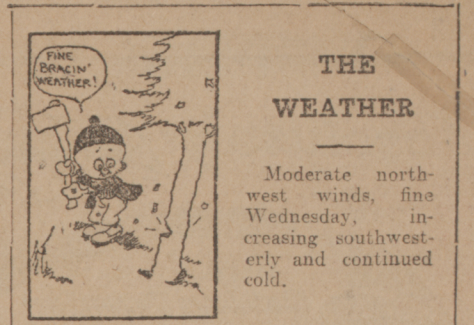




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Mayor Chestnut of Fredericton Finds He Cannot Give Attention to the Work—Secretary, Too

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Mayor C. Fred Chestnut, who organized the Fredericton Tourist Association, and has been president since its inception, fourteen years ago, resigned last evening to take effect at the close of the year. His reason is that he is unable to give the work the attention its importance demands. R. P. Allen, secretary for nine years, has also resigned. J. W. McCredy was appointed secretary pro tem. Fredericton Tourist Association is the oldest organization of the kind in Canada.

Chief Justice Barker presided at the December sitting of the Equity Court here today. In the case of Sanborn vs. Moore, hearing on the bill and answer took place. A decree for partition and order for sale was made, costs of all parties to be paid and the proceeds to be divided equally between the plaintiff and the defendant.

An Englishman, who gave his name as Robert Davis, was arrested last evening on a charge of being drunk and insulting young girls in King street. In the police court today he was remanded.

The weather continues springlike and there is no sign of ice in the river.

The will of Mrs. William Hatheway, of Kingsclear, was admitted to probate here yesterday. The estate was sworn in at \$11,200, of which all except \$1,000 represents real property. The husband is the principal beneficiary and sole executor.

CYCLE RIDERS BREAK RECORD IN SIX DAY RACE

Three Teams Are Out of the Contest—Four Thousand People Watch All Night

Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 7.—After keeping up a grueling pace all night the six day bicycle riders let down only slightly as the daylight hours appeared today and at 7 o'clock the leaders were exactly even with the record. Ten of the teams at that hour had traveled 48 and 940 miles, the 30-hour record held by Hill and Demaree. Fourteen teams still remained in the race.

The original field of seventeen teams was reduced by three during the first hours of racing, two of the teams retiring because of accidents, and another pair through exhaustion, so that it became necessary to form a partnership between Carapezzi of Italy and German of France.

Four thousand persons remained in the garden over night and through the early morning hours watching the frantic efforts of the riders to steal a lap. There were very few spills after midnight, and the surviving teams were in fairly good shape at daybreak. The record breaking pace was kept up with very few breathing spells, and records were smashed every hour. At 6 o'clock the 30-hour record of a year ago was beaten by three-fifths of a mile, ten of the teams having ridden 625.35 miles.

TIMES SPECIALS IN SHORT METRE

Toronto, Dec. 7.—There is a proposal to have Toronto University connected with the new Anglican diocese of Hanan, China.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 7.—The steamer H. Steinbrenner was sunk in collision here yesterday. The crew escaped.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Nearly 5,000,000 lbs. of silver ore have been carried over the T. and N. O. railway during the past month.

Wyoming, Dec. 7.—The bodies of Mrs. McLaughlin and her two children have been exhumed to get evidence against her husband on trial for murder.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—A message received here today tells of the death of the wife of Chief Justice Howell, in California.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—A million dollars worth of stock of Molson's bank has been sold to the Spelling Co.

Welland, Dec. 7.—Yardmaster O'Neil, of the M. B. railway has been acquitted of the charge of thieving from the company's cars at Bridgeburg. Four other employees have been sent up for trial on a similar charge.

SIGHT RESTORED BY WEeping

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 7.—The sight of William Holloway, was suddenly restored to him following a brief spell of weeping.

When Thomas Holloway, a son who had not been home in a long time, came here to visit, the father buried his face on the son's shoulder and wept.

Wiping away the tears Mr. Holloway suddenly exclaimed, "I can see you, Tom!"

The light had returned to his eyes.

