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PREFERS LICENSE LAW TO SCOTT ACT

Magistrate Ritchie Expresses Himself to Moncton Reporter as Favoring License Law, Rather Than Scott Act in Dealing With Liquor Question.

MONCTON, N. B., March 5--(Special)—Arthur Trites a well-known employe of the I. C. R. round house while at work Monday night fell from the top of a locomotive and badly dislocated his shoulder. He will be laid up a month or six weeks.

The city council has appointed W. Simms Lee, of Halifax, auditor for the city, at a salary of $500 per year. Local auditors were tried last year but the majority of the council favored an outside man for this year.

F. W. Sumner leaves shortly for England in connection with the sale of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company oil fields at Memramcook, to an English syndicate. M. Lodge, secretary of the company has been in England on the same business for the last two months.

The city council has reduced the fee on bowling alleys from $50 to $30 dollars per bed. The license was increased last year, closing down the alley run by E. A. Hanson, of Fredericton.

Magistrate Ritchie, of St. John, who passed through Moncton last night, to Ottawa, was asked his opinion regarding the proposal to place the Moncton police in commission. He said it was a good move and an effectual way of dealing with the police. He also expressed himself in favor of a license law rather than the Scott Act in dealing with the liquor question.

SAVES SOULS BY MACHINE

Graphophone and Stereopticon Put to Use by Pastors of Ohio Churches.

MARION, Ohio, March 5—The Rev. J. P. Gurrin, who came here from California as pastor of the First Baptist Church, has inaugurated an innovation by introducing graphophone music in lieu of the choir.

Recently the Rev. Byron G. Platt, pastor of the Central Christian Church, created surprise by advertising that in future he would use stereopticon views to illustrate his evening sermons. About fifty stereopticon pictures were thrown upon a screen exemplifying the teachings of Christ.

FOUND WITH TRUNK FILLED WITH BOMBS

Notorious Revolutionary, Alexis Ivanikoff, Arrested by Russian Police.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 5—A notorious revolutionary, Alexis Ivanikoff, has been arrested at Berciansk, with a trunk containing thirty-five bombs.

Norman Peterson, an engineer at the Dalsbrook factory, in Helsingfors, has been shot and mortally wounded by a workman who had been dismissed from the factory. The man was arrested.

Captain Strenko, commanding the gendarmerie at Tiflis, has been assassinated. The assassin escaped.

Among the Deputies elected to the Duma are eighteen peasants who can neither read nor write. The monarchist party has among its members several orators of eminence who will undoubtedly play a considerable role in the new parliament and win over many hesitating deputies.

CAMPANIA IN PERIL FROM THE PLUNGE OF A BLAZING METEOR

Liner Escapes Being Smashed by Fiery Visitor Which Dashes Into Sea Near Her Port Bow.

QUEENSTOWN, March 5—Passengers on board the Cunarder Campania report a narrow escape from the plunge of a meteorite.

The log only reports that on the night of February 26, while the liner was in such a latitude and longitude, a meteorite fell into the sea, a short distance from the port side, but those of the passengers who were on deck at the time describe the spectacle as most terrifying.

The meteorite or siderite came from the southeast, and as it flew across the sky the stream of ignited particles lay like a comet's tail for half the quadrant. At first it was thought that its path lay over the steamer, but when apparently but five cables' length away it plunged into the sea. There was a mighty hissing and boiling of the waves, then the shock of an explosion. The light from the glowing fireball was so intense that all the sea, from horizon to rohizon, seemed lit with it.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, March 5—(Special)—The tone of the stock market was decidedly weak today, partly on account of Wall street and, doubtless, in part due to the fact that the Dominion Steel-Coal troubles are again making themselves felt as a disturbing element. Dominion Coal sold off to 67 while the ruling price for Iron was 22. The balance of the market was weak the most active issues being Montreal Power, 89 1-2 Montreal Street Rly., 220; Rio, 45, bonds, 77 3-4; Twin City, 100; MacKay, 72; Canadian Pacific, 180.

