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TEN MILLION DOLLAR BABY HAS A BIRTHDAY

The Wealthiest Boy in the World is Fifteen Years Old--Fortune of John N. Brown is Estimated at From Twenty-Five to Fifty Million Dollars--When He Comes of Age He Will Inherit a Much Larger Amount--Scion of an Old Rhode Island Family

Providence, R.I., Feb. 21—John Nicholas Brown, the "wealthiest boy in the world," entered upon his fifteenth year today. As an infant he was known as the "Ten-Million-Dollar Baby." Today his fortune is variously estimated at from twenty-five to fifty million dollars. Seven years hence, when he attains his legal majority, he will come into possession of more millions than are now held in trust and will then be numbered among the richest men in America.

Young Brown has spent practically the whole of his fourteen years in Newport, with the exception of occasional visits to Europe. His home is Harbour Court, on Halidon Hill, a large, old-fashioned place that makes but a modest showing in comparison with the great mansions by which it is surrounded on all sides. Here the "richest boy" has grown up under the watchful eye of his mother, Mrs. John Nicholas Brown, whose life bugaboo has been the fact that her son might be kidnapped and held for ransom. This boy has never been allowed to go about alone. As an infant he was accompanied everywhere by a nurse and a private detective. Since he has grown older he has been allowed a little more freedom, but even now he is seldom seen without a "companion," whose broad shoulders and muscular frame afford outward evidence that the owner is well qualified to teach his young charge the manly art of self-defense.

John Nicholas Brown first came into the limelight as a Baby Cæsar, when his father, of the same name, died in 1900, only a few months after the birth of his son, to whom he left his estate of two million dollars. About a week after the death of his father the infant inherited also the estate of his uncle, Harold Brown, valued at an equal amount. To these

millions other inheritances were added from time to time. When this boy's grandmother, Mrs. Sophia Augusta Brown, died in 1909 she left an estate valued at about thirty million dollars, a large share of which went to swell the fortune of young John Nicholas.

The boy's mother was formerly Mrs. Natalie Dresser, a sister of Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt. The Browns descend from one of the oldest Rhode Island families, tracing back to the Rev. Chad Brown, who came to America in 1638, shortly after Roger Williams. For over a century the Browns were connected with the shipping firm of Brown and Ives, in which they built up a large cotton and textile industry and carried on extensive trade with the East Indies.

One of the most famous members of the family was Nicholas Brown, the great-grandfather of young John Nicholas Brown. In his honor, in 1804, Rhode Island College changed its name to Brown University. Nicholas Brown was officially connected with the university for over fifty years and gave in all no less than one hundred thousand dollars to the institution. His benevolence was not confined to the university, however, for he devoted large sums to the building of churches and to charitable purposes and bequeathed thirty thousand dollars for an insane asylum in Providence.

His son, John Carter Brown, succeeded to his father's business. He was graduated from Brown University in 1816 and in the course of his life gave in money value to the institution even more than his father had done. He died in middle life, leaving a widow and two sons, John Nicholas Brown and Harold Brown, the father and uncle, respectively, of young John Nicholas Brown.

APPENDICITIS DUE TO HEAVY MEAT DIET

Some very interesting points relating to appendicitis have come to light in the annual report of the Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy. One statement he makes is that because of its rapid increase, appendicitis is coming to be ranked in the navy as an occupational disease. Medical authorities declare that the generous amount of meat in the diet of men at sea is responsible for the prevalence of the trouble and they further find, as in Samoa, that cold storage meat increases the ratio of appendicitis. The absence of a very generous amount of green vegetables in the sea diet also works in favor of the disease. The navy has made the remarkable year's record of one hundred and seventy-three cases of appendicitis and not one death from that cause.

As to occupants it has shown that sedentary occupations seem to favor the disease. Curiously enough the hospital force showed the highest ratio per thousand men and the cooks showed the lowest ratio. Following the cooks closely came the musicians. The deaths for the year, from appendicitis, in the entire force, afloat and on sea, was three.

A ROUND ABOUT WAY.

Hartland Observer.—New Brunswick farmers are still getting the benefit of the United States potato market, although in a roundabout way. The embargo is not effective against Ontario and great quantities of potatoes are being shipped from that province to the States. This makes a shortage in the cities on Ontario and therefore a keen demand for New Brunswick stock. Furthermore it is stated that our potatoes after being shipped to Ontario are reshipped from there to American points classing them as Ontario potatoes.

