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JOHNSON RAPIDLY GETTING CONDITIONED

The Negro Resents J. J. Corbett's Disparaging Remarks as to His Courage, and Would Like to Meet Him.

San Francisco, Calif., May 31.—Jack Johnson is rapidly rounding into condition and he feels it is not necessary to rush his training work as he has plenty of time to put on the finishing touches. It now seems likely that Billy Delaney will not take over the direction of Johnson's training until the latter part of the week. A report came from Johnson's quarters late last night to the effect that, offended by James J. Corbett's remarks concerning his courage, the negro champion would challenge Corbett to meet him in a boxing match at any time prior to the date of the big fight. The proceeds of the exhibition to be devoted to charity. Promoters Rickard and Gleason are not expected to enthrone over the rumored plan for such a meeting.

CANADIAN PACIFIC HAS GREAT FUTURE

Montreal, May 31.—The continued strength of Canadian Pacific railway on the different stock exchanges of the world is a matter for favorable discussion among financiers and brokers on two continents. There has been considerable speculation as to the immediate policy of the C. P. R. management, and, of course, the usual rumors of a mystery are to be solved either by 'rights' or a 'melon.' As to 'rights' it should be remembered that though Canadian Pacific is undertaking large development work in the West, it has on hand, it is understood, nearly \$50,000,000 cash, and is still receiving payments on the \$30,000,000 new stock issued last fall. It is, therefore, in a position which disposes of further financing at present.

With regard to a melon Wall Street has in circulation that the C. P. R. is to form a land company to take over about 13,000,000 odd acres owned by the road and distribute the land company's stock among Canadian Pacific stockholders. In this connection the statement is made locally that the Canadian Pacific has no intention of going into such high finance, and, according to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, the policy of the company will be to continue along the same conservative and thorough lines which it has followed since its inception.

It would probably be nearer the facts to state that present price of Canadian Pacific is a reflection of big earnings, but more particularly of the possibility that an extra dividend of 1 per cent will be paid this year from the proceeds of land sales. This would place the stock on a 3 per cent. basis. In 1906, just previous to going on a 7 per cent. basis, the stock made a new high record of 207½, or 24 points above the highest previous prices.

REV. CANON MEDLEY DEAD IN ENGLAND

St. John, N. B., May 31 (Special).—A cable to the Times from London, England, announces the death at Norwich, of Rev. Canon E. S. Medley, son of the late Right Rev. John Medley, formerly Bishop of Fredericton, and Metropolitan Bishop of Canada.

(The news of Canon Medley's death will be received with regret by many old friends in this city. The deceased was born in the Old Country, but came to this city with his father in 1845. He attended the Fredericton Grammar school for a time, but completed his education in England. He was ordained to the ministry by his father in the early fifties, and was subsequently stationed for a time at St. Stephen. Many years ago he returned to England and at the time of his death he was a Canon of Norwich Cathedral. His wife, who was a daughter of the late Archdeacon Carter, died some years ago. Canon Medley was the youngest son of the late Metropolitan, and the last member of his family.)

BOSTON HAS A SENSATIONAL TRIAL

Convicted Bank Official Tells How National City Bank Was Robbed and What Became of Proceeds.

Boston, May 31.—The trial of Wm. J. (Big Bill) Keliher, charged with aiding and abetting George W. Coleman, former \$12 a week bookkeeper of the National City Bank of Cambridge, in looting that institution of \$309,000, was resumed in the United States district court today with Coleman, who has a 15-year sentence, again a witness. Daniel H. Coakley, attorney for Keliher, continued his cross-examination of the young man. The court room was crowded with persons who apparently came with the hope of hearing Coleman further relate of how he disposed of the fortune which he says Keliher showed him how to lose most of it at gambling in New York and Niagara Falls. The tales of wine and women have also attracted the curious.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF HILL RAILWAY

New York, May 30.—In nine months from June 30, 1909 to March 31, 1910 inclusive, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy had total earnings of \$67,147,796; Northern Pacific \$55,005,200, and Great Northern, \$47,502,310.

