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Fresh northwest and west winds fair and moderately cold today and Thursday.

## TITLED RUM RUNNER HARD HIT

### IS BASEBALL LOSING ITS GRIP IN U. S.

Sec'y of the A. A. Federation Says That It Is.

### OTHER GAMES POPULAR

Sand Lot Baseball Has Fallen Off 50 Per Cent.

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

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30—Baseball is losing its grip on the youth of America, while other games are gaining in popularity. Major L. J. Griffiths, secretary of the National Amateur Athletic Federation, reported to the organization's convention here Tuesday.

Interest in "sand lot" baseball has fallen off 50 per cent in the past three years. Major Griffiths said. His survey of amateur athletics showed that 70 per cent of the nation's youth now indulges in some form of sport directly or indirectly connected with the federation.

### TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF TRAINS

Ottawa, Dec. 29—An important step in the direction of economy for the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways by the elimination of duplication of train service was announced today by Rt. Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, who stated that, according to communications just received from Sir Henry Thornton and E. W. Beatty, K. C., the traffic and operating officials of the two railways have constituted themselves into a joint permanent committee to deal in a fair and broad way with all questions of competitive service, to effect economies and preserve at the same time efficiency.

Already the Canadian National has moved to eliminate some trains in Ontario and other parts. The latest timetables disclose a number of such eliminations, and it is estimated that the annual saving through this downward revision of train schedules will mean about \$900,000. It is understood that a similar move has been made by the Canadian Pacific, although not quite so drastic. With the new committee functioning, a few more trains in highly competitive regions, such as between Ottawa and Montreal and between certain points in Ontario and possibly in the west, will be eliminated.

### MANY INVITED TO OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 29—More than 700 official invitations have been issued for the opening of the 15th Parliament next week. So great has been the demand on the gentlemen usher of the black rod that it is now announced that no further invitations can possibly be issued for the floor of the Senate.

The wives and daughters of the majority of new members are expected to attend, and the opening functions of the next Parliament, from present indications, will be more largely attended than at the assembling of the House during the last two or three years.

### A TITLED RUM RUNNER HAS ROUGH SLEDDING

Sir Broderick Hartwell Now in the Bankruptcy Court.

### IS FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED

His Liabilities Placed at a Million and a Quarter.

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

London, Dec. 30—The lot of the get rich quick rum runner is a difficult one between the American bootleggers and the American bootlegger.

This was revealed today in the course of the bankruptcy receiver's hearing in the case of Sir Broderick Hartwell, who conceived a lucrative scheme for rum running. To the United States only to find that it left him financially embarrassed.

Sir Broderick's liabilities were placed at about \$1,250,000 and the receivers was told that the bankruptcy which due to the fact of "Seizure of liquor by the United States and failure of the buyers "Road bootleggers" to pay.

### DEVON U. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL GAVE CONCERT

Christmas Entertainment Well Attended Tuesday Night — Large Audience Was Present.

The United Baptist Church at Devon was crowded to the doors last evening, the occasion being their annual Christmas concert, and tree. H. P. Lint, Superintendent of the Sunday school, acted as chairman and the following excellent programme was carried out which was much enjoyed by those present:—

- Chorus, Rev. D. C. Kaine's Class.
- Prayer, Rev. D. C. Kaine.
- Exercise, Miss Brown's Class.
- Drill, Miss Crawford's Class.
- Chorus, Mrs. Gerritty's Class.
- Exercise, Mrs. Slipp's Class.
- Chorus, Mr. Slipp's Class.
- Exercise, Mrs. Lint's Class.
- Duet, Misses Jordan and Smith.
- Exercise, Miss Sterling's Class.
- Exercise, Mrs. McCoombs' Class.
- Pageant, Directed by Mrs. Titus.
- Christmas Tree.

Donald Simms made an ideal Santa Claus and with the help of the teachers distributed the gifts from the beautifully decorated tree every child present getting a bag of candy and the Sabbath School children received other presents. The teachers were also well remembered. During the evening a hearty vote of thanks was extended to those who so ably assisted in making the concert the success it was. Mrs. Titus responded in a well worded address. The platform on which the concert was held was very tastefully arranged.