Hugh McComb, engineer of the steamship Montreal, lying at No. 2 berth, was today taken to the hospital as he is suffering from rhuematism.

WANTED—YOUNG BUSINESS MAN REquires comfortable boarding in private house. Address "BUSINESS," Times Office. 3-5—tf.

SHOT GIRL THEN KILLED HIMSELF

Young Man Pursued by a Crowd in Philadelphia, Sends Bullet Into His Own Body.

PHILADELPHIA Pa. March 5—Driven to bay by a crowd of men who pursued him after he had shot and wounded seventeen-year-old Edna McKnight, of whom he was enamored, Malcolm H. Pool, aged twenty-one years, shot and killed himself here Sunday.

Pool had boarded at the McKnight home until recently, when he was ordered to leave because he insisted upon forcing his attentions upon Miss McKnight.

Sunday afternoon he went to a church where Miss McKnight was in attendance and followed her as she left. The girl fled and Pool fired two shots at her, one of which took effect in the arm.

Pool then ran with a large crowd in pursuit and, finding himself cornered, sent a bullet into his heart.

ALLEGIANCE TO GOD WINS BEST SEATS

Men Who "Stand Up" for the Lord Get Good Places at Revival Meeting.

NEW YORK, March 4—Because they refused to stand up and acknowledge that they were willing to be right with God, at the revival meeting led by "Gypsy" Smith at the Majestic Theatre, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, three hundred men who occupied the front seats in the orchestra circle were compelled to give them up to other men who by "standing up" at the request of the evangelist indicated their intention to improve their mode of living.

"Come forward, you good men," said the preacher to converts in the gallery and balcony. "Come forward and take these front seats. They belong to you and I want you near me so that we can pray in earnestness.

Then addressing his remarks at those who had occupied the front seats from the opening of the services, the revivalist said:—

"Clear out all you who refused to get right with God and give your seats to Christians. Go to the rear of the house and stand up."

The sternness of the preacher had an immediate effect on the seat holders, many of whom left the theatre in indignation. Others went to the rear of the house and mingled with the crowd that was standing.

THE MONCTON LAND SALE

Hon. H. R. Emmerson Asks That the Enquiry Be Reopened to Bring In More Evidence.

OTTAWA, March 5—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson appeared before the public accounts committee today and asked that the enquiry into the purchase of land at Moncton for railway purposes be re-opened so as to permit the examination of T. C. Burpee, engineer of the I. C. R. and W. O. Schwartz, who made the valuation of the land for the railway department. It was decided to do this and to hear the evidence a week from Friday next.

BUTTER AND CHEESE

MONTREAL, March 5 (Special)—The cheese market is steady and unchanged at 13⅞ to 14 for all kinds.

The butter market is unchanged at 26 to 26½ for choicest and 25½ to 26 for all other grades.

The non-union men, who are employed by the Allan line, have a grievance against their employers. They expected the Tunisian to dock at the I. C. R. pier but having been chartered by the C. P. R. for three trips, she docked on the west side and was discharged by union men. The non-union men now claim that they wasted their time thinking that she would dock at the I. C. R. and now demand 40 cents per hour.

Battle line steamer Trebia arrived at Norfolk yesterday at 7 a. m. and took on board bunker coal. She sailed again at 5 p. m. for Copenhagen and Aalborg.

TWENTY-SIX PEOPLE SHIVERED IN THE SNOW AS THEIR HOME BURNED

Several Families Rendered Homeless by Fire in Erin Street Tenement Early This Morning---Firemen Worked Four Hours With Mercury Below Zero---Ruins This Morning a Mass of Ice.

To be turned out in the street half clothed, after midnight, with the thermometer registering below zero, was the experience of some twenty-six people who occupied the two and a half story tenement building owned by Patrick McCann, at 63 Erin street, about 1 o'clock this morning, when a fierce fire was discovered.

The main portion of the building was almost completely gutted, while the ell and barn at the rear were somewhat damaged.

The ground floor in the main building was occupied as a grocery by William McCann, son of the owner, who with his family and his father had living apartments in the rear and on the floor above.