PUGLIST, PEAGEMAKER, SHOT

Unexpected Development At the Six Day Bicycle Race in New York—Bert Keyes Arrested

New York, Dec. 7.—Two thousand on-lookers at the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden were startled today by the report of a pistol shot from behind the tier of boxes. There was a semi-panic and a rush to the scene and when quiet was restored it was found that two men had started a fight and that in the melee a man in the crowd had been shot. The wounded man, whose injuries are

FORGOTTEN AND BURNED TO DEATH

Aged Woman Loses Life in Hotel Fire—End of a Big Suit—Bad Conditions at Cobalt

Huntington, Que., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Fire destroyed the Central Hotel at 4 a. m., and Mrs. Taylor, aged 88 years, was forgotten and burned to death. The hotel was wiped out of existence. The other people in the hotel had to escape in scanty attire, so rapidly did the wooden structure burn.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Reports have reached the provincial health departments that conditions in Cobalt are returning to the state in which they were when typhoid was epidemic. Some typhoid still exists.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—(Special)—After a hearing, lasting twenty-eight days, the case of M. A. Pigott against the Guelph & Goderich Railway Company for \$500,000 has been settled and was dismissed yesterday by Justice Britton, each party paying its own costs, which will amount to \$50,000. It is understood the case was settled for \$175,000.

Pigott was the contractor who built the railway, and the suit was over classification, the company claiming the contract covered these, while Pigott maintained the contrary. The company had a counter claim for a quarter million because it alleged the work was never finished. Ten engineers were brought from all parts of the world as witnesses in the case.

Strathroy, Dec. 7.—(Special)—J. W. Doyle, conservative, was elected yesterday to the provincial legislature as the member for North Middlesex, with a majority of 93 over W. J. Mitchell, liberal candidate. The contest was a hard one.

The election was the result of the resignation of Duncan C. Ross, who entered dominion politics and was recently elected in West Middlesex.

Brookville, Ont., Dec. 7.—The matters in dispute between the Bell Telephone Company and the people of this district are still in an unsettled condition. The proposal for a settlement made by the Bell people does not meet the wishes of the people, and it is probable that the whole question will be brought before the board of railway commissioners before a final settlement is reached.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 7.—Local option leaders claim that the plebiscite taken simultaneously with the general election shows an aggregate majority of 2,500 to 8,000 in favor of the proposed law to localize the administration and control of liquor matters throughout British Columbia. Official figures will not be obtainable for ten days, but the success of the local optionists is now generally believed to be assured.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 7.—A monster delegation from the Social and Moral Reform Association of Saskatchewan, waited on the members of the provincial government last week and presented claims for certain amendments to the Liquor License Act, particularly as concerned local option provisions. The point was also raised in regard to the enforcement of the law. The delegation admitted that it was hard to secure proper enforcement, but they believed that the appointment of plain clothes officers to secure evidence would have the desired effect.

CONTRACT FOR ST. JOHN-CUBA SERVICE SIGNED

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—(Special)—The contract for a direct steamship service between St. John and Cuba has been signed by William Thomson & Co., and the minister of trade and commerce. The service will be monthly, the subsidy \$25,000 a year.

A NOTED BOSTON HOTEL MAN DEAD

Boston, Dec. 6.—Unable to recover from the effects of the operation performed on him several days ago, Charles A. Jones, for 13 years proprietor of the American house on Hanover street, died yesterday in the Boathy hospital.

In 1896 he became the proprietor of the American house. His first serious sickness came six years ago and since that time his son has done the greater part of the work of managing the hotel. For some months Mr. Jones had been seriously ill, and a few days ago was taken to the Boathy hospital for a delicate operation.

Mr. Jones was a member of Columbian lodge, A. F. and A. M., St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, lodge of Perfection and Cities F. Yates chapter, Scottish rite, the Elks, Golden Rule lodge, K. of H., Alpha lodge, R. A. Beacon lodge, A. O. U. W., and an associate member of E. W. Kinsley post, G. A. R.

WOMAN STABBED, HUSBAND ACCUSED

Detroit, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Frank M. Dickerson, aged 49 years, was found stabbed to death last night in the doorway of a combined store and flat building at 404 Baker street, and her husband, charged with her death, is in Grace hospital probably dying from self-inflicted knife wounds.

About four months ago Mrs. Dickerson left her husband on account of his alleged cruelty and secured employment in a bakery at the Baker street address. Late last night, a neighbor returning home, discovered the woman's body in the doorway. She had been stabbed twice in the neck and once in the breast. Later the police found Dickerson in bed at his home. According to the police, he had stabbed himself in the abdomen and also swallowed cyanide acid. The officers say that he admitted killing his wife.

