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The Weather

Light winds, fine and moderately warm today and on Friday.

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COLONEL C. W. PECK, V. C., RESIGNS FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

HIS LETTER IS
MADE PUBLIC

Objected to General H. H. McLean's Reference to Widows of Privates as Belonging to the Servant Class—Protests in the Name of Common Honesty and Decency.

Ottawa, May 6.—The Citizen today publishes the following:—

"As a protest against recent occurrences and statements of General H. H. McLean before the parliamentary committee on pensions, Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Peck, V. C., has tendered his resignation from that body.

"In a letter which he has addressed to Hume Cronyn, chairman of the committee, Colonel Peck, after saying that he considers it his imperative duty to resign in view of what has occurred says that he does so not only to protest in the name of the widows of the hundreds of brave men, whom I had the honor of leading in the late war, but as a protest against a deplorable attempt on two successive days to camouflage the incident and also in the name of common honesty and decency."

"The full text of Colonel Peck's letter is as follows:—

Mr. Hume Cronyn, chairman on pensions and re-establishment, house of commons,

"Dear Sir,—In view of the recent occurrences and regarding the statements of General McLean, I feel that it is my imperative duty to resign from your committee.

"While I do not pretend that my membership is of any great importance, I cannot consent to being a party to what has taken place.

"I, therefore resign not only to protest in the name of the widows of the hundreds of brave men I had the honor of leading into the great war but as a protest against a deplorable attempt on two successive days to camouflage the incident and also in the name of common honesty and decency. I cannot bring myself to believe that actions such as have taken place are a credit to the committee or parliament."

"While there is nothing to their discredit to be described as 'of the servant class' (because it is honorable to work and we all should work) the statement made was an invidious attempt to discredit the widows of our soldiers."

"I claim that the statement made by Mr. C. Grant Macneill was correct. No attempt has been made to press this matter, and had General McLean seen fit to apologize to the widows of our brave men, no further attention would have been paid to the incident.

"I regret that according to the rules of parliament, I cannot go further into this matter publicly. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I do not wish to reflect on your committee as a whole or on your chairmanship which has been always fair, generous and impartial.

"Yours truly,
C. W. PECK."

SIR ROBERT'S MOVEMENTS

Ottawa, May 6.—News has been received in Ottawa apparently authoritative, to the effect that Sir Robert Borden will return to the Capital on or about May 15. The strong demand of Unionist members for definite information as to the health of the Premier is believed to have led to this announcement.

Bakery Waggon Smashed
The delivery team of Murphy's Bakery was rather badly smashed up yesterday at Marysville. The trouble was mainly due to a new and rather frisky horse which did not quiet down until he had partially demolished the wagon. The incident needled to say was witnessed by the majority of the population of that town.

Archibald Fraser of Edmundston is at the Queen.

THE MODERN BLUEBEARD HAS NO NOTION OF PLEADING INSANITY

(Special to the Mail.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 6.—Walter Andrew Watson, alias James R. Hurlt, alleged self-confessed bigamist and murderer, has no intention of pleading insanity, according to a statement issued by his attorney this morning, and would be disappointed if in his case there was any verdict other than one of guilty of murder in the first degree. The grand jury has been ordered to convene tomorrow to consider the case.

HEATED DEBATE IN HOUSE OVER RECALL PRINCIPLE OF THE FARMERS' PLATFORM

An Amendment to the Franchise Bill Moved by Mr. Tweedie of Calgary—Cross Benchers Take a Hand in the Discussion—Hon. Mr. Fielding's Views on the Matter—Amendment was Declared Lost on an Oral Vote.

Ottawa, May 6.—The principle of the recall and its effect upon the freedom of action of the individual member was thoroughly thrashed out in the House yesterday in debate on an amendment to the Franchise Bill moved by T. M. Tweedie, Calgary West, which he later agreed to withdraw.

W. H. White, Victoria, Alta., demanded a vote and the amendment was defeated. Mr. Tweedie's amendment, which was to the clause dealing with disqualification of candidates, added to the list of disqualified the following: "Persons who have signed any agreement, whether amounting to resignation, recall or otherwise which would in any way limit their independence, in the event of him being elected a member of the House of Commons."

