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SALT LAKE LIKELY SAYS RICKARD

Promoter Has No Doubt of Location for Jeffries-Johnson Fistic Argument—The Baseball Tangle

New York, Dec. 15.—Tex Rickard, the prize fight promoter, who has just returned from Boston, denies there is any secret agreement between Jeffries and Johnson over a division of the \$101,000 purse he offered. "I will bet any one \$1,000," said Rickard today, "that there is no agreement between Jeffries and Johnson of any kind, excepting to divide the purse 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser; and I will bet Tom McCarry of Los Angeles or anyone else another \$1,000 that I did not give Jeffries 10,000 or any other secret inducement to favor my bid for the fight."

The Baseball Tangle

New York, Dec. 15.—"Who's who" in the affairs of the National League for the coming season was the sole topic of discussion today when the magnates of that organization met to select a president for the National League. Over night conferences did not seem to develop any agreement in bringing a solution to the tangle, which the National League has been fruitfully trying to unravel for two days.

Barney Dreyfus, head of the Pittsburgh club, says that Stanley Robison of St. Louis has informed him that he will not vote for John M. Ward, though not indicating that he will stand by Heydler. New York is making the fight for John M. Ward, and John T. Brush of the local National club is managing the campaign to depose Heydler. Brush, it was said today, feels that Ward is thrown down, it will be a victory for Ben. Johnson, president of the American League, and that in such an event the National League would become subservient to the interests of the American League.

"I won't vote for anybody else but Ward," said C. H. Ebbett, of the Brooklyn club today. When the magnates went into session today, Heydler was backed by Cincinnati, Boston, and Pittsburgh; Ward's adherents were New York, Chicago, Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

SEEK TO HAVE REDUCTION IN TELEGRAPH TOLLS

Montreal Board of Trade Wants Lower Rates Between That City and Winnipeg

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Montreal board of trade called at a meeting yesterday afternoon decided to ask the telegraph companies to reduce the rates between Montreal and Winnipeg.

Application on behalf of the citizens' committee was made to the courts yesterday afternoon for an injunction to prevent a by-law for municipal electric plant being submitted to a vote of the electors and also asking that the by-law be quashed. The court reserved decision.

SWEPT TWENTY FEET UNDER THE ICE

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—As a sequel to the story of the misadventures of A. F. Hurdman, of Ottawa, who is now in Gow Ganda, is recounted.

Mr. Hurdman and his party had been crossing Gow Ganda Lake and when mid-way over the lake the ice gave way and the supplies of the party were lost—and a man from the party was all but drowned.

When the first firm ice formed, all went to look for the lost articles; but the work had not proceeded far when Mr. Hurdman went through himself and was carried by an undercurrent for about 20 feet under the ice.

In a letter received today in Ottawa by his brother, Lt.-Col. Hurdman, the plucky prospector told that when he went in head foremost, he swallowed "about a gallon of water," and he described the sensations of a man for over a minute trying to push his head through from beneath a thick layer of ice.

However he was finally got out a long piece from where he went under, there being fortunately a clear space at that point where he came in, and without a change he was taken to a fire where he stood about till he was dried.

SHORTAGE \$50,000

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The Atlantic office of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Company of Brooklyn has been short approximately \$50,000 since January, 1907, according to a statement issued by the State Department of Insurance. This adds further complexities to the affairs of the company, whose deposited president, George P. Sheldon is now under indictment charged with grand larceny.

NOVA SCOTIA CAPTAIN AND WIFE BELIEVED LOST WITH FIVE MASTER

Boston, Dec. 16.—The loss of the five masted schooner Governor Ames, which was wrecked off Cape Hatteras on Monday was the hardest blow that local shipping houses received this year. The Ames was the first five masted schooner built and during her twenty-one years' career she had a number of accidents and was

ITO'S DEATH NOT TO ALTER JAP POLICY

Conference Between Premier and Marquis Sayonji, it is Announced, Decides to Carry on Peaceful Development

Tokio, Dec. 16.—A conference between Premier Marquis Katsura and Ex-Premier Marquis Sayonji, held recently, was ostensibly for the purpose of making assurance more assured that the death of Prince Ito would cause no change in the policy of Japan either at home or abroad. Marquis Sayonji is at present the leader of the party in power in the diet, with a majority over all others and this has started the report of probable new policies in the coming diet.