A LIFE PRESERVER FROM THE KARLUK

Ottawa, Feb. 19—An explanation of the finding of a life preserver from Stefansson's Arctic ship the Karluk, at Kivalina, Alaska, last October, is given in a letter received by the deputy minister of naval affairs from the department of the interior at Washington.

G. S. Maguire, an official of the United States department of education at Kivalina, found the life preserver there.

An extract from Maguire's letter reads: "We have just passed through perhaps the very worst storm that has been known here for years. After the storm passed a native brought me a life preserver which had floated in, marked Karluk and if that is the name of one of Stefansson's boats it may signify trouble."

The last authentic word received about the Karluk stated that she had broken away from the ice on September 25 at a point about seventy miles east of Point Barrow. The distance from Kivalina to Point Barrow is 350 miles.

Mr. Stefansson is inclined to think that the preserver was washed aboard when the Karluk was some distance from Kivalina about the middle of last August.

WANTED A HEARSE.

"Have a brass band and some prominent men at the train to meet me and have a hearse for James Scott" was the message which came in over the phone from Canterbury Station on election day. Col. McLeod M. P. stood at his post during the day in the interests of Guthrie and was trimmed to a standstill. He had previously been under the impression that he owned the poll.

COL. HUGHES IS GRIEVED

May Debar Liquor From Officers and Sergeants Messes In Future

Is Under the Impression That the Privilege is Being Grossly Abused

Toronto, Feb. 20—Some one has told Colonel the Honorable Sam Hughes that the conduct of some of his beloved militiamen has been far from exemplary as it should be. The Minister of Militia is grieved, but is firm in the resolve that such misconduct shall not be repeated. In short, members of the militia are in imminent danger of losing the privilege of having liquor in the officers' and sergeants' messes, and company armories.

In divisional orders of this week an extract is quoted from a letter received from headquarters at Ottawa, as follows:

ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE

"A report has been received at headquarters to the effect that the privilege of having liquor in officers' and sergeants' messes and company armories of the active militia is in some cases being abused.

"The Honorable the Minister of Militia is considering the advisability of taking this privilege away altogether.

"You will please cause all concerned to be informed that if any further reports are received at headquarters to the effect that the privilege above mentioned is being abused, a decision will be reached, and liquor will not be allowed in officers' and sergeants' messes and company armories of the active militia."

NOT NO. 2 DIVISION, SURELY

No report of such alleged abuse of privilege has been received at the headquarters of the second division, and the belief is that the reports referred to by the Minister come from some other division of the militia.

U. N. B. "CON" ATTENDED BY LARGE NUMBERS

Premier Social Event of College Year Took Place Last Night

The U. N. B. "con" of 1914 which took place in the Arts building of the University of New Brunswick last night is generally conceded to be the most largely attended and one of the most successful of the old college ever saw. All parts of the Maritime Provinces were represented. The out-of-town attendance was the largest on record.

The decorations of the main hall and the various class rooms were striking. Rosas, flags, and electrical devices were largely used for that purpose. The numerals of the senior class "1914" were conspicuous.

Ryan's orchestra furnished a choice program for dancing which began at 9 p. m. and continued until an early hour this morning. The chaplains were Madames L. W. Bailey C. O. Jones, C. S. McGinnis, John Stephens, and Adam Cameron.

HOME FROM THE WEST.

Victoria News.—Senator George T. Baird, arrived in town on Thursday of last week, from Los Angeles, California, where he and Mrs. Baird have spent the last three months. Mrs. Baird came as far as Victoria, B. C., where she is now visiting with Mrs. Coy, formerly of Kilburn, N. B. The Senator leaves this week for Ottawa to attend to his duties in the Senate.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Mrs. George L. Pugh of Nashwaakisis, pleasantly entertained about forty of her friends last evening. The party was given in honor of Miss Addie Close. The evening was spent in games, music and dancing. After refreshments were served Miss Close was presented with several pieces of Limoges China. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

CRIME ON THE INCREASE

New Brunswick One of the few Provinces Showing a Decrease

The Number of Young Offenders Increased by Thirty Per Cent During the Year

Ottawa, Feb. 20—According to the annual report of the justice department dealing with criminal statistics for Canada for the year ended September 30, 1912, there were altogether 20,168 charges of major criminal offences entered throughout the Dominion, with 15,567 convictions. This represents an increase of 20.1 in the number of charges; of 23.28 in convictions as compared with the preceding year.