Of these sums Burlington spent for its various operating expenses not including taxes, the very large proportion of 69.7 percent; Northern Pacific spent 60.8 percent, and Great Northern 57.6 percent.

These figures express in concrete form the position of these three great Hill lines. Burlington is known for its liberal expenditures on its property; Northern Pacific would like to make a record for low cost in handling traffic, but has been unable so far, to equal performance of Union Pacific on one side, or Great Northern on the other. Great Northern is known for its economical management that allows it to accept a low average ton mile rate 3.1 mills against 1.02 mills on the Union Pacific, and yet show a low operating ratio. Burlington has an even lower rate of 7.9 mills.

The difference in cost of operating the three roads is largely a matter of maintenance. Actual cost of moving trains and handling traffic consumes 31.3 percent of Burlington revenues, 32.5 percent of Northern Pacific, and 28.0 percent of Great Northern. On the other hand, Burlington devotes nearly 34 percent to maintenance, against 25.3 percent on Northern Pacific and 26.6 percent on Great Northern. The figures for the nine months, this year and last, are as below:

Great Northern is the only one of the three to operate more cheaply this year than last. Going back another year, to the first nine months of 1907-8, Burlington operated for 67.2 percent, Northern Pacific for 56.0 percent, and the Great Northern for 63.4 percent.

The difference in standards of maintenance followed are made more evident when the figures are reduced to a per mile basis.

Burlington, operating 9020 miles this year, has earned in the first three-quarters of the year \$7444 per mile, and spent on its roadbed \$1228 \$1128 per mile. Northern Pacific, with 5849 miles, earned \$9404 per mile and Great Northern, with 7129 miles, earned \$6663 per mile, and used \$991 for maintenance of way.

CHINESE WANT TO DISCARD THE PIGTAIL

San Francisco, Calif., May 31.—Deprecating the wearing of the queue certain Chinese of the Pacific Coast are asking the Emperor to be allowed to discard the trailing appendage. They also would like to discard flowing robes of the flowery kingdom and conform their dress exclusively to the attire of their adopted land. To secure the royal permission a memorial has been entrusted to Prince Tsai, Chinese minister of war, and uncle of the Emperor, for presentation to the throne.

NORTH SYDNEY HAS A DISASTROUS FIRE

Musgrave's Machine Shop and Plant Totally Destroyed This Morning Entailing a Loss of \$20,000.

North Sydney, N. S., May 31.—(Special).—The machine shop and bridge building plant of R. Musgrave & Son here was destroyed by fire early this morning entailing a loss of \$20,000. The fire originated in the boiler room and had made considerable headway before it was discovered. When the firemen reached the scene at four o'clock the building was a mass of flames. There was a good deal of stock and material in the building none of which could be saved, the firm's books were also destroyed. There was \$4,000 insurance on the building and contents.

AVIATORS NOW PROPOSE FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., May 31.—Chicago aviators are enthusiastic over the proposed aeroplane flight from New York to Chicago. Several have expressed their willingness to raise the rest of the \$25,000 prize, \$2,000 of which has been pledged by Charles K. Hamilton, who suggested the undertaking.

Edward E. Herbert, president of the Illinois Aeroplane Club and Jas. E. Plew, president of the Aero Club of Illinois, says that there was not the slightest doubt that Hamilton's proposal would succeed as far as the prize was concerned.

KETCHEL'S AUTO NEARLY DESTROYED

New York, May 31.—Stanley Ketchell, the pugilist, narrowly escaped serious injury today when his big touring car caught fire and was completely destroyed on the road to Ketchell's training quarters at Woodlawn. The machine broke down in a hard rainstorm and Ketchell walked a half mile for new batteries. As he was placing these in the machine there was a violent explosion and the car was instantly enveloped in flames. Ketchell said he paid \$8,000 for it and had it insured for \$4,200.

