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MUNICIPAL UNION TAKES ITS STAND

It Declares Opposition to All Monopolies and Advocates Government Control of All Charges Made by Companies Holding Exclusive Franchises.

The newly organized union of N. B. Municipalities resumed its session in the council chamber at the court house this morning. It was about 12 o'clock when the president, Mayor Sears, called the meeting to order. The committee on resolutions and the mayor's address submitted their report which was taken up section by section.

The committee reported that they had carefully considered the address and recommended that the thanks of this convention be tendered to Mayor Sears for the welcome which he accorded to the representatives in his official capacity as mayor of St. John as well as by his personal efforts for their convenience and pleasure.

"We appreciate the sentiments which are expressed in the address regarding the importance and utility of a union of New Brunswick Municipalities and recommend that the congratulations of the union be tendered to Mayor Sears upon the successful result of his personal effort.

"We desire to emphasize the fact that all franchises derive their value from the aggregation of citizens in a community and that the granting of such franchises should only be by or with the consent of the direct representatives of municipalities.

"We believe that no municipality should be permitted by law to grant any bonus to any industry and that assessment laws while favoring the establishment of industries should be so framed that no community should be thereby enabled to grant special exemptions. This, however, requires concerted action by the legislatures of the other provinces to make it effective and we recommend that the Union of Canadian Municipalities and the unions of the other provinces be invited to concur in this recommendation.

"We strongly endorse the principle that wherever a practical monopoly exists in public utilities the legislature should assume the power to regulate the tolls and tariffs to be charged.

"We also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

(1) That article II (b) be amended to read as follows: Each municipality, city or town may appoint two delegates and each city or town having over 5,000 inhabitants one additional delegate for each five thousand inhabitants, or fraction of 5,000 over the first 5,000 inhabitants. Adopted

It was decided that the Canadian Municipal Journal be made the official organ of the union.

That this organization be affiliated with the Canadian Union of Municipalities and the basis of such union be left to the executive committee of both bodies.

That the executive be requested to furnish each councilor in New Brunswick with a copy of the Canadian Municipal Journal containing an account of these proceedings.

That the executive committee be requested to arrange for a representative to attend the meeting of each municipal and town council not a member of this union to explain the aim and object of the union and endeavor to induce them to become members of the Union.

That the executive be instructed to memorialize the Dominion government that railway corporations be not allowed to cross highways without consulting the municipal authorities of the section in which such crossing is to be made, and a committee of the union urge this matter upon the government.

That all male inhabitants over the age of 21 be assesable whether they were in government employ or not, and that they be eligible to hold office in municipal affairs. Referred to executive to report at the next meeting.

A letter from the secretary of the Canadian Union of Municipalities asking that this union appoint delegates to the meeting of the federal union at Port Arthur in August next, was read.

The committee on fees reported as follows:—"Each municipality, city or town of this province may become a member of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities by subscribing and paying annually the following fees:—Each municipality and incorporated town, $10; each city, $2 for each two thousand inhabitants, provided that the annual fee of any city shall not be less than $10 or greater than $60.

That in granting the new charter to the N. B. Telephone Co. referred by the provincial government to the House of Assembly, this union urges the great desirability that the utmost care be exercised by the legislature for the fullest protection of municipal rights and franchises, and that the government of the province be urgently recommended to retain to itself a power of supervision and control of the acts and regulations of said company.

All the foregoing resolutions were adopted as recommended by the committee, with the exception of the telephone matter, which was still under discussion when the meeting adjourned at 1.40 o'clock to meet again at 3 this afternoon. Alderman McGoldrick, during the session made a few remarks welcoming the visitors to the city, and offering to provide sleighs to drive them to the west side to view the harbor facilities. The alderman's remarks were received with applause.

SAILORS SHOWED GREAT HEROISM IN DISASTER IN BLOCK ISLAND SOUND

"Women and Children to the Boats First" Was the Order on the Sinking Larchmont and the Men Obeyed it to the Letter---Many More Bodies Recovered Today.



