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WESTERN BORAX KING IS NOW A BANKRUPT

Francis M. Smith of San Francisco was a Few Years ago Rated as a Multi-Millionaire--Was a Frequent Visitor to this Province in Search of Big Game---Owned an Elaborate Camp Outfit in the Miramichi Woods

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 5.—Rated only a year or two ago among the great multi-millionaires of America, Francis M. Smith, widely known as the "Borax King," appeared before Judge Morrow in the United States district court today to show cause why he should not be adjudged a bankrupt on debts amounting approximately to \$150,000.

The petition filed by Smith's creditors declares that prior to May 5, when a committee was appointed to act as trustees in managing his affairs, he conveyed without money consideration properties valued at \$1,000,000 to the Mercantile Trust Company, to H. F. Edwards and to his wife at a time when he was insolvent. These transfers, it is alleged in the complaint, constitute acts of bankruptcy.

Smith's career is one of the romances of modern American finance. Born in the town of Richmond, Wis., about sixty-five years ago, he spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-one he came west and in 1872 he discovered the great borax deposits in Nevada. After years of labor he secured a monopoly of the product and from

that time his financial success was one of the wonders of the west. Eventually he became the head of a two hundred-million-dollar string of corporations. His personal fortune has been estimated at many millions.

(The "Borax King" was well known to a number of people in this city, and along the Miramichi in his capacity of a big game hunter. He made his first hunting trip to the Miramichi about fifteen years ago in company with Mr. W. H. Griffin, the veteran guide of Stanley. He liked the country so well that he engaged Guide Griffin to build him a number of camps on McKel Lake, about six miles north of the Southwest Miramichi River. Money was then no object to him and he had the camps fitted up on an elaborate scale. In the one used by himself and guests as sleeping quarters he had a bath-room fitted up with hot and cold water and there was also a large open fire-place. Mr. Griffin was hired by the day for the entire hunting season and was paid whether the "Borax King" put in an appearance or not. About ten years ago the arrangement with Guide Griffin was cancelled and he fell heir to the five camps erected at the expense of the "Borax King.")

CITY COUNCIL TURNED DOWN POLICE COM. RESOLUTION

Recommendation that Chief of Police be Granted Twenty-five Dollars for Expenses to Halifax Convention Defeated 8 to 2--Plans for New Fire Station Before Council--New Police Station under Consideration

The City Council in committee last night had before it plans for a new central fire station and also took up the matter of the proposed new police station. Various other matters were discussed. A resolution from the Police Commission that Chief McCollom be granted twenty-five dollars toward his expenses at the Convention of Chief Constables at Halifax, was not acted upon, a motion to pay the money being defeated 8 to 2. Ald. Farrell and Ald. Weddall, mover and seconder, alone voted for it.

The plans of the new fire station had been prepared by Kenneth M. Campbell, architect of Montreal, son of James B. Campbell of Kingsclear. They provided for a three-story brick building with a frontage equal to that of the present central station and a length of about 110 feet. The ground floor was shown in two plans, either of which provided room for the present apparatus, a motor driven chemical engine and several other pieces should they be purchased. At the rear is stall-room, grooming-room, store-room, etc. The second floor provides for sleeping accommodation for several men, including a caretaker and also a large recreation room. Additional quarters for a family or for several men are provided upon the third floor. The plans will be before the council again tonight.

The matter of a new police station came up in connection with a communication from the Board of Health stating that the present police station was unsanitary and that a new station was necessary. The City Clerk was instructed to inform the Board of Health that the City Council had the matter of a new police station under consideration. In the course of the discussion Ald. Farrell suggested that the Limerick lot in King street be used as the site of the police station.

REPORT NOT CORRECT.

In connection with the communication

from the Board of Health, Mayor Hooper stated that the reports that the Administration of Justice committee had disregarded previous communications of a similar nature was incorrect. The present police cells were cleaned twice a week under the arrangement made by the committee, and a system of ventilation had been installed.

BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNT

An account from the Board of Health was received, accompanied by bills. The point was raised that the City Council had not before passed on the Board of Health bills, and could not as its members had no knowledge of the items. No decision was reached in this matter.

TELEPHONE BILLS

While bills from the N. B. Telephone Company were being received, Ald. Farrell expressed doubt as to the wisdom of the city paying for residence houses for City Clerk and Police Magistrate. Objection was also raised to the payment for a phone in the house of the caretaker of the Exhibition Building. The bills were passed however.

A bill of \$6.60 from W. A. Lindsay for meals for prisoners in the police station caused comment. "Don't you think that it is too much to feed these hoboes so high?" asked His Worship. "They may come back for more."

"We'll have to feed them while they are on our hands," remarked Ald. Farrell.

"Ald. Farrell evidently believes in this method of advertising the city," said Ald. Mitchell.

CHIEF MCCOLLOM'S EXPENSES

In the matter of Chief McCollom's expenses to Halifax Mayor Hooper said the chief had not been sent but had gone with the intention of getting increased knowledge.

Ald. Clark remarked that the chief

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SEVEN PEOPLE CREMATED

Terrible Tragedy in River Pilot's House on Isle of Orleans

House was Set on Fire by the Explosion of a Lamp--Five Children among the Victims

Quebec, Aug. 4.—Seven people, Mrs. Joseph Paquet, her five children, and a woman living with the family, whose name is not yet known, were burned to death this morning at 3 o'clock, at St. John parish, Island of Orleans, some fifteen miles east of Quebec.

The disaster was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the home of Joseph Paquet, river pilot, which set fire to the house, that was soon a mass of flames.

The fire broke out towards 4 o'clock this morning. Neighbors perceived the flames escaping from the windows of the house, and their cries awakened Mrs. Paquet, who arose and escaped, but returned immediately to warn her husband and help save her children. By this time the flames had invaded every room of the house.

Just exactly what happened it is impossible to say, but Mr. Paquet was seen to come out with one of his daughters, Leonie, aged twenty-one years.

Mrs. Paquet survived the disaster for a short time, but she was so horribly burned that death came to relieve her from her sufferings.

Mrs. Lapointe was saved, but her burns are so grave that Dr. Bonenfant, of St. Jean, who is looking after her, does not believe that she will survive the day.

In winter, Mr. Paquet's family lived at 241 Prince Edward street, Quebec. The only survivor besides Leonie, among the children, is a son now living at 121 R. Chelieu street, Quebec. He is a civil employee. The wounds of Mr. Paquet himself are so severe as to cause grave fears for his life.

Albert Lapointe and his wife and child were staying over night with the Paquets, as Mr. Lapointe was a plumber who was working on the Paquet house.

THE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES MEET

Adopt Valuable Suggestions from Mrs. Whitehead now in the West

At the regular meeting of the trustees of Victoria Hospital, held yesterday, President Sterling occupied the chair and his associates were Mayor Hooper, Mr. McMurray, Ald. Clark, Ald. Farrell, Mr. VanDine and Secretary Sampson.

The board dealt with considerable routine business and also took up the matter of providing for a maternity branch in the proposed new building. Arrangements are being perfected to make the latter an actual fact.

The report of the treasurer showed a large expenditure in July while the receipts were a little weak. In her report the matron showed that forty patients had received treatment during the month. Four patients were treated in the Dow Wing, five from outside and three by X-Ray. During July Mrs. J. A. Morrison sent half a dozen boxes of strawberries to the hospital and Mr. Guy Morrison three quarts ice cream, all of which were enjoyed.

A letter was read from Mr. T. S. Wilkinson enclosing twenty-five dollars from the Parish Church for the hospital.

TO DISPOSE OF DYNAMO.

A letter from Ald. Everett, chairman of the Water Committee, called attention to the engine and dynamo at the station and owned by the trustees for electric power before the city was undertaken. The engine is in the way at present and the trustees empowered the mayor and Ald. Farrell to sell the same at the first opportunity.

