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Strong northwest winds with rain in some districts. Wednesday westerly winds, moderately warm and showery.

MOTHER WILL FACE CHARGE OF HOMICIDE

ASPHYXIATED HER CHILDREN

Became Tired of Being a Burden to Her Husband and Turned on the Gas.

New York, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Martha Lavender 3 years old, of 2217 Mermaid avenue, Coney Island has been an invalid for a long time. She has seen her husband toiling patiently only to have his earnings swept away by doctor's bills. She decided that she would no longer remain a burden to him.

Locking herself and her two small children in a bedroom at her home she turned on several gas jets. One of the children was asphyxiated before rescuers came. Mrs. Lavender and another of the children were taken to the hospital where the other child died just before noon.

The mother and her two children William, 3 months old and Lillian 7 years old had been in the bedroom for some time before George Aumiller a gas meter inspector who had been at work in the basement of the building at 2217 Mermaid avenue noticed a strong odor of gas and traced it to the Lavender apartment.

He forced the door and found Mrs. Lavender lying on the floor with her two children close beside her. William was dead.

On a table was a note addressed to Jacob Lavender the woman's husband. He is a clockmaker employed in Manhattan. The letter read:

"I am taking the children with me because I could not think of leaving them behind. Whatever luck my spirit can bring you will be yours. God bless you and lots of love. Your wife, "MARTHA"

Aumiller called a policeman who sent for an ambulance. Mrs. Lavender was taken to the Harbor Hospital. She is not expected to live. Lillian died shortly before noon in the Coney Island Hospital.

Assistant District Attorney Reuben Wilson is investigating the case. If Mrs. Lavender who is unconscious, recovers she will be charged with homicide.

Will Hold Train at Woodstock

Station Agent C. N. McCarthy of the C. P. R. has received word from the Superintendent that the Gibson Branch train will be held at Woodstock until 6 p. m. on Wednesday the 13th and until 5 p. m. on Thursday the 14th, to accommodate those who wish to see the horse racing and exhibition in Woodstock on those days.

Dance at Cherrybank

Emerson Edgecombe, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe entertained about fifteen of his friends at their country home "Cherrybank". Dancing was indulged in during the evening and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. Emerson is leaving on Wednesday to attend school in Baltimore.

Former Resident Here

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Harrison of Chicago arrived in the city today and are registered at Windsor Hall. Mr. Harrison is a brother to Mr. H. M. Harrison of this city, and was formerly in the employ of the Bank of Nova Scotia here. He will spend a few days visiting his sister Mrs. Arnaud R. Miles at Upper Maugerville.

Mill Started Again.

The logs on the Otnabog Stream of the River Valley Lumber Company which came out during the recent freshet have all been rafted and will be towed to the mill this week. The lumber on the Brisley and the Back Creek was driven down the Oromocto River right to the Company's mill. Sawing at the Oromocto mill was resumed on Monday and there are sufficient logs to keep up running at least a month.

Saw Sharen Race

Mr. Daniel O'Brien, engineer of the parliament buildings returned on Saturday from a well earned vacation spent in Boston and Portland. While in Boston he made a trip out to Readeville and witnessed a horse race in which Bill Sharen, the Fredericton bred trotter took part. He says that Sharon won the race easily in three straight heats and was given a hearty ovation by the thousands in attendance.

CANONICAL LAW IS INVOKED IN DELORME CASE

A Contest Arises Over the Question of Administering the Family Estate.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—The famous Delorme case, which terminated a few weeks ago, when a jury decided that Rev. Adelard Delorme was mentally unfit to stand trial on the charge of murdering his brother, Raoul Delorme last January, may have a sequel as interesting as the trial itself. But this time, instead of the criminal court, the civil courts will be the scene of the fight.

The contest arises out of the question of administering the Delorme estate, representing in value some \$200,000. A move has been made to interdict Father Delorme from administering the property, since he has been declared mentally unfit to stand trial and is now confined in an insane asylum. But in opposition to this movement of interdiction Father Delorme's lawyer, Leopold Houle, has entered objection on various grounds and one of these grounds brings up a point of Roman or Canonical Law (ecclesiastical law), for the second time in a half century, the other occasion being the famous Guibord case of 1870, which constituted a cause celebre before the privy council as well as in the Canadian courts.

Father Delorme's lawyer contends that the interdiction action must not proceed because, as his client is a cleric, he cannot be proceeded against without a special dispensation being granted by the Catholic authorities. As regards this point, the situation is peculiar in as much as the civil courts as such do not have to heed it, but it means that no Catholic individual may proceed civilly against a clergyman without first securing the consent of the hierarchy.

In the present case the petitioners for the interdiction is a Catholic. He must now choose between abandoning his action, or seeking the bishop's permission. Furthermore, the canonical law places the petitioners' counsel and others engaged in the prosecution in a highly embarrassing position.

No parallel to this case is to be found in legal history, although Montreal some fifty years ago was the theatre of one of the world's most celebrated religious disputes, hinged on canonical law. This was the famous Guibord case of 1870, which followed the refusal of the Sulpician Fathers to permit the burial of Guibord, who had been excommunicated from the Catholic church, in the Cote Des Neiges cemetery.

A LITTLE CHILD LEADS THEM

Los Angeles, Sept. 11.—Reconciliation between William S. (Bill) Hart and Mrs. Winifred Westover Hart is reported to have followed the arrival of William S. Hart, Jr., weight 9 pounds age one day. Drs. Carter and Early who attended Mrs. Hart report that both she and the baby are doing nicely.

"It's a wonderful sensation. I'm glad it's a boy," is the only comment Mr. Hart had to make. Both Mr. Hart and his friends have lately denied that there is any truth to the report that Mrs. Hart ever intended to bring suit for separation or divorce.

Motored to The City

Chief of Police and Mrs. Nobles of Sydney arrived in the city today by motor. They are accompanied by their son and a friend, and will spend a few days visiting Mrs. Nobles' relatives in Stanley. Following that the party will go to Newcastle. Mr. Nobles' former home and spend a few days there.

Visiting Fredericton

J. E. Pontre, a prominent member of the Sherbrooke Board of Trade and Mrs. Pontre arrived in the city today and called at the local office of the Board of Trade. They made the trip from their home by motor. In speaking of the roads the visitors stated that they were excellent all the way from their home to this city, but that with the exception of the Cyr Hotel at St. Leonards, the hotels in both Quebec and this province were not by any means up to the mark.

Public Debt of The Dominion is Being Reduced

WAS CUT DOWN BY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST — AN INCREASE OF FORTY-THREE MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE YEAR— THE REVENUE SHOWS A SATISFACTORY INCREASE.

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—A further decrease in the net debt of Canada amounting to almost \$5,000,000, is shown in the statement for August issued today by the financial department. The net debt on Aug. 31 was \$2,387,676,265, as compared with \$2,392,542,628, at the end of July, a decrease of \$4,866,362 during the month. The debt on Aug. 31, this year, was approximately \$43,000,000 greater than on the same date a year ago, when it amounted to \$2,344,949,085.

THE REVENUE IS INCREASING

Revenues of the dominion show a satisfactory increase not only during the month of August but during the whole five months of the fiscal year which have elapsed. On the other hand expenditures were on the decline. Total revenues for the five months which closed with Aug. 31 are shown in the statement as \$171,276,472 which is \$3,136,614 greater than for the same period a year ago. Expenditures stand at \$115,340,551, a decrease of \$7,739,080 from last year when expenditures were \$123,079,631. Revenue for the month of August alone was \$29,776,818 as against \$26,831,337 last year, while expenditures total \$191,517,858 as compared with \$24,634,093 in August, 1921.

Total revenues from stamps for the five months period which has just closed amount to \$48,890,878, an increase of \$5,057,265 over last year when they amounted to \$43,333,613. Excise yielded \$14,959,775 or \$1,453,028 less than in 1921-22. Inland revenue was more than \$6,000,000 greater than during the five months period last year, the total being \$36,024,925, as compared with \$29,844,656. Income tax collections are shown to be approximately \$8,500,000 less than last year and now total \$45,984,492. The customs collections for August alone totalled \$9,751,348 and excise \$3,291,694; for last year customs collections in August totalled \$8,495,722 and excise \$3,359,811.

Income tax collections for August, 1922, were \$1,226,290 and for August last year \$2,354,239.

TURKS ARE REJOICING

Constantinople, Sept. 12.—St. Sofia the most imposing mosque in the world, was attended today by 25,000 Mohammedans on the occasion of an impressive service to celebrate the Turkish victory. The heir apparent and other members of the imperial family were present.

The former Turkish Mayor of Brusa in an address recalled how the tomb of the Sultan Osman founder of the Turkish dynasty, was desecrated by the Greeks. Historic Turkish standards commemorating in 1453 were hung over the portico of St. Sofia.

Motor cars rushed through the streets decorated with Turkish flags and their Turkish occupants shouting: "Long live Mustapha Kamal!"

SLAVE MARKET IN MOROCCO

Paris, Sept. 12.—A clandestine slave market has been discovered in Spanish Morocco according to advices from Casablanca. When the police raided the salesroom in an out-of-the-way quarter a superb negress was just being offered for sale by a public crier. Just before that a twenty five years old negress with a baby in her arms had been auctioned for \$30. Five other slaves all very beautiful were awaiting the call to mount the auction block. The crowd like all African crowds protested innocence and ignorance of what was going on and threw all the blame on the slaves were conducted to a native hospital.

Warning from Italy

Postmasters have been advised that according to Italian law coin articles of value and paper money must not be sent to Italy in ordinary or registered letters. The Italian postal authorities have recently advised that a great many letters containing the prohibited articles are received in that country and in consequence, they have renounced all responsibility for the loss of such letters and refuse to pay indemnity for lost registered matter containing these articles.

SUITOR THROWS ACID ON GIRL

Toronto, Sept. 12.—Jean Robinson aged twenty eight told William Colclough that their love affair of several years standing was over she intended to go marry another man. In the evening Colclough went to the rooms of the girl at 55 Mutual street with a phial of carbolic acid he had just purchased at the drug store and threw it in her face. She is permanently disfigured, say doctors of the Toronto General Hospital, although they hope to save her eyesight. Colclough after throwing the acid pulled from another pocket a bottle of poison and drank most of the contents. Police rushed the pair to hospital and the man will probably recover. He admits throwing the acid.

CALGARY SOME PHONE CITY

Calgary, Alta., Sept. 12.—Calgary's reputation as the leading telephone city on the North American continent with one instrument in use for every 4.10 persons, will be maintained this year, says E. Eachers, who is in charge of the production of the new telephone directory. The circulation of telephone directories in Calgary is approximately 32,000 and this year shows an increase of about 2,000.

The Rotary Club

Plans for an inter-city meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Yarmouth, St. Stephen, Moncton and Fredericton, in St. John Monday, October 2, were presented at the weekly Rotary Club luncheon there yesterday and heartily endorsed by all attending.

Visiting in St. John

St. John Journal: Miss Agnes Herbert, who is owner and manager of the Windsor Hotel, Edmundston, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Kelly, 280 Douglas Avenue, Mr. T. R. S. Smith was also one of the party, which motored down from Edmundston, via Houlton, Woodstock and Fredericton.

REPUBLICANS LOSE GROUND IN MAINE

Governor Percival B. Baxter and Four Republican Congressmen are Re-elected.

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—A sharp cutting down of the Republican vote from that cast in 1920, was shown in returns from more than one third of the state in today's election. The Democratic vote was holding close to that cast in the election two years ago. Senator Frederick Hale, Republican was leading Oakley C. Curtis, Democrat, by 11,000 votes in the returns from 253 election precincts out of 635 in the state, representing 230 cities and towns out of 520.

Governor Percival P. Baxter, Republican, was leading W. R. Pattinall, Democrat by a slightly larger margin in the same precincts, the vote being Baxter, 31,699; Pattinall, 19,713.

Congressman Carroll L. Beedey, Wallace H. White, Jr. John E. Nelson and Ira G. Hersey, all Republicans, were leading in the early returns, but a close contest was indicated in the second district. In this district Congressman White had a lead of 1,154 over Bertrand G. McIntyre, Democrat the party candidate for governor two years ago, in returns from thirty-eight out of 146 precincts.

Massachusetts Primaries

Boston, Sept. 11.—Red fire blazed and blared throughout the state tonight as political candidates in the most intense primary campaign Massachusetts had ever known concluded their appeals to the electorate.

Chief interest in the decisions at the polls tomorrow centred in the fight between Governor Channing H. Cox and Attorney-General J. Weston Allen for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, the contest among Joseph B. Ely, of Westfield; John F. Fitzgerald, former mayor of Boston; former Governor Eugene N. Foss and Mayor Peter T. Sullivan, of Worcester as Democratic aspirants for the same office, and the fight among the four Democrats who seek the nomination for United States senator. The latter are Colonel William A. Gaston, Professor Dallas Loree Sharp, John Jacobson Walsh and Sherman L. Whipple.

DOG DIGS UP BOOZE CACHE

Silver Springs, Md., Sept. 11.—His pet fox terrier, "Sport," is the unwitting reason why George Wright, Four Corners farmer, is under \$500 bond on the charge of possessing whisky.

Deputy Sheriffs, after searching Wright's home for liquor and finding none, were about to leave when Sport began to bark briskly at the same time digging furiously in the furrows of a nearby potato patch. Sport soon uncovered, it is charged, 12 quarts of liquor.

Mining Company Fined

Police Magistrate Walter Limerick this morning imposed a fine of \$100 and costs in default of the payment of which distress proceedings will be taken, upon the North American Antimony and Smelting Company, an American Company operating mines at Lake George. The charge was that of improperly storing explosives and it appears that the company had no license, as is now required, to keep explosives on the premises. The case was begun on September fifth. The defendant did not appear.

Rotary Club Luncheon

The Rotary Club held its fortnightly luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. rooms today. John Kinghorn, one of the delegates to the convention held in Charlottetown on August 29th and 30th made a report, on the business transacted there. R. L. Phillips also attended the meetings at Charlottetown. Mr. Kinghorn's report covered all the business transacted, which was more or less of a routine nature, the activities of the organization throughout the past year being reviewed. Adrian Gilbert, a former Rhodes Scholar from the University of New Brunswick was also present today and gave a short address. The President in his address referred to the visitors from the Hamilton Club who were here last week.

MANY LIVES LOST ON THE S.S. HAMMONIA

CAPTAIN OF LINER REACHES ENGLAND

Sinking of German Ship Was Attended by a Scene of Horror.

Southampton, Sept. 12.—There was a considerable loss of life when the German steamer Hammonia foundered off Vigo on Saturday. Confirmation of this was obtained at 1.15 o'clock this morning when the British steamer Kinfauns Castle docked here with 285 of the rescued passengers and members of the crew on board. Captain Day commander of the Kinfauns Castle said the loss of life possibly would reach eighty. Others on board estimated the dead at 150.

Captain Alfred Hoefler commander of the Hammonia said that the first two boats launched over the side of the steamer capsized and that possibly fifty of the occupants were drowned. Almost all of them were Spaniards of the working class who were on their way to Cuba.

Captain Hoefler ascribes the loss of the Hammonia which was bound for Cuba and Mexico chiefly to shipping water during the violent gale into which the steamer ran when about seventy-five or eighty miles off Vigo, Spain.

The water gained steadily for twenty four hours notwithstanding the fact that the pumps were working discharging thousands of tons of water hourly.

Finally the ship began to list and she took her plunge to the bottom on Saturday evening at 8.25 o'clock. Just before the steamer sank the captain and nineteen men of the crew who had remained aboard put out from her in a boat. The boat had not gone more than 100 feet from the vessel when the Hammonia sank by the stern sending up a wave 100 feet in the air.

Captain Day said that when the Kinfauns Castle reached within a few hundred yards of the Hammonia she launched ten boats. The sea was filled with rafts and overturned lifeboats and also the bodies of drowned women and children. The saving of the passengers and crew still alive occupied three hours it was a terrible experience. Captain Day added, H said he was unable to sleep afterwards owing to the scene of horror he had witnessed. None of the members of the crew of the Kinfauns Castle were lost during the rescue work.

GIRL SHOOT MAD CARIBOU

Fairbanks, Alaska, Sept. 11.—Caribou, rabbits, geese and bears, which moved down from the mountains surrounding this town Sunday were mowed down in vast numbers by residents who joined in a community hunt. Miss Evelyn Houcke, assistant to the postmaster, was the target of a maddened caribou which charged at her automobile after the girl had fired one shot. Her second shot, also her last cartridge, brought down the animal.

Two hundred automobiles and all the horsedrawn vehicles in town carried hunting parties. Old timers say the invasion of wild animals at this season is caused by the weather.

STUDENTS AND AUTOS

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 11.—Automobiles will not be deemed a necessary part of a Yale undergraduate's equipment it was announced by university authorities today. A formal notice was issued directing attention of students to a ruling that automobiles may not be kept or operated around New Haven without special permission from the deans of the various schools.

The notice, it was stated at the university was to avoid any possible misunderstanding by the students who had intended to have their cars here.