The Ill Fated Larchmont.

The Larchmont is the old steamer Cumberland which ran from St. John to Boston before being sold to the Joy line, and rechristened. The above picture was taken at the time of he reollision with the Alcides in St. John harbor.

BLOCK ISLAND, Feb. 12—The list of the drowned to date is:—

Steward James Harrison, Brooklyn; First Asst. Engr. Jasper Hest, Albany, N. Y.; Sec. Asst. Engr. E. Logan, Providence; Watchman Jacob Seadmus, Paterson, N. J.; Waiter George Smith, Providence, R. I.; J. H. Eckles, passenger, Block Island; Erik Nelson, Providence. Died: — Hall, colored waiter, residence unknown; Moses Fountain, colored waiter, residence unknown; Harry Appleby, farmer, Block Island; — Paffer, either of Block Island, or of Providence.

Purser Oscar A. Young, of Providence, still maintains that there were from 150 to 200 passengers on board when she left Providence, and most of the survivors who were able to express an opinion, were inclined to support his figures, rather than those of Capt. McVey, of the Larchmont, who estimated the number of passengers at from 50 to 125. Some of the officers, it was learned, stated that the Larchmont had a crew of about 40 men, of whom only ten are accounted for. This means that of a total of from 150 to 200 passengers on board, 9 passengers, and 10 sailors have survived. Their condition is pitiable, but the two physicians, who have been in almost constant attendance upon the sufferers, expressed confidence early today that none of the rescued were likely to succumb.

Only Two Women Saved

One of the ship's officers, stated that the Larchmont carried eight life boats and four life rafts. It is believed that five of these boats and one raft have been accounted for. The survivors contain only two women, Mrs. Harry Felman, of New York, and Miss Sadie Gallup, of Boston.

During the night coast guards from the two life-saving stations patrolled the beach on the watch for additional bodies. It was difficult to locate the corpses in the dark. In nearly every instance they were cast up by the breakers cased in a coating of ice several inches thick. In this way they were placed on shore awaiting identification. A life-raft with seven bodies was picked up yesterday by the schooner Clara E., of this port, after a cruise along the sound. On a piece of the after deck of the steamer were picked up Mr. and Mrs. Felman and a dead man, all that remained of 16 who had sought refuge on the frail support. Little hope was felt that occupants of the missing lifeboats and rafts had survived the fearful cold which had moderated but slightly during the night.

Touches of Heroism

The grim pictures of horror painted by the survivors were relieved by touches of heroism and self-sacrifice on the part of the crew and some of the passengers. Nearly all the surviving passengers interviewed agree that the crew and officials behaved well. With the first shock and inrush of water and escape of steam from the broken main steam pipe, Capt. McVey realized the scope of the accident. The crew were piped to quarters, each man springing to his station as the call to desert the ship was given. Panic-stricken passengers aroused from sound slumber rushed wildly on deck and mobbed the boats and rafts some of them fighting each other forgetful of all but the primal instinct to save oneself. The crew fought off the crowd resolutely, though hard pressed, and provided for the women and children first. Some of the male passengers, recovered from their first fright and assisted in the work. Many never reached the deck, but were suffocated below in their quarters by the steam, or drowned like rats in a trap beneath the deck. Within ten minutes the boats were away from the ship's side, just as she settled low in the water, with the waves dashing over her and flooding every available foothold.

Purser Young of the Larchmont can tell only a disjointed story. He was below in his room with his assistant, William Carrol, when the shock came. He hurried to the deck, only to be caught up in the indescribable confusion. Seeing that he could do but little, he ran below again, to find nearly all the rooms and the saloon filled with steam from the broken pipes. Passengers rushed out of their staterooms half dressed or with only their night clothes on. The water was rushing in and soon the saloon deck was covered. Young again ran up on the deck. The rising water caught many of the passengers who were unable to force their way up the already crowded stairs. Some who could swim survived until the water reached the ceiling. Others perished with the first rush of water.

