

JOHNSON APPARENTLY HAS HIS DOUBTS

Advices his Would be Backers to Hold on to Their Money and wait further Information.

Chicago, Ill., May 3—Jack Johnson has telegraphed a close friend here from San Francisco telling him not to bet any money on the big fight until he was advised further. The telegram also stated that the death of Tommy McCarthy had given the church people who are opposed to the "Independence Day Contest" ammunition for their struggle against the big fight.

Several thousand dollars are being held by sporting men in the colored belt, to bet on Johnson and the men who have this money say they will have more before July 4th. Many bets have already been made, the negroes getting as good as 10 to 1 for their money.

Jack Johnson is taking things easy at this beach training quarters and probably will not engage in heavy work until the latter part of the week. He is getting his training staff together. Joe Cotton and Dave Mills are with him now and he is said to be dickering for the services of "Gunboat" Smith.

The pavilion at the beach where Johnson is to work has been equipped with a stage and arrangements are made to handle visitors to the negroes camp.

CANADIANS IN THE BRITISH NAVY

Sir Charles Drury, who is a native of Rothesay, New Brunswick, where he was born in 1846, also received his early education in Canada, attending the Collegiate School, Fredericton, until he passed into the navy at 13 years of age. Like Sir Archibald Douglas, he devoted himself to gunnery and thus gained early promotion, after acting as staff officer at the gunnery schoolship, Cambridge, Devonport.

Subsequently, he was selected to become naval adviser to the Inspector-General of Fortifications owing to his special qualifications. In 1889, when he had risen to the rank of captain, he returned to North America as flag captain to Vice-Admiral Sir George Willes Watson, then commander-in-chief of the British squadron, and he continued in these waters for a full three years. Then after a short period as a member of the Ordnance Committee at home he again went to sea, this time as flag captain to Admiral Sir Henry Fairfax, who was in charge of the Channel Squadron. He subsequently commanded the battleship Hood, in the Mediterranean, where he earned the special thanks of the Foreign Office for his services in Crete.

Sir Charles next in 1898, received the desirable shore appointment of senior officer at Gibraltar, and then, having acted for some time as president of the Ordnance Committee after promotion to rear-admiral, he hoisted his maiden flag as commander-in-chief in the East Indies and in 1903 returned to England to become Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty, and take his place at the famous board of Whitehall. He was appointed to command the Mediterranean fleet in 1907.

(Sir Charles Drury is a cousin of Mr. T. C. Allen, K. C., clerk of the pleas.)

FATAL RESULTS AUTOMOBILE SMASH

Columbus, Ohio, May 3—Thomas Knausz Jr., 24 years old, son of Col. Thomas E. Knausz, a wealthy retired business man, was instantly killed in an automobile accident last night. W. H. Beers, a Buffalo travel agent, was in a hospital suffering concussion of the brain as a result of the same accident. His recovery is doubtful. A machine in which they were speeding collided with a survey, the occupants of which escaped with slight injuries.

CYCLONE IN ITALY

Messina, May 3—A cyclone swept over the earthquake area yesterday, killing and wounding many persons.

BIG FAILURE AT ST. JOHN

Andre Cushing & Co. Make an Assignment for Benefit of Creditors—Another Firm also in Difficulty.

St. John, N. B., May 3—(Special)—Andre Cushing & Co., big lumber dealers, today made an assignment to the Eastern Trust Company. No official figures are given, but an unconfirmed report places the amount of liabilities at six figures. The creditors of H. W. Deforest Limited, are called to meet tomorrow to consider the firm's position. The amount mentioned in this case is also large.

CHATHAM HAS A SERIOUS FIRE

Children Locked in House just Rescued in Time—Scott Act to be More Strictly Enforced in Future.

Chatham, N. B., May 3.—A fire last evening gutted a house on Water Street, occupied by Thomas Murphy and his family. The older members were attending a performance at the "Happy Half Hour," and had left the children in bed, with the doors locked.

The fire is supposed to have started from the stove and had gained considerable headway before the alarm was rung in. The house was broken into and the children rescued in the nick of time. The fire was confined to Murphy's side of the house, which was a double tenement.

Peter L. McDonald, the new proprietor of the River View Hotel, was waited upon last evening by some twenty of his friends and presented with a handsome roller top desk and chair. The presentation and address were made by Thos. Donohoe on behalf of those assembled and Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were also the recipients of hearty good wishes of all for success in their undertaking.

