL A UNIT

The representatives of the Balkan states, however, have resisted all the temptations placed in their way and today present as united a front as they did the first day of the negotiations and are just as determined, however, to have their own way in concluding peace.

Instead of diminishing, excitement is growing among the Servian and Montenegrin delegations over what are considered Austria's plans in the Balkans. That the dual monarchy seems determined to carry out these plans is considered to be proven by the fact that she has not as yet begun to demobilize the big army she recently called to the colors. It is now considered certain that at the resumption of the ambassadorial conference, January 2 Austria will urge the representatives of Europe to make the territory of autonomous Albanian as large as possible, including in it Prizrend, Diacova and even Scutari.

Meanwhile Austria is tempting Montenegro by proposing in exchange for Austria's support and the occupation of Scutari by Montenegro that Austria be given possession of the mountain dominating Cattaro, which

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## WINTER'S FIRST BIG STORM HIT PROVINCE HARD

With the wind blowing a gale and fourteen inches of snow falling, according to the official records at the University of New Brunswick, this section of the province was treated to the first big storm of the winter yesterday. All complaints concerning absence of snow are now removed but until the wind dies down conditions will be very bad as the light snow is drifting and blocking both highways and railroads.

Chancellor Jones of the U.N.B., stated today that the instruments at the College recorded the highest wind velocity this morning at nine o'clock, when rate was thirty-seven miles per hour. Thirty miles per hour is known officially as a gale. The snowfall which was recorded, fourteen inches, is the heaviest for the first big storm of the winter that has taken place in some years.

### COUNTRY ROADS BLOCKED.

Country roads are reported to be blocked everywhere by drifting snow. The latter was heavy when the storm began yesterday morning but became light as time went on. One lone load of furnace-wood was in the market today. The driver said he had started

at 6.30 a.m. and reached market at eleven o'clock. His horses had gone down repeatedly and on one occasion he had to get help. He said it was absolutely impossible to keep a road broken. About half a dozen farmers attended the market today and a small quantity of beef was all that was offered. The price showed little change.

### ON THE RAILWAYS.

The Fredericton Branch of the I. C. R. was hard hit by the storm. The express due this morning is expected at six o'clock this evening. The express which left last evening was reported this morning to be between Chatham and Loggieville. The freight which was to leave early this morning was not sent out. On the C. P. R. delays are reported. The Montreal express is reported six hours late. The train on the Fredericton Branch connecting with the Boston train arrived here at 2 p.m. and the Woodstock train shortly after. This evening all trains are to leave on time.

Reports from outside points are to the effect that the storm has been general all over the province and in Maine.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION.

After the service in the Methodist Church Christmas morning an interesting feature was the presentation to Miss Muriel Masters of a beautiful sunburst of pearls. The presentation was made by Mr. Harrison on behalf of the choir and Rev. Mr. McLauchlan. Miss Masters is leaving early in the new year for Woodstock, where she will enter the Fisher Memorial Hospital as a student nurse.

### PERSONA

Miss Mary E. Hipwell of the Registrar General's Office, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hipwell, St. John. Mr. George A. Perley M. P. P., of Maugeville has returned from a trip to the west.

### COMPLAINTS RE SNOWPLOUGHING

The snowploughing service as inaugurated this morning has been the cause of considerable complaint on the part of citizens especially in the upper division of the city. The most important thoroughfares should be attended to first by contractors but Westmorland Street was neglected until late this afternoon. The Roadmaster should see to it that the contractors get an early start in future

### PERSONAL

Mrs. Simon Gallagher of Bath is visiting her sister Mrs. E. A. O'Brien Charlotte Street. Publicity Commissioner George M. McDade who spent Christmas with relatives at St. John returned to the city this morning.