The debate lasted well into the evening sitting and at times became almost heated. Mr. Tweedie said the placing of a signed resignation in the hands of a committee of fifteen men as one member, O. R. Gould, Assinaboia, admitted having done, was an attempt to render unrepresentative the representative Parliament of Canada. He was not dealing with principles of recall. If the people wanted that as part of the constitution, then the constitution must be amended. A man who had previously delivered his resignation into the hands of a committee was a delegate and not a member of parliament. He was failing in his duty to the people who elected him, and to the people of Canada as a whole.

Hon. W. S. Fielding declared that if the farmers wanted the recall they were entitled to have it. If they wanted to vote only for reelected men, he did not see why he should object.

R. H. Halbert, North Ontario, said a petition signed by from 60 to 75 per cent of the electors was necessary before this committee could call for a man's resignation.

Dr. Michael Clark, Red Deer, warned the mover that the amendment might prove a boomerang to himself and other government members. It might become time to recall a whole government. He said that the fact of a man having signed a business agreement or an agreement with his wife to resign under certain circumstances, would not make him less efficient as a public man.

Hon. Mackenzie King declared a man should not represent any group or class, but all the people. He opposed the amendment because it would dictate who the people should send to parliament. Hon. Hugh Guthrie had no objection to agreements as long as they were not kept secret.

HELPED WIFE GET DIVORCE

New York, May 6.—Mrs. Myrtle L. Hawley, wife of Reginald Hawley, former vice-president of the Universal Electric Welding Company, yesterday won a judgment for divorce upon her husband's confession. Supreme Court Justice Tierney signed her decree with \$225 a month alimony.

"The facts set forth in my wife's complaint are in all respects true," Hawley said in his written confession. "I was at the Hotel Somerset with a woman not my wife from August 12 to August 15, 1919."

Mrs. Hawley alleged that her husband's income was \$15,000 a year.

GAS OVERCOMES AGED COUPLE

New York, May 6.—Fred Wilson, 96 years old, and his wife Mary, 80 years old, were overcome by illuminating gas yesterday at their home, 972 Morris avenue, The Bronx. They were taken to Lincoln hospital and, though revived, their condition was serious.

Wilson was a poet and song writer and during Lincoln's Administration was a United States marshal at Shanghai, China. As a former Government employee, Wilson received a monthly pension of \$75. The police said the aged couple had no other apartment showed that they had been in financial straits.

HIGHWAYMAN GOT 90 CENTS

Denver, May 6.—Two youthful highwaymen, who fled before they could be identified, held up Miss Florence Clark in Denver as she was walking east in East Sixteenth avenue near Sherman, and at the point of two leveled revolvers forced her to surrender her purse. The purse contained only ninety cents.

Late John Loupell
John Loupell, a man of Roumanian birth who had been employed for some time with Sam Campbell in this city died this morning at Victoria Hospital. He was aged seventy years. The funeral took place this afternoon.

REPORTS FROM MEXICO INDICATE THAT CARRANZA'S GRIP ON THE COUNTRY IS SURELY WEAKENING

BUSINESS GOOD IN THE OLD COUNTRY

London, May 5.—Sir Robert Horne, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at a dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce, said the present state of British trade showed that the nation could go forward with the greatest confidence. Unemployment was today lower than at any period before the war with about 800,000 more persons employed in industry.

A. Y. P. A. GAVE A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Proceeds Will Go Toward the Cathedral Choir Fund—Excellent Program was Followed.

A very enjoyable parlor concert was held last night by the A. Y. P. A. at the Deanery. The proceeds will go towards the choir funds of Christ Church Cathedral. The program was as follows:—

1. Solo—Miss E. Belyea.
2. Piano Duet—The Misses H. Richardson and C. FitzRandolph.
3. Solo—Miss V. Betts.
4. Reading—Miss E. Douglas.
5. Vocal Duet—Miss V. Betts and Mrs. Alex. Staples.
6. Piano Solo—Mr. W. J. Smith, A. R. C. O.
7. Solo—Miss Allen.
8. Duet (Vocal)—Messrs. O. Branscombe and J. McKenzie.
9. Solo—Mr. W. McCarroll.
- God Save the King.