A semi-official report of this conference, appearing in what may be regarded as the organ of the premier, states that a full agreement between the two statesmen was reached and that the policy outlined by Marquis Katsura during his term of office for the last two years, namely peaceful development of Japanese resources and increasing friendship with foreign countries, was adopted as the slogan of the Seiyunkai for the coming diet.

Popular misconception has, since the death of Prince Ito, made Marquis Katsura a militarist anxious to plunge Japan into war. Nothing could be further from the truth. Marquis Katsura is an earnest advocate of peace and his whole course since he assumed the premiership has been aimed with a view to increasing the friendly relations of Japan with the outside world, more especially with China.

LEOPOLD IS HOPEFUL BUT IS OLD MAN

Better Today and His Condition Was Favorable This Afternoon.

Brussels, Dec. 16.—His physicians consider the condition of King Leopold as improved today. The following bulletin was issued this morning:

"The consequences of the operation are normal; temperature 98.9-10; pulse 70; respiration 24. The improvement has become more marked."

It was announced verbally that the king's condition was so good this morning that the fears entertained had been nearly dispelled. As a result of the turn for the better the patient will be given a diet of eggs, soup, weak wine and water. Two of his physicians remain at the palace.

Brussels, Dec. 16.—In an interview, one of the king's physicians said that the convalescence might begin within five or six days, despite his extreme weakness. He said that Leopold was bearing up well and was still hopeful of recovery. "But," the medical man added, significantly "we must not forget that the king is seventy-five years old."

A bulletin issued at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon stated that the condition of his majesty was favorable.

FOR AND AGAINST A CENTRAL BANK

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—The merits and defects of the Central Bank were discussed by four able speakers before the Economic League at a dinner at the American House tonight.

Horace White, former editor-in-chief of the New York Evening Post, and Chas. A. Conant, author of several works on banks, spoke in favor of the central bank.

Mr. Conant declared a conservation of the bank reserves and economic authority and power was not possible under the present system of isolated banks and called for the central bank.

Alexander D. Noyes, financial editor of the New York Evening Post, in opposition stated his belief that a central bank would be too largely dominated by Wall street and political influence.

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Dec. 16.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 4 1/2 per cent today.

London, Dec. 16.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserves decreased £1,332,000, circulation decreased £48,000, bullion decreased £1,399,635, other securities increased £872,000, other deposits decreased £1,228,000, public deposits increased £729,000, notes reserve decreased £304,000, government securities unchanged.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 54.34 per cent, last week it was 55.71 per cent.

ANOTHER STEP TAKEN IN THE CZAR'S IRON RULE OF FINLAND

LED TO CELL, SHE
TALKS SUICIDE

Mrs. Martin, Charged With Murder of Her Daughter, Wants to Go to Heaven

New York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Mrs. O'Leary, the East-Orange bath-tub victim, talked of suicide and collapsed as she was being led to a cell in the Mercer street police station early today.

"The ending is death," was Mrs. Martin's reported answer to the answer of the detective to her questions as to what the legal proceedings would be in her case.

"I would welcome death," the detective reports her as continuing. "I am old and can't help anyone and am of no use. I want to go to Heaven."

The elderly woman's condition was pitiable. When she was brought to the station house and turned over to the kindly offices of the matron, she fainted but was revived and then led to her solitary cell.

Mrs. Martin was arrested late last night on a warrant issued in New Jersey charging her with the murder of O'Leary's daughter, Mrs. Martin's sister, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, has since been held in a New Jersey prison cell to await the action of the grand jury on a similar charge.

