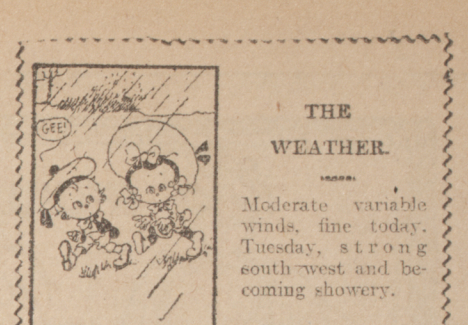




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JUDGMENT RESERVED IN CROCKET ASSAULT CASE

Argument of Counsel Was Heard This Morning and Col. Marsh Will Decide the Case on Friday—General News From Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., April 12—(Special)—The argument of counsel in the Crocket assault case took place before Col. March at the police court this morning. R. W. McLellan, on behalf of the defendant, admitted that his client had slapped Crocket's face, but claimed justification on the ground that Crocket had, in parliament and through the press, maligned his professional reputation. He also pointed out that after his client had slapped Crocket, the latter struck back at him, thus reopening hostilities, and goading Hanson to a second blow. He urged the magistrate to take into consideration matters which had led up to the assault, and deal leniently with his client.

R. B. Hanson, who followed, denounced the assault in strong language, and claimed that there was no justification for it. As the defendant had practically admitted the assault, he thought there was nothing for the magistrate to do but to impose the full penalty of the law.

His Honor reserved judgment until Friday morning.

St. John Bliss, barrister of this city, has for several weeks been consolidating the game laws of the province. He has the work about completed, and it is understood that few changes of importance will be recommended to legislation. The bill will likely come up early next week.

Eighteen hundred invitations have been issued for the ball to be given by Governor and Mrs. Tweedie, in the parliament building on Wednesday evening, and it is expected that the attendance will be close to one thousand. Governor and Mrs. Tweedie went to Chatham on Thursday evening, and will return tomorrow.

Lieut. Willis, who has resigned his commission in the Royal Regiment, leaves tomorrow for his home in Halifax.

KETCHEL AND JACK JOHNSON

They Have Been Practically Matched to Meet in Colima in October

New York, April 12—A match between Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, and Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight champion, for a bout some time next October at Colima, Calif., has been practically arranged by James Coffroth, manager of the Colima Club, and the final details of the fight will be determined at a meeting of the fighters and Coffroth here tonight.

Coffroth made the announcement today that the match had been arranged, but said a few details such as the selection of a referee, would have to be settled before the articles were signed. "I spent more than three hours with Jack Johnson last night," said Coffroth, "and he is satisfied to fight Ketchel. The match will take place during 'Portola' week in Colima. I talked with Jeffries, but he would not give me a definite answer whether he would fight Johnson or not, but he did say that if he met the negro it would be at least eight months before he would be ready to take the ring."

"Ketchel is anxious to meet Johnson, and I had no difficulty in arranging the match."

HAS FRIENDS IN ST. JOHN

Mrs. Edward C. Ventres, Burned to Death in Lenox, Mass., Yesterday, Said to Have Relatives Here

Lenox, Mass., April 12—(Special)—One of the six victims of the spectacular fire which yesterday laid in ruins a section of this aristocratic town, is Mrs. Edward C. Ventres. Her maiden name was Wilhelmina Leslie. She met Mr. Ventres in Massachusetts and married him here some fifteen years ago. It is believed that she has relatives in St. John.

All attempts today to secure the bodies from the smouldering ruins of the Clifford building where all six victims met their death, have been fruitless, for the basement is a seething cauldron. Streams of water are kept playing on the ruins in an effort to cool them so that the work of exhuming the bodies can proceed.

SENSATIONS EXPECTED IN THE KINRADE CASE

It Said that Much Important Evidence Has Been Secured in the United States

Hamilton, Ont., April 12—(Special)—The promise is made that the next session of the Kinrade inquest will develop some sensational evidence that may help to clear up some of the mystery. It is said that the attorney general's department has had men at work in several parts of the United States hunting up evidence and some facts have been secured that will prove important.

MINERS WILL STICK TO INTERNATIONAL UNION

Lethbridge, Alta., April 12th—(Special)—If any break with the International Union is contemplated by president Sherman, it will have neither the support nor sympathy of the local miners, who are loyal to the parent body, believing that their interests are bound up in it. No organization of Canadian miners, it is declared here, would be strong enough to force an issue with the operators without the support of the International union.

