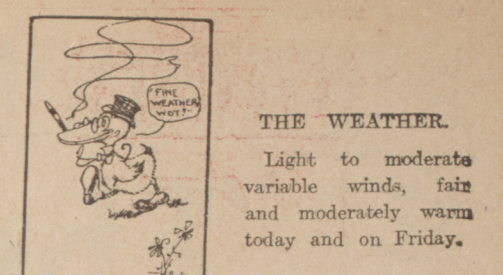




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OLD MAN KILLED BY MARITIME EXPRESS

He Was Probably Asleep on the Track When the Engine Struck Him—Body Taken to Campbellton.

Moncton, N. B., May 21 (Special).—An aged man, supposed to have been lying on the track, was struck and killed this morning at Jaquet river by the Maritime Express which left here last night for Montreal. The fatality took place about thirty feet east of the switch at Jaquet river. The man whose name could not be ascertained and who was not known by the train officials, was struck in the head, but was not badly marked up. Death, however, is believed to have been almost instantaneous. Condr. Heine, of Moncton, was in charge of the train and driver McNeil was at the throttle. The body was picked up and care for this morning. Coroner Doherty, of Campbellton, will begin an inquest.

By having his companion jump on his back while playing his cards on the street yesterday afternoon, a lad named Arnold had his leg badly broken between the ankle and the knee.

BRIDGE WRECKED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Huge New Bridge on New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway Blown Up, Probably by Strikers.

New York, N. Y., May 21.—A new bridge under construction in Harlem branch of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at Baychester, was wrecked by dynamite to-day. A charge of fifty pounds of the explosive was discharged under the first span, twisting the huge girders and practically wrecking the whole structure. Today's outrage followed an unsuccessful attempt to wreck a bridge on the same railroad over the Harlem river early yesterday. The bridge was a modern steel structure which had been erected over the tracks near Baychester Station for foot and vehicle traffic and for many months had been the scene of almost constant labor troubles. It is alleged that striking workmen made frequent threats to blow up the bridge unless their grievances were adjusted, and as a result two watchmen have been on guard at the bridge every night. After the last attempt to destroy the other bridge, another watchman was added to the force and all three were on duty last night. Just at dawn there came a flash near the first span, followed by a terrific report and the grinding and tearing of the great steel girders. Two of the watchmen, who were within fifty feet of the end of the bridge, were thrown to the ground. Hundreds of windows in the vicinity were broken. As the watchmen scrambled to their feet the two men dashed away through the semi-darkness. A fusillade of shots was sent after them, but none reached the mark.

Experts who viewed the work of the wreckers are unanimous that at least fifty pounds of dynamite must have been placed under the bridge to effect the blowing up of the bridge. It is believed that it will take two months to repair the damage done.

LEGISLATURE HEARD BOTH SIDES OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT TODAY

W. Frank Hatheway and Others Make Urgent Plea for Its Adoption While Fred R. Taylor, J. A. Likely, C. J. Osman, and Others Oppose It—Members of the Ship Laborers' Association Want Pre-election Promises Carried Out.

Fredericton, N. B., May 21 (Special).—A deputation of mill owners, manufacturers and other employers of labor from St. John attended before the legislature this morning to express their objection to the provisions of the bill in amendment of the workmen's compensation act 1903, at present before the house.

Fred R. Taylor, addressing the members, submitted that the effect of the bill was to make the employer the insurer of all labor. It had many times been shown in the case coming before the courts that the employer was more often than not compelled to pay damages for any injuries his workmen might have received for which the employer could not in any way be held responsible and notwithstanding that he might have taken all the precautions possible to provide the most complete and up to date machinery of the day being more often than not, of the same class as the workmen, and naturally sympathized with him at the expense of the employer. Many references had been made in the discussion on the bill to the English act and it had been said that the provisions of the bill were nothing like as drastic as the English act but there was one feature in the English act which was absent from this bill which was the liberty of reference to arbitration. This province was not in such a position as would justify it in adopting legislation of the class under discussion. Public opinion was not yet ripe for it. It had not been found necessary in Ontario a province which employed a considerably larger number of workmen than N. B. to restrict employers in the manner proposed by this bill and it would be quite time enough to wait till that had been done and then follow suit. New Brunswick was too small to be the pioneer in legislation of the sort. There was no such legislation in Nova Scotia. The law there was pretty much as it is in this province since the act of 1903 and it appeared to him that it was unnecessary to impose obligations on the ship owners of St. John which were not called upon to be born by ship owners at Halifax. It might be contended of course that the ship owners could protect themselves by insurance but the cost of so doing would operate as a very serious handicap when it was remembered that the necessity for it did not exist elsewhere.

