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WEATHER

Westerly winds, cloudy and mild today, strong west tonight, and turning colder. Tuesday, cold.

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ONE CENT

INSANITY PLEA WILL BE UTILIZED TO SAVE HIM

This Will Be the Defense in Case of Syrian Who Shot Denver Priest--Precautions Taken Against Lynching. Another Arrest in Chicago Case.

DENVER, March 9.—Anticipating the presence of a large crowd at the opening of the trial today of Giuseppe Alia, the Syrian, who in cold blood, murdered Father Heinrich of St. Elizabeth's church, while he was giving the sacraments on Sunday, Feb. 23, Sheriff Alexander Nisbet had stationed deputies along the walks and in the entrance ways leading from the jail to the courtroom and also in the court room itself. This precaution was taken to frustrate any attempt at mob violence, although the authorities do not look for any real outbreak of this kind.

Alia's case was the first on the criminal docket, and Judge Whitford, who is taking his turn on the criminal bench, had ordered present an open band of 100 volunteers. It was expected that the defense of Attorney Widcombe, representing Alia by appointment of the court, would advance the theory of insanity in the hope of saving the life of his client, and to be prepared for combating the defense, the prosecution had summoned eight of the most skillful brain specialists in the city to be present for the purpose of observing the defendant, and thus be in readiness to give expert opinion as to his sanity. The defense had arranged also for three alienists to serve their side, Attorney Widcombe indicated in the examination of

jurymen that he would make the question of a prospective jurymen's allegiance to the Roman Catholic faith the cause for challenging him to his qualification to serve.

When Alia was taken from the jail to the court house he was under guard of Sheriff Nisbet and four deputies. His men had explicit instructions to keep the jail ground clear of and to arrest any one who showed any evidence of intention to attack the prisoner. Spectators in the court room were ordered closely scrutinized and all suspicious characters were excluded from the building.

CHICAGO, March 9.—The police arrested Emanuel Leibel, aged 35, a garment presser, who was found distributing some of Emma Goldman's anarchistic circulars at Fourteenth and Halsted streets. The circulars attacked Chief Shippy for killing Averch and demanded a right to free speech. The police confiscated several hundred of them. After that Leibel's room was searched and a quantity of anarchist literature found. Assistant Chief Schuster obtained a sample of Averch's hand writing. It corresponded in every particular with the writing on the envelope containing the deoxy letter that the assassin had taken to Chief Shippy's house, indicating that Averch had written it.

SHOT MAN WHO CAME TO ROB

Italian Banker in New York Fatally Wounds Man Who Tried to Loot His Bank.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Pasquale Patti, who conducts a loan, banking and exchange business in the Italian quarter in Elizabeth St. in a pistol duel in which his son in law, Louis Cartier joined, shot Francesco Pellaro, alias Giuseppe Sapia, five times Saturday, as a result of Pellaro's alleged attempt to rob the bank. Pellaro is dying in a hospital. Michele Dogostino, who is believed to be an accomplice of Pellaro, was arrested while running from the bank after the shooting. For 14 years, Patti told the police he has steadily received black hand letters and only a month ago the front of his bank was blown out by a bomb and \$40,000 was scattered about the street. The cash was saved by the banker's quickness.

The bank was about to close Saturday and the streets in the neighborhood were teeming with people returning from a half holiday's toil when Pellaro entered the bank. Patti was talking with his family when Pellaro suddenly drew a revolver and declared he had come to kill the banker.

Quickly seizing a revolver from a shelf Patti opened fire on Pellaro while on the other side of the bank, Louis Cartier, who conducted the branch post office station in the institution, drew his revolver and also began firing. Pellaro fell with five bullets in his body and Dogostino was caught running from the bank.

Pellaro told the coroner tonight that he went to the bank to kill Patti, but fired no shots. The police have been unable to find Pellaro's revolver. Patti is held by the police pending further investigation of the affair.