COUNT BONI ONCE MORE IN COURTS

Paris, Dec. 7.—Count Boni De Castellane insisted again today in the divorce proceedings with the education of his children. He asked the court to order his former wife, the Princess De Sagan, to appoint a tutor for the youngest of their three sons, Jay, with the stipulation that the tutor shall make periodical reports of the boy's progress.

He also asks a determination of the rights of the parents in the matter of escorting the two sons to and from school and prays that the defendant be condemned to pay the costs of the present action.

THERE'S MONEY IN BEING GOOD JOCKEY

New York, Dec. 7.—Jockey Eddie Dugan, the leading winning jockey on the local race tracks last season, has been engaged by August Belmont to ride his race horses next year. Dugan will receive a retainer of \$12,000.

Besides the contract with the chairman of the Jockey Club, Dugan has affixed his signature to papers awarding second call to Samuel Hildreth. It is understood Hildreth will pay the young jockey a retainer fee of \$5,000.

FARTHING FARES ON STREET RAILWAY

London, Dec. 7.—The half-cent or farthing fare being introduced on the 690 miles of street railways serving in the poor districts in England has brought about a curious revolution. The farthing had almost gone out of circulation, not being accepted in change, but this unexpected innovation gives it a place in the currency again.

This is the lowest fare anywhere. Its adoption is due to train and motorbus competition with trolleys.

TAFT, IN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, SHOWS HE IS NOT SEEKING ANY WAR ON TARIFF LINES

Very Conciliatory Tone in What He Says on That Subject—Treaty Relations With Great Britain and Canada Discussed—St. John River Figures in the Message—\$50,000 to Check White Slave Traffic

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—President Taft today sent his first annual message to congress. The anti-trust and interstate commerce laws are not dealt with at this time, the president stating that he preferred to embody them in a special message and would avail himself of the first opportunity to bring these subjects to the attention of congress.

In the interest of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit, the president says he has required a reduction in the estimates of the war department.

exchange of briefs within the period of six months. The briefs were only presented within the prescribed period, but as the commissioners failed to agree within six months after the exchange of the printed statements, as required by the treaty, it has become necessary to resort to the arbitration provided for in the article.

The International Fisheries Commission appointed pursuant to and under the authority of the convention of April 11, 1908, between the United States and Great Britain, has completed a system of uni-



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form and common international regulations for the protection and preservation of the food fishes in international boundary waters of the United States and Canada.

"The regulations will be duly submitted to congress with a view to the enactment of such legislation as will be necessary under the convention to put them in operation."

The convention providing for the settlement of international differences between the United States and Canada, including the apportionment between the two countries of certain of the boundary waters and the appointment of commissioners to adjust certain other questions, signed on the 11th day of January, 1909, and to the ratification of which the senate gave its advice and consent on March 3, 1909, has not yet been ratified on the part of Great Britain.

"Commissioners have been appointed on the part of the United States to act jointly with commissioners on the part of Canada in examining into the questions of obstructions in the St. John River between Maine and New Brunswick, and to make regulation of the uses thereof, and are now engaged in this work."

"Negotiations for an international conference to consider and reach an arrangement providing for the preservation and protection of the fur seals in the North Pacific are in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Japan and Russia. The attitude of the governments interested lends me to hope for a satisfactory settlement of this question as the ultimate outcome of these negotiations."

"Two features of the new tariff act call for reference. By virtue of the clause known as the 'maximum and minimum' clause, it is the duty of the executive to consider the laws and practices of other countries with reference to the importation into these countries of the products and merchandise of the United States, and if the executive finds such laws and practices to be unduly discriminatory against the United States, the minimum duties provided for in the bill are to be in force."

"Unless the president make such a finding, then the maximum duties provided in the bill, that is, an increase of twenty-five per cent, ad valorem over the minimum duties, are to be in force. Fear has been expressed that this power conferred and duly imposed on the executive is likely to lead to a tariff war. I beg to express the hope and belief that no such result need be anticipated."

"The discretion granted to the executive by the terms 'unduly discriminatory' is wide and in order that the maximum duty shall be charged against the imports from a country, it is necessary that he shall find on the part of the country not only discriminatory in its laws or the practice under them against the trade of the United States, but that the discriminations found shall be undue; that is, without good and fair reason."

"I conceive that this power was reposed in the president with the hope that the maximum duties might not be applied in any case but that the power to apply them would enable the president and the state department through friendly negotiation to secure the elimination from any foreign country of that which is unduly discriminatory. No one is seeking a tariff war or a condition in which the spirit of retaliation shall be aroused."