STOCKS DECLINE SHARPLY UNDER SELLING PRESSURE

Drop of From One to Three Points in Market Leaders--New Steel and Coal Stock Listed at Montreal.

New York, May 31.—Wall Street.—The resumption of business in the stock market after a three days' recess disclosed little interest in the dealings. Outside a few specialties price changes were narrow and irregular. American Hide and Leather Pfd., and International Harvester rose 2, Consolidated Gas 1, and Chesapeake and Ohio and Utah Copper large fractions.

New York, May 31.—Wall Street.—Pronounced dullness of the market was attributed to the expectation of a supreme court decision on the corporation tax. Prices were about a standstill in the second hour. Kansas City, Southern Pfd., rose 1½. Bonds were heavy.

(Quotations from direct private wire of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members Montreal Stock Exchange)

Amalgamated	70½	68½
Atchison	109½	108½
Smelters	79½	77½
Brooklyn Transit	80½	79½
Canadian Pacific	137½	136½
Great Northern Pfd	134½	133½
Northern Pacific	133½	132½
Penna.	133½	132½
Reading	162½	159½
Southern Pac.	125½	123½
Union	183½	180½
U. S. Steel Com.	82½	81
Nipissing	114½	113½
Iron Com.	66½	65½
Iron Pfd	104½	103½
La Rose	4½	4½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.
C. P. R.—80 @ 197½ 50 @ 197½.

ALLAN LINER HAS AN EXPLOSION

Ionian Arriving at Montreal Reports Explosion of Gas in Coal Bunkers Resulting in Slight Damage.

Montreal, May 31.—(Special).—The Allan Liner Ionian, which has arrived in port from Liverpool, reports that while 200 miles off Belle Isle, some gas in a coal bunker exploded and started a fire which however, was put out before much damage was done. Stoker John Reid was blown across the deck and injured, and part of the steerage bunkers were wrecked, and some of the passengers hurt, but not seriously. The accident occurred at night, otherwise the results might have been more serious with a crowded deck.

THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL WILL HAVE MANY POINTS TO DECIDE

The Hague, May 31.—The arbitration tribunal before which will be tried the issue between Great Britain and The United States growing out of conflicting interpretations of the Newfoundland Treaty of 1818, will hold its opening session at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The bone of contention now carried to The Hague is the intended provisions of the article 1 of the British American treaty of 1818 defining the fishing rights of Canadians and Americans of the west coast of Newfoundland.

Newfoundland holds that the right to fish in these waters was granted to the inhabitants of the United States only. The United States contends that its citizens may exercise these rights by going in their own vessels, with crews of Swedes, Canadians or Newfoundlanders.

The treaty further confines the right of fishing 'to the coast.' The United States interprets these words as including the Bays, Harbors and Creeks. Newfoundland maintains that Americans may fish only outside the coast line proper. There are further subsidiary points in dispute.

PERSONAL.
Mr. Walter C. Gillis of Ottawa, is in the city.
Mr. A. H. Tweedie, of Chatham is in the city.

ROOSEVELT RECEIVES FREEDOM OF LONDON

Makes a Somewhat Outspoken Speech Criticizing British Policy in Egypt, but Admits it Proved Beneficial.

London, May 31.—Theodore Roosevelt was today presented with the freedom of the city of London and he accepted the honor with a literalism that led him into a frankness of speech that created a sensation in old Guild Hall. As the former head of a country that once paid tribute to Great Britain. Mr. Roosevelt gave the motherland some bold advice as to her duty toward her most troublesome dependency in Africa. It was said to be either right or not right, for Great Britain to be in Egypt and establish order there. If it was not right she should get out. Mr. Roosevelt eulogized British rule in the Sudan. He also said that Great Britain had given Egypt the best government that the country had had in 2000 years. But in certain vital points it had erred, he said. Timidity and sentimentality, he said, might cause more harm than violence and injustice. "Sentimentality," he added, "is the most broken reed upon which righteousness can lean."

