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BOSTON JANITOR'S LEGACY OF A QUARTER OF A MILLION NOW LOOKS LIKE A FAIRY STORY

HIS NEIGHBORS ARE BECOMING SCEPTICAL

Had So Many Offers of Mar-
riage That He was Forced to
Give Up His Job as Janitor
—No Evidence to Show That
a Rich Relative Died in
Chicago.

Boston, Dec. 28.—All the hundreds of women who wrote so many letters, called so often on the phone, and sent so many messengers bearing their love and marriage proposals to William R. Hanson, Malden's millionaire janitor, that he was fired from his janitorial job in a drug store, were building castles in the air on the flimsiest kind of foundation. The legacy of a quarter of a million dollars, which Hanson announced a few days ago had been left to him, today appeared shrouded in mystery which the ex-janitor admits is impenetrable even to him. The very existence of such a legacy is beginning to appear very doubtful.

Hanson, who was run over by an automobile Monday and injured slightly, said today that his hopes of a legacy had been based on rather uncertain ground. An investigation revealed the fact that flights of fancy undoubtedly figured to a great extent in the story of the lucky janitor—the story which tempted a host of fair women to clog the mails with offers of marriage and pleas for gifts.

According to Hanson, his story of the legacy was based on a letter from an attorney of Chicago, which he had received in answer to a query he sent regarding an advertisement in a magazine seeking information about one William R. Hanson. The Chicago attorney's letter informed the janitor so Hanson says, that he was an heir of part of the estate of James Moore.

Thereupon Hanson wrote to the Chicago lawyer for additional details. That was three weeks ago, and he has not yet received an answer.

Investigations have failed to find any man of the name of Moore who has died in Chicago in recent years leaving any legacy to Hanson or leaving an estate of several millions which has remained unsettled.

When this news was communicated to Hanson he began to "hedge." He complained that his memory had been bad for some time. He could not remember the Chicago attorney's name. He was asked if any one else had seen the letter from the Chicago lawyer, and said he had shown it to no one. Asked if he could produce the letter he said he would, and then directed a fruitless search for it. Later he admitted that a few days ago he had searched in vain for two hours for the letter.

Today Hanson was unable even to remember the name of the magazine in which he had read the advertisement which led him to write to Chicago. He admitted he had no idea who "Moore" was nor could he understand why "Moore" should have settled any legacy on him.

Now, unless the Chicago lawyer contributes another episode right soon the chances are that Hanson will be spared further suffering from unwelcome attentions of women, for it was surprising how few and far between were the women who wrote they cared nothing for his money and wrote it as if they meant it.

Hanson said today he was sick and tired of the flood of mail which came every day from women all over the country.

"I don't want a wife I am too old to be bothering with women," he declared.

POULTRY SHOW AT BOSTON

Boston, Dec. 28.—What gives promise of being the greatest poultry show ever held in New England opened in the Mechanics building here today. There are thousands of poultry on exhibition including all varieties of fowl, turkeys, ducks, geese, also rabbits, cavies and fancy fish. The show will be in progress until January 1st and is sure to attract many visitors.

GEORGE STREET BAPTIST S.S. TREE MONDAY NIGHT

A Large Audience Attended
the Concert—Presentations
to Members of the
Teaching Staff.

The George Street United Baptist Sunday School was greeted by a large audience last evening when they gave their annual Christmas Concert, and everybody enjoyed the splendid program provided. The main feature of the evening was the Cantata under the leadership of Miss Vera Jonah. The choruses led by R. H. Wickett were well rendered, and the Flag Drill made quite a hit with everybody. The Christmas tree was well loaded, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Presentations were made to a number of the teaching staff, including Mrs. J. D. Hunter and Mr. McFarlane, two of the leading teachers.

The following program was carried out in an excellent manner:
Chorus—The School.
Recitation—Ida Patterson.
Recitation—Carrie Hickson.
Recitation—Lavinia Howard.
Song—Jean Chappell.
Cantata, Directed by Miss Vera Jonah.

Offering.
Chorus—The School.
Recitation—Dorothy Smith.
Recitation—Velma Jones.
Exercise, "Christmas Tree"—Six Girls.
Recitation—Maud Hains.
Recitation—Max Hunter.
Flag Drill—Sixteen Girls.
Stripping the Tree.
God Save the King.

STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS

New York.	
American Loco.	77
American Wool	56 3/4
Atchafson	80
C. P. R.	114 3/4
Crucible	72 1/4
General Motors	13 3/4
Mexican Pete	154
N. Y. Central	69 5/8
Northern Pacific	78 1/2
Rubber	56 1/4
Studebaker	41 1/2
Texas Oil	42 3/4
U. S. Steel	78 3/4
Union Pacific	115 1/2
Sterling, 350.	
N. Y. Funds, 17 1-16.	
Montreal.	
Brazilian	29 3/4
Domin. Iron and Steel	43
Dominion Textile	100
Montreal Power	78
Laurentide Pulp	87 1/2
International Breweries	45
Sugar	20
Victory Bonds, 1937	98
" " 1933	95 1/2
" " 1927	96
" " 1923	97
" " 1922	97 1/2
" " 1934	94 1/4
" " 1924	92 1/2

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED BY GAS

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 27.—A holiday drinking bout caused the asphyxiation of four persons, in the opinion of officers who investigated the finding of the bodies of three men and a woman in a South End tenement today. The victims are Thomas Burke and his wife, John O'Connell and Joseph Richards, all cottonmill workers. The men died in a room in which a gas stove was found with one exhaust open and Mrs. Burke's body was in an adjoining room. Evidences of heavy drinking were plentiful, the police said.

PERSHING TO BE GRAND MARSHAL

Washington, Dec. 28.—Gen. Pershing may act as grand marshal of the inaugural parade March 4, it was stated today in connection with plans of the committee in charge of the ceremonies. The officer has been selected as chairman of the military committee which will direct the parade.

Major-Gen. Hugh L. Scott, then chief of staff, acted as grand marshal of the 1917 inaugural parade.

Mrs. Simon Gallagher of Bath, Carleton County is spending the winter with her sister Mrs. W. E. Seery, George Street.

REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER ROUNDLY DENOUNCES THE EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL

Calls It a Bad Piece of Legislative Business—Looks as if it was
Put Through the House With the Hope That the Senate
Would Smash It—Some Features are Beyond the Range
of Common Sense.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The New York Herald, perhaps the most influential Republican newspaper in the United States, under the caption "Fordney's Grotesque Tariff," roundly denounces the "Emergency Tariff" bill now before Congress. It says:

"The Fordney emergency tariff measure to help the farmers is a bad piece of legislative business. It is bad because it fixes import duties none of which is reasonable and some of which are grotesque. It is so bad that it may arouse cynical suspicion that it was put through the House with a rush in the very expectation that in the Senate it would smash into a stone wall. The duty of thirty cents on wheat cannot command the public's approval when shortly before the war the selling price of wheat in Chicago was only eighty cents. A rate of twenty-five cents a bushel on potatoes is not a great deal less than the farm price has been within the past generation. A rate of two cents a pound on rice when two years after Europe went to war that commodity was selling at retail all over this country for around six cents is too ridiculous a proposal to be taken seriously by anybody. A duty of two cents a pound on beans is no better, while \$2 a head on a sheep one year old, two and one-half cents a pound on mutton and lamb, thirty cents a pound on scoured wool, are all beyond the range of common sense.

POLITICAL BUFFOONERY

"As for a duty of seven cents a pound on cotton, when Cotton was King for decades at a minimum selling price of seven cents, and when, at outbreak of the European war ten cent cotton seemed an unattainable goal until peace should come, such a tariff schedule must look more like crass political buffoonery than serious legislative workmanship.

"The New York Herald is in favor of reasonable tariff help for the American farmer. It is in favor of well considered protection for the American producer of chemicals and dyestuffs or for any other American industry that actually requires a duty to equalize lower wage costs of foreigners with our wage costs. No paper is more thoroughly grounded in the principle of stimulation of American production, whether on the farm or in the factory. But as between grossly excessive rates—rates that would resume inflation and set the nation's consumers back on the grinding road of famine prices for the necessities of life, and sparing out people such needless tax and hardship, we say very frankly that this paper would be for no tariff at all."

VICTIMIZED SALOON MEN

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Search is being made today for the proprietor of a West Division street restaurant, who is said to have decamped with \$55,000 belonging to North Side saloon keepers.