SACKVILLE NEWS

Purity League to Seek Legislation--News From Mount Allison.

SACKVILLE, N. B., March 9 (Special)—At a recent meeting of the Sackville Parish Political Purity League, it was decided to ask the county league to take steps to obtain from the provincial government a severe and simple law governing the electoral practice at provincial and municipal elections.

A debate between Mount Allison and Kings College will be held on March 27th. Judges for the debate have not yet been agreed upon. Among the men suggested by Mount Allison are Chief Justice Barker, Hon. A. S. White, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Hector McInnis, of Halifax, and A. C. Bell, of Pictou.

At a meeting of the Eucharistic Society of Mount Allison University on Saturday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, W. Roy Smith, '08, St. John; vice-president, E. E. Graham, '09, Centerville, N. S.; recording secretary, Humphrey Lockhart, '09, Moncton; corresponding secretary, R. N. Pincock, '10, Newfoundland; treasurer, J. L. Cheik, '10, St. George, N. B.; teller, H. Royce, '11.

While playing hockey on Friday, Chester Harry, a Newfoundland young man, attending Mount Allison University, met with a nasty accident. He was checked and in falling struck heavily on the back of his head. It was feared that he had been very seriously injured. Fortunately, though he is still feeling the effects of the accident, it is expected that he will be about again in a day or so.

TOO STRONG ON KISSING

This Man Objects to Osculatory Demonstration More Than Six Times a Day.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Six kisses a day are the limit for Ora M. Leedom. He promised Detectives Skark and Johnson who arrested him for deserting his affectionate wife, that he would stay with her on that basis. They found him in Springfield, Ill., where he went several weeks ago.

"It's a case of too much 'love dovey' business," said Leedom on the way back from Springfield. "My wife—she was married once or twice before—is a good woman and a fine housekeeper, but she goes too strong on the love business to suit me. Now, I'm not a chippy guy or anything like that, but I don't want a woman kissing me all the time. When I come home from work in the evening I like to sit down and read the paper. My wife would want me to hold hands with her and say foolish things."

A few days before I jumped out of town, some actress made a hit with a kiss that lasted 45 seconds. When my wife read that in the paper she said she could beat it with one hand tied behind her back. The only fault I had to find with Annie was her loving nature. I'll agree to go back and live with her if she'll only cut out the kissing business. I don't mind a little kiss now and then, but I draw the line at more than six a day."

HE MET DEATH IN THE "CHAIR"

Italian Murderer Electrocuted in Sing Sing Today.

OSSINING, N. Y., March 9.—Antonio Strollo, an Italian who killed a man in Vancourtland Park, near here for the purpose of robbery, went to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison today with a smile and a cheery good-bye to those who had been summoned to witness the execution. Strollo showed the most extraordinary composure. When he entered the death chamber with a light, springy step, his face was beaming and the smile was never absent for an instant. Four contacts were made before the man was pronounced dead.

Strollo killed Antonio Torselli, a fellow countryman, in Vancourtland Park last summer. Torselli's face was literally slashed to pieces. In all there were 36 stab wounds in the murdered man's body.

The execution was witnessed by three New York assemblies. They declined to give their names. Judge Edmund R. Terry of Brooklyn was also present. It is said that a bill is being prepared for presentation in the assembly which provides for the abolition of capital punishment in that the assemblymen who came here today did so to see for themselves the manner in which the capital punishment is carried out.

STRIKE IS SETTLED

Dominion Textile Operatives Returned to Work This Morning

MONTREAL, March 9.—(Special)—Over two thousand striking operatives of the Dominion Textile Company's plant at Hochelaga went back to work this morning as the result of an understanding reached last night at a meeting of employees where they agreed to accept, pending an investigation of the charges against Foreman Vienne of using insulting language to girls.

MILLIDGEVILLE RACES

The following is the list of entries for tomorrow's Millidgeville speedway events.

FREE FOR ALL.

Walter K.—Louis King.
Lord Minto—S. A. Williams.
Check—Chas. H. Colwell.