The only provinces showing decreases are Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Both these provinces showed the smallest percentage of criminals, the number being 12 per 100,000 in the Island province, and 38 per 100,000 in New Brunswick. For Nova Scotia the proportion is 147; for Quebec, 124; for Ontario, 253; for Manitoba, 238; for Saskatchewan 215; for British Columbia, 390 and for Alberta, 250. For all Canada the proportion of criminals is 208 per 100,000 of population.

During the year the number of young offenders increased by 30 per cent, the total number of charges laid against youthful criminals being 1,881.

Female offenders totalled 709 or 9.49 per 100,000.

There were 52 charges of murder and 25 convictions during the year. Of the 25 men found guilty of murder only 6 were born in Canada. The number of convictions for drunkenness totalled 53,151, an increase of 1,792, or 28.5.

THE FREDERICTON IMMIGRATION OFFICES

What it Paid the Government to Fit Them Up--The Salaries Paid the Staff

According to the Dominion auditor general's report, it cost the tidy sum of \$2,534.47 to fit up and furnish the immigration offices in this city. The expenditure bill for lumber and labor was \$347.55, seven chairs cost \$108, a couch cost \$38, two desks cost \$105.45, counters and partitions cost \$600, the painters' bill was \$151.50 and the plumbers' bill was \$368.11.

The salaries and allowances of the staff last year were as follows:

Wilmot, Allan B., agent, salary, 11 mos. to March 31, \$1,650.
Board and lodgings, \$170.75.
Cabs, Hvery, etc., \$47.90.
Fares, \$23.10.
Pulman and porters, \$5.50.
Total, \$1,897.25.
Fenety, Walter, Assistant Agent, 6 mos., to March 31, \$499.32.
Thomas, Miss C. M., stenographer, 9 mos., to March 31, \$450.
Charwoman, \$750.
Janitor, \$27.
Postage and P.O. Box, \$38.25.
Subscription to paper, \$5.
Telephone rent, \$11.45.
Telegrams and telephone messages, \$44.74.
Small items, \$2.65.
Total, \$2,983.77.

DECLARE WAR ON THE RAT FIRST AND LAST

A Bulletin issued by the Chicago School of Sanitary Instruction has this to say of the rat:

"Rats are dangerous. They have no legitimate business, nor can they serve any good purpose in any community. Sanitarians are all agreed rats are a serious menace to health. It is well understood that they play an important part in the spread of disease, especially the black plague. In short, rats and mice are a pest."

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SHOCKING ACCIDENT ON M. & B. RAILWAY

Car Went Through a Bridge at Scotch Settlement, Twelve Miles from Moncton --Accident Was Caused by Snowplow Leaving the Rails--Victims of Accident Were Buried in the Wreck--Passengers Had a Miraculous Escape--General Manager Hall Among the Victims

Moncton, N. B. Feb. 20—Four men were instantly killed and five or six injured on the Moncton & Buctouche railway this afternoon as the result of two engines, a plow and a car going through a bridge at Scotch Settlement twelve miles from Moncton.

THE DEAD

Frank N. Hall, general superintendent, aged 48 years.
Gideon Smith locomotive engineer, aged 35 years.
George Freeman, fireman, aged 25 years.
Sylvan Bourque, age 23 years.

INJURED.

Alex. McKie, locomotive engineer left arm and leg broken, internally injured, will recover.
William Basterache, temporary employee of the railway, severely bruised and shaken up.
L. Richards, temporary employee, badly cut about the head.
Conductor John McFadden and brakeman McChintock each had a leg slightly injured.

The M. & B. road had been blocked with snow since Monday and train crews with a gang of snow shovellers, with two engines, a plow car equipped with flangers, and a passenger car, under the supervision of F. N. Hall, were working their way toward Moncton.

At three o'clock this afternoon the train had reached Scotch Settlement bridge which spans the Shediac river, being about thirty feet high, and about seventy-five feet long. As the train was crossing the bridge, running for a drive on the opposite side, the snowplow left the rails, cutting away the sleepers and toppling over. A span of the bridge under the jolt of the derailed plow gave way and the plow, two engine, flange car and passenger coach plunged into the creek below a mass of twisted

iron and splintered wood.