Over them lived Mrs. Susan McKinley who conducted a boarding house. The ell was occupied by Owen McCann and Robt. Thompson with their families.

It is not known just how the fire originated but it is thought to have started in the grocery and when seen by a man who was passing, it had gained considerable headway. The occupants of the building were aroused and an alarm sent in from box 17. The firemen worked for about four hours in subduing the blaze.

The house was built some years ago, and and like the majority of the old houses was very substantially made, a great deal of heavy pine timber being used which caused a great volume of smoke and gave the fire fierce headway.

Nearly all the occupants were in bed at the time and the sudden summons to get up and get out was followed as rapidly as possible, many of the people being insufficiently clad for the freezing weather.

Of the twenty-six inmates of the house, thirteen were children, but all were brought out safely, despite the fact that the dense smoke made it difficult to see where they were going.

Friendly neighbors gave the homeless ones shelter for the night, but it was practically impossible to save any of the furniture or personal effects.

With Mrs. McKinley boarded Peter McCann, A. Daly, Dennis Daly, Leonard Pelky and Frank McHugh, all of whom lost their effects, only having time to get on a portion of their clothing and to get out. Mrs. McKinley's loss will be several hundred dollars. She lost practically everything and had not a cent of insurance.

The very cold weather made the fire very difficult for the firemen to fight as the water would freeze to ice on the ladders almost as soon as it struck them. The house when seen this morning was simply a mass of ice inside and outside.

Patrick McCann, the owner of the house feels deeply the loss of his property although it was partially covered by insurance. Mr. McCann, who is a very old man, of the honest Irishman type, told with much emotion that he had been the owner of the property for about fifty years and had never before been visited by fire. He had always kept the building well insured until late years when he had grown somewhat careless owing to the fact that there had never been a conflagration and had allowed part of the insurance to drop.

He was asleep when the fire broke out and had only time to get part of his clothes on when he was driven out by the dense smoke. Despite his age he stayed at the scene of the fire until it had been subdued, although he was drenched with water. He showed the Times man the one room of his apartments which was habitable and here he said he would put up a stove and live until the house was rebuilt.

Appraisers will go over the property this afternoon and assess the damage which is estimated will amount to about $2,500 of the insurance.

The insurance amounts in all to $3,400 divided as follows:— $1,600 on the main building, $800 on the ell and $200 on the barn, in the Acadia Co.; $500 on stock in the grocery and $300 on furniture in the Anglo-American Co. Wm. Thomson & Co. are agents for both companies.

It is understood that Edward Bates will act for the insurance companies and Peter Ryan for Mr. McCann in appraising the loss.

GOVERNOR TWEEDIE SWORN IN

Ceremony Took Place in the Assembly Chamber at Fredericton This Afternoon---Dr. Pugsley Will Form New Government---D. J. Purdy to Enter Cabinet.

FREDERICTON, March 5— (Special)—Lieutenant Governor Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley arrived from Ottawa by the noon train and were met and welcomed at the depot by members of the government, Speaker Robinson and C. J. Osman. They boarded coaches and were driven at once to the Queen hotel.

The new lieutenant governor tendered his resignation as a member of the house to Speaker Robinson this afternoon and at three o'clock he was sworn in by Chief Justice Tuck. The ceremony took place in the assembly chamber in the presence of a large gathering including many ladies.

Rudolph Boudreau, clerk of the privy council, read His Honor's commission and the Chief Justice administered the oath of office.

The new governor was warmly congratulated by members and officials of the legislature.

At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony Speaker Robinson called the house to order, when Attorney General Pugsley rose in his place and after referring to Premier Tweedie's elevation to the lieutenant governorship, extended to him the hearty congratulations of the house.

He spoke of his honor's long political career and the valuable services he had rendered the province during the seventeen years he had held office in the government.

In conclusion he stated that his honor had entrusted him with the task of forming a new administration which he had been pleased to accept.

On the Attorney General's motion the house adjourned until tomorrow afternoon when it is expected that the personnel of the new government will be announced.

