

WHITELAW REID PASSES AWAY

Was United States
Ambassador to the
Court of St.
James

Death of Distinguished Journalist and
Diplomat Occasions Widespread
Sorrow--King George's Message

London, Dec. 16--A memorial service for the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid is to be held either on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The Bishop of London has already intimated his desire to hold his memorial service in St. Paul's Cathedral, but the matter is still under consideration of the authorities. At the British Foreign Office this morning the greatest regret was expressed in regard to the death of the ambassador. Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, has already sent a cablegram to James Bryce, the British ambassador at Washington, requesting him to express the condolence of the British government with the state department. The question of placing a British warship at the disposal of the late ambassador's family for the conveyance of the body to the United States, has been decided in the affirmative.

There has been a stream of callers at Dorchester House all day and thousands of cablegrams and telegrams have been received.

Messages came from Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck, Princess Christian, President Taft, Sir David Burnett, Lord Mayor of London, Premier Robert L. Borden of Canada, the Earl of Aberdeen, and most of the public in the United Kingdom and America.

London, Dec. 16--The British government has proposed to the government of the United States that a British battleship should convey the body of the late ambassador to his native land.

Premier Asquith, in announcing this decision of the government, formally, in the House of Commons, paid a graceful tribute to the dead diplomat. It has been arranged to hold a memorial service for the late ambassador in Westminster Abbey at noon on Friday.

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MISS HELEN GOULD TO WED RAILWAY MAN

Lakewood, N.J., Dec. 16--Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Helen Miller Gould of New York, to Finley J. Sheppard, a prominent railroad man of St. Louis.

Mr. Sheppard has long been prominently identified with railroad and financial affairs in the west. He is at present assistant to the president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, with headquarters in St. Louis. He is 45 years old.

Upon the death of her father, Jay Gould, in 1892, Helen Gould, then only twenty-four years old, inherited a fortune of about \$10,000,000. It has been estimated that by investments she has trebled this fortune and at the same time devoted fully half of her time to benefactions which brought her into world prominence.

She began her benefactions during the Spanish-American war, when she gave time and several hundred thousands of dollars to the relief of sick and wounded soldiers, for which she received the thanks of Congress. In 1899 she led a woman's movement for the unseating of Brigham H. Rogers, congressman from Utah, as a demonstration against polygamy.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. C. Hartley of Woodstock, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. W. H. Berry of St. Stephen, superintendent of scales, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McNaught of Chatham, arrived in the city today.

Mr. A. C. VanWart of St. John, is at the Barker House.

Ex-Ald. John McGoldrick of St. John, was registered at the Queen over Sunday.

QUEBEC MAN KILLED BY MARITIME EXPRESS

Quebec, Dec. 16--Patrick Bergen, stevedore, aged 50 years was killed by the Maritime Express from Halifax yesterday. Deceased was walking on the track at St. Joseph de Levis evidently under the impression that the train stopped at that station, which it does not and was run over.

HORRIBLE ACT BY ENRAGED MAN

Bellefleur, Ont. Dec. 15--E. D. Wellman a Rawdon township farmer aged thirty-eight committed suicide Saturday afternoon after attempting to murder his fifteen-year-old bride of a year. The latter is so badly wounded that the doctors say she cannot recover. On Saturday afternoon Wellman borrowed a neighbor's shotgun saying he wished to shoot some weasels. About 4.30 he entered the bedroom where his wife was lying ill, and without warning fired point blank at her head. The charge of shot destroyed one eye, carried away a portion of the roof of the mouth and knocked out several teeth. Wellman then went upstairs, reloaded the gun tied a string to the trigger and discharged the gun with his foot. Part of his head was torn off and he died instantly. Mrs. Wellman's mother who heard the shots rushed to the house and summoned help. Coroner Angus of Stirling, was notified and to him Mrs. Wellman although mortally wounded was able to tell the story of her husband's deed.

VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL

Sensational Murder
Trial at Houlton,
Me. Brought to
a Close

Announcement of the Verdict of not
Guilty Was Greeted With Great
Applause

Houlton, Me., Dec. 15--"What is your verdict?" asked Deputy Clerk of Courts W. B. Clark, as the jury in the Jacobson case filed in at 1.46 Saturday afternoon, being out exactly three hours and nineteen minutes. "Not guilty," said Foreman Robinson in a voice that penetrated to the farthest corner of the court room.

Applause that the Sheriff was powerless to stop followed the announcement of the verdict which freed Rev. Charles Nelson Emelius, Mrs. Annie Jacobson and Edgar Jacobson charged with killing August Jacobson at New Sweden, June 12, 1911.

Mrs. Emelius was the first to reach the side of her husband, mother and brother after the verdict had been announced. Tears of joy in the eyes of all four. Judge Haley thanked the jury for the efficient manner in which it had discharged its duties. The prisoners were discharged and the most sensational and longest trial ever held in northern Maine was ended.

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CHEAP FARES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

For the Christmas Holidays the customary excursion fares will prevail on the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway, good between all stations, and to points on connecting lines. The going dates are from December 21st to January 1st and the limit for return January 3rd. For seasons beyond Montreal there will be a special excursion fare on the same dates with a similar return limit. The reduced fares prevail on these dates will make it convenient for those who wish to visit relatives and friends and for the absent ones to return to the old home for the happy Christmas tide.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Douglas of Stanley, are in the city today.

PEACE PLENIPOTENTIARIES ASSEMBLE IN LONDON

Conference Will Decide Whether There
Will be Peace or a Continuance of the
Struggle--All Four Balkan States are
Represented--Sir Edward Grey Deliver-
ed Address of Welcome and was Elected
Honorary President of the Conference

London, Dec. 16--The delegates of Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro and Greece, assembled at noon today in the picture gallery of St. James Palace to meet the Turkish delegates in the momentous conference which is to settle the question whether there is to be peace or a continuance of the war in the Balkans.

With the eyes of the British sovereigns who have reigned in succession for four centuries surveying them from the walls, the plenipotentiaries were welcomed by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister. His address was brief but full of sympathy and good wishes for the success of each delegation cordially acknowledged the welcome and the sentiments expressed by Sir Edward Grey, who was elected to the honorary presidency of the conference. The Turkish plenipotentiaries were the at brief intervals by the Serbians, first to arrive. They were followed by Montenegrins, and Bulgarians. All these arrived in plain taxicabs. The Greeks alone rose to the level of a private automobile. The delegates of the Balkan States before entering the conference chamber, declared that within this week either Turkey will find a way to surrender Adrianople or the war will be resumed. The belief that Turkey will yield unless she is impelled to resistance by Austrian and German support.

London, Dec. 14--The determination of the Balkan States not to allow an Ottoman policy of procrastination is significant on account of the form which it has manifested. "The Turks are much mistaken," said one of the delegates, "if they entertain such an idea. Peace will practically be concluded between Christmas and New Years around the diplomatic table in St. James' Palace, or we will impose it on Constantinople at Easter under the range of our cannon and at the point of our bayonets. But then conditions will be very different. Now we are satisfied with the minimum demands; then we will exact the maximum."

CONDITION OF PEACE.

The main conditions of the allies include the immediate surrender of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina, the garrisons of which will be granted full military honors; the evacuation of Eastern Turkey by Turkey or as far east as Tchatalaja to a line which experts appointed by the contracting parties will delimit on the spot; the cession to Greece of all the Aegean Islands, including Rhodes and eleven others, which Italy is keeping as a pledge for Turkish fulfillment of the Treaty of Lausanne; the annexation of Crete to Greece, the payment of a war indemnity and the expenses sustained on account of the Ottoman prisoners.

In return the allies will grant complete amnesty to the Musselman population in the territories they annex, for any acts of hostility during the war; the return of all prisoners; the recognition of the spiritual sovereignty of the Sultan over Ottomans becoming subjects of the Balkan States and the free administration by the Mussulmans of their pious funds in the Balkans.

THE SERBIAN QUESTION

The Serbian ex-premier, Stojan Novakovich, head of the Serbian plenipotentiaries, informed the Canadian press that he was satisfied an agreement would be reached on the question of an Adriatic port, on which Serbia and Austria are at swords points.

