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THE PITMAN CENTENARY CELEBRATED BY BRITONS

One Hundredth Anniversary of the Inventor of the Parent System of Modern Shorthand Fittingly Commemorated--Many Notable Men Unite in Honoring His Memory--Celebration Was Also Held in New York--The Memorable Career of Isaac Pitman

London, Jan. 4.—In all English-speaking countries throughout the world the centenary of the birth of Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of phonography, the parent system of modern shorthand, was celebrated today with appropriate exercises. The celebration in this city, which was held under the direction of a committee headed by Sir Thomas Crosby, Lord Mayor of London, included exercises in all schools where shorthand is taught and a large gathering and banquet with addresses by noted exponents of the Pitman system and many public men interested in stenography. In New York also, a celebration was held, under the auspices of a committee including many men of note, among them President-elect Woodrow Wilson, Andrew Carnegie, President Hadley of Yale University, Dr. William H. Maxwell, Prof. Brander Matthews, George B. Cortelyou and many others.

Isaac Pitman was born in the little town of Trowbridge, England, on January 4, 1813. His father, Samuel Pitman, was overseer in one of the numerous cloth mills of Trowbridge, and raised a family of ten children, six of whom later became teachers. Isaac was sent to the grammar school of Trowbridge to receive the rudiments of an education but showed no particular brilliancy in his attainments. Owing to the poor ventilation in the school young Isaac's health broke down and at the age of thirteen he was compelled to leave school.

After leaving school Isaac was employed in the office of the mill of which his father was overseer and in the evenings his father, who had a good education, taught the boy and enabled him to advance rapidly in his studies. In August, 1831, Isaac decided to take up a course in teaching and went to London, where he entered the British and Foreign School Society's College. In January, 1832, at the age of nineteen, he took charge of a school at Barton-on-Humber, a market town in North Lincolnshire, and four years later he removed to the town of Wotton-under-Edge, where he established and managed a school with much success.

While conducting his school at Wotton-under-Edge, Mr. Pitman took up the study of Taylor's system of shorthand, and finding it a great time-saver, he urged upon his students to take up the study of the system. As there was no cheap textbook of the system on the market, Pitman tried to induce Samuel Bagster, a Bible publisher, to publish one. In the spring of 1837 he even forwarded to Bagster the manuscript for a cheap manual of Taylor's system, but Bagster suggested to him to invent a system of his own.

In accordance with this suggestion Pitman began to experiment in the construction of shorthand alphabets, at first adhering to the system used by Taylor, but soon evolving a system of his own, in which he aimed at expressing sounds rather than

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PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. J. C. Allen, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Mr. A. W. Hay of Woodstock, is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. Hanford Sloat of Keswick, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. F. P. Hunter of St. Stephen, is in the city.

Mr. George W. Fowler, M.P., of Sussex, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. G. S. Smith of Woodstock, is at the Barker House.

Mr. R. E. Lyons of Montreal, is in the city.

Mr. J. J. Haines of Coughlan is a guest at Windsor Hall.

Mr. C. W. Thompson of Wolfville, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. H. Dennison of Montreal, is at the Queen.

Mr. James McCaskill and wife of Riley Brook are in the city. They are at Windsor Hall.

Mr. G. L. Clinton of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. A. Alcorn Jr., of Blackville, is at the Queen.

Miss Leona Dunbrack is spending the holidays with St. John friends.

Miss Myra Sherman is spending the holiday season with Boston friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tunton of Montreal are guests at Windsor Hall.

Miss Ashby of Montreal, is visiting Mrs. A. J. Gregory at Acadia Grove.

Mrs. Robert F. Randolph gave a tea on New Year's eve in honor of Mrs. Charles H. Allen.

Divisional Supt. E. Price of the I.C.R., returned to Campbellton last night.

The condition of Miss Mary Whitehead is reported to be much improved today.

Miss Mabel Sterling left this week for Bermuda, after spending the holidays here with her parents.

Mr. John S. Scott of Scott and Kelly, railway contractors, is home from Woodstock for the week end.

Mrs. Deedes and children of Woodstock, spent the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Chestnut.

Mrs. Fred Daniel of St. John, has returned home after spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Steadman.