All the numbers were heartily enjoyed. At the close of the evening's entertainment those taking part were entertained by Mrs. A. McM. Staples at her home on St. John street where a dainty repast was served.

WILD CATS IN DEMAND

Halifax, May 6.—Wild cat skins in good condition continue to bring good prices—as high as \$14 and \$15, as compared with \$3 and \$4 a few years ago—and this fact together with the bounty payable on deposit of the snout with County Treasurer Archibald makes the skins worth getting, so that hunters keep after the cats to get the money. During the last month bounties on 38 cats were paid by the County Treasurer. But though there is a County bounty also on bears and Bruin's skin is also worth more money than of yore, not one bear was reported during the month, which would seem to indicate that these animals are growing scarce in this County.

FIREWATER DISAPPEARED

Sarnia, May 6.—Thirty two cases of firewater disappeared in some mysterious manner in this city within the past 24 hours. Half the quota consisting of rum, while being transferred from Sarnia to Port Huron in a car, took wings when the guard was not looking while in transit.

John Charlton, North Mackenzie street, followed the report into the police station with a hurry-up call for police assistance in running to earth the culprits who entered his house during his absence and walked off with his whiskey supply sixteen cases in all. The force are working on both cases.

Tuxis Boys' Banquet.
A banquet will be held at 6.30 this evening in the Y. M. C. A. by the Tuxis Boys of the Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist and Methodist Churches.

STEEL MERGER BILL DEBATED IN NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE

HALIFAX, May 6.—The adjourned debate on the bill relating to the merger of the Dominion and Scotia Steel Companies into the British Empire Steel Corporation, was resumed at a special session of the House of Assembly last night and passed its second reading unanimously. The discussion lasted for several hours. The only speakers to offer criticism were Mr. Graham and Mr. Hall, the former deploring the introduction of outside controlling interests into provincial industry, the latter expressing doubt as to the treatment of minority shareholders.

MUCH INTEREST AT WASHINGTON

Recognition of the Rebel Movement by the U. S. Government Said to be Improbable
Program of Rebels is Being Carefully Studied—Attitude to Foreigners is Friendly.

Washington, May 6.—Official interest in the development of the political phases of the sweeping revolution in Mexico has been stimulated by government reports which continue to indicate a rapid weakening of Carranza's grip. Although any recognition by the United States government of the rebel movement, other than that accorded any defacto force was said to be improbable it is known that agents of the state department have studied carefully the promulgated programme of the rebels and the published assurances of Obregon and other leaders of the revolt that a more friendly attitude toward foreigners will be adopted.

DRUG STORES AND CHURCHES

(Canadian Courier)
A recent article concerning Gena Branscombe, composer, stated that Picton, Ont., contains "about three churches, one school, one drug store, and a livery stable and a lot of people whose ancestors were United Empire Loyalists."

A couple of correspondents take exception to this statement. One of them alleges that Picton contains four drugstores and six churches. We cheerfully make the correction, at the same time pointing out that scribes who write about eminent people and the places where they were born are seldom to be taken literally in regard to the places. It makes no difference that Picton, Ont., contains four drugstores and six churches instead of one drugstore and three churches, except that the writer really intended to pay Picton an unconscious compliment on the lack of drugstores and churches. Blessed is the town whose people are so well physiqued that one drugstore is enough, and whose druggist is such a good Christian that he doesn't even attempt to maintain a monopoly by high prices. Thrice blest is the town which is so spiritually minded that it needs but three churches to do the work of six. The size of a town or the real community map of any country is not to be estimated by mere population but by people—and Picton surely has the people.

WAR GARDENS ARE NEEDED

(St. Paul Pioneer Press)
The war garden of 1918 was never more in need than it is right now. Every pound of vegetables raised "on the side" by the householder whose main occupation is in other lines will relieve the year's foot supply and keep hunger and prohibitive prices a step farther away. This is no trifling matter. When the nation's food supply runs short and crowds prices beyond the reach of the poor—the poor now—days being the unorganized class—somebody must go hungry. Must this be, for your negligence to raise a garden in the back yard or the vacant lot?

DEER CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE

Rockley, Ill., May 6.—Perryville farmers will petition the county supervisors for permission to shoot deer. They say the animals are roaming about doing much damage. A herd is said to have come from Wisconsin.