2.40 CLASS.

Winnie Mack—C. Emery.
Dan D.—G. B. Sprague.
Fleetfoot—R. Short.

Three more entries are expected by tonight. These speedway races have been creating a lively interest among local horsemen and a big crowd is expected to go out for tomorrow's events. It is hoped to get the horses on the ice at two o'clock.

P. E. ISLAND NEWS

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., March 9.—(Special)—The Sydney hockey team arrived here Saturday under the management of J. C. Larder. Tomorrow night they play the Abegweits and Wednesday the Victorias.

A fire in O'Leary Friday night destroyed the postoffice and three adjoining buildings owned by F. H. Dennis and occupied by Harry Turner, harness maker. Dr. McDonald and the O'Leary drug store. The loss is \$1200 with no insurance.

Rev. H. E. Thomas, pastor of the Methodist church preached on political purity last night making a plea for the sanctity of the ballot and strongly condemning bribery, the electors being in a large measure to blame as well as the candidates. "If there were no demand for the goods they would not be supplied, he said."

The champion Fredericton Capitals came in from Halifax on today's Maritime train and are stopping at the Dufferin. They will go home on today's Montreal train. They will possibly play the Marathons the latter part of the week.

KING ALFONSO WILL NOT BE WARNED

He Intends to Visit Barcelona Tomorrow and Almost Anything May Happen --- Anarchists Have Decried His Death

BARCELONA, March 9.—General Linars, the captain general of Catalonia is confident that the visit of King Alfonso will pass off safely. His majesty is expected tomorrow morning. General Linars declares the population of this city is anxious to show its loyalty to the king, whose courage in coming after the repeated bomb outrages here is greatly admired. Nevertheless, the captain general is sparing no precautions to safeguard his majesty. The official programme of the visit has not been allowed to be printed and the houses along the streets through which the king is to pass have been thoroughly searched. But in view of the fact that for twenty years Barcelona has been a stronghold of republicanism and the centre of violent Calist agitation brought about by the withdrawal of the ancient privileges of Catalonia at the time the government was centralized at Madrid after the French model, an enthusiastic popular reception is not expected. The peril of the king comes chiefly from the anarchist wing of the Caliste, which is conducting a campaign of bomb operations as reprisals for the alleged ill-treatment of the Mont Juich prison.

MADRID, March 9.—It developed here today that a section of the Spanish ministry is bitterly opposed to King Alfonso's going to Barcelona, which is described as a "trap" for the king, but the king, with a display of the old Bourbon courage, has refused to be dissuaded. He considers it his duty to go and is confident that his visit to Barcelona will appeal to the chivalrous spirit of the Spanish people and have a good effect. A despatch has been received here from the Spanish ministry to Switzerland saying that the anarchists of Geneva have decried the death of King Alfonso and Premier Maura.

TREED BY WOLVES

Unpleasant Experience of Two Trappers Near Port Arthur, Ont.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., March 9 (Special)—Forced to cling to a slim tree from dusk to dawn, with the thermometer below zero, while a pack of 20 ravenous timber wolves kept up an incessant chorus beneath, was the experience of Tom and Patrick Murphy, two trappers, in Silver Mountain, near here, on Friday night. Without food or overcoats the men were kept in the tree all night, the wolves scattering only when morning came. The men, however, managed to pick off nine of them, for which they collected \$135 in bounty here today.

CHURCH SEXTON HALF A CENTURY

Frank Brown Has Resigned His Position in Carleton Methodist Church.

Mr. Frank Brown, who has recently resigned his position as sexton of the Carleton Methodist church was presented one evening last week with an address of appreciation and a purse of gold—\$50. The presentation was made by the trustees of the church on behalf of the congregation, the members of which contributed to the fund for that purpose. Mr. Brown has held the position for nearly 50 years and on account of advancing age felt that he could not longer do the work.