It is known for certain that Speaker Robinson will enter the cabinet without portfolio and will ultimately succeed to the position of Provincial Secretary. It is also understood that Daniel J. Purdy, M.P.P. for St. John will enter the ministry without portfolio. Hon. C. W. Robinson will resign the speakership tomorrow and will be succeeded by C. J. Osman.

SNOW BLOCKADE ABOUT BROKEN

N. B. Southern Has Line Cleared to Pennfield, and Will Run Trains to St. George Tomorrow.

Joyous news came over the wires from Carleton about noon today. The New Brunswick Southern Railway expects to have the line cleared to St. George perhaps tonight or at the latest tomorrow. The train which left the west side this morning was reported about one o'clock as having arrived at Pennfield, which is near St. George and the balance of the line to St. George, it is expected would be opened up today or tomorrow, when the carrying of the mails will be resumed.

Word reached the city yesterday that Mrs. Ann Patterson, an aged resident of Hampstead, had met with a serious accident Sunday morning. Mrs. Patterson while leaving her residence slipped on the ice and fell, thereby breaking her ankle. Medical assistance was required to have the ankle set. Mrs. Patterson is a widow woman 70 years of age.

William McConkie, of Hampstead, has sold his farm and intends leaving with a shipment of horses for the north-west in the near future. Mr. McConkie visited the west last year at the time of the harvesters' excursion.

FROZEN TO DEATH

Buckingham, Quebec, Woman Found Frozen to Death in Her Home.

OTTAWA, March 5—(Special)—Miss Ellen Connors who lived alone in a small house near Buckingham was found frozen to death sitting in her chair with a few shavings at her feet. It is thought that she was in the act of lighting a fire.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Charles McManus was held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from her late residence 27 Hanover street. Service was held at the Cathedral and interment was made in the Old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Frank Patterson took place at 2.30 this afternoon from his late residence, Short street, Rev. S. Howard officiating. Interment was made in the Church of England burial ground.

The body of Mrs. Robert R. Slipp who died in Denver, Colorado, arrived today on the Montreal express and was conveyed to Fernhill where interment was made.

The committee having under consideration the plan to secure a superannuation fund for the city school teachers, will meet this week and prepare a report to be submitted at the meeting of the St. John Teachers' Association to be held Friday evening. Nothing definite has been done as yet.

METHODISTS INDIGNANT

Professors in Wesley College, Winnipeg, Take Active Part in Election Campaign, and Trouble Results.

WINNIPEG, March 5 — (Special) — There is a great deal of feeling among the Methodists on account of the part two Wesley College professors have taken in the provincial campaign. Prof. Osborn has been continually on the stump, while Dr. Bland came out in a very strong letter in a Liberal organ denouncing the present administration.

Some Methodists of the Conservative persuasion are so incensed that they say they will bring charges against Dr. Bland of teaching doctrines in Wesley College contrary to Methodist discipline. The fight throughout the whole province is just as bitter. Both sides are confident of success.

When asked this afternoon Dr. Kenny said that there was no change in the condition of Fred Robson, the boy who had his skull fractured while coasting on Miller's Hill, Carleton, last night.

Donaldson line steamship Parthenia moved over to No. 4 berth this morning to receive her outward cargo.

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TO THE RESCUE.

The announcement that the city has no funds with which to sand the sidewalks or open the gutters has aroused a feeling of universal sympathy for the aldermen, and relief measures are likely to be taken at once.

It is true that enough money is wasted on the streets in summer to keep an army of sandmen and a pick and shovel brigade in winter, but when men are in an extremity past misdeeds are forgotten and the desire to help is uppermost.

Miss Birdie McWhat has issued invitations for an afternoon tea, at which she and other society leaders will consider what kind of entertainment the ladies may provide to raise funds. Of course refreshments will have to be served, since it is the history of all money raising schemes that the face must be fed before the pocket yields up its contents. We eat and give. We give and eat. But always we eat.

Benefit performances in the theatres and rinks are talked of, and special collections in the churches. It is therefore probable that within a week or two those citizens who have not broken their legs or their necks, and are able to go out, will find that they can go about with comparative safety.