He said, "Serbia is willing to agree if she have access to a port which shall remain under the sovereignty of an Albania protected by the powers by means of a way to run through Albanian territory. Serbia will demand, however, her commercial rights in the port and the transportation of goods over the railway at agreed rates to be guaranteed by all the powers."

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BERLIN WOMAN HAS TALKING CAT

Berlin, Dec. 16--A woman dentist named Sutoris, of Hamburg, is exhibiting a talking cat named Peter, which is creating as great a sensation among scientists and the public generally as the famous horse Hans. Peter yells "Hurrah," "Hurrah," "Hurrah" with unmistakable distinctness, repeats the names "Anna" and "Helena" and screams "Nine," "Nine." He finishes by singing a few words from a popular song. Frau Sutoris says she discovered the cat's talent when she trod on its tail and Peter yelled "Nine."

HORRIBLE DEATH OF B. C. WOMAN

Vernon, B. C., Dec. 16--With her hair and clothes ablaze as a result of an explosion of coal oil with which she was trying to light the fire, Mrs. Robert Waddell yesterday morning rushed into the bedroom of her husband, an invalid, and dropped dying on the floor by his bedside. Despite his weakness, Mr. Waddell made heroic efforts to extinguish the flames that enveloped his wife and succeeded ultimately in doing so, when it was too late.

Mrs. Waddell died by her husband's side, who was unable to secure help and was compelled to lie with her body in the room until today.

"Dear Sir," wrote a Cardiff father to a school teacher, "please do not let my son John learn Welsh today; his throat is so bad he can hardly speak English."

BLACKHANDER SHOT AND KILLED

New York, Dec. 16--Amelio Prince, said by the police to be the notorious blackhand leader, was shot and killed early today, in a bakery in upper New York.

According to the story told the police by the employees of the shop, he had just demanded \$100 of Joseph Gallucci, manager, when he was shot by Gallucci's nephew, who escaped.

The police say that Prince has four times been under suspicion of having done murder. In each case the police found witnesses by whom they expected to send Prince to the electric chair, but when the grand jury were ready to hear the evidence, the witnesses were strangely missing, the police believe that several of them were murdered.

Prince's name had long been a by-word in the Italian colony.

If children were naughty parents were accustomed to warn them that Prince would be called in.

PARLIAMENT TO ADJOURN ON THURSDAY

Ottawa, Dec. 14--Parliament will adjourn for the Christmas recess on Thursday next for three weeks, reassembling on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Premier Borden last night gave notice of motion to that effect.

Mr. Wm. A. Clayson of Toronto, is at the Queen.

Mr. S. M. Miller of Winnipeg, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. Robt. LeB. Steeves of St. John, is in the city.

MURDEROUS BANDIT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Leadville, Colo. Dec. 16--A bandit suspected of being Frank L. Smith, who a week ago escaped from the Brighton jail where he was held for murder, entered the Denver and Rio Grande station at Pando twenty miles west of Leadville, last night, held up the station agent, C.N. Kinney, and three other men, marched them down the track, struck William Maxfield over the head with his revolver and then shot him dead. An hour and twenty minutes after the hold-up and murder, the bandit was captured by the members of a bridge crew. He is now in jail at Red Cliff. He gave his name as Burns but refused to answer any other questions.

THREE HURLED INTO ETERNITY

Perth Amboy, N.J., Dec. 15--Three persons were killed, eight injured and several probably mortally when an express train known as the Atlantic City Flyer, on the New Jersey Central Railroad, ran into an auto stage at a grade crossing between Roosevelt and this city today.

The auto, a closed machine resembling a trolley car, contained thirty persons. There is no gate at the crossing. The train, running an estimated speed of forty miles an hour, hurled the stage and its occupants a distance of sixty feet. The dead are Mary Thornton, 11 years old; Daniel Thornton Jr., 8 years old of Chrome, N.J., and an unidentified woman. The children were killed instantly. The woman died shortly after the accident.