At last night's meeting of the city council the selection of the committees, and particularly that of the police committee, which controls the Scott Act enforcement, was made. According to the lines laid down by the Scott Act sympathizers who have a majority in the new council. Chairmen of the committees were elected as follows: Police, Ald. Haley; finance, Ald. Loggie; public works, Ald. Tweedie; light, water and sewerage, Ald. Cassidy; bye-laws, Ald. Heckbert; park, Ald. Abbott. This means that an attempt will be made to thoroughly enforce the Canada Temperance Act.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Carl Clark is confined to his home by a sprained ankle.

Mr. Walter Shaw of Woodstock is at the Barker House.

Mr. Elwood Burt of Burt's Corner is in the city today.

Mr. F. J. Doody of St. John is registered at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. Wm. A. McGinley of St. John arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. James White of Centreville is at the Barker House.

His Honor Judge McLeod is in the city.

Dr. L. Chapman of Boistown is registered at the Queen.

Mr. J. A. Mitchell of Toronto is in the city.

Mr. G. L. Dodge of St. John arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. T. R. Smith of Moncton is at the Barker House.

MISSING MAN RETURNED.

Elbridge Davey, whose disappearance created much excitement yesterday, returned home between the hours of two and three this morning. He stated that he had come back for a pair of heavy boots and said nothing of his whereabouts the day before. Police were summoned and he was placed under watch. He evaded his guardians, but was found later near Wilmot Park. The unfortunate young man was taken to the Provincial Hospital this morning by Chief of Police Hawthorne.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Board of Trustees Discuss Many Important Matters and Decide that \$20,000 is Necessary to Provide New Contagious Hospital.

The regular meeting of the Hospital Trustees was held yesterday with Mr. Tennant, the president, in the chair, and Dr. Weaver, Mr. Sterling, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. McMurray and Sec'y-Treasurer in attendance. In addition to the routine business of the month several other matters were brought into prominence through the recent joint meeting of the trustees and medical staff, and weighty questions awaited decision. Mr. W. T. Whitehead for some time has been advocating a scheme for the enlargement of the hospital, but his recent illness has prevented him from attending any of the meetings. Hon. Judge Barry, who was called to Westmorland Co. on official duties, left his views concerning several projected plans with the president.

The report of the treasurer for April was very satisfactory and after a careful scrutiny of expenditures a big budget was disposed of including payment of the year's supply of coal. It was shown by the report of the Matron that forty-two patients received treatment during April, and of these nineteen were surgical cases. Two cases of scarlet fever have engaged the attention of a nurse in the Dow wing. Mrs. W. C. Crockett was reported as having sent the patients a freezer of ice cream, and Messrs. George and William Perkins regaled the patients with fruit. Intellectually the patients enjoyed the gift of magazines and papers from Mr. McMurray. Dr. McGrath, who has been most successful and skilful for a number of years as Pathologist, has resigned the position and Dr. C. P. Holden, who is understood to be an expert in this line, was appointed his successor. A cheque from the George

Street Baptist Church for twenty-five dollars filled a little gap very nicely and was thankfully received. After the conference with the medical staff and after general discussion, it seemed to be the opinion of the board that the greatest immediate necessity for the public good is a building specially designed for treatment of contagious diseases. A resolution to this effect was moved by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Dr. Weaver and adopted. The building to be of brick, stone or concrete, and for the immediate purposes of the hospital, with the proposed structure the trustees should have a fund of twenty thousand dollars. Upon motion of Mr. Sterling, The Mayor and Mr. McMurray were added to the building committee. Acting upon the suggestion of the medical staff a committee composed of Dr. Weaver, the president and Mr. Sterling, with power to act, was appointed in connection with proposed changes of the operating room.

The question of treatment of tuberculosis in the hospital, as suggested by Premier Hazen with suggestions from Dr. Adams of Montreal, engaged the attention of the board, and a reply was ordered to the effect that such cases cannot be admitted to the general hospital.

Miss Nellie Ross having passed the necessary examination and produced a physician's certificate was admitted as a probationer on the hospital staff. The sec'y-treasurer was instructed to enquire into certain supplies for the hospital, and to call for tenders for the supply of bread at a subsequent date. Communications and other matters were disposed of after which the board adjourned.

