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Big Increase in Number of Divorce Cases in England

The Season of 1927 Got Away to a Flying Start—Total Number of Cases on the Docket is 703, Which is an Increase of 163 Over Same Period of Last Year.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, Jan. 21—Divorces in 1927 got a flying start here when the mid-winter term of divorce court opened with seven hundred and three cases on the docket. It was an increase of one hundred and sixty three over the same time last year, and only one hundred less than during the record year of 1925. Pre-war divorce dockets in the divorce court usually listed about three hundred cases. The seven hundred and three docketed this year do not reflect the aggregate increase in this country since many divorce cases now are heard in provincial assizes although divorces formerly always were heard in London.

AS YOUTH VISITED EMPRESS CARLOTTA OF MEXICO AT HER CHATEAU; NOW U. S. VICE-CONSUL

Frederick C. Johnson Until He Came of Age Was Adopted Son of Princess Salm-Salm With Title and Rank of Baron—Princess Sister of His Mother—Both Canadians of U. E. L. Ancestry—Interesting Early Chapter in Life of Local Resident.

Fredericton has as a resident one who in his extreme youth visited at her chateau in Belgium the ill-fated Empress Carlotta of Mexico holding at that time by virtue of adoption the German rank of baron. The Empress passed away this week. This resident is Frederick C. Johnson American Vice-consul at this city for several years and the hundreds of Canadians who have met Mr. Johnson officially or personally have had not the slightest idea that they were meeting a former member of the German nobility. Mr. Johnson himself never intimated to anyone that his youth had been passed on the continent of Europe as a member of the most privileged class and he always has been accepted as an American serving as a member of his country's consular service.

Never Lost U. S. Citizenship. As a matter of fact Mr. Johnson is just that for his American citizenship never was lost. That was accomplished by his return from Europe to his own land upon reaching his majority.

To a reporter of The Daily Mail, Mr. Johnson when asked concerning his early days, replied, "Yes it is true that I did no work until I reached the age of twenty-one and was attended by servants as a member of the German nobility, but I can say also that since that I have worked and worked hard."

Was Surprised. Mr. Johnson expressed surprise that his relationship to the Princess Salm-Salm friend of the Empress Carlotta had become known here. He said that he had resided in Canada for ten years and in that time had never mentioned the matter to any person.

"I believed that part of my life was all forgotten" said he. Princess of U. E. L. Ancestry. The international flavor of the matter is the more pronounced when it is stated that Mr. Johnson's mother and her sister the Princess Salm-Salm were Canadians of United Empire Loyalist ancestry members of a family named Joy which resided at Guelph, Ontario.

Third Generation. Mr. Johnson himself is the third generation of Johnsons who have been in the diplomatic service of the United States. His father Col. Edmund Johnson who commanded the 69th New York Regt. during

the American Civil War was in the diplomatic service and his grandfather also.

No Distinct Recollection. Mr. Johnson was asked if he had personal recollections of Empress Carlotta or Charlotte as her name would be in English and his reply that his memory of her was not distinct. His aunt the Princess Salm-Salm he said often had taken him to the Chateau Eau de Bauchant and he certainly must have seen the Empress. The latter after her mind had become affected as the result of the tragedy in Mexico City was treated always as an Empress. A court was maintained about her and she was an Empress until her death although the actual Imperial state had passed away when her husband Emperor Maximilian died from the rifles of a firing squad in 1869.

Romantic Story.

The story of an American boy being brought up as a German baron is romantic. During the Civil War the Joy sisters were in the United States. There they met two officers of the Union Army, one Prince Salm-Salm a German nobleman, the other Col. Johnson. Marriage followed in each case. Shortly after the Civil War, Archduke Maximilian of Austria, brother of the Emperor Franz Josef, accepted the invitation of the people of Mexico to become Emperor. Prince Salm-Salm was a friend of Maximilian and he went to Mexico where he became First Aide-de-Camp-in-Chief to the Emperor. Col. Johnson also went to Mexico but without official position and as an adventurer. The revolution followed swiftly and the Emperor was executed by the rebels. Prince Salm almost shared the fate of his friend but a reprieve was given him and he eventually returned to Germany. The Franco-Prussian War following shortly he served with the German Army as colonel of a battalion of Prussian Grenadiers of the Guard and fell at the head of his battalion at Gravelotte.