BURIED IN WRECK.

The men in the engines and the flange car were buried beneath the wreck and of the six men, too, Driver Alex McKie, in the lead engine and Conductor McFadden, in the flange car escaped, the former with a broken limb and the latter with slight injuries.

Superintendent Hall, who was in the flange car with Conductor McFadden met death while his companion escaped.

Sylvan Bourque, fireman in the lead engine was buried beneath his engine and his body has not yet been recovered, but Driver McKie in the same engine, miraculously escaped with his life.

Gideon Smith driver in the second engine, and his fireman, Geo. Freeman, son-in-law to Smith, were both instantly killed.

THIRTY THREE ESCAPED.

In the car on the rear of the train were some thirty-three men, including a brakeman and snow shovellers, and, strange to say, not one in the car sustained serious injuries. The passenger car with its heavy load of human freight alighted on top of the engines and stood erect. One or two of the men in it received only slight bruises.

This wreck is the worst in the history of branch railways in this section and has cast a gloom over Moncton and Buctouche where the victims of the catastrophe resided. About \$10,000 damage resulted to rolling stock. As the result of the bridge being out there is not likely to be any travel by rail between Moncton and Buctouche for at least a month.

The disaster not only deprived the railway of the superintendent, driver and firemen, but both engines and passenger car are smashed up in the creek.

SOCIETY EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Almost every variety of indoor and outdoor sport has been indulged in during the past week. The cold weather has made the curling perfect for the gentlemen, while those who enjoy skating have had ample opportunity, as the band was at the rink four evenings this week, and the Outing Clubs have enjoyed the snowshoeing and tobogganing, the ladies who delight in bridge were amply satisfied. Last but not perhaps, not least, was the "Con" at the college which was such a successful affair. The hosts this year were particularly courteous, and every one enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Peter MacDonald was a charming hostess on Wednesday afternoon at a very large and delightful bridge. Mrs. MacDonald wore a very handsome gown of black satin with white lace trimmings. The prizes were won by Mrs. George Harrison, Mrs. Wesley Vanwart, and the guest prize was captured by Miss Trits. There were several out-of-town guests present. At the tea hour several came for the dainty repast. In the hall the large mahogany table was placed, which was prettily decorated with lace doilies, and a large cut glass vase placed in the centre filled with pink and white carnations. Mrs. Howie and Mrs. McMurray presided at the table and the young ladies assisting were the Misses Cooper, Jean Hodges, Muriel Massey, Bertha Harvey, Marion Crockett and Mildred Walker.

Mrs. Oswald Crockett entertained at a very nice party on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Purdie of Moncton, who is visiting Mrs. Hall. Mrs. J. J. Taylor won the first prize, and Mrs. W. C. Crockett captured the second.

Mrs. William Chestnut has invitations out for a bridge on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Fred Chestnut was a charming hostess on two occasions this week in honor of her sister Mrs. Smith of Westmount who is visiting her. On Thursday evening the prizes were won by Mrs. William Chestnut 1st and Mrs. A. F. McMurray.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Frank are week-end guests with Mrs. Lynch. Mrs. Frank was formerly Miss Robinson of Milltown.

Mrs. Stairs of Halifax is visiting her sister Mrs. Roscoe at the Barracks.

Mrs. F. P. Colter and Mrs. S. B. Wass were joint hostesses at a very large reception on Thursday afternoon from four until six. Mrs. Colter was prettily gowned in old rose satin with cream lace trimmings while Mrs. Wass wore a very becoming gown of brown satin with touches of old rose. The table which was beautifully decorated had for a centerpiece a silver epergne, with pink flowers and smilax entwined and about the pedestal was a huge bow of pink ribbon, the streamers of which fell to either side of the table. Mrs. Ross Thompson gowned in a becoming dress of champagne satin with fitchu, and wearing a black hat with blue plume poured coffee, while Mrs. Neil McLaughlin wearing a gown of violet velvet with cream lace trimming, poured tea. Those assisting with the refreshments were the Misses Cunningham, Inch, Jean Wilson, Dorothy Thompson and Lucile Hawkins. Mrs. Samuel Hache way gowned in brown velvet with cream lace collar and cuffs and wearing a brown velvet hat with plume served the tea on a prettily decorated mahogany table.

Miss Bessie Everett entertained delightfully at Five O'clock Tea on Thursday afternoon.