Mrs. Martin has been missing since the tragedy in East Orange been held in the theatrical district where she was located after a diligent and protracted search were found three notes, the wording of which was almost identical with that of the "suicide" note found pinned to the clothing of O'Leary's daughter when her body was discovered in the East Orange house bath-tub.

The notes were written on paper of the same color and texture as that of the original suicide note and the handwriting was practically identical. Slight changes in phraseology are all the differences noted.

RICHARD O'LEARY'S COPY OF LETTER SHOWN TO BE DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL

Sensation in Public Works Committee When Dr. Pugsley Produces the Real One—Richibucto Wharf Inquiry Takes Turn Unexpected By the Opposition

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Special)—There were some interesting proceedings at the public accounts committee meeting this morning when the purchase of the Richibucto wharf by the government was under inquiry.

Richard O'Leary of Richibucto, did not show up quite as well under the questioning of Dr. Pugsley, as he did yesterday, when in the hands of Mr. Crockett.

In answer to Dr. Pugsley, Mr. O'Leary admitted that since he had sold the wharf and it had passed into the possession of the government, he had moved from the wharf property.

Mr. O'Leary produced a letter from the minister of public works stating that on the valuation of the resident engineer that \$5,000 would be a fair and reasonable price for the wharf, the department had bought it at that figure. He also produced what he testified was a copy of the reply he wrote to the minister of public works. It was a long and rather emphatic typewritten document.

There was a sensation in the committee when Dr. Pugsley produced the original of the letter from Mr. O'Leary and showed that the alleged copy was not a copy at all, but differed from the original in several important particulars.

MONEY IN HOCKEY; GREGORY HAS SIGNED FOR \$1,200

Moncton Says That Settles the Game For Them—Railway Town to Agitate For a Reformatory

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Chester Gregory returned this morning from Montreal, where he signed a contract to play hockey this winter in Renfrew, Ont., for \$1,200. Arriving in Moncton on Sunday evening he went to the Windsor Hotel, where he met J. M. O'Brien, of Renfrew, financial backer of the team, who made him an offer. He was then offered \$1,000 to play with the Al-Montreal team, but O'Brien came up with \$200 more and the offer was accepted.

This puts a damper on hockey for Moncton this winter, for without the star centre man it would be practically useless to attempt any championship games.

As a result of several juvenile thefts in Moncton, the need of a reformatory here will be agitated. Within the past two days have been arrested. Two of them were sent up for trial yesterday, with their own committal. Another case will come up tomorrow.

PREMIUM GOIN TALKS ON MATTER INTERPROVINCIAL

Toronto, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Premier Goin was given a very hearty reception here by the premier and Lieut-Gov. Gibson, yesterday. The luncheon at parliament buildings, was one of the most elaborate affairs in years. Premier Goin advocated among other things, an extradition law for the provinces, also an inter-provincial law whereby the judgment of a court of any province could be enforced in any other province. The adjoining republic and the United Kingdom were much ahead of Canada in this respect.

The most embarrassing question of provincial rights has come in our way in regard to the right of provinces to tax estates held in other provinces," announced Sir Lomer. He did not want to have estates doubly taxed, either. The rights of provinces to charter commercial companies had also to be settled.

WRESTLER HURTS RIB IN MATCH

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The victory of Yussif Mahmoud over "Americus" in the wind-up of the wrestling show at the Coliseum on Tuesday night did not come without its cost. The greatly improved Bulgarian was around yesterday, but complained of pain in his left side, having injured a rib in the second fall of the match.

Antonio Pierri, the Bulgarian's manager, had booked him for a match with Giovanni Raievich, the Italian, in Montreal on Friday night and they were to have left last night but Pierri called off the Canadian contest after a physician had decided it would be inadvisable to attempt the match.



THE GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS NIKOLAEVITCH, GRAND DUKE OF RUSSIA.