After spending the holidays here

with Mrs. Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Turnbull have returned to St. John.

Mrs. Gillespie of St. John, is visiting Mrs. A. W. Edgcombe and on Thursday evening Mrs. W. S. Thomas entertained at bridge in her honor.

Miss Mary Jenkins, daughter of Rev. W. H. Jenkins of Gibson, left yesterday for Wolfville to resume her studies at Acadia College.

Miss Helen Ryder of St. Stephen, who was here for the marriage of her friend, Miss Hazel Edgcombe to Mr. Kenneth Chestnut, has returned to St. Stephen.

Miss Jean Anderson of Vancouver, who spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here, left yesterday for Toronto to resume her studies at a Ladies' College.

The Monday Club met this week with Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut, when Miss McLaughlin won the club prizes and Mrs. George Taylor the guest prize.

On Monday evening the Misses Hodge entertained at a bridge of five tables in honor of their guest, Miss Dobson of St. John. The prize winners were Miss Muriel Massey and Miss Katherine Lynch, Mr. Steve Whitehead and Mr. George Howie.

Bishop Richardson was able to be out on New Year's eve for the first time since his recent illness and was able to attend the christening of his infant daughter at Christchurch Cathedral on that day. The child received the name of Mary Elizabeth.

AN EXCELLENT COMPANY

The Nellie Gill Company added many more friends and admirers to their already long list, last night when they appeared to a fair sized audience at the Opera House in the well known and popular play entitled "The Third Degree" the performance was an excellent one, the company being far superior to the general run of the companies that come to Fredericton, it certainly deserved a larger house. They are playing "A Cheerful Liar" this afternoon and will close their engagement this evening when they will produce "Polly of the Circus." A large crowd should be present at both performances.

FUNERAL OF LAIE GARNETT W. LOVE THIS AFTERNOON

Victim of Accident at I. C. R. Station Buried Today--Many Beautiful Floral Tributes

The funeral of the late Garnett W. Love, who met his death New Year's night at the I.C.R. station, took place this afternoon from his late home, Gibson. The funeral was largely attended and the many beautiful floral tributes bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Flemington, assisted by Rev. W. H. Jenkins. "Rock of Ages" and "Lead Kindly Light" were sung by a mixed quartette. The remains were taken to Penniac, where interment was made at the Methodist cemetery.

The floral tributes were as follows: Broken circle of roses, carnations and lilies of the valley, members of the family. Crescent of carnations, Samuel Mackay.

Wreath of lilies of the valley and carnations, fellow workmen.

Standing wreath of roses, hyacinths, narcissi and orchids, bordered by ivy leaves, Marysville boys.

SECOND TRIAL FOR DR. HYDE

Kansas Man Charged With Murdering a Millionaire Philanthropist

One of the Most Famous Cases in Criminal Annals of Missouri to be Reopened on Monday

Kansas, City, Jan. 4.—The second trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, convicted after a sensational trial, of the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, a millionaire philanthropist, is scheduled to begin in the criminal court here Monday, but it is thought likely the case may not be called. District Attorney Virgil Conkling, who conducted the successful prosecution of Dr. Hyde at the first trial died a short time ago, and many persons are of the opinion that the physician will never be called upon to stand trial a second time.

The Hyde case is one of the most famous in the criminal annals of Missouri. In March, 1910, Dr. Hyde was indicted for the alleged murder of Colonel Swope, and the latter's nephew, Christian Swope. Another indictment charged him with manslaughter in connection with the death of James M. Hunton, a cousin of Col. Swope. Dr. Hyde's wife was a niece of Col. Swope, and the motive for the alleged wholesale murders was to remove all who stood between her and the Swope fortune. The physician was tried and convicted for the murder of Col. Swope. Later the Missouri supreme court set aside the sentence of life imprisonment and ordered a new trial. Since that time Dr. Hyde has been at liberty on bail.

TO STUDY ENGLISH ARMY DISCIPLINE

New York, Jan. 4.—Among the transatlantic passengers sailing from New York today was Major Charles B. Hatch, of the United States Marine Corps, who has been sent abroad on a rather interesting mission. Major Hatch is in charge of the naval disciplinary barracks at Port Royal, S. C., and the purpose of his visit to Europe is to study the system of discipline in the British army and navy, especially the detention system in force at the Aldershot barracks.