Moreover, the act was mislabeled. It could not be properly described as a Workmen's Compensation act; it was more in the nature of an Employers' Liability Act. There was no consideration shown to the employer whatever. It was necessary that an action should in all cases be brought from which there were no provisions for appealing and nothing to provide for reducing the costs in any way. All such actions must come before a jury with the usual result.

A system which was satisfactory in Ontario, Manitoba and in Nova Scotia should surely be sufficient in this province.

A COLLEGE PRANK HAD SERIOUS ENDING

Columbia Student Shot While Attempting to Break Into a Candy and Soda Water Store and May Die.

New York, May 21.—As the result of a college prank, which the police took the form of an attempt to break into a candy booth which had been repeatedly robbed, Edward H. Cook, of Albany, a freshman student in Columbia University is in the J. Hood Wright Hospital today with a bullet wound behind his left ear. Cook is eighteen years old and the son of John T. Cook, former district attorney of Albany county and one of the best known members of the Albany bar.

Howard T. Cole, of Brewsters, N. Y., also a freshman of Columbia who was a companion of Cook in the prank is a prisoner in the 125th street police station and is charged with attempted burglary. Young Cook was shot by policeman John Harton, who discovered Cook and Cole in what the police say was an attempt to break into a candy booth and soda water store in West 125th street, near Riverside Drive last night.

At the appearance of the policeman the boys started to run but Cole stopped when Harton fired a shot in the air. Young Cook continued to run and was about to dodge into a hallway when Harton shot him in the head.

At the hospital today it was stated that Cook was conscious and did not then appear to be in a serious condition, but the bullet had not been located and the danger and extent of the wound not determined until the physicians have made a more complete examination than was possible last night. It is not known whether the bullet entered the skull or lodged in the bone behind the ear.

The police are inclined to believe that the two youths broke into the lunch stand in a spirit of mischief.

MONCTON SHOPS WELL UNDER WAY

All New I. C. R. Shops Are Expected to be Ready by September 1st—Intercollegiate Athletic Meet to be Held Tomorrow.

Moncton, May 21 (Special).—By the first of September it is expected that the big new I. C. R. shops built to replace those destroyed in the conflagration of 1906, will be ready for occupancy. Two shops are completed at present, the freight car repair and planning mill, and in anticipation of immediate occupancy of the latter, the I. C. R. already has a gang of men at work installing machinery and electric motors. Three other buildings will, in less than two months, be completed, these being the stores and offices and two passenger car shops. The greatest of all the buildings are the immense locomotive shops which include various departments for locomotive erection and repair. The structural steel of this great structure is now all erected and the concrete work is being done ahead with rapidly. The shops, when completed, will be one of the finest layouts in Canada, if not in America. All the shops are built of solid concrete, and interiors finished in white, lighted by hundreds of windows and heated by the hot blast system. There are over six hundred men at present working on the big undertaking.

The athletic of U. N. B., Mt. Allison and Acadia, meet here tomorrow in the annual sports to decide the athletic supremacy of the three institutions, and while no record breaking is being expected, keen competitions in many events are looked for. It is understood the teams will be as follows:—U. N. B.: sprints, hurdles, bridges, Dever, Smith; weights, Landry, bundles, Barry, Jost and Spurr; Brooks; pole vault, Dever, Dipier.

Mt. Allison will probably have in the sprints Clay, McKay, Llewellyn, Ryan and Doe; mile, Killam, Smith and Wheeler; hurdles, Pickup, Parker, McSweeney; high jump, Rand and Beer; broad jump, Fawcett and McCall; pole vault, Doe, McSweeney, Patterson or McCall; weights, A. Smith, Dibble, Cochrane or Carter.