An icicle six feet long fell from a building on Princess street this morning, and impaled a man who had not taken the precaution to wear armor. There are still some very foolish people in this town. The man will probably recover.

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ST. GEORGE, March 5 (Special by carrier pigeon)—The town was again thrown into great excitement today by a rumor that another train was making progress in this direction, and might force the blockade within the next week or two. The citizens are reading Shakespeare and works on ancient history, as there are no recent books or newspapers to be had. A copy of the Times of last January, which was brought by courier, has been read several times by every man and woman in the town.

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE THAW CASE

Thaw's Alleged Insanity on His Wedding Day May Nullify His Marriage to Evelyn Nesbitt---Mrs. William Thaw to Testify Today.

NEW YORK, March 5—It is probable that Mrs. Wm. Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, will take the stand in the Thaw trial today, to do what she can to save her son from the consequences of the act which resulted in the death of Stanford White.

Mrs. Thaw's testimony is expected to show that in his youth her son was of a nervous temperament and that he suffered from serious nervous diseases. It has been said that she will also testify to a strain of insanity in the family.

Dr. Charles G. Wagner will be on the stand for a time, at least, as his cross examination was not completed when court adjourned last night.

Mr. Jerome seems to be trying to show by Dr. Wagner's admissions that Thaw never was insane, while he devoted most of his time with Dr. Evans in attempting to compel that alienist to make admissions that would tend to show that Thaw is now insane.

Mr. Delmas made few objections to Mr. Jerome's questions to Dr. Wagner yesterday, and there are many, who are following the case closely, who are of the opinion that the defence will not object to this line of questioning while they will resist strenuously any attempt to show that Thaw is now insane, preferring to take their chances with the jury rather than with a lunacy commission. The insanity plea allowed them to put Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's story before the jury. It is certain that the defence will take the case to the jury if it is possible and will fight to the last ditch against a lunacy commission.

Another point that is being discussed is the legal standing of marriage between Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit. Both Dr. Evans and Dr. Wagner have testified that they believed that Thaw was of unsound mind when he signed the will and codicil on the night of April 4, 1905. This was the day of the marriage. If Thaw was insane at that time, he was, under the law of Pennsylvania, incompetent to enter into a contract. Marriage is, under the law, a contract, and if he was insane at the time, his marriage would be actually void under the law.

The rumor that Mrs. William Thaw might be a witness today apparently had but little effect on the curious for the court room showed many empty benches when Justice Fitzgerald took his place. Dr. Charles G. Wagner, Supt. of the state hospital for insane at Binghampton, N. Y. was recalled to the stand and his cross-examination resumed by District Attorney Jerome. The witness yesterday referred Mr. Jerome to an instance of brain storm cited in one of the medical authorities. Today the prosecutor asked if the alienist knew of any other reported cases of brain storm. Dr. Wagner said he could not recall any off hand.

CROWN LAND SALES

A Number of Lots Disposed of at Upset Price of $1 per Acre.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 5 — (Special)—The following lots of crown land were sold at auction at the crown land office this morning at the upset price of $1 per acre

One hundred acres at Dunnville settlement, Kent county, to Abel Cudmore.

One hundred acres in Restigouche county, opposite the mouth of the Matapedia, to William E. Mann.

Sixty-nine acres on Shippegan Island Gloucester, to Joseph A. Chiasson.

Ninety-five acres on Shippegan Island to Leon F. Chiasson.

Sixty-nine acres on Shippegan Islanr to Jean A. Chiasson.

A hundred acre lot in Westmorland, applied for by C. E. Lockhart, was withdrawn.

Stewart Benson, lately appointed agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, arrived this morning.

CANADIAN CLUB

Tonight's Supper and Address Should Be Most Enjoyable.

About one hundred and fifty tickets have been sold for the first meeting of the Canadian Club which will take the form of a light supper in the York Assembly rooms this evening.