PROBABLY FATALLY HURT.

J. A. Lister, a C.P.R. conductor, fell from his train at McAdam last night and was terribly crushed by a car passing over his right arm and shoulders. He was taken to the hospital in St. John on a special train and is not expected to live.

TO HEAR ADVOCATES OF INDEPENDENT COMMISSION

Representative Committee of Citizens Will Wait Upon City Council Monday Night Re Police Commission

The views of citizens who desire to see the police force of the city again placed under the control of an independent commission, will be laid before the members of the City Council when that body meets in committee Monday evening. A representative committee composed of a number of prominent citizens is to wait upon the Council at 7.45 p.m. on that day and press upon the notice of the members the advisability of making the change mentioned.

The committee will be composed of the following: Dr. W. H. Steeves, Robert FitzRandolph, E. A. McKay, R. B. Wallace, G. N. Babbitt, Judge Wilson, Prof. W. C. Kierstead, H. S. Campbell, Dr. T. Carleton Allen, His Lordship Bishop Richardson, John Kilburn and Ex-Mayor C. H. Thomas.

Several changes in the legislation governing public organization are to be asked for by the delegation.

U. S. TARIFF REVISION

Hearing at Washington by Congress Committee Begins On Monday

Discussions of Supreme Court on Monday Awaited With Interest Banquet to Antarctic Explorer

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The possibility that a decision may be handed down in the State rate cases lends additional interest to the reconvening of the Supreme Court on Monday, following the holiday recess.

The way and Means Committee of the House will on Monday begin its series of hearing on the all-important subject of tariff revision. The hearings will be by schedule, beginning with chemicals, oils and paints, with subsequent dates arranged for the hearing on the various other schedules and the free list. In this way it is expected that most of the preliminary work may be in hand by the end of February so that the work may then begin on the drafting of the measure or measures for tariff reduction in readiness for the extra session beginning in March.

The subcommittee of the House Banking and Currency Committee which is conducting the "money trust" investigation, with adjourned for the Christmas holidays after examining J. P. Morgan on Dec. 19, will reconvene Monday and will cover the remaining ground of the inquiry as rapidly as possible.

The trial will be resumed in Cincinnati Monday of President Patterson and other officials of the National Cash Register Company, who are charged with having violated the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine will begin hearings Tuesday to investigate the methods and practices of domestic and foreign steamship lines, particularly as to any agreements, pools or combinations with railroads. The committee first will consider the foreign steamship situation, the initial hearing to be on the Brazilian traffic.

Captain Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, is to be the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the National Geographical Society which is to be held in Washington Saturday night. Rear Admiral Peary of North Pole fame will act as toastmaster.

Mr. Con. Mahony, an aged resident of Huntley township, Ont., passed away at his home last week at the advanced age of 101 years. He is survived by his fourth wife. Deceased was probably the oldest resident of that community.

How much money are you going to save this year?

PEACE PLENIPOTENTIARIES MAKING SLOW PROGRESS

Balkan Allies Present an Ultimatum to Turkey---Latest Proposal Submitted by Turkey Considered by the Allies to be Unacceptable---Ottoman Delegates Seem to Take no Account of the Result of the War---Fighting May be Resumed

London, Jan. 3.—Although the word "ultimate" was not pronounced, what practically was an ultimatum was presented to Turkey at today's sitting of the peace conference on behalf of the Balkan allies.

Lazar Miyukovitch, the head of the Montenegrin delegation, who presided at today's session, after the Turkish delegates had submitted a proposal which was considered unacceptable, told Rechad Pasha, chief delegate of the Ottoman empire, that either by Monday Turkey must find a way to renounce to the Balkan allies her rights over the island of Crete, cede the islands in the Aegean and present a rectification of the frontier of European Turkey, which would include Adrianople in the territory of the allies, or the allies would consider that further negotiations for peace were useless.

Immediately the minutes of the last sitting had been approved, M. Miyukovitch asked Rechad Pasha to present to the delegates the promised new Turkish proposals. Rechad, who had been working hard over a cipher telegram until a few minutes before the session was called to order, seemed rather depressed.