A Later Report

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 13—Up to 10 a. m. today the names of 125 persons, who were on board the steamer Larchmont when she sank in Block Island sound, Monday night, were known. Of these nineteen are known to have survived, 11 are among the dead, their bodies having been identified, and 95 are missing. Of the identified dead seven were members of the crew, and 4 passengers. Of the survivors ten are members of the crew and 9 are passengers. Of the missing twelve are members of the crew and 83 passengers.

THE GRIM HARVEST

BLOCK ISLAND, R. I., Feb. 13 — The harvesting of the bodies of the victims of the steamer Larchmont, which sunk in collision with the three masted schooner Harry Knowlton, late Monday night in Block Island sound, proceeded slowly and with difficulty along the icy shores of this island during the night and early part of today, owing to the darkness. Up to 8 o'clock this morning, however, 51 bodies had been gathered in by coast patrols and vessels sent to scour the sound. This makes an increase of 3 over the latest reports last night. The list of survivors still stood at 19. Identifications had been made of five more up to daylight, bringing the number of identified dead up to eleven.

ADJOURNMENT IN THE THAW TRIAL

Nothing Was Done at This Morning's Session as Juror Bolton Was Given Leave to See His Sick Wife---Session Resumed This Afternoon.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 13—The opening of the Thaw trial was delayed today owing to the illness of the wife of Juror No. 11, Jos. Bolton. Mr. Bolton asked permission to visit his home in the Bronx in company with two court officers, and was taken there. Mrs. Bolton is threatened with pneumonia.

At 10.30 a. m. District Attorney Jerome and Mr. Delmas, leading counsel for Thaw, were called into conference with Justice Fitzgerald, after which the trial was adjourned until 2 p. m.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—When District Attorney Jerome takes up the cross-examination of Dr. Britton D. Evans, the alienist, in the Thaw case, today, he will have difficulty in shaking the evidence. Dr. Evan's story of Harry Thaw's mental condition yesterday was clear and concise. He described Thaw's appearance and condition on the occasion of the eight visits he paid him in the Tombs prison and explained in what manner these visits indicated to him an unsound mind.

Mr. Jerome will need all of his remarkable knowledge of insanity to shake the story. That he will endeavor to do so is indicated from the notes he took during the examination and the fact that he had the prosecution's three alienists, Dr. Carlos McDonald, Dr. Austin Flint, and Dr. William Mabon, beside him all day and frequently consulted with them. The defence assumes that it has now laid the foundation for testimony which has heretofore been excluded.

Among the things which have been so excludeed is Thaw's will and the codicil thereto. The defence counts largely on this will to show the effect on Thaw's mind of the stories which were told him by Evelyn Nesbit. It will also form a proper foundation for the testimony of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who will probably be recalled today, regarding conversations with her husband in which were mentioned the names of other young girls who are said to have had similar relations with White. The defence claim that these stories preyed on Thaw's mind and contributed largely to the mental condition which induced him to shoot White.

Although Mr. Delmas has announced in open court that it would only take him a few days longer to finish his direct case for the defense, that does not mean that the case is nearly over. It does not count the time Mr. Jerome will occupy in cross-examination. It is said that Dr. G. M. Hammond, and Dr. Chas. L. Dana, both well-known alienists, will take the stand for the defence. This will mean four experts for Mr. Jerome to cross-examine. That he will do this thoroughly goes without saying. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has not finished her direct examination and the cross-examination will probably take some time. Mrs. William Thaw is to testify, and so is Miss May Mackenzie, the chorus girl friend of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

The Thaw Estate

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 13—Benjamin Thaw and Blair Thaw, beneficiaries under the will of the late Wm. Thaw, have filed an account showing that Harry Thaw will receive $12,685.80 as his portion of his estate known as the "Coke Trust" from his 21st birthday up till November of last year. Alice Thaw, Countess of Yarmouth, and the other brothers and sisters, will receive a like amount from this source.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN

Officers Chosen at This Morning's Meeting of the Association.