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STOCK MARKET IS STEADY

The Market Outlook Appears to be Favorable to Traders

A Chance to Make a Profit Both Ways--Banks Can Finance the Crop Movement

New York, Aug. 5.—In view of the sensational reports of damage in corn belt and the drastic ruling of the inter-state commerce commission against the express companies, yesterday's stock market showed an impressive resistance to adverse influence. Prices showed better response to favorable news, such for instance as the rains in the Cotton belt and prospects of relief in the draughty regions of the corn belt.

Financial conditions continue unfavorable, but the conservatism of the banks at large has placed them in a position to take care of the movement of the crops without serious strain, provided of course that no premature bull speculation in securities is attempted. The immediate outlook still favors a trading market with limited opportunities for profit both ways.

(Quotations by J. MacKintosh & Co., Bankers and Brokers Queen Street)

	Open	Noon
Copper	70 1/2	71
Smelters	68	65 1/2
Brooklyn	88	88
C.P.R.	216 1/2	216
Great Northern	126	126
Lehigh	150 1/2	151
Soo	127 1/2	127 1/2
Northern Pacific	109 1/2	109 1/2
Pennsylvania	112 1/2	112 1/2
Reading	160	159 1/2
Union Pacific	149 1/2	149 1/2
U. S. Steel	60 1/2	60 1/2

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Aug. 5.—Four members of Arbitration Board to settle demands of trainmen and conductors of eastern roads, meet today to select other new members.

Stock Exchange rules Union Pacific stock will not sell ex-rights until further notice, although company's books close August 7th for subscription to certificates of interest in Southern Pacific stock.

President Wilson sends ex-Governor Lind of Minnesota, to Mexico to advise embassy. Understood President's plan is that fighting shall cease, Huerta quit and both sides agree on government.

Secretary McAdoo invites presidents of Clearing House Associations of fifty-nine cities to meet him in Washington to confer on distribution of \$50,000,000 crop loan.

Department of Justice denies Boston report that attorney general decided to suspend temporarily investigation of New Haven system for violation of Sherman Act.

Americans in London steady. 20 active railways advanced .73. 12 industrials advanced .49.

CATHOLIC FORESTERS' CONVENTION

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 5.—Nearly all of the States of the Union and many of the provinces of Canada were represented here today at the opening of the international convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters. At nine o'clock this morning the delegates attended solemn high mass at the cathedral. The remainder of the day was filled up largely with committee meetings and sightseeing. Late this afternoon the delegates assembled at the Seelbach Hotel for the final session of the convention. The annual reports of the several officers show gratifying gains in the finances and membership of the order during the past year. The convention sessions will continue until Friday. At the close of the gathering the delegates will take an excursion to Mammoth Cave.

U.S. WILL DEAL WITH MEXICAN SITUATION

President Wilson Accepts the Resignation of the U. S. Ambassador to that Country--Will Appoint New Man when Stable Government is Established--U.S. May Offer its Services as Mediator in Order to Restore Peace

Washington, Aug. 4.—President Wilson took the first steps in the policy through which he proposes to deal with the Mexican situation. He formally accepted the resignation of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, to take effect on October 14, and sent to Mexico City as his personal representative—but not accredited to the Huerta government—former governor John Lind of Minnesota, a life-long friend of Secretary Bryan.

The understanding is that when a stable government is established in Mexico, Mr. Lind will be formally named ambassador. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan had frequent conferences during the day.

Ambassador Wilson had a long talk with Mr. Bryan and Chairman Bacon of the senate foreign relations committee, discussed the situation with the president at the White House. But except for the announcement of Mr. Lind's mission no explanation of the policy to be pursued by the American government was forthcoming.

Governor and Mrs. Lind departed for Mexico tonight by rail, to proceed via New Orleans or Galveston.

It became known that a further announcement would be made by President Wilson in a few days, possibly on the arrival of Mr. Lind in Mexico City. That Mr. Lind will be empowered to explain to inquirers the unalterable opposition of the American government to the recognition of the Huerta administration is expected to be a factor which may assist the situation.