Supper will be served at 6.15 o'clock and the guest of the evening will be George R. Parkin, D. C. L., Rhodes scholarship commissioner. At the close of the supper the rooms will be cleared and Dr. Parkin will address the members of the club and the board of trade. His subject will be "Canada Today and in the Future."

Frank White is the caterer for the supper which promises to be a most enjoyable affair.

MILLS GETTING READY TO START

The owners of sawmills are getting ready to resume operations about the middle of the present month. It was reported that some of the mills would start up in about a week, but according to some of the owners seen today it will be about two weeks before the machinery is again put in motion.

Stetson, Cutler & Co. have about finished their repair work and will likely get under way next week. They have enough logs on hand to keep them going for a time.

Most of the mills have logs enough to make a start soon and if the weather commences to moderate as is expected the mills will probably continue without a break.

Miller Bros. will start up about the 20th. They have about 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 feet of logs on hand.

Quite a number of men who have been in the woods are now coming out so as to be ready when needed here.

Though nothing definite can be learned yet as to the cut this season it is believed that it will be about equal to last year.

RUSSIAN HOUSE OPENS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 5—The douma, or lower house of parliament, was formally opened at noon today in the presence of all the ministers and many other high functionaries. No member of the imperial household was present.

Messrs Wm. Thomson & Co. managing owners of the steamship Cheronea received word from St. John's, Nfld. this morning that the vessel had arrived at Placentia Bay and that after making repairs she would sail for her port of destination, York.

GENERAL BOOTH IN NEW YORK

Aged Leader of Salvation Army Talks of His Plans.

NEW YORK, March 5—General Wm. Booth, the aged leader of the Salvation Army, arrived in the city today on the steamer Minneapolis from London. He will spend two days here as the guest of his daughter, Commander Eva Booth, and will then leave for Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver and Seattle, whence he will sail for Japan. After a short stay in that kingdom he will go to India and thence return to England. In the fall he will again come to the United States, this time for a general tour of the country, during which he will hold a number of public meetings in the larger cities.

His present visit is purely a private one, and he will make no public address. During his stay in Ottawa he will be the guest of Earl Grey. When interviewed by reporters on the steamer he said he was in excellent health and enjoyed the voyage.

After outlining his plans for the amelioration of the condition of those who have failed in the struggle of life, he said: "I have three great schemes on hand. First, I hope to complete my experiment of putting the people in possession of small land holdings, say of five or six acres, near market towns, where they can support themselves. I have one tract near Colchester, England, and have been given $500,000 for the work there. Next, I have a great colonization scheme with Rhodesia, South Africa, as the location. We shall have a new world in the centre of South Africa. My third scheme is to create two institutions, one in London and the other in New York, to teach suitable persons the proper way to deal with vices, sins, misfortunes and miseries of mankind generally."

The general then dwelt enthusiastically upon the success which has already attended the founding of anti-suicide bureaus in many cities of England. The first five weeks of the work in London brought five hundred cases. They represented "we help almost all of them," he asserted.

THIRTY HURT IN EXPLOSION

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 5—By the explosion of powder at the Richards colliery at Mt. Carmel, today, the blacksmith shop, boiler house and large powder magazine were blown up. About thirty persons were injured, several probably fatally. Window panes were broken for 15 miles from the explosion.

PERSONALS

A. B. Copp, M. P. P., passed through the city this morning en route from Sackville to Fredericton.

Herbert R. Swinerton of Montreal, is in the city and will go to Halifax tonight.

W. S. Mildon, elected yesterday an alderman of Eastport, is a native of Weymouth, N. S., and has been mayor of the Maine town.

Races will be held on the new ice track at Torryburn on Wednesday. Races will include a 2.40 trot, 2.40 pace and free-for-all. All the horses that participated in the Millidgeville races will compete. Sleighs leave Watson's stables at two o'clock.

James Thompson and wife, of Chance Harbor wish to thank the doctors, superintendent and nurses of the St. John General Public Hospital for the kindness and attention given to their daughter, Miss Edith Thompson, in her late illness, and also their many friends for their kindness and sympathy in their bereavement.