F. MARION CRAWFORD'S FUNERAL TODAY

Sorrento, April 12—The funeral of F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, who died here, April 9, was held today. The ceremony was exceedingly simple. The little town of Saint Agatha was filled with well known persons, who had come to pay a last tribute to the memory of the dead author. The public buildings of Sorrento as well as many private houses, displayed flags at half mast.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE UNITED STATES TARIFF

Senator Aldrich Submitted His Draft to the Tariff Committee Today—Changes From the Dingley Schedule

Washington, April 12—The senate committee on finance, with all members present, met at 10 o'clock today and Chairman Aldrich presented the bill as amended by the majority of the committee. Many of the revenue producing features will be reported subsequently, as they are intertwined with administrative features of the measure which will be adopted later. Senator Aldrich, when requested to make a brief summary of the general character of the changes proposed by the senate finance committee to the house tariff bill, furnished the following statement:—"In the main the rates in the tariff bill as reported in the finance committee, are lower than those in the bill as it passed the house, the actual number of reductions being about three times the number of the increases. Such increases as have been made, have been largely rendered necessary to preserve the symmetry of the schedules. A considerable number of articles in common use have been taken from the dutiable list of the house bill and restored to the free list. One important change is in putting dis-

SAYS HE CAN PROVE ROOSEVELT WRONG

Correspondent of Le Journal Reiterates that He Had Interviewed with Ex-President, and Can Prove It

Paris, April 12—Theodore Roosevelt and a correspondent of Le Journal are engaged in a controversy regarding the veracity of a correspondent of Le Journal sent its representative to Naples to see Mr. Roosevelt and subsequently that paper published a long interview with the former president of the United States which was widely copied. Upon arriving at Port Said last Friday Mr. Roosevelt sent a cablegram to a Paris paper saying that he had given no such interview. This was published together with the assertion of the correspondent that he talked half an hour with Mr. Roosevelt and the text of the interview as given was strictly accurate. The correspondent of Le Journal, Mr. Roosevelt at St. Nazaire, he again called Paris reiterating his denial and characterizing the interview as "an impudent fabrication without a particle of foundation." He says also that he never saw the correspondent of Le Journal. The correspondent has replied with a new affirmation of the truth of the interview and declares that he is prepared to bring further proof of his veracity.

AFTER A STEAMER FOR ST. LAWRENCE SERVICE

The Quebec parties here looking at the river passenger boats with a view to purchasing a steamer for a service on the St. Lawrence have, as yet, been unsuccessful. The Sincennes, Majestic, Elaine and Champlain. They are on the hunt for an iron hull boat, a side-wheeler.

They liked the Sincennes but thought her too large for their purpose. Of the others, the Champlain struck them as the nearest to what they wanted. It is reported that an offer had been made for the steamer, although it has been denied by the owners.

MONCTON NEWS

Moncton, N. B., April 12—(Special)—Fire broke out this morning in a house owned by Jas. Wilson, and occupied by Brockton Constable, but only \$100 of damage was done. It was caused by a defective chimney.

The death occurred here last evening of Mrs. Jane O'Neill, wife of the late Jeremiah O'Neill, after an illness of two weeks, death resulting from old age. She was born on the 2nd of May, 1824, and was survived by her husband, John Fogarty, and two sons, John O'Neill, dry goods merchant, and George Brennan, in the I. C. R. machine shop, and one daughter, Mrs. T. H. Breaux. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning.

Alphonse Saulher was this morning sentenced to a month in jail by Magistrate Kay for violation of the Scott Act.

MOJESKA'S FUNERAL

Los Angeles, April 12—Almost buried from sight in a profusion of floral tributes, the body of Mrs. Mojaska, who died yesterday, was taken to the funeral home here this morning. The body of Mrs. Mojaska has occupied a place of honor in the Knights of Columbus Club here since Saturday. This morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. Vivian's cathedral the funeral services began under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. High Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Barnett and the funeral sermon was preached by Bishop Conaty. After the church ceremony the remains were taken to Calvary Cemetery where they will be kept in a vault until Count Bozenta's affairs are so arranged that he can take the body to Poland.