MINISTER DROPS DEED

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Rev. Charles Alvin Smith, pastor of the Peek Memorial Presbyterian chapel, dropped dead of apoplexy while dining last night at the home of Mrs. Louis S. Hamlin, widow of the late pastor of the Church of the Covenant.

IT HAS BEEN HARD WINTER

Many Calls Have Been Made Upon the Associated Charities During Past Few Months

The present winter has been the hardest in the history of the Associated Charities, owing to sickness, poverty and lack of employment.

This statement was made this morning to a Times representative by Mrs. C. H. Hall, secretary of the organization referred to.

Mrs. Hall stated that the sufferers were, in the large majority of cases, the heads of families, a fact which made so many cases all the more serious. Some of the cases will prove fatal, but most of the patients will pull through with proper care. There has been comparatively little illness among children and little or no contagious disease has been encountered.

The lack of employment has resulted partially from the fact that the mills have been shut down and partially from a great deal of what is known as "broken time," in the winter port work.

Mrs. Hall adds that although the winter port laborers have had less to do, the shipping people have made a considerable gain financially.

SENATOR PERLEY EXPOSES A GAME

How "The Secret Ballot" Was Worked at Blissville

"A more rascally law and one more easy to manipulate than the present so-called secret ballot, could not be framed," said the senator, "and I was anxious to see how it would work out. I had doubts about it preventing bribery and it was only necessary for me to hear the first two or three ballots read out at the close of the poll at Blissville for me to see how the ballot were manipulated."

For instance, the first ballot read, W. Morton Thurott, Peake; another Dr. J. Palmer Peake, Thurott; or again Peake, Thurott; Thurott, Peake and so on, the names being twisted and arranged in about forty different combinations.

A worker would approach a voter, for instance, and hand him one of these ballots, agreeing to pay him a certain sum as agreed upon, some time later. When the ballots were counted and the returning officer read out the names as they appeared on the slips, the agents would be able to check off the ballots, a list of which, in their varied forms, had been prepared beforehand.

The senator declared that the present ballot was far from being perfect, and he thinks if a printed ballot containing all the candidates' names was used, and no other ballot allowed, it would be an improvement.

HE WAS PREMATURE

Worcester Man Expecting Death Gave Away His Property—Now He is in Alms House.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 9.—Dr. John Wellesley, well known here as a cancer expert and a philanthropist, has applied for admission to the poor house at the age of 83. A year ago Dr. Wellesley decided that he could not live more than six months, and therefore gave away all his property, retaining only enough money to keep him the half year. The amount has been used and as he has no relatives and nothing to live on, he asks the county authorities to care for him.

COMMANDS BISLEY TEAM

OTTAWA, Ont., March 9 (Special)—Lt. Col. A. G. D. Labelle, of the 65th of Montreal, has been appointed commandant of the Bisley team, and Major W. C. King, 46th, of Bowmanville, has been appointed adjutant.

REAR ROOM, TABLE DRAWER AND A TWO DOLLAR BILL

L. P. D. Tilley Tells How One Government Ward Heeler "Rewarded the Faithful" the Day After Election Day ---The Purity Agreement Violated.

A Times man called on L. P. D. Tilley, secretary of the Social and Moral Reform Council, and asked if the council had done anything in reference to watching the course of events in the recent local government elections. Mr. Tilley replied that the league had not remained with its eyes closed during the recent campaign. They had already, he said, secured some definite information in regard to the violation of the undertaking by both parties that neither money nor intoxicants should be used. When asked as to what he thought about the improvement of conditions as to the expending of money in the last local elections as compared with other elections, he said the improvement was wonderfully apparent, in fact there appeared to be very little money going.

There were some cases of treating, which were traceable to both parties' agents. There was definite information obtained by the league as to the actual payment of money. The method was rather unique. The money was not paid until the day after the elections. Certain warders whose votes it had been arranged to pay for, congregated the day following the elections, in a certain barroom and were taken in one at a time to a room in the rear. The elector was then told to go over to a small table in the centre of the room,

pull out a drawer and there he found a dollar note and an old pair of gloves. He was to say the gloves were not discarded, but the money always disappeared. The man was then told to give the tip to so and so in the outer room, who also came in and was told in the same way to open the drawer and obtain his reward.