FREDERICTON, N. B. Feb. 13—(Special)—The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association at this morning's session elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, H. J. Smith, Blissville; vice-pres. Rev. H. Babineau, Madawaske; rec. sec., B. M. Fawcett; treas., Harvey Mitchell; cor. sec. T. A. Peters.

County vice-presidents,—Albert, R. A. Smith; Carleton, James Good; Charlotte, R. Richardson; Northumberland, Harvey Doak; St. John, A. F. Johnson; Kings, F. E. Sharp; Queens, W. F. Inch; Sunbury, I. W. Stevenson; York, Frank Del. Clements; Kent, James Lawrence, Victoria, W. L. McPhail; Restigouche, E. McMullin; Gloucester, P. J. Power; Madawaska, J. A. Charest; Westmorland, F. A. Dixon.

Prof. Klinck, of MacDonald College, delivered a very instructive talk on the improvement of crops and seed selection. He stated that the sample of Red Fife wheat from New Brunswick, which he tested was superior to samples from the six other provinces.

A resolution was passed recommending the government to so amend the dog law that it could be brought in force by any municipality on petition of fifteen ratepayers.

It is expected that argument in the Collins case will take place this afternoon.

A detachment of men from the Newcastle Field Battery arrived today to fire a salute at the House opening.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Mgr. Bourne, Catholic archbishop of Westminster, and Rev. J. S. Lidgett have issued a joint message to the British nation calling attention to the efforts to promote Sunday observance. They say: "We believe it to be literally impossible to exaggerate the importance of this matter to the well-being of the nation. It is not merely that one day's rest in seven contributes vastly to the physical and mental efficiency of men, women and children, and tends to make our home life more truly what English home life ought to be. There is more than this under the sacred sanction which is attached to the Lord's Day. It is intended that all should have the opportunity, in the worship of Almighty God, to escape the grip of their ordinary cares and occupations into regions of higher thought and nobler aspirations. We are convinced that on an adequate and reasonable Sunday observance depends in no small measure the possibility of promoting in England the deeper, more sacred and more enduring interests of our common life."

FEET FROZEN TO ABOVE ANKLES

Terrible Experience of a Small Boy in Owen Sound.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Feb. 13.—Special). — John Campbell, aged 13 years, lies at the General and Marine Hospital here in a precarious condition, as a result of terrible exposure, which will cost him both feet, if not his life.

The little fellow had been working for a farmer in Sydenham, and came home last week to spend a few days with his mother.

On Monday afternoon the farmer called for him and together the two started for home. The boy alleges the man was drunk, and when a short distance from town forced him to drink liquor. As a result he became very sick and fell from the sleigh. Wandering into a farm yard he lay down beside a barn, remaining there all night exposed to a temperature of 20 degrees below zero. At daylight the boy got up and started back home. At the hospital here it was found his feet had been frozen solid to above the ankles.

BUTTER AND CHEESE

MONTREAL, Feb. 13—(Special)—The cheese market is steady at 13 3-4 for all kinds. Butter market is unchanged Choicest creamery, 25 to 25 1-2, winter creamery, 24 1-2 to 25 1-2, mediums, 24 to 24 1-4.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walker, and their son, W. Herbert Walker, of Halifax, are the guests of Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Robert Nelson, at her home, Main street.

Edgar Burrett and Hugh Kelleher, aged 16 years each, were arrested today by Detective L. S. Cook and Sergeant Ross on suspicion of stealing 300 lbs. of junk from the C. P. R. They are said to have sold 60 cents worth of the stolen property to a Jew. The case will probably come up this afternoon.

LeB. Freeze, who will leave for Vancouver tomorrow night was last evening made the recipient of a gold-mounted fountain pen by some of his intimate friends.