### HIGH PRICE FOR POTATOES

Caribou, Me., Dec. 29—Potatoes touched the highest mark today since the sudden rise earlier in the season, several lots bringing \$7.50 a barrel for Green Mountain No. 1, cash bulk, barrel measure, at loading stations, although sales were reported at \$6.50 and \$7, or \$4.10 to \$4.25 per hundred weight. The trading was not heavy as the weather is very cold.

### Improvement in Franc One Result of Premier Briand's Big Victory

Is quoted in Paris Today at 26.35 to the Dollar — Parisians Decline to Take the Crisis Seriously—Briand's Success in Securing Approval of the Tar Project Comes in for Praise.

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

PARIS, December 30—With Premier Briand triumphant over the hesitating radicals of his cabinet through approval of the Doumer tax project the franc noted improvement. It was quoted at 26.35 to the dollar and 127.82 to the pound sterling.

Premier Briand's political sagacity and skill in preventing a cabinet crisis is being very favorably commented on by the press.

### Not Taken Seriously

The Parisian declines to take his crisis too seriously, especially his political ones. So it happened today that an auto-bus conductor was applauded by his passengers when, stopping before the Chamber of Deputies he blithely called out "Chabres de fous" meaning in polite English, "Chamber of maniacs".

### CULTURE IS TRACED IN ARABIAN SANDS

Copenhagen, Dec. 28—The queen of Sheba may never have existed, but the Kingdom of Saba certainly did, says Dr. Ditleff Nielsen, Danish historian and philosopher.

Dr. Nielsen will shortly issue a report of several years' study of some little known finds in the Arabian Desert. According to this report there existed in central Arabia 2,000 years before Christ a culture which was by no means inferior to its two great contemporary Asiatic cultures, the Egyptian and Assyrian-Babylonian cultures.

Science, says the doctor, hitherto has considered Saba rich as belonging to the realm of fantasy, but now will have to reconsider its views. He continues:

"The Austrian astronomer Dr. Glaser 25 years ago returned after spending 12 years in the Arabian Desert living the life of the Bedouins; he brought home 2,000 specimens of inscriptions, statues and gold and silver coins which he had found in the sand-covered ruins of ancient cities, temples and palaces giving evidence that a highly cultured people had lived in those parts."

Since that time the Bavarian professor, Fritz Hommel, the Austrian archeologist Rhodokanakis and Dr. Neilson have worked hard to decipher the mass of inscriptions, and the culmination of their researches has been the revelation of evidences of a great old Arabian culture.

### Suit Against Physician.

An important case is to come before Mr. Justice LeBlanc in the Circuit Court when John A. Johnston, administrator of the estate of his daughter, Jean Johnston, is to bring action against Mayes Case, M. D. The plaintiff charges Dr. Case with negligence, want of skill and carelessness in diagnosing, treating and operating on Jean Johnston in June, 1925. Miss Johnston was operated upon on Tuesday, June 9th, and died the following Friday or Saturday. The plaintiff alleges that his daughter was not properly looked after. Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., and J. F. H. Teed represent the plaintiff and Dr. Fred R. Taylor, K. C., the defendant.

### THE UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS

Halifax, Dec. 29—The Central Advisory Committee of the Carnegie Corporation, with jurisdiction in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, met here today in the library of Dalhousie University to discuss chiefly, the relation of the university to the training of teachers, a matter upon which a sub-committee had been at work for some months.

A decision was reached to forego the report of the sub-committee until next September when another meeting would be called with representatives from every branch of education, the smaller schools and the department of education as well as the colleges and universities.

To Aid in Framing Agenda. President A. Stanley MacKenzie of Dalhousie University, and President George J. Trueman, of Mount Allison, Sackville, were appointed a sub-committee to co-operate with the department of education in drawing up an agenda. It is understood that the Carnegie Corporation has undertaken to bear the expense of the conference proposed.

It was emphasized at the meeting today that the Carnegie Corporation had no desire to interfere in any way with the work of existing boards and departments but wished to work together with all organizations in order to secure for the children and youth of Eastern Canada and Newfoundland the best possible educational opportunities.

### Report By M'Kenzie.

President MacKenzie presented a report on the system of college entrance examinations as followed in the New England States and other places and which may be incorporated into the system followed here.

Those present were: President A. S. MacKenzie, Dalhousie University, Halifax; President W. F. Patterson, Acadia, Wolfville; President E. H. Moore, Kings, Halifax; President George Trueman, Mount Allison, Sackville; Chancellor C. C. Jones, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton; Rev. Brother Culhane, St. Mary's College, Halifax; Principal MacKinnon, Pinehill College, Halifax; Principal F. H. Sexton, Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax.