Mr. Tilley was asked whether the gentleman who was working the arrangement and seeing that each one got his compensation out of the small drawer in this small table, was a government or opposition worker and he replied that he is a prominent government ward worker and has been so for some years.

When asked to name him, he preferred not to, under the circumstances. Whether the league will prosecute has not been decided, as the matter has not been placed before the council yet.

The action of the league and the two parties in having an agreement, Mr. Tilley thinks, had a material effect on the result of the elections. In certain wards he did not hear of a dollar being spent, outside of legitimate expenses.

It was ascertained on election day that slips of paper entitling the bearer to a free drink at a certain bar were also being passed around, but this was stopped and the orders cancelled.

DISCUSSED NEW WHARF

West Side Improvements Committee Spent Some Time Over It This Morning

In consequence of objections raised by Capt. Walsh, superintendent of the C. P. R., that the proposed extension of the new west side wharf to the harbor line, would make the space between it and Sand Point wharves too narrow to allow the Empress steamers to be handled, the west side committee met this morning to consider the matter.

Capt. Walsh has made representations to Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, as the government has undertaken to build the additional 400 feet to the harbor line, and at the minister's request the matter was taken up by the west side committee.

Capt. Walsh contends that in order for a large steamer to use the Sand Point berths in the slip sufficient room must be available to bring the vessel out at an angle which will permit of the bow being easily turned down stream. He maintains that, should the remaining 400 feet be built, no steamer the length of the Empress, which are 570 feet long, could be safely handled by a tug, particularly with a heavy steamer lying at the next wharf, which would mean reducing the available free space to little more than 300 feet.

From enquiries made it was learned that Capt. Walsh had not only expressed himself strongly on this point but had intimated that should the extension be continued the Empress would not dock at Sand Point. He was not prepared to say what the alternative would be.

A counter proposition has been put forward by Capt. Walsh. He has the extension should be built in a northerly direction to a point on the harbor line near the outer end of the North Rodney wharf. Should this be carried out it would give a berth between 600 and 700 feet long lying at an angle of about 45 degrees from the harbor front. Some difficulty might be experienced in laying rail way tracks on a wharf at this angle and it would narrow the entrance to the southern side of North Rodney wharf, but it will likely be given serious consideration.

The new turn of affairs was discussed at length by the west side committee this morning and it was finally decided to write to the minister asking him to have an independent engineer look into the whole matter and report back to him.

City Engineer Peters still contends that there is plenty of room for handling steamers under the present plans and it is further stated that C. P. R. officials approved of the present plans when they were first drawn up and that they advocated the wharf as at present designed rather than a straight wharf. It is further pointed out that if the plans were changed as Captain Walsh suggests it would destroy the 630 foot berth planned for the northern side of the structure as the wharf would go so close to Rodney wharf that a steamer could not get in. It is also feared that if this proposal was followed that the west side ferry entrance would be threatened with a cave-in.

It was decided to make repairs to the roof of No. 2 warehouse at Sand Point and the harbor master about the dredge being allowed to lie at Nelson slip was discussed and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the harbor master to effect a satisfactory settlement.

JUSTICE MABEE MAY GET IT

OTTAWA, March 9.—(Special)—Justice Mabree of the high court of Ontario is favorably spoken of for the chairmanship of the railway commission. No appointment has yet been made although Justice Mabree is said to be a man well fitted for the position.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED HOUSES BURNED.
TOKIO, March 9.—A fire at Niigata, which started at 6 p. m. yesterday, was extinguished at two o'clock this morning. In a district comprising twenty-one of the principal streets, 1,500 houses were destroyed, the area being swept clean. There was some loss of life, but the number is not known.

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