Rev. P. Owen-Jones, who is ill with pneumonia, is slightly improved today.

D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., is reported as not being as well today as he has been of late.

The average daily wage of Norwegian printers is ninety-three cents, according to the latest available statistics, just published.

MILLIDGEVILLE RACES

The following are the entries for the races to be held at the Millidgeville speedway Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock:

Free-for-all.

Walter K., owned by Louis King.
American Boy, owned by William McDonald.
Kaiser G., owned by Frank Mullin.

2.40 Class (Pacers.)

Lou Dillon, owned by C. M. Kerrison.
Boy, owned by Philip Carter.
May, owned by A. Kindrid.
Ed. Gardo, owned by Geo. Chamberlain.

2.40 Class (Trotters.)

Henry Forbes, owned by A. Connor.
Raywood, owned by Edward Sprague.
Honest Farmer,, owned by L. King.
Retta Parkside, owned by S. H. Belyea.

A match race has been arranged between Romp L., owned and driven by George Robertson, and Minto (pacer), owned and driven by Stanley Williams.

The cold wave still continues. This morning early it was 7 below zero, and at noon the temperature was 2 above. At Chatham 2 below, Quebec 4 below. The weather is milder in the west.

C. P. R. steamship Athenian arrived at Hong Kong last Sunday from Vancouver.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—(Special).—Little Dorothy Murphy, 8 years old, while playing near a kitchen stove in her parents' home, was so badly burned this morning that she died from her injuries at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Chief of the fire department, John Kerr, has transferred driver George Drake from No. 1 Wellington Station, to the chemical engine. John Jenkins, from the chemical engine to hose driver of No. 1.

Robert Brittain left for McAdam this morning to accept a position with the C. P. R.

WINTER PORT NOTES

Furness steamship Halifax City, Captain Alldridge, arrived today from London via Halifax, with a large general cargo.

The outward cargo of the steamship Dunmore Head, now on her way to Dublin from this port, is as follows: Canadian goods, $77,902; foreign goods, $402. Total, $78,311. Included in her cargo is 56,299 bushels of wheat.

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of Britain, now on her way to Liverpool, took away a valuable outward cargo, including 35,000 bushels of wheat and 4,271 boxes cheese. The value of her cargo is as follows:—Canadian goods, $205,754; foreign goods, $137,584. Total $343,338.

C. P. R. steamship Mount Temple, Captain Boothby, will sail for London and Antwerp tomorrow morning early. She takes a full outward cargo.

COBALT STOCKS

There was a reaction in the Cobalt stocks towards the end of last week. It was superinduced by the heaviness of Nipissing. The market in this stock is now entirely confined to traders and the insiders seem to take little interest in it. Should the dividend be passed—and rumor to that purpose is insistent—a break in Nippissing would not be surprisin. There is ,however, some short interest in it which serves to sustain it at the present time.

James Murphy, formerly of this city, is visiting his birthplace. Mr. Murphy conducts one of the largest industries in Tacoma, Washington. John McHugo, of this city, who was formerly employed with Kane Bros., dry goods merchants, is the general manager of Mr. Murphy's business.

REPORTS DO NOT AGREE

Interior Department Has Record of Only One Death From Starvation in the West

OTTAWA, Feb. 13—(Special)—The reports of deaths from starvation in the Canadian west which appear in the press despatches do not agree with the information supplied to the interior department by the mounted police, immigration officers and other officials of the department. So far, only one death, that of a negro in Alberta has been reported. As to the severity of the weather there is no doubt.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. — Advances in London over the holiday helped the opening prices of stocks here to a higher level. The conspicuous gains were shown in a few of the minor stocks and in the speculative leaders. Some of the southwestern railroads were rather heavy. There were 15,000 shares of Anaconda sold at 299½ and 298, compared with 295 on Monday. D. & H. rose 2, Canadian Pacific and Locomotive 1¼, St. Paul & S. S. Marie 1½, the common, up, Reading, Great Northern pfd. and Smelting 1, and B. & O., N. Y. C., Southern Pacific and Great Northern ore certificates large fractions.