### DEMON DRIVER LOST RACE FOR A DIVORCE

Wife Crossed Border a Length Ahead of Him.

### THE RACE WAS EXCITING

Speed King Had Previously Brought Suit Against Wife.

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

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 30—Barney Oldfield, demon automobile driver, lost a race for a divorce her on Tuesday.

Mrs. Rebecca Oldfield charging the speed king with familiarity with "Another woman", crossed the line a length ahead of Barney, and was awarded a decree of divorce in the Supreme Court. Oldfield previously brought suit against his wife, charging desertion, so it is apparent that the couple were not unwilling to live apart.

### N. B. TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO MEET HERE

Last Three Teaching Days of June Selected — Executive Meeting Today at the Normal School.

The meeting of the New Brunswick Teachers' Institute is to be held in this city on the last three teaching days of the month of June, 1926. This was decided by the executive of the Institute which was in session today in the library of the Provincial Normal School. The suggestion had been made that the Institute meet near Easter vacation but it was held that because of the fact that the University of New Brunswick, the Provincial Normal School and the Legislature would all be in session here at that time that June would be the better season.

### Those Present.

Those present this morning were Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Supt. of Education, Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, Principal of the Provincial Normal School, Inspector Doucet, Inspector Hebert, Inspector Fox, Inspector Hetherington, Inspector Dixon and Dr. H. H. Hagerman, secretary.

After some routine business Fredericton was selected as the place of meeting of the Institute on the motion of Inspector Dixon seconded by Inspector Doucet. The last three teaching days of June were selected as the time on the motion of Inspector Dixon seconded by Inspector Hetherington.

The executive also proceeded to consider the preparation of the program for the Provincial Institute.

### Textbook Committee.

Another educational body which will be in session here is the Textbook Committee which will meet tonight.

### Had Close Call.

The dwelling house of Mr. Christopher Murray, Lower Dumfries, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Monday. The fire started from a defective stovepipe in the attic and had gained some headway before being discovered. Fortunately there was plenty of help at hand and the blaze was extinguished before any serious damage had resulted.

### Gift for First Baby.

The first baby born in Fredericton in the year 1926, will be remembered in a tangible way by a number of the business men of Fredericton. See tomorrow's Mail for further particulars.

### PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS FIGHT RATS

Serious Condition of Affairs Disclosed in Paris.

### INSTITUTIONS OVERCROWDED

Empty Barracks and Dismantled Forts May be Used.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Paris, Dec. 30—Certain Paris hospitals are in such a serious condition that the patients are actually obliged to defend themselves from the rats, is the startling statement made in the course of a discussion in the Municipal Council on Tuesday.

The director of the public department, which controls the hospitals said they are overcrowded, that tents may soon have to be used despite 2,000 supplementary beds which have been put in. It has been suggested that empty barracks and dismantled forts be taken over as hospitals for foreigners who cost the city \$400,000 a year.

### MT. M'KINLEY FRACTURED BY A QUAKE

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

Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 30—Mount McKinley, highest peak on the North American continent, has been fractured by an earthquake. Scientists believed today, after going over reports of smoke and steam issuing from fissures on the mountain, a heavy earthquake shook the region of the mountain a week ago and the first reports of smoke from the peak immediately followed.

### GENIUS NOW HAS A PLACE IN BUSINESS

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

New York, N. B., Dec. 30—Mrs. Eftrem Zimballist, better known to opera patrons as Alma Gluck, has blasted the old theory that artistic genius has no place in business. With the royalties from her song "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" Mrs. Zimballist paid \$127,000 for a house at Seventy-second street and Park Avenue here. Articles have been signed for its sale at a price of 300,000, she announced.

### LUMBERMAN'S BIG ESTATE

Ottawa, Dec. 29—An estate of \$2,703,809 was left by Sir Henry Kelly Egan, well known Ottawa lumberman, who died in October.

Lady Egan is the principal beneficiary under the will which provides for four trust funds of a life interest nature and the distribution of the residue of the estate among nephews and nieces.

### A PROLIFIC COW.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 29—A Durham cow, owned by Angus McKenzie, South Yarmouth, this week gave birth to three calves, male and two females, all marked alike and thriving.