Upon rising he said his imperial government, desiring further to emphasize the conciliatory spirit that animated it, had authorized the Turkish military and technical experts attached to the Ottoman delegation to mark on a map the proposed new frontiers between Turkey and the allies, which he would present later. Meanwhile he read what he called "the last possible terms Turkey can offer." These were as follows:

TURKEY'S BEST TERMS

First. That Crete, enjoying simply suzerainty of the sultan but in reality under the protection of Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, constitutes a question which can be dealt with only by the powers, under the responsibility of which the administration of the island is conducted, especially regarding finance, police and justice.

Second.—That Turkey shall keep her islands, that she cannot renounce those near the Dardanelles because they are indispensable to the security of the channel of Constantinople or the Bosphorus as it is better known, nor those further south, because they form an integral part of Anatolia.

Third. That the rectification of the Thracian frontier shall begin south from Segot (called Port Lagos) to Karagatch Bay and run almost perpendicularly northward.

This would not only leave Adrianople in the hands of the Turks, but also the entire coast along the Black Sea now occupied by the Bulgarians to Lake Derkos, beyond which the Bulgarians have not penetrated. This coast line, as the bird flies, measures over eighty miles.

In addition to Adrianople, this rectification of the frontier would leave in Turkey's hands also Mustapha Pasha, Kirk Kiliseh and the whole theatre of the present war. The experts of the allies estimate that Turkey as asking 5,000 square miles of territory more than the allies are ready to give her.

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SERVICES FOR WEEK OF PRAYER ARE ARRANGING

The annual services of the Universal Week of Prayer will be held this year in the following order by the churches uniting in this city:

Monday, January 6th, the service will be in the George Street United Baptist Church. The subject will be "Thanksgiving and Humiliation," the speaker Dr. MacDonald.

Wednesday, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Subject, "Nations and their Rulers." Rev. J. E. Wilson.

Thursday evening the meeting will take place in the Methodist Church Dr. Smith, being assigned the leadership and the subject "Foreign Missions."

On Friday evening the closing service will take place in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, the topic being "Families, Educational Establishments and the Young" with Rev. Neil MacLaughlan as the leader.

WOODMEN OF AMERICA WILL CELEBRATE

Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 4.—The Modern Woodmen of America, the largest fraternal beneficiary society in the world, will be thirty years old tomorrow. Advices received at the general headquarters of the order in this city indicate that the anniversary will be appropriately celebrated by the local camps throughout the country.

The first lodge of the society was organized on January 5, 1883, at Clinton, Iowa, with fewer than a dozen members. At the present time the total membership of the fraternity is considerably in excess of 1,000,000. Local camps exist in every State, with the exception of two, and in four western Provinces of Canada. In the thirty years of its existence the order has paid out nearly \$116,000,000 in benefits.

Money making is one of the industries in which quantity is first considered before quality.

AUTO SHOW OPENS AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The annual exhibition of the Automobile Club of Canada which marks the opening of the automobile show season on the American continent, is now on in this city and for a week the automobile will rule before it drops back to its normal place among the pleasure and commercial vehicles. The show which had its formal opening today is the best of its kind ever held in Montreal. The display embraces one hundred and fifty cars and models together with an elaborate assortment of automobile accessories.

UNION PACIFIC DECISION AWAITED WITH INTEREST

Washington, D.C., Jan. 4.—A formidable docket will face the Supreme Court of the United States when it reconvenes after the holiday recess. It is considered likely that some important decisions may be handed down on the opening day. The decision in the State rate cases and the decision as to the rights of the Union Pacific stockholders in the distribution of the Southern Pacific stock are awaited with most public interest.

Among the important cases docketed for argument before the Supreme Court on the opening day is the suit of the Minehill and Schuylkill Haven Railway Company against the collector of internal revenue at Philadelphia. This suit involves the government's right to impose a tax upon corporations which have leased their properties. The issue, if finally decided against the Government will involve the loss of many hundred thousand dollars in revenues, since there are thousands of large corporations which have leased their properties and which will be affected by the decision.

Thomas A. Edison proposes to invent a storage battery locomotive and do away with the third rail.