A BIG STRIKE ORDERED

Whole Working
Population of
France May go on
Strike

Would Demonstrate the Power of the
Laboring Classes to Paralyze the
Government

Paris, Dec. 16--A general strike of the whole of the working population of France, ordered to be carried out today by the General Federation of Labor as a protest against laws was partially unsuccessful. It was understood that all workmen were to throw down their tools for one day only in order to show the strength of the laboring classes and to demonstrate their power of paralyzing the government in the event of a declaration of war. In Paris itself men appeared to have executed the order to strike in a great many instances. Few cabs or other vehicles were on the streets, while many factories were closed and the whole of the men connected with the building trades ceased work for the day.

Twenty mass meetings were organized to be held in Paris and the suburbs this afternoon and numerous others in different parts of the provinces.

The authorities took extensive measures of precaution for the maintenance of order but tranquility prevailed everywhere and the day promised to pass off without disturbance.

BANK OF COMMERCE HAS RECORD EARNINGS

Toronto, Dec. 16--The annual statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce out today, shows net profits during the year amounting to \$2,811,806.42. This is an increase of \$500,000 over last year, and establishes a record for Canadian Banks. In addition to the regular dividend of 10 per cent a bonus of 1 per cent was paid to stockholders. The bank's deposits now amount to the enormous sum of \$197,768,251.12 and the total assets are \$246,571,289.74.

Mr. W. Rankine of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

ONTARIO MUR- DER MYSTERY

An Autopsy Shows
That Mrs Love's
Windpipe was
Severed by Knife

The Crown Endeavoring to Fasten the
Crime Upon The Husband of the
Deceased

Flesherton, Ont., Dec. 16--The inquest into the cause of the death of Mrs. Hannah Lucille Love, found murdered in the cellar of her home at midnight Wednesday last, was resumed at one o'clock this afternoon before Dr. Bibby, coroner. The reports of Dr. McWilliams of Dundalk, and Dr. Eago of Markdale, who performed the autopsy, showed that death was due to bleeding from wounds in the throat, evidently caused by a knife, one of the, almost severing the windpipe.

Considerable interest centres around the story that Arnel, the fourteen-year-old son of the murdered woman, will tell under oath. It was his statement that his father had explained the absence of his mother on Tuesday morning to her being at the home of Rev. J. A. McLaren, had warned him not to mention his mother's absence and had instructed him to tell the story about seeing a stranger in the vicinity on Tuesday that led to Inspector Roburin ordering the arrest of the father, Henry Love, on a charge of killing his wife. The stories of Gibson Collinson and John Collinson as to what Love said when he informed them of the finding of the body, is also expected to play an important part in the decision of the jury.

Few people in either Flesherton or its companion village of Ceylon, can believe that Henry Love committed the crime for which he is under arrest and many think a different solution of the mystery than that now being attempted by the crown will be found.

MARYSVILLE TOPICS

The Prentice Boys Attend Divine
Worship---A Coming Wedding

Marysville, Dec. 16--At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Rev. Dr. Smith of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, of Fredericton preached a very able and instructive sermon in the Main Street United Baptist Church, which was crowded to the doors. The Marysville lodge Prentice Boys attended the service in a body, they looked well and their marching was excellent. Many Orangemen were also present. The service was a special one in honor of the anniversary of the closing of the gates of Derry.

The full choir was present and their singing added to the impressiveness of the service.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Perry is soon to be the scene of a double wedding, when their daughters Lizzie and Maggie are to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony to two popular and enterprising young men, who they met while in Newburyport, Mass. The wedding is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

Marysville was well represented in Fredericton Saturday night, a large number were down doing their Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. "Jack" Rice spent Sunday with friends in Gibson.

The church services were all well attended yesterday.

The many friends of Mrs. Samuel Bird will be sorry to hear that she has been very poorly the past few weeks.

Good and sufficient reasons there are often for changing one's position. Frequently there are adequate reasons for getting up boldly and seeking a new position.

But, on the other hand, some girls are constantly changing without adequate cause. These are the girls who should consider most earnestly just what these many changes will eventually mean to them and whether their course from a business point of view is wise.