Adopted By Princess. The widowed Princess Salm-Salm was childless and in the course of time adopted her nephew the present United States Vice-consul in Fredericton. At the time of adoption he was three years old and at once he went with his foster-mother to Europe. The Princess travelled (Continued on Page Four.)

MELO-DRAMATIC SUICIDE IN A NEW YORK CAFE

Auburn Haired Young Woman Drank Contents of a Bottle of Poison.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

New York, N. Y., Jan. 21—An auburn haired young woman melodramatically committed suicide in a fashionable upper east side restaurant during the afternoon.

Another girl and two men companions fled during the excitement leaving an unpaid bill of \$16.

A card found on the body read: "Edna G. Sheridan, 212 Franklin Place Flushing." Patrons at nearby tables were startled by a cry, "I'm through with you all". They saw the young woman stride from the table to a retiring room dragging a fur coat on the floor. A moment later there were screams. She had drunk the contents of a bottle of poison and was dead before an ambulance arrived.

JAPAN MAY SOON HAVE AN HEIR TO THRONE

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Tokio, Jan. 21—If the prayers of the Japanese nation are answered, Empress Nagako soon will present the Emperor and the nation with an heir to the throne.

The Imperial Department today informally announced that the Empress was expecting a baby. The first child of the Emperor and Empress, born before they ascended the throne, was a girl.

BOY ADRIFT ON ICE CAKE IN LAKE ERIE

Cleveland, Jan. 21—Police and Coast Guardsmen tonight had been unable to reach a youth adrift on an ice cake in Lake Erie.

Police who sighted the youth waving frantically for help about a mile and a half from shore, were compelled to trail along the beach as a strong west wind carried the ice cake toward open water. They attempted to go to the aid of the boy in a boat but ice along the shore which had been melting during the day, prevented.

Coast Guardsmen lost track of the youth in the darkness as the ice cake travelled farther from shore.

CROSS ATLANTIC SWIM! HOOT MON HOW THEY FELL

Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 21—Forty thousand Scotchmen were hoaxed by a report that a young woman swimming across the Atlantic was to land in Glasgow harbor yesterday. Dense crowds were thrilled at the sight of a rowboat with a piper at the prow coming up the Clyde followed by a swimmer with golden curls battling valiantly the choppy water. She landed amid great cheering and then drove away in an automobile.

After a brief time, however it became known that the stunt was arranged by university students to advertise their "charity week."

MAINTAINED HIS INNOCENCE TILL THE LAST

Wooden Legged Murderer Expiated His Crime in the Chair.

WAS EXECUTED AT SING SING

Shot Female Companion While Driving His Automobile.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 21—Michael Kosmoski, one-legged murdered from Buffalo, died last night in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison. He had been convicted of killing Miss Mildred Durkee in a wild automobile ride, shooting his companion while driving the machine at a mad pace with one hand.

Before leaving the death house Kosmoski's wooden leg was removed and attendants carried him to the death chair. The cathode which usually fits on the right ankle was switched to the other side. Kosmoski maintained his innocence.

SEA TRAGEDY OF THE GREAT WAR RECALLED

Only Survivor of U. S. Collier Cyclops Lost During the War, Was Buried Today.

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 21—The only surviving officer of the U. S. Collier "Cyclops" which steamed out to sea during the world war never to be heard from again, will be buried today.

He was Lieutenant Commander Charles F. Engman, U. S. N., retired. Engman was chief engineer of the Cyclops, but was taken ill and sent ashore just prior to the Collier's last cruise.

Engman retired from the navy in 1924 and died at Sailors' Snug Harbor of heart disease on Wednesday night. He was 67 years old.

OTTAWA MAY BONUS COKE MANUFACTURE

Ottawa, Jan. 21—Legislation is proposed this season for the payment of a bonus by the Federal Government to encourage the manufacture of coke from Canadian coal. While the measure has not yet been finally drafted, it is understood that the proposal is to pay a bonus of 70 cents per ton of coke produced in Canada from Canadian coal, that bonus being equivalent to 50 cents per ton on the coal used.

While the payment of the bonus is conditional upon the use of Canadian coal, it is believed there will be no stipulation as to the percentage of Canadian coal that must be used in the manufacture of the coke, as it is held by fuel experts that no satisfactory coke can be manufactured from Canadian coal only, that there must be a certain amount of American coal utilized. There is at least the encouragement for the use of Canadian coal and it is understood that a number of interests are preparing to avail themselves of the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Legislation will be introduced by Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of Mines.

Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P., who has been in New York on professional business, returned home at noon today.