The man's name is being withheld but it is known that he is a close friend of Harold Micholoy, alleged bootlegger and swindler, who is now in Vancouver, fighting extradition on a warrant sworn out against him for absconding with \$81,000 also belonging to saloonkeepers.

The restaurant owner victimized a number of saloon and cafe owners recently, it is charged, by collecting money for 600 cases of whiskey coming from Kentucky.

This whiskey never came, and the restaurant owner has fled, presumably to join his friend Micholoy, in Vancouver.

MAY ADVANCE INAUGURAL

Washington, Dec. 28.—After 1925 the term of Presidents Vice-Presidents and men in both branches of Congress elected in November would begin the first of the following January, according to the terms of a constitutional amendment proposed today by Senator Ashurst (Ariz.), Democrat. Furthermore, the biennial short session would be determined only by the will of Congress itself.

Mr. Ashurst explained that it presented the will of the people registered in November cannot be carried out for nearly a year. No other country, he said, permits such a long time to elapse between election and the beginning of the terms of those elected.

Mr. Elwood Burr left last evening on a business trip to Boston.

MANY MILLS CUT WAGES

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 27.—Seven-teen knitting and other mills here announce a drastic wage cut on Jan. 3, when the 5,000 employees will go back to the 1917 wage basis.

South Paris, Me., Dec. 27.—The Robinson Woolen Co., announces an eighteen per cent cut in wages, effective today. Two hundred hands are affected.

New London, Conn., Dec. 27.—The Brainerd & Armstrong Company, manufacturers of silk goods, announced today that beginning Jan. 3 the mills would be operated full time, forty-eight hours a week although under a fifteen per cent wage reduction. The company's statement says that while it will lose financially its employees will be relieved of distress due to unemployment.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—President Rea, of the Pennsylvania Railway System, announced today that present business conditions "will necessitate further reduction in the number of employees and in the working expenses and capital expenditures until the situation improves."

OTTAWA BEAT HAMILTON

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Ottawa Senators secured a comfortable margin in the race for leadership in the first half of the N. H. L. schedule at the arena this evening when they defeated the Hamilton Tigers by a score of 3 to 1. Hamilton has an excellent hockey machine, and although outplayed in the game tonight showed flashes of form which when put to better advantage will find themselves amongst the contenders for league honors.

Individually there is but little to choose between the contending teams. It was in team work, and in the knowing of the play of their team mates which beat the westerners.

PARLIAMENT IS NOT LIKELY TO ASSEMBLE NOW BEFORE THE SEVENTEENTH OF FEBRUARY

J. R. WALKER INSTALLED W. M. OF HIRAM LODGE

Day of St. John the Evangelist
Observed—Installation Per-
formed by Dr. H. V.
B. Bridges.

Hiram Lodge, No. 6 F. & A. M. Monday night observed the day of St. John the Evangelist, by installing officers for the ensuing year. The installation was performed by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, Past Grand Master. The officers are as follows:

J. R. Walker, W. M.
W. R. Fraser, S. W.
J. E. Page, J. W.
S. L. Morrison, Treasurer.
J. H. Ramsay, Secretary.
C. A. MacVey, Chaplain.
C. K. Palmer, D. of C.
E. Cadwallader, Organist.
William Todd, S. D.
Dr. R. H. P. Long, J. D.
James B. Palmer, S. S.
Charles Cavanaugh, J. S.
Temple Sutherland, I. G.
R. B. Wallace, I. P. M.
A. B. Brown, Tyler.

After the installation the members of the craft heard a most interesting address from the installing officer. Later they repaired to the dining room where a delightful meal was served.

B. C. LIBERALS MAKE GAINS

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27.—The Oliver Government has had its majority in the legislative increased by the return as the result of the counting of the absentee vote, of C. Henniger, Liberal, for Grand Forks, who is elected over McKie, Conservative by a majority of nine. McKie led Henniger by three votes prior to counting yesterday of the absentee vote. In Cranbrook, Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works has had his majority increased from 14 to 38. No changes in the results in other ridings heard from are reported. In Vancouver and Victoria it is expected that at least a week will elapse before the absentee vote is counted.

The standing of the parties to date is: Liberals, 26; Conservatives, 14; Independents, 7.