Stockholm, Dec. 16.—The Helsingfors correspondent of the Aftonbladet, says that the new governor of Finland, Major General Zein, after a conference with the administration at St. Petersburg, has returned to Helsingfors, empowered to renew the fourteen edicts issued under Bobrikoff whose dictatorship in Finland ended in his assassination in 1904.

While Governor Zein will be under the control of Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch, the Aftonbladet says that the new arrangement is tantamount to a dictatorship.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The Duma has adopted a vote of censure against M. Chicheglovitch, minister of justice, for issuing a circular barring lawyers from access to the prisons, whereby the defendants in political cases are deprived of the right of conference with their counsel. The minister said that he would disregard the Duma's vote.

ALL WINTER WORK ON THE G.T.P. AT NAPPADOGAN

Forty Miles of Road Now Ballasted—Rev. T. Hunter Boyd Speaks in Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Toronto Construction Company are making good progress with the work of track laying and ballasting on their section of the Transcontinental Railway. They have the road ballasted from Cain's River to Nappadogan Lake, a distance of forty miles, and are now laying rails for the sidings at Nappadogan which is to be a divisional point. The work will be carried on all winter.

Judge Barry, in chambers this morning heard arguments in the case of the Royal Bank vs. Tucker, tried at the last term of the Northumberland county court. He reserved judgment. H. A. Powell, K. C., appears for the plaintiff and R. A. Lawlor and T. W. Butler for the defendant.

Rev. T. Hunter Boyd of Waverly, Charlotte County, addressed the executive of the York County Tuberculosis League in the office of the mayor last evening. He offered valuable suggestions as to the best means to be adopted to combat the white plague, and was listened to with much attention.

CROWN PRINCE HAD NARROW ESCAPE

His Motor Car Collided With Another—His Adjutant Badly Cut on His Head

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Crown Prince Frederick William was in an automobile accident early today but escaped serious injury. While driving in Charlottenburg his motor car collided with another machine. The crown prince was severely shaken up but otherwise uninjured. His adjutant, Lieut. Col. Oppen, was thrown to the ground and badly cut on the head.

The occupants of the other car were apparently unhurt. Their identity was not learned.

DEATH OF SON OF LORD ABERDEEN

London, Dec. 16.—The Hon. Archibald Gordon, son of the Earl of Aberdeen, died today from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was born in 1884.

TIMES SPECIALS IN SHORT METRE

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 16.—W. W. Walker has been sentenced to four months in jail for pilfering from freight cars.

Glencoe, Ont., Dec. 16.—Dr. Walker, bitten by a supposedly mad dog will be treated at the Pasteur institute.

Fernie, B. C., Dec. 16.—The post office here has been partially torn down by the firemen and police in accordance with a fire by-law for removal of temporary buildings.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Archbishop McEvay has received official notice of the appointment of Father Fallon as Bishop of London.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Merchants Bank shareholders have authorized a \$4,000,000 issue of new stock.

MARINES SENT TO NICARAGUA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Pacific has been ordered to sail immediately from Philadelphia for Colon with seven hundred marines aboard for possible service in Nicaragua.

CREW SAFE BUT HAD NO FOOD

Steamer on an Island—Lake Huron; Raging Storms Prevented Help Reaching the Shipwrecked Men

Little Current, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The new steel steamer Wissachicken, of the Anchor Line, which has been reported missing for some days, ran on Outer Duck Islands, Lake Huron, on Sunday night in an easterly gale and blinding snowstorm. The lower decks and stern of the steamer are submerged, and all her supplies are cut from the crew, who escaped to the island, but have had no food since Sunday night.

Heavy seas prevented crossing from Duck Island to Manitoulin, a distance of twelve miles, until yesterday, when two fishermen succeeded in reaching the island, where the steamer lies, by means of a small gasoline launch. They brought off the first mate, J. H. Cassey and Engineer John Erksen. Tugs are being sent out from the "Soo" for the rest of the crew, thirty-two men in all.