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STEALING GOING ON TEN MONTHS

Seven Employees of Toronto Firm Arrested—The Blizzards in the West—Collision on the C. P. R.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Seven employees of the Robert Simpson Company are under arrest in connection with systematic robberies which, in the ten months they are known to have been going on, have resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars. The men were employed as night watchmen and cleaners.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—(Special)—The blizzard which has been sweeping over the west for the past five days, has not yet wholly abated, though the storm is not as severe as it was claimed. The main line trains are all behind time, while the branch lines are more or less tied up.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 7.—(Special)—A Canadian Pacific eastbound passenger train pitched into an eastbound freight at Hartney grave area yesterday. The accident was due to a blinding snowstorm. The passenger engine crashed into the caboose of the freight, smashing it and the next car, but the engine was only slightly damaged. G. Gleason, mail clerk, was slightly injured.

MAY INVESTIGATE ASSESSING OF LUMBER DUTIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—When the special agents have cleared up the customs houses, Franklin MacVeagh, the secretary-treasurer, is likely to take some of the most expert of them into a corner and whisper "Lumber." Under the existing hair-trigger state of affairs in the customs service, this presumably will be sufficient to send the slugs to the Canadian frontier.

It would not be a surprise to the officials of the treasury department if, after careful investigation, the manner in which the customs duties are assessed and collected upon lumber coming into the United States were to be severely criticized and rearranged.

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MONCTON SUBURB WANTS POLICE PROTECTION

Moncton, Dec. 7.—(Special)—At a meeting of the residents of Lewisville, Humphreys Mills and Sunny Brae, last evening, to consider the question of police protection for those districts, in view of the recent holdup at W. R. Williams' store, a committee was appointed to look into the matter and devise some feasible proposition. Some were in favor of mounted policemen, while others favored appointing a dozen men and arming them with a police outfit to act in case of necessity. The committee finally appointed to consider the matter is composed of R. D. Lockhart, of Humphreys; G. R. Jones, of Lewisville, and G. W. Bleakney, of Sunny Brae. The police have no tidings of who perpetrated the holdup, although a search is still going on.

LEOPOLD'S HEALTH BECOMES WORSE

Brussels, Dec. 7.—It is said that the paralysis in the right arm of King Leopold is extending and that he can write only with difficulty. He spends much of his time in an easy chair.

SHELDON, DEPOSED HEAD OF INSURANCE COMPANY, ILL AND EXPECTED TO DIE

Investigation Will Go on and Loans to State Insurance Officials Will Be Looked Into—They Let Things Drift For 22 Years

New York, Dec. 7.—The fact that George P. Sheldon is so ill at his home in Connecticut that he is expected to die, will not cause an abandonment of the criminal investigation, and prosecution in the matters of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance of Brooklyn from the presidency of which Sheldon was removed at the instigation of the state insurance department.

The department has placed the case in the hands of the district attorney and a number of men who have held office in the state insurance department will be called as important witnesses.

W. H. Hotchkiss, the new superintendent of the state insurance department, declared in his report that the Phoenix Insurance Company through its president had been in the habit of lending considerable sums to state insurance officials, and that for twenty-two years the insurance company had not been investigated by the department. Four state insurance officials are mentioned whose loans from the Phoenix aggregate \$29,000.

The insurance department does not believe that the company's risks to the public are involved, and believes that the entire loss through loans negotiated by Sheldon, can be balanced by crossing off \$1,000,000 of the company's \$1,000,000 surplus.

Although the investigation thus far shows that Sheldon managed the affairs of the company alone, and without consulting the board of directors, Supt. Hotchkiss declares that each of the directors is responsible under the law. The charge that the company has persistently made false reports of its transactions and condition to the department may involve other officers besides former president Sheldon.

BLACK HAND INVASION

Wholesale Exodus From Europe to This Continent is Reported By the Geneva Police

Geneva, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the blackhand, who mean to find a new field of operation in America. It developed also that no less than sixty of the characters, of whom forty have been expelled from Switzerland, are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States.

SECRETARY C.P.R. WEDS IN NEW YORK

Mr. R. Baker Springs Surprise on Montreal Fashionable Circles—Banker, Former Canadian Dies in States

Montreal, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Announcement of the marriage of Walter R. Baker, secretary of the C. P. R. Company to