LAUNDERING BY WEIGHT

(Special correspondence C. A. N. S.)

London, Dec. 26.—The high cost of clean linen, not the least of the Londoners' post-war burdens, has been dealt a severe blow. Henceforth the family linen in one London district, may be dealt with by weight, at a cheap rate. Fulham Borough Council are starting new machines at the municipal wash-houses, and have notified local residents that their linen can be washed and rough-dried at forty-two cents per twenty-eight pounds. They also provide bags at 50 each to hold that amount of linen.

BOY CHOSE THE NARROW PATH

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis gave Roy V. Warner, aged 17 charged with cashing a \$17 check stolen from the mails, his choice of two paths today.

"Do you want to go to hell," the Judge asked, leaning over the bench, "or do you want to go along the narrow path? The road to hell is lined with beautiful scenery, but the other path is the better."

Warner said he "guessed he would try the straight and narrow road." The Judge sent him to jail until January 5, "to think things over."

Chief Inspector Away.
Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne left by the Valley Sub-Division of the C. N. R. for St. John on an official tour. Town Marshal William Hughes of this city has been recommended for the position of Deputy Sheriff of York County.

Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World, who is a patient in the Chatham hospital, is reported to be improving.

MUCH INTEREST IN PETERBORO ELECTION

The Conservatives in Manitoba
House May Join With Gov-
ernment Against the Agrar-
ians—W. F. O'Connor May
Run in Peterboro—Sir Thos.
White May Soon Retire.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Though it was originally intended to have the next session of parliament open on Feb. 3, ministers mainly favored Feb. 17 at the two cabinet councils held today. No decision as to the exact date was reached, but it will be around the middle of February. Parliament will meet in either the light or the shadow of the result of the West Peterboro by-election now fixed for Feb. 17.

If decisions now reached are adhered to prairie members will come from the only totally dry area in Canada, as it is expected that Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will go dry on Feb. 1 following a federal proclamation to be issued shortly in consequence of referendum held on Oct. 25. Premier Meighen also by that time will either have succeeded or failed in his attempt to help the Conservatives in the Manitoba government make an alliance with Premier Norris against the radical and agrarian groups opposing him. As success would probably entail the help of Premier Norris in subsequent federal elections, failure is anticipated by those who know Manitoba's premier and his life-long devotion to Liberalism.

Interest will be keen in the West Peterboro by-election though the mixed urban and rural character of the constituency makes it anyone's fight.

Ham Burnham, whose resignation on conscientious grounds made it necessary to hold the by-election, will not receive the government's blessing because he said its mandate had expired. They will oppose him with some stand-patter to whom all that the party does is right if they can find such a man with any chance of success. The U. F. O. man is already in the field. Somebody is suggesting that W. F. O'Connor, K. C., should run as an independent supported by labor, and he may possibly be in the field. If he does run, it is not thought that there will be a straight government candidate.

The abandonment of Leeds by Sir Thomas White will be made formal soon and by-elections for Leeds as well as for Yamaska, now vacant by reason of the death of Oscar Gladu, must be called before June 30. Yamaska seems to offer little hope for the government to get cabinet material for Quebec because, although A. A. Mondon, Conservative Nationalist, defeated Mr. Gladu on the navy question in 1911, he is a determined opponent of Hon. Arthur Meighen, whose selection as prime minister he calls "a high crime."

He crossed the floor in the conscription issue and will run as an Independent Conservative if he does run.

During the session not much of note is expected. Every effort is being made to bring down the budget as soon as possible after the debate in the address, and to have as few contentious topics as possible. Premier Meighen expects to take Hon. C. C. Ballentyne and Hon. Hugh Guthrie to a meeting of the imperial conference in London next May. It is said that this is not the big conference to discuss constitutional relations within the empire, but the choice of the minister of marine and fisheries and of the naval service, and the minister of militia as companions to the premier is significant as to the nature of some of the business.

Flowers were Imported
Local florists report that Christmas trade in their line was quite up to the average. Calls for carnations were so numerous that importations had to be made from Boston and Ontario. The prices were naturally high, but people did not seem to object to paying \$5 a dozen for carnations. Other cut flowers brought correspondingly high prices. There was a time not long ago when carnations moved rather slowly at ten cents each.