THE STOCK MARKET IS MORE BUOYANT

A Higher Range of Prices in London Stimulates Activity—Shorts Take Advantage of Easier Market to Cover Themselves—Cotton Futures Steady.

New York, May 3—Wall street noon: The covering by shorts was stimulated by an easier market. News from Washington conveyed an impression that railroad legislation might fail of enactment. Rumors were circulated of a proposed extra disbursement to Southern Pacific stock of the proceeds of oil land sales. American Cotton Oil rose four on dividend rumors Reading and U.S. Steel moved 1½, the pd 1½ and American Sugar 1½.

The trading had become very dull at noon. Bonds were irregular. Amalgamated 65½, Pacific 184, Erie 27½, Great Northern pd 132½, Northern Pacific 127½, Penna 131½, Rock Island 42½, Soo 136½, Southern Pacific 127½, U.S. Steel 80½.

Money on call easier at 4 per cent. Chicago—Corn—May 59½, July 62½, Sept. 63½.

Oats—May—41½, July 40½, Sept 38½.

VANCOUVER FACES A BREAD FAMINE

Vancouver, B.C., May 3—Vancouver is threatened with scarcity of bread because of bakers strike. Nine ty men refuse to work until schedule submitted by unions is signed. Me complain of low wages, fifteen to twenty cents per hour and long hours varying from ten to twenty a day. They ask minimum of eighteen dollars week and maximum day of nine hours.

FINE CATCH OF SMELT.

Dr. Currie of Boston, caught six dozen of smelt at Gamble's Creek today. The catch was an exceedingly fine one.

New York, May 3—Cotton Futures opened steady.

May 14.85; June 14.70 bid; July 14.67; August 14.04; October 12.71; December 12.54; January 12.50 bid March 12.50 bid.

New York, N. Y., May 3—Wall Street—A buoyant support in prices accompanied the opening dealings in stocks which was heralded by the higher range of prices in London before the opening here. A rush of shorts to cover was a prime factor in the movement. Trunk line railroad stocks were conspicuous in the advance, but the gains extended to a point in practically all the active speculative stocks. Great Northern Pfd. advanced 2½, B. & O., and Canadian Pacific 2, Union Pacific, 1½; Penna. N. Y. C. and American Car, 1½, and Reading 5½. There was 6,000 shares of United States Steel sold at 80 and 80½ compared with 79½ last night.

BERTON M. GARVIE DROWNED IN MAINE

Word was received here last night that Berton M. Garvie, of this city, had been drowned near Moosehead Lake, Maine, on Friday evening. Another man named Edward Shirley, of Harcourt, N. B., lost his life at the same time. Shirley's body was recovered and was taken to Harcourt today. That of the other man has not yet been found. Harrison Ward of Oromocto, Angus MacKintosh of Harcourt, and Shirley's father, accompanied the body. Mr. Ward came to this city while the others went on to Harcourt.

To a representative of The Mail, Mr. Ward described the accident. The

FRANCE ALSO HAS NEW WAR BALLOON

War Department has had Speedy Dirigible Constructed With Much Secrecy.

Paris, May 3—The surprising announcement was made today that there had been constructed under the direction of the War Department and with strict secrecy a dirigible balloon on the semi rigid type capable of a speed of eight kilometers approximately 50 miles an hour and that the machine would be ready for participation in the approaching summer army maneuvers.

The new military craft has been named the "Fregate." It measures 3200 cubic meters and has 2 nacelles or ears within which are contained motors designed to develop 240 horse power.

DEATH OF PROMINENT PRESBYTERIAN LAYMAN

Philadelphia, Pa., May 3.—John H. Converse, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, one of the most prominent Presbyterian laymen in the United States, died suddenly of heart trouble at his suburban home at Rosemount near here today.

Mr. Converse, who was 69 years old, had given much of his wealth to the Presbyterian and other denominations.

In 1900, Mr. Converse was vice moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. He was president of the Trustees of the General Assembly, and chairman of the business committee of the board of education as well as the committee on evangelist work. He was a trustee of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

When the Real Estate Trust Company failed in 1906, by reason of the operation of its president, Frank K. Hipple, who loaned large sums on poor collateral, Mr. Converse was a director. The losses were around \$5,000,000, and through his efforts the directors made up the deficiency and re-opened the institution.