SUICIDE ON SHIP

Halifax, N. S., April 12—(Special)—Louis Davis, a seaman on the steamer Sokoto, committed suicide on board the ship on the passage from Halifax to Mexico. He belonged to Montreal. The steamer arrived here this morning from Mexico, and reported the incident.

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SOLDIERS PATROL FRENCH TOWNS TO PREVENT TROUBLE

Strike of Button-Makers in Meru, France, Has Been Followed by Veritable Reign of Terror

Meru, France, April 12—The strike of button-makers of Meru, whose demands for a continuance of the previous wage scale in the button factories have been followed by violence and disorders, recalling the days of the revolution, have brought about a veritable reign of terror here and in the neighboring towns of Crepin and Loraion.

About 2000 soldiers, consisting of Dragoons, Hussars and Cuirassiers and 500 Gendarmes under the leadership of the Prefect of Crepin, are patrolling the streets of all the towns and the surrounding country where further violence is to be expected. The mob is ugly and cries of "Down with the Republic" are heard constantly. The soldiers are beating the inhabitants of the towns with great violence and although a number of the troops have been injured severely by stones, no reprisals have been made.

WILL APPOINT COMMISSIONERS

City Council This Afternoon will Complete Arrangements for Local Option Plebiscite

The common council meets this afternoon to appoint commissioners for holding the plebiscite on local option which is to be taken on civic election day, Tuesday, April 20. Rev. A. A. Graham, president of the Moral and Social Reform Council called on the common clerk this morning to ask that adequate accommodation be provided for the workers in getting the vote. The mayor also received a call from P. M. O'Neill and H. J. Sheehan, members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association. They wished to examine the petitions from two of the wards and the mayor submitted them for their inspection.

Another matter which is to come up at which will be taken will be the provincial list which are larger than the civic lists, non-payment of taxes being no barrier to a voter. The ladies, however, will not have a chance to vote on this question as their names appear only on the civic lists.

The council will also take up at this afternoon's meeting of the council which goes to Ottawa on Wednesday in the interests of the St. John Valley Railway. As most of the aldermen will be busy electing for some days the delegates may be chosen from outside the council board.

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A NEW YORK VILLAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Hammondsport, N. Y., Burning—High Wind Hinders the Firemen

Rochester, N. Y., April 12—Fire is raging in the village of Hammondsport, near here, St. Gabriel's church, Fawcett's furniture store, Rockwell's department store, Pratt's bank and several residences are burning. The firemen are handicapped by a high wind.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

Methodist and Baptist Clergymen Held Their Weekly Meetings This Morning

The Baptist ministers met in weekly session this morning in the mission rooms, Prince William street. There were ten city ministers present, as well as C. T. Clarke, of the U. N. B., and Rev. W. J. Hurlock, recently out from London, England. Mr. Hurlock expects to settle in this country, and bears letters of recommendation from Spurgeon's College, and leading ministers in London. Rev. Mr. Fletcher reported that Rev. Mr. Hurlock preached for him in Charlotte street Baptist church last evening, and gave an eloquent exposition of the 6th chapter of Isaiah.

Rev. F. E. Bishop read a paper on the second part of Dr. Mullin's book, "Axioms of Religion," which was greatly appreciated by those present, and after some discussion a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bishop.

The Methodist ministers met this morning with Rev. Chas. Comben in the chair. Dr. Allison of Mount Allison, was present and told that this year was the best in the institution's history. Rev. N. McLaughlin and Rev. S. Howard, delegates to the Laymen's Missionary Movement Congress in Toronto reported. Rev. Mr. Howard also attended the meeting of the Methodist Transfer Committee and Sunday School Board both of which he reported on.

The topic for the next meeting which is on Monday next will be, "Church Union" and Rev. Dr. Campbell has promised to read a paper providing he can be in the city at the time.

SHE LOST HER WATCH

One of the women passengers arriving on the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba, this morning, reported having lost a gold watch on Tuesday last. A couple of members of the crew of the steamer were suspected of having stolen it, and shortly after the steamer docked, Detective Killen was asked to look into the matter.

The Detective had a talk with the suspected men, and came to the conclusion that someone else, or that the lady might have lost the watch overboard. As there seemed no evidence to commit the men with the theft, no action was taken.