Meanwhile, arms and ammunition

of war from the United States will continue to be denied to the two warring factions and unless it is apparent that the international efforts to bring about peace have failed, the United States will offer its services as mediator, and Mr. Lind will undoubtedly act in that capacity when the time comes. Declarations from both Huerta and Carranza have been made in the press, rejecting mediation proposals but administration officials realize that both sides fear they may be showing weakness in the acceptance of such a proposal at this time, and are not convinced that friendly efforts to mediate would prove ineffective. Officials here hope that the efforts to put an end to bloodshed and destruction of property would appeal to public opinion in Mexico, and unite the factions on a peace program.

Acceptance of the resignation of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, settled finally that his recommendations for recognition of the Huerta government after a period of military co-operation, in Northern Mexico, on the part of the United States to restore peace had been rejected.

The ambassador's views and activities at Mexico City in the closing days of the Taft administration were officially described as at variance with those held by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan and a reiteration came from high officials that the morality of the situation would not permit the recognition of Provisional President Huerta on account of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Madero and Suarez.

WESTERN POLITICIAN VISITING THE CITY

Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Minister of Public Works in Alberta Govt., is at the Queen Hotel

Hon. Charles R. Mitchell, Minister of Public Works in the Liberal government of Alberta, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell and their son, are among the guests at the Queen.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell is a son of the late Sheriff Mitchell of Newcastle, and a nephew of the Hon. Peter Mitchell, one of the fathers of confederation. He is a graduate of the U. N. B., and studied law here before going west. He was for some years a county court judge in Alberta, and resigned some time ago to enter the provincial government. He held the office of attorney general for a time, and is now minister of public works. He has met many old friends here, and is receiving many congratulations on the success he has achieved in the west.

Last evening Hon. Mr. Mitchell and family were entertained to an auto ride about the city by R. W. McLellan, who was a class mate of his at the U. N. B.

Speaking to a Mail representative, Hon. Mr. Mitchell said that he noted many pleasing changes in Fredericton since he left here nearly twenty years ago. The residential portion of the city, he thought, had greatly improved and the business houses had kept abreast of the times.

"I have never had a trip on the St. John River," he said in conclusion, "and I guess I will stop over and go to St. John by boat tomorrow."

WILL LECTURE TONIGHT.

Mr. William A. Toohy, representing the Canada Cement Company, arrived in the city last night, registering at the Barker House. Tonight he will deliver a lecture upon the use of concrete in the making of roads and streets. This lecture will be given in the City Council Chamber at the close of the council meeting and will be illustrated by stereopticon views. The public is invited to attend.

INDIANS NARROWLY ESCAPED DROWNING

Canoe Upset in Grand Pass--Frank Paul and Dedam Swam in Swift Current to Sheer Boom

Two Indians of the St. Mary's Reserve, had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday afternoon near Springfield when their canoe upset in swift current. The men were Frank Paul and Joe Dedam. They lost their canoe which sank in deep water and all its contents, including their boots which they had taken off to ease their feet while paddling.

The two were coming through the Grand Pass between Sugar and Savage Islands, when the accident occurred. An old pier made a nasty current in which their craft was overturned. The two Indians were thrown into the water and the canoe went down in about fifteen feet of water. Paul and Dedam struck out for a sheer-boom some distance away and reached it in an exhausted condition. Had it not been that they had taken off their boots in the canoe they probably would have lost their lives.

MACHIAS IS EN FETE

Machias, Me., Aug. 5.—A three days' celebration of the 105th anniversary of the founding of Machias was ushered in this afternoon with a marvelous outdoor pageant illustrating notable events in the history of the town and its vicinity. Among the events depicted were the visit of the French Governor La Tour in 1633 to the Indian trading post, Tallyrand's visit to Machias, and the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War, when the American sloop Unity captured the British brig Margareta.

Mr. J. T. Hanning of St. John is visiting his home in this city. Mr. J. A. Gird of Quebec is at the Barker House.