Mr. Roosevelt denounced the Nationalist party of Egypt as neither desirous or capable of guaranteeing primary justice. It was trying to bring murderous chaos upon the land.

Either it was or was not right for Great Britain to be in Egypt and establish her rule in that country. If it was not right to further this purpose, then the British should get out. Some nation said the former president, must govern Egypt. He hoped and believed the English would decide that the duty was theirs.

As a whole the speech constituted the most forcible expression of foreign topics that the distinguished visitor has made during his European tour.

He dealt principally with the British policy in Egypt which is today one of the most discussed of Britain's colonial questions. His outspoken views were listened attentively to by 1,000 auditors. Mr. Roosevelt was driven in state from Ambassador Reid's home to Guild Hall but the weather was not propitious and comparatively few persons witnessed the proceedings. Rain fell throughout the morning, keeping most people indoors. The former president occupied the lord mayor's coach and this was followed by the coaches of the sheriffs, who wore their uniforms of office.

The parchment conveying to Mr. Roosevelt the freedom of the city, was contained in a beautiful gold casket. The presentation was made by Sir Joseph Cockfield Dimsdale, the city chamberlain, who, extending his hand to the city's guest, spoke briefly. Sir Joseph dwelt particularly upon Great Britain's friendship towards the United States. Following the exercises, Sir John Knill, the lord mayor of London, entertained Mr. Roosevelt at a private luncheon at which many prominent persons were present.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT TO GRAND TRUNK ENGINE

Brockville, May 30.—The engine hauling the International Limited over the G. T. R. met with a peculiar accident on its western trip yesterday. When Morrisburg was reached it was found that a fire existed in the woodwork, or, as it is called, lagging, which separates the coating of sheet iron of the locomotive from the boiler proper. The train was brought to a standstill, and water to extinguish the flame was obtained. The run to Brockville was made, when it was discovered that the fire had re-kindled, and a hose attached to the watermain at the station put out the fire. The iron sheeting of the engine had to be removed to locate the blaze.

TORRID WEATHER IN 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Cal., May 31.—The torrid weather that prevailed in this locality yesterday caused four prostrations and one death.

Miss Louise Edgecombe arrived home from Sackville last evening. Hon. John Morrissey arrived in the city today. He is at the Barker House.

DROWNED IN TRYING TO SAVE ANOTHER

Prominent Society Lady Attempts to Save a Drowning Man, But Becoming Exhausted Loses Her Own Life.

Ashland, Ky., May 31.—In a vain effort to save the life of Wm. Jackson, Miss Clara Simpson, a leader in Ashland society, was drowned. Miss Simpson saw Jackson fall into the water. Plunging into the stream she swam to him and seized his body. She attempted to get him to the shore, but became exhausted and both drowned.

NEW STEWARD FOR B. & B. CLUB HOUSE

The managing committee of the Bicycle and Boating Club last evening appointed Capt. J. A. Read steward of the club in accession to Mr. John McLaughlin who is seriously ill. The club-house is being cleansed and renovated and will be opened for the season tomorrow.

The committee also elected a chairman.

Mr. R. S. Barker was appointed to the office.

The committee received tenders for the installation of an electric lighting system. As only one tender was received it was decided to wait until other tenders were sent in.

MOB AVENGE AN INSULT TO WHITES

New Madrid, Mo., May 31.—A mob has avenged the insult of a negro striking a white man by storming the jail, taking the negro to the banks of the Mississippi River and lynching him.

"An unknown" was the label pinned across the breast of the dangling form when found.

The negro was charged with striking Town Marshall L. A. Richard, after he and other negroes had been ordered off a street corner. No arrests have been made. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of 'Death by unknown hands.'

SUDDEN DEATH OF UNITED STATES OFFICIAL

New York, N.Y., May 31.—Charles Henry Treat, until a few months ago treasurer of the U. S., to which position he was appointed by president Roosevelt, died of apoplexy in his apartments at the Hotel Victoria here early today.