FUNERALS

The funeral of W. H. Smith took place at 2:30 today from St. Luke's church where Rev. Messrs. McKim and Purdy conducted the services. Interment was made in Fernhill cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous.

The body of the late Annie McGuire who died in the hospital last night after an operation for appendicitis was conveyed to Westfield this morning.

Princess Elizabeth Brancaccio, who was Elizabeth Hickson-Field, of New York, died at Rome yesterday after a long illness. The marriage of Prince Salvatore Brancaccio and Mrs. Hickson-Field took place at Paris in 1870.

CHINESE GAMBLERS IN POLICE COURT TODAY

The Officers Who Participated in Last Night's Raid Tell of What They Saw and Heard—Magistrate Surprised That Bridge Whist Parties Are Not Rare

Chinamen of all descriptions, young, old, lean, stout, tall and small, flooded the police court this morning, when, like so many flees, the twenty-five Chinamen arrested for being inmates of a gaming room, were lined up and after much delay, were allotted to seats for identification. An incessant chatter was an amusing phase of the proceedings for the spectators who crowded the room to suffocation.

Hon. H. A. McKeown announced that he and E. S. Ritchie had been retained to defend the Chinamen, and in reply to the allegation of being the proprietor of a gaming house, Sam Wah pleaded not guilty, after a consultation with the counsel.

"Me no keepee place, all Chinese come to my place. Me no keepee." This was construed into a plea of not guilty, and such was entered.

Ham Lin, Mo Mang, Yee Sing, Charlie Ham, Hum Kee, Hum Joe, Tom Ham, Hung, Hum Wong, Jack Wong, Hong Lee, Hum John, Hai Lee, Wei Lee, George Hum, Yun Kee, Sam Lee, Hei Kee, Hum Kee, Soo Kee, Sang Kee and Charlie Chong pleaded generally not guilty.

Policeman W. H. Finley was the first witness.

Policeman Finley said Wah's laundry at 157 Mill street, was visited between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. There are three rooms in the rear of the shop, and a table in the rear of the shop. Six chairs encircled the table. The six Chinamen were seated around the table. Wah jumped hurriedly to their feet. In the table is a drawer. Wah tried to jerk the table, and cover up the evidence of gambling. 21 dominoes and two dice and a Chinese checker were on the table. In a tin box was \$1.25 in tickets, dimes and quarters. One of the Chinamen scooped some money from the table in the confusion, but he was not recognized. One attempted to jump through the rear window into a shed, and broke some glass. Another jumped from the table. They were all in negligible attire. Wah was in a room, and all were chattering in Chinese. Charlie Chong was reading a Chinese paper in the second room, and others were drinking tea. Hum Con was recognized as one of those around the table, and Tom Ham also.

Cross-examined by Mr. McKeown, he said he saw one Chinaman entering the laundry. He said Wah has owned the business for almost a year. There is no doubt that it is a bona-fide laundry. On some occasions from two to four Celestials live inside. The second and third rooms were evidently sleeping rooms, but no beds or bedding were in sight. On Sundays thirty or forty are seen entering and entering in ones, twos and threes at all hours. Generally they leave at approximately four o'clock every morning. They left the Chinaman who went in prior to the raid, and another of the number in the apartments to keep the fires in operation. He saw one Chinese man, apparently lying on the floor. The table was circular, about five feet in diameter, and covered with a woolen blanket. He did not perceive any of the men gambling. In the drawer of the table was \$120, which Officer S. A. Perry took control of.

To E. S. Ritchie, he said, more Chinamen congregated at Sam Wah's than any other of the laundries in his district.

Counsel suggested that the Chinamen be permitted their freedom until the resumption of the examination on their own recognizances but his honor considered it an onerous task to recognize them in the event of their neglecting to materialize again. It was vouchsafed from the judicial chair that the Chinamen, somewhat surprising that places where bridge whist is played for prizes every afternoon were not raided and twenty-six ladies hailed into court. Deputy Chief Jenkins interjected that he was desirous of knowing where such conditions existed, and his honor in reply referred him to the society columns, wherein items were inserted announcing a prospective whist game by some hostess. After debating at length adjournment was made until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

TURNED SICK MAN AWAY FROM CAMP

The Man Died and Now the Foreman of Western Construction Company May Face Manslaughter Charge

Winnipeg, Man., April 12—(Special)—The foreman of the Northern Construction Company at Kaskabowia, it is likely, will be charged with manslaughter, as he is alleged to have caused the death of George Saville, by ordering him to leave the camp while sick and destitute. Information has been laid by two former employees of the camp, G. McNab and G. Neith, who have engaged A. E. Cole as solicitor. Mr. Cole says the condition of affairs in the camp, as revealed by the stories of the men, indicate something worse than slavery.