Acadia will have Morland, Camp and Brown in short distances, with Alop and Young for the mile. In the high jump there will be Messenger, Jost and Spurr, with Hughes, Spurr and Jost for the hurdles. Jost and Stalling in the broad jump; Robinson and Kierstead in the shot put; Hughes, Debow and Kierstead for the hammer and H. Hughes and Brown for the pole vault, will complete the team.

ONE NEWSPAPER MAN MURDERED ANOTHER

Well Known Men Principals in Shooting Affray in El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., May 21.—Monroe M. Harrell, 32 years old, formerly of Oklahoma City, but for a number of years connected with newspaper work in El Paso, was shot and instantly killed last night by J. E. Mitchem, proprietor of the El Paso Evening News. Mitchem, who was arrested after the shooting, says that Harrell had threatened to take his life. The shooting occurred in front of the News office. According to the statement of Policeman Ford, who was the only witness to the killing, Harrell passed him and a minute later called "Mitchem." The patrolman turned just as Mitchem fired a revolver from his pocket and fired. Harrell fell to the sidewalk, mortally wounded.

Before dying he said, "I am murdered."

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Premier Hazen Intimates That Legislature May Aid in Beautifying the Capital.

Fredericton, N. B., May 21 (Special).—Governor Tweedie will entertain a number of ladies and gentlemen at dinner at the Queen Hotel this evening.

When the legislature adjourns to-morrow it will stand adjourned until Tuesday. It is believed now that prorogation will take place on the 27th inst. in June.

The school children of this city will observe Empire Day to-morrow by marching in a body to Parliament Square during the afternoon. Patriotic songs will be sung and they will be addressed by Governor Tweedie and Premier Hazen.

As a result of the warm weather, the water in the river here has fallen over a foot in the last two days. Yesterday the thermometer here registered 82 in the shade.

Premier Hazen in proposing a toast to the health of the mayor and warden at the banquet last evening, indicated that the government would favorably consider an application for a grant for the local improvement association of Fredericton to enable it to carry on the work of beautifying the city. He told what was being done at Ottawa by the Dominion government along this line and he saw no reason why Fredericton, as the capital, should not receive some assistance in beautifying the city.

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"Johnny came mighty near choking to death the other day," said Mrs. Lapsing. "He was coughing and coughing and coughing it fast in his windpipe. At least that's what I thought it was, but when the doctor came he said it wasn't his windpipe at all. The popcorn had lodged in his sarcophagus."—Chicago Tribune.

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Superintendent Pearce, of the Boys' Industrial Home, Crouville, has requested the Times to contradict an item in this morning's Sun, which states that four boys escaped from the institution of which he has charge. This, Mr. Pearce emphatically denies and adds that there has not even been an attempted escape for some time.

FOUND STRANGLER IN ALLEY

Chicago, May 21.—Robert C. P. Holmes, purchasing agent for the Commonwealth Edison Electric Company, in an alley in the downtown district to-day, was found dead with the marks of garroting on his neck and his face black from the asphyxiation. There was also a gaping wound in the skull, apparently made by some blunt instrument. The body was found by an employe of the street cleaning department and was identified by the contents of the pockets. Not the smallest coin or the slightest article of jewelry was found on the garrotted man's person. The police have begun a thorough search for the assailant.

STERLING EXCHANGE RATE

Demand, 487.25; 60 days, 485.25 a 30; cables, 487.50.

A special meeting of the school board will be held on Tuesday evening next to decide on the building of an annex to the Winter street school. There is also some talk of purchasing some more property alongside the school lot for the purpose of enlarging the playground.

CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT

Ottawa, Ont., May 21 (Special).—The April bank statement shows a slight contraction of business as compared with March. This is not unusual in April when more or less uncertainty prevails as to building operations, etc. Notes in circulation were \$67,712,890 and against \$69,047,822 in March. The deposits payable on demand were \$154,568,221 against \$148,665,791, and the notes deposited \$307,335,435 just about the same as in March. There was a shrinkage in current loans in Canada from \$519,000,000 to \$530,000,000. The total assets stand at \$699,000,000 in round numbers against \$615,000,000 and the total liabilities at \$739,750,000 millions against 736,000,000.

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, May 21.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 3 per cent.