## HOLIDAY QUIETUDE PREVAILS IN MARKET

New York, N. Y., Dec. 28—Except in one or two specialties the movements in yesterday's stock market had little or no significance. The market appeared to be well evened up, pending fresh initiative on the part of influential parties but the holiday quietude will likely prevail for a time. Meantime, the banks have gained cash during the week and while it is likely that the loan account will be enlarged through preparations for an unprecedentedly large year-end disbursement of dividends and interest, the broad trend of financial conditions should now turn rapidly toward improvement. Current railway earnings are the largest in history and business conditions in nearly every line are tranquil and prosperous. These factors should go far toward smoothing over the disturbing factors and of causing a feeling of confidence in the market.

## DOMINION CANNERS INCREASES DIVIDEND

Montreal, Dec. 28—The directors of Dominion Canners met at Hamilton and satisfied market expectations by placing the common stock of the company on a 6 per cent. dividend basis for 1913, but also announced that a dividend of 6 per cent. would be paid on February 1st for the year of 1912. The latter announcement will come as a complete surprise.

## HEAD OF N.W. M.P. WILL RETIRE

Lieut. Col. White to Give up Post After Forty Years Service

Has Rendered Distinguished Service to the Country--Ill Health Cause of Retirement

Ottawa, Dec. 28—After more than forty years of faithful and efficient service to the Dominion, Lieut. Col. Frederick White, C.M.G., will retire next Tuesday from the post of Comptroller-General of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. Few men in the Canadian civil service are better known than Lieut. Col. White and fewer still have rendered more distinguished services to their country.

Born in England sixty-five years ago Lieut. Col. White came to Canada as a young man and after a short time spent in the service of the Grand Trunk Railway he was appointed to a clerkship in the Department of Justice. By 1876 he had risen to the position of chief clerk.

On the organization of the Northwest Mounted Police, Lieut. Col. White was selected by the late Sir John A. Macdonald to take charge of the police bureau at Ottawa. Since that time he has devoted himself wholly to affairs in connection with Western Canada, and no one has done more to advance the interests of that section of the country. Since 1878 he has been at the head of the Northwest Mounted Police, an organization famous the world over for its efficiency and discipline. An important extension of his work was undertaken in 1905, when he was appointed a special commissioner to administer the government of the unorganized Northwest Territories. At the time of the coronation of King Edward he was rewarded with the honor of C.M.G.

For more than a year Lieut. Col. White has been in failing health and since last spring has been on leave of absence. It is generally expected that his successor as Comptroller of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police will be Laurence Fortescue, I.S.O. who is at present assistant comptroller and accountant of the department. Mr. Fortescue has been connected with the Mounted Police since the early days of the force, having been appointed in 1875. He came to Ottawa from the West to assist in the administration of the force, and has held the position of assistant comptroller since 1908.

## U. S. TO INAUGURATE THE PARCEL POST SYSTEM

Will Mark an Important Epoch in the Development of the Postal Service--Change Will go Into Effect on New Year's Day--New Series of Stamps for Parcels Has Been Prepared--Perishable Articles Will be Mailed But Liquors Will be Excluded

Washington, D.C., Dec. 28—The inauguration of the parcels post plan in the United States on Wednesday next, Jan. 1, 1913, will mark one of the most important epochs in the development of the American postal service. The last previous step of importance was taken when the Rural Free Delivery System was put into effect fifteen years ago. The introduction of the parcels post system had been agitated for ten years without material progress when Rural Free Delivery became a fact. Since then the demand for the introduction of a parcels post system in the United States became so urgent that Congress finally, notwithstanding the most strenuous opposition from certain interested quarters, yielded to the wishes of the people and enacted a parcels post law.

The framing of the law was not an easy matter as the whole scheme was in the nature of an experiment upon a tremendous scale. It is true, the framers of the law had for their guidance the laws and regulations of a number of foreign countries where the parcels post has been in successful operation for many years, but the conditions of the postal service in the United States are so radically different from those of the postal service in other countries that it was not an easy matter to adapt their laws to American conditions and requirements.