CASTRO A "DEAD ONE"

His Expulsion From Martinique Treated With Indifference by the French Press

Paris, April 12—The Paris newspapers in general are indifferent to Castro's expulsion from Martinique. The Journal, however, condemns as unprecedented the harsh measures taken in the case of the former president of Venezuela, saying that in the past persons who were ordered deported have always been given a reasonable time in which to choose their destination. The paper declares that added reverse will only serve to gain sympathy for Castro.

SON ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER OF HIS MOTHER

Ossington, N. Y., April 12—For the murder of his mother, Susan Carlin, in her home in Brooklyn, one year ago, Bernard Carlin aged 22, was put to death by electrocution in the Sing Sing prison early today.

The inquest into the death of Mrs. W. W. McLaughlin will be resumed in the police court this evening. A number of witnesses have been subpoenaed and no doubt the court room will be filled, as the progress of the case is being watched with a great deal of interest.

SPAIN INTENDS TO TURN "RESPECTABLE"

King Alfonso Deals Death Blow to Old "Night Life" So Attractive to Tourists

Madrid, April 12—The old "Nightlife" of Spain, the music and dancing that has been such an attractive feature to foreign tourists to Madrid and the southern cities of Seville, Cadiz, Ronda, Malaga, and Barcelona, is a thing of the past. A few years ago the government decided that night Bohemianism was demoralizing the life of the country and King Alfonso issued a royal decree closing music halls, cafes and other places of amusement at 12:30 a. m. Formerly these places never closed their doors.

Night serenading parties of cloaked and turbaned students, who marched through the streets like troubadours, strumming their guitars and singing beneath their sweethearts' windows until daylight, also were prohibited after midnight. The orders aroused much hostility but were strictly enforced, with the result that some of the old time gaiety, which the Spaniards loved, disappeared. The Spanish music halls became as lifeless as afternoon tea parties. But even this change has not satisfied the king and government, and a new royal decree designed to raise the tone of the music halls has been issued. The women of the stage are prohibited hereafter from entering that part of the building intended for the public or from addressing or otherwise coming in contact with the audience. They are allowed to lodge in the same or adjoining buildings and private rooms are forbidden. The fines for infractions are heavy and three offences forfeit the proprietor's license.

PRIEST DIES IN CONVENT

New York, April 12—While preparing to celebrate early mass today the Rev. Joseph H. Slinger, O.P., the oldest member of the Dominican order in America, and for many years rector of the Church St. Vicente Ferrers suffered a hemorrhage of the lungs and died before doctors or other priests could be summoned. He was at the convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor at the time, and several of the nuns recited the liturgy for the dead as he expired.

The government of Peru has issued an order prohibiting boxing matches either in public or in private.

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THE NOBLE SLEUTHS

The minister of public works left for Ottawa on Saturday evening. A number of Conservative detectives carefully examined his car at the depot, and looked through the train generally. There was a general suspicion in Conservative circles that the minister had hypnotized the city council on Saturday, and would attempt to get away with City Hall. The sleuths were disappointed, but were confident that they had saved the city.

THE AUDACIOUS CHINK

Mr. James Jones remarks that it is clear that we must soon have missionaries to China. The round-up of a jailful of Chinamen for gambling in this city makes it clear in James' mind that those heathen must be caught young, on their native heath, by full-grown missionaries, and taught to avoid the sin of gambling, before they set out for the shores of Canada. It will take quite a number of missionaries to go round, but the work must be done. This Christian community cannot have Chinese persons gambling on Sunday. That privilege be-

longs to Christian gentlemen, who have club rooms for the purpose.

The Ludlow is a feature in the local option campaign. Unless she is put on the interdict list it is feared she will continue to frequent the Navy Island bar, and be cited as a horrible example of the effect of habit.

Every time the Ludlow sends a crowd of wrathful citizens around by the bridge, Ald. Scully shakes himself warmly by the hand and once more inspects his bridge plans.