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The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability is 51.77 per cent; last week it was 51.12 per cent.

The dredge Dominion left port last night in tow of the tug Lord Kitchener and Lord Welsley for St. Andrews. Pilot William Spears was engaged to pilot the dredge to that port.

A NATIONAL TRAIT.

A traveller returned from Jaffa tells this tale to the historical society. Having journeyed to the historical resort on his way to Jerusalem, he succeeded in hiring a conveyance to carry him to the station. By speech and gesture he informed the native driver that he wished to be carried in leisurely, sight-seeing fashion through as many as possible of the principal thoroughfares of Jaffa, and to take the outgoing train.

He had no sooner seated himself in the vehicle, however, than the driver whipped up his horse and whirled the dismayed traveller at a furious pace through all the dust and over all the stones of the notoriously rough streets of Jaffa. The passenger was too busily employed in saving his bones to be able to see anything of the interesting town.

Arriving at the station, he found that he still had two hours to wait.

"Why the world!" he demanded, indignantly, "did you hurry like that?"

"You American," responded the driver, with an expressive shrug, "All Americans like you very much fast."—Youth's Companion.

The government cruiser Osprey was sold at auction at Shelburne last Saturday and was purchased by R. Irwin, M. P. P., for Capt. Harple Swansburg. The price paid was \$100.

The body was later identified as being that of John Murphy, Jaquet River, a farmer.

BEAUTY HATH CHARMS.

The Times new reporter was in a flutter this morning. Ten young ladies rushed into the office and surrounded him. They had a grievance. Their employer had treated them with discourtesy and they were taking a holiday and telling their friends about it. The new reporter could not resist the charms of one dear girl, and when ten pairs of lovely eyes beamed upon him, and ten eager faces were brought close to his own, while the dulcet tones of ten sweet voices made music in his ears, the helpless young man lost his head. He forgot his manners, and simply sat still and smiled at everybody. This was the opportunity of the sporting editor. That gentleman's nerve is colossal. He intruded himself into the conference, made a sympathetic remark, and in a twinkling had led the whole bevy of beauty to his own desk and was taking ample notes of the grievance set forth by ten tongues in one breath. The sporting editor's cap was on the back of his head, his wits were keen, and his expression sympathetic itself. The new reporter became conscious of his own collapse, rallied himself, glared at the sporting editor, noted the fact that his own presence had been entirely forgotten, and beat a hasty retreat. He has not spoken to the sporting editor, or noticed him, all day.

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WANTED.—Strong young women to hold umbrellas over the bearded ladies on King square—when it rains. Apply at City Hall.

A FOOLISH FELLOW.

Woodstock, May 21 (Special).—A man has been arrested for slapping his mother's face. He will plead that he intended to kill her, but will not doubt, be given a chance to finish the job. If he only slaps her again he will be sent to jail.

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Geneva, N. Y., May 21.—The residence of Phillips Lane in this city was explosively demolished last night by the explosion of a bomb. A large hole was torn in the front of the house and the interior was badly wrecked. Houses in the neighborhood were also considerably damaged. Lanasa is a prominent Italian fruit dealer. He said last night that he had not received any threatening letters nor had he made any enemies to his knowledge. It is supposed the bomb was set with a fuse. No one was injured.

ROOSEVELT TAKES BACKWATER.

Washington, May 21.—Announcement was made at the White House yesterday that President Roosevelt had signed the bill directing the restoration to gold and silver coins of the motto "In God we Trust," ordered by him stricken from the gold coins some months ago on the ground that the law did not authorize its use.

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William Bruckhoff, managing director of the Portland Rolling Mills, has placed his resignation in the hands of the directors, and George H. Waring is acting manager.

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MONTREAL STOCKS

Stocks continue firm but not so active. The features were Rio 36 3/4 Halifax Ry Bonds 100, Nova Scotia 51 3/4, Dom Steel 17 5/8, Detroit 44, Mexican 53 3/4, to 1/2, Pacific 138 1/8, Mackay 84 7/8.

PICTURE SUPERINTENDENT HERE.

Harvey L. Watkins, of New York, general superintendent of the circuit of moving picture houses of which the Nickel Theatre here is one, was in the city yesterday and left last evening on his return to New York.

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