JACK ("TWIN") IN A DRAW

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13—The contest between Jack (Twin) Sullivan, of Boston, and Jim Flynn, of Pueblo, before the Pacific Athletic Club last night, was declared a draw at the end of the 20th round.

A. Creighton left for Halifax at noon.

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BIRDIE'S GREAT GRIEF.



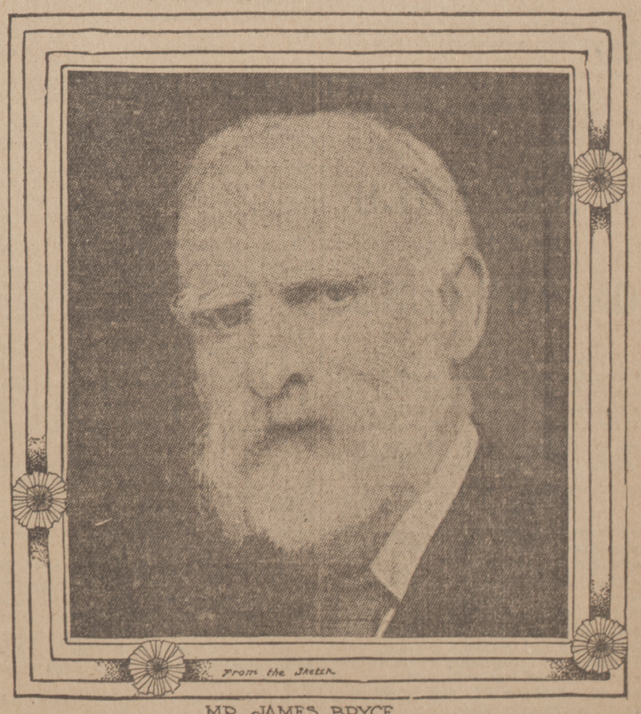
The lovely Miss Birdie McWhat is quite inconsolable because her gracious plan to have the visiting mayors and other gentlemen at the municipalities convention as her guests at a snowshoe party cannot be carried out. Birdie has been looking forward to this function with the most delightful anticipation, and until this morning fully believed her programme of entertainment would be carried out. But fate, in the form of slippery sidewalks in this home of model municipal government, has intervened, and scarcely a delegate has a leg to stand on. Of course they could not follow the fleet and sprightly Birdie over the hills on a snowshoe tramp, and her disappointment is altogether touching. However, she has sent to each delegate a pair of creepers, and will entertain as many of them as possible at an At Home. Mr. Peter Binks, Jr., will pour tea, and it will be quite the social event of the season. The guests will be permitted to wear crutches, as the affair will be purely informal.

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A HAPPY PEOPLE.

The people of Mount Pleasant are loud in their praise of the water department. Their remarks are said to be audible for several miles. It appears that so long as Loch Lomond water trickled into their houses through the ordinary channel they had no excuse for hauling water from Lily Lake, and so missed the opportunity to get a lot of valuable and invigorating exercise in zero weather. They did not even feel that they should complain to the department, but it has anticipated their wishes. The water from Loch Lomond is not now percolating along the avenues of Mount Pleasant, and the residents are having the time of their lives hauling water and melting snow. And as they toil they sing the praises of the water board. The members of the board are much gratified by this evidence of appreciation.

James Bryce Sails



MR. JAMES BRYCE

LONDON, Feb. 13. — A great crowd of friends gathered at Euston railroad station this morning to bid farewell to James Bryce, the ambassador of Great Britain to the United States, and Mrs. Bryce, who proceeded to Liverpool in semi-state, occupying a car attached to the regular steamer train. At Liverpool they boarded the White Star liner Oceanic and sailed for New York.