Cassey and Erksen had to walk eight miles through snow and water to Fenelon, the nearest telephone on Manitoulin Island. The Wissachicken was bound from Buffalo to Duluth with 4,000 tons of general merchandise, valued at \$700,000. The vessel, which is only two years old, will be a total loss.

STEALS NECK PIN FROM HIS HONOR

While Judge is Upstairs in Court Robber Enters His Room—Sunday Law Pleaded in Vain

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special)—While Judge Price was upstairs presiding at the county court yesterday, a thief broke into his quarters and stole a valuable cameo scarf pin.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special)—David Smith, sued by Mark Maynard for \$350, as a commission on a real estate deal, set up the defence that Maynard had shown him the property on Sunday and on no other day and that this, under the Lord's Day Act was illegal. Judge Denton refused to allow the contention, and gave judgment for the plaintiff, ordering Smith to pay the amount claimed by Maynard with all costs.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special)—J. Titchmarsh, of Milton, has started an action against the Toronto World for alleged libel, claiming \$50,000 damages. The case arises out of a report printed by the World about a case tried here, in which Titchmarsh charged Tait McConnell, a constable, with perjury, but which was thrown out. Titchmarsh has also entered an action against Police Magistrate Crawford for slander.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Nelson was chosen as the next place of meeting by the Provincial Conservative convention at Kamloops. A resolution was passed favoring government ownership of telephones, though it evoked a hot discussion, several delegates championing the cause of the B. C. Telephone Co. which owns practically all the telephones in British Columbia.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 16.—In sentencing Wm. Truckle, vagrant, who had repeatedly appeared asking for six months, Magistrate Livingston said he would send Truckle to the Central Prison, where he would have to work, and not to the county jail, where it was said the chief occupation of the prisoners was card playing and chewing tobacco.

Brookville, Ont., Dec. 16.—The ministers and laymen representing the Protestant churches of Brookville have organized into ward committees to assist in the passing of the by-laws on license reduction and increased license fees which will be voted upon in January. The campaign is warming up.

APPOINTED MARINE AGENT FOR P.E. ISLAND

Capt. T. G. Taylor Was Commander of the Gunlare—Hon. Wm. Campbell, Veteran Politician, Dead

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Captain T. G. Taylor of the government stamer Gunlare has been appointed agent of marine vice Armetas Lord, appointed inspector of lighthouses and life saving stations.

Hon. Wm. Campbell, a veteran political war horse died yesterday aged 73 at his home, Seaview. He was first elected to the local legislature in 1873 as a Liberal and subsequently became a Conservative. He was commissioner of public works from 1880 to 1887 in the Sullivan administration. Since then he contested five Queen's several times unsuccessfully. He was a vigorous speaker and a man of forceful character.

NEW PRESIDENT OF SWISS CONFEDERATION

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—Parliament today elected Robert Comtesse president of the confederation for 1910. Marc E. Ruchet was chosen vice-president of the federal council in succession to Comtesse, who has held this office during the present year.

Ruchet was president of the Swiss Confederation in 1905. The retiring president is Adolphe Deucher.

SENATOR RAINES DEAD

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 16.—State Senator John Raines died this morning in the Canandaigua Hospital after an illness of several weeks of intestinal trouble.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Senator Raines was a veteran legislator, having served successively as assemblyman, congressman and senator. He had been president pro tem and republican leader of the state since 1903. He represented the Forty-second Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Ontario and Wayne, and was perhaps best known as the author of the state liquor tax law. The mantle of republican leadership in the senate is now expected to fall upon Senator Jotham P. Allds.

MARIE CORELLI TAKES SHARE IN BRITISH ELECTION FIGHT

London, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Marie Corelli's irreconcilable antagonism to woman suffrage does not prevent her from aiming to obtain political influence. She has written an address to the electors of the United Kingdom assuring them that the very

life of England is now in the balance. The empire, Miss Corelli says, is standing like a victim on the rock of suspense, waiting to be hurled into the devouring waters of socialism, or rescued and led back to the security of the home with peace and honor.