He was stricken an hour before his death and did not regain consciousness. Mr. Treat was born in Frankfort Maine about 68 years ago.

STABBING AFFRAY ENDS FATALLY

Savannah, Ga., May 31.—Wielding a pocket knife, Samuel C. Bessinger, aged 65, a confederate veteran, late last night stabbed and killed James Paine, aged 29, in a quarrel over money.

Mrs. Paine, in an effort to separate the men, was thrown to the ground by her husband who, a moment later, received his death wound.

ROSS RIFLES HERE.

The Ross rifles and new bayonets for the 71st York Rgt. have arrived and are now at the armory under the care of Caretaker Brewer. The number of rifles per company has been cut down to thirty-nine, it evidently being the intention not to issue rifles to buglers and cooks. The weapons are the Mark II rifles.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Strickland, of Halifax, are in the city. They and their two sons, will take up residence in Fredericton. At present, they are at the York Hotel.

Mr. J. P. Wood, of the Dominion Public Works Department, Chatham, is at the Queen.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY AT CAMPBELLTON

Well Known Hotel Proprietor Commits Suicide by Cutting His Throat, for no Apparent Reason.

Campbellton, N. B., May 31.—W.R. Riddell, proprietor of the Stratheona Hotel here, committed suicide last night by cutting his throat with a razor. No reason is known for the rash act.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S HAND IS HEALING

Potsdam, May 31.—The abscess on the right wrist of Emperor William is healing, and his majesty's physicians appear to be satisfied with the result of their treatment. The Emperor remains at the new palace, where Albert of Belgium, who arrived yesterday, is being entertained.

For the first time in his reign the Emperor failed to attend the annual review of the garrison of Potsdam. Crown Prince Frederick William took the place of His Majesty. The Crown Prince was accompanied by Empress Augusta Victoria, King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, Prince Tsai Tao, brother of the Prince Regent of China and Marquis San Giuliano, the Italian foreign minister.

PITCHED BATTLE SOLDIERS VS. POLICE

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 31.—Soldiers from Fort D. A. Russell and a squad of police fought a pitched battle in the streets late last night in which three soldiers are said to have been wounded by the bullets of the police. The police were forced to retreat to the station house, where they were besieged by the soldiers until released by a detachment of colored troops from the fort. The wounded soldiers were hurried away by their friends. No arrests were made. The trouble grew out of the death of Private Frank Carroll, 20th cavalry, who, it is alleged, was clubbed to death by a policeman while under arrest.

RAILWAYS IN BRITAIN HAVE HIT PROSPERITY

The expansion in trade is bringing large traffic and greatly increased earnings to British railways, says the London Statist. For the first eighteen weeks of the current half-year the gross receipts of the twenty-seven principal, English, Irish and Welsh railways have increased as much as four per cent., and for the first fourteen weeks of the Scottish railway half-year the receipts of the lines north of the Tweed have expanded 4.8 per cent. If this rate of expansion continues—and it certainly seems likely to do so—the earnings of British railways in the current half-year will show greater expansion than they have done for many years past. The greater portion of the expansion in earnings has occurred in the goods traffic. Here the increases have been over 5 per cent. The improvement in passenger earnings has by no means unsatisfactory, having reached about 3½ per cent. The official returns of the railway companies do not indicate quite so large an increase in receipts as we calculate has occurred. It is their practice to compare the estimates of one year with the actual receipts of the previous year; but if estimated receipts of the current year be compared with the estimated receipts of last year, the more correct method of comparison, the rate of expansion works out at the percentages stated.

TO PLAY IN ST. JOHN.

It is understood that Mr. George Finnemore, the well known local ball-player, will leave for St. John this evening to take a position with the Clipper ball team of that city. It is said that Finnemore will play second base for the Clippers.

Tom Howe and James McIne of the Clipper Team are in the city today.

Messrs. Fred Adams and Ed. Inch leave for Vancouver this evening.