DWELLING BURNED AT MCGIVNEY JUNCTION

McGivney Junction, May 3—(Special)—A small wooden cottage owned and occupied by Mr. Joseph St. Louis tie inspector for the Toronto Construction Company was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon, with all its contents. Mrs. St. Louis was calling on a neighbor when the fire broke out and returned to find her home a mass of flames. None of the furniture was saved, but a crew of men who responded to the call for help prevented the flames from spreading to other houses in the vicinity. Mr. St. Louis loss will be between \$300 and \$400 and he had no insurance. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective flue.

Two men who were drowned and two others, Donohoe and MacKintosh, the four composing a night crew in the employ of the Great Northern Paper Company, were crossing in a bateau above a rolling dam. The bateau swung and striking a ledge, threw the men into the water. Two came ashore safely. Garvie would have also, but lost his head and struck out to the deepest water, where he sank. Shirley is thought to have died of fright as there were no evidences of death by drowning on the body. Owing to the swiftness of the current, it is difficult to find the other body. The search is being kept up, however.

The late Mr. Garvie was a son of Mr. Thomas Garvie, of this city, who survives. His mother and two brothers, Arthur and Gordon, are also at home. A brother, William, and a sister, Lillie, reside in Bangor. Another sister, Elizabeth, is living in Nova Scotia. Two brothers, George and Woodie, are at present driving on the Restigouche. Two young children of the deceased also survive. He was about thirty years of age. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Coun. W. R. Fawcett of Temperancevale, is among the visitors to the city today.

PROMINENT BRITISH M. P. UNSEATED

Sir Christopher Furness, the Well Known Shipowner Loses his Seat Through his Agent's Indiscretions.

London, May 3.—Sir Christopher Furness, the ship owner who, as a liberal has represented the constituency of Hartlepool in parliament since 1900 was today unseated by the court, and his recent election declared void, on the ground that he had illegally employed demonstrators and made improper payments through his agents.

The court emphasized its conclusion that Sir Christopher was not personally guilty of any corrupt or illegal practice, but added that he must suffer for the acts of his agents.

FIRST SITTING OF COURT IN CHANCERY

Mr. Justice McLeod held the first sitting of the Court of Chancery, (formerly the Equity Court) in the Supreme Court Chamber this morning. The following motions were made:

Margaret F. Harding vs. E. Gertrude Winslow; on motion of Mr. Gregory, K. C., the mortgage set out in the bill and this suit was ordered to be foreclosed and the amount due on the mortgage was assessed at \$907.04 up to this date. The mortgaged premises were ordered to be sold. All parties leave to bid. Out of the proceeds of sale, plaintiff to be paid amount assessed and subsequent interest balance (if any), to be paid into court.

Elizabeth Phillips vs. Isaiiah Phillips; Mr. R. B. Hanson for defendants, moves to dismiss plaintiff's suit for want of possession. Mr. Gregory K. C., contra.

It was ordered that the application be refused. The plaintiff was allowed thirty days from the date of this order to file a bill. Costs of this application to be costs in the cause in any court to the defendant.

ATTACK ON LATE IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR

London, May 3.—A remarkable attack on Prince Von Buelow, the former imperial chancellor in connection with the memorable interview with Emperor William, published in October, 1908, by The London Telegraph, is continued in a lengthy volume which is about to be issued by the ex-governmental councillor, Rudolf Martin.

The chancellor is accused of treason towards the emperor. The author of the book asserts that the interview never occurred, that table talk, the gist of which the emperor communicated to Prince Von Buelow, was put into the form of an interview by the German foreign office, reaching The Telegraph from the hands of the journalist, Harold Spencer. Here Martin gives the names of prominent personages to support his assertions, one of the chief of which is the former councillor of the German embassy in London, Baron Von Eckhardtstein. Both he and Mr. Martin have left the government service.

MARITIME OIL COMPANY STRIKE BIG WELL

Moncton, N. B., May 3—Two weeks ago the Maritime Old Fields Company struck a big producing oil well, near Hillsboro, Albert County, and it is believed that when the well is shot, it will yield forty to fifty barrels of oil daily. There has been delay in shooting the well on account of the Company being out of nitro glycerine, but a supply has now arrived, and the well will probably be shot tomorrow.

GOES TO HARVEY

The bag of Royal Household flour which has been on exhibition in the store of the F. B. Edgcombe Company for some days past, has been won by Mrs. Joseph Robinson of Harvey. She guessed the exact weight, which was 299 pounds.