At last the law was drafted, submitted to Congress and passed and January 1, 1913, was fixed as the date for its going into effect. The many radical changes in the postal service necessitated by the requirements of the parcels post system im-

posed a tremendous burden of work upon the postal authorities and during the last three months several of the departments worked practically day and night to complete the preparations for the inauguration of the new service.

An entirely new series of stamps for the exclusive use of the parcels post service had to be designed, engraved, printed and distributed; new scales, with a capacity of eleven pounds to meet the requirements of the new weight limit, had to be contracted for, manufactured and sent to the various post offices in the country; maps showing the zones into which the country has been divided for the purpose of fixing a graduated distance rate, and books containing the various regulations and rules governing the new branch of the postal service had to be printed and distributed among the thousands of post offices throughout the country. In addition to all this special provisions as to space, means of handling the parcels post, etc., had to be made at all larger offices, so as to have everything in readiness when the law goes into effect next Wednesday.

The postal authorities have given the assurance that the preparations are now practically completed but they realize that owing to the newness of the system and the lack of previous experience as to its operations, it may develop at first many defects and shortcomings which will have to be gradually corrected. The public is expected to be patient and to give the postal department re-

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## BURPEE-HENDERSON NUPTIALS AT ST. MARYS

Mr. J. Raymond Burpee, junior member of the firm of D. C. Burpee & Son, the well known contractors of Gibsons, and Miss Beulah Henderson of Douglastown, Northumberland, were united in marriage this afternoon. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. P. S. Watson, St. Mary's, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. Rev. Dr. Smith was the officiating clergyman. The bride was attired in a travelling suit of brown cloth with hat to correspond, and was unattended. The happy couple are to leave this evening on a honeymoon trip to the upper provinces. Both young people are very popular in the community and have the best wishes of all for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

## CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS ELECTS OFFICERS

Court Fredericton No. 778, Canadian Order of Foresters, held its annual meeting at the I.O.O.F. Hall last night and elected officers for the year. The officers elected are as follows:

C.R., Frank Delong. V.C.R., Charles A. Smith. Chaplain, Eldon Mullen. F.S., W. L. Anderson. R.S., Murray Hagerman. Treasurer, John Chase. S.W., Ernest Smith. J.W., J. C. Hazelhurst. S.B., H. McCain. J.B., George Delong. Conductor, Fred J. Burtt. C.D., Percy A. Guthrie. C.O., Albert Boddington. Auditor, George Segee. Physician, Dr. Weaver. Examining Physicians, Drs. W. J. Weaver and Dr. W. H. Irvine.

Kalamazoo, Mich., corsetmakers have been on strike since last March.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD IN SHORT METRE

(By J. C. Mackintosh & Co. direct private wires)

Northwestern wheat receipts at three primary markets were 1,100 cars Friday, North American exports 122,000,000 bushels since July 1st or 44 per cent. greater than last season.

Bradstreets reports 253 business failures in United States this past week compared with 352 in previous week.

Net earnings of National Railways of Mexico in 1912 increased \$357,459 over those in 1911 despite revolutionary activities.

Reports show record breaking holiday trade in many sections of the country with some slackening in wholesale lines. Large exports at close of the year are a special feature of the trade situation.

President-elect Wilson expresses himself in favor of a bill providing for provisional government for the Philippines for eight years and then for complete independence.

Ottawa dispatch says the Grand Trunk will drop its alliance with New Haven and resume its construction plan in New England.

No activity is expected in the Steel industry so far as buying is concerned until after the new year.

Twelve industrials declined .08; 20 active railroads declined .37.

## WILL INQUIRE INTO IRON ORE FREIGHT RATES

Washington, Dec. 28—An inquiry into rates on iron ore from the Misabe range to Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., has been rendered by Interstate Commerce Commission as a result of complaints that the U. S. Steel Corporation is unduly favored by the carriers affected.

Argentina will have a school of agriculture.