Minister of Public Works a Speaker at Saint John Banquet

Motor Licenses May be Issued on May 1st in Future—Increase in Tourist Traffic is Reported—Expenditures Kept Within the Estimates During the Year—More Money for Roads Next Season.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 21—Issuance of automobile license plates on May 1, instead of January 1, will be brought before the Provincial Government at an early meeting, according to an announcement by Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, in the Baxter Cabinet, at the annual banquet and get-together of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, at the Admiral Beatty Hotel last evening. In reply to a letter from E. A. Schofield suggesting this, Hon. Mr. Stewart said that he could practically promise this would be done provided it met with the approval of the people. It would be an added source of revenue to the Government he thought as there were certain people who would not pay the necessary license fee on January 1 for the privilege of running their cars a few days now and again.

Other speakers at the banquet included His Worship Mayor White, Commissioner T. H. Bullock and J. Charlton Berrie, secretary-treasurer of the association, who rendered his reports.

Speaks of Tourists

During the meeting a general feeling of optimism toward the tourist traffic in the province prevailed. Figures were quoted showing the tremendous increase during the past few years and remarks by Hon. Mr. Stewart regarding the general improved condition of the roads all gave a promising outlook for the coming season. Figures quoted by the secretary showed that in 1919, 1,015 cars entered the province from the United States, as compared with 18,694 during 1926.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, in opening his remarks, said that he was not personally acquainted with the association, but from his dealings with the various members and glancing over the names of the men connected with it in the past and present, he felt that it was a splendid organization doing a real service. He would welcome suggestions from the association or any of its members.

Interesting Statistics

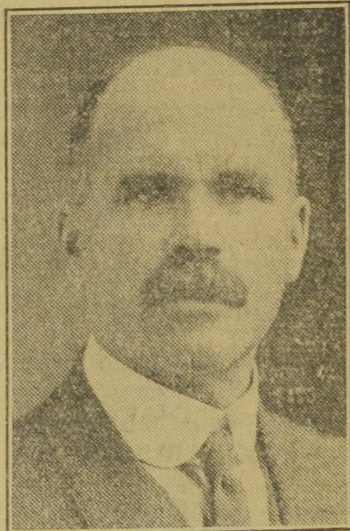
He referred to the fact that in 1905 there were 12 automobiles in the province and last year the number totaled 19,290 passenger cars, 1,625 trucks, 34 busses and eight tractors. There were complaints, he said, that the government was not spending enough on the roads, but it should be remembered that the upkeep was considerable.

The speaker referred to the splendid service being given by busses in some communities where there was insufficient railway transportation. It was a difficult thing, he said, to decide what course to take for them. In some districts they should and could pay more while in others an insufficient revenue is obtained to warrant an increase in the fee. There was at the present time, he said, a tentative scheme to bring the busses under the Public Utilities Board as well as the Department of Public Works. It was thought that this might offer relief for the situation. The speed of the busses was another matter of importance that must be decided, he thought. Heavy busses traveling at a fast rate make it impossible to keep a gravel road in good condition.

Grade Crossings

The elimination of grade crossings was another matter dealt with by the speaker. He said that there was a grade crossing for every three-quarters of a mile in the Dominion and referred to the steps being taken to have them eliminated.

The expenditures on roads in the county of Restigouche were referred to in some detail, the speaker stating that additional contracts would be let this year in order to have the main



HON. D. A. STEWART
Minister of Public Works.

road through the county completed. The matter of good road markings, he said would be dealt with by the government. Insufficient funds was one of the drawbacks to any improvement.

Within the Estimates

All departments have kept within the estimates for the year, Hon. Mr. Stewart said, and after the interest was paid on the Valley Railway a deficit of approximately \$60,000 would face the government. It is the intention to spend more money on roads this season.

At the conclusion of his remarks a vote of thanks was extended to him on behalf of the association by Commissioner W. L. Harding, seconded by J. D. McKenna. Both gentlemen felt that Hon. Mr. Stewart was worthy of the support of the public and should be given every assistance.

A JUNIOR JAILED FOR SLAPPING FACE OF CO-ED

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 20—George W. Lloyd, 24, of Philadelphia, a junior at Cornell University must serve 10 days in jail for slapping the face of a co-ed who cancelled a dinner engagement with him. He also was under sentence today to pay a fine of \$50 or serve 50 days in jail for possessing a revolver which he is alleged to have fired at four men students who went to his room to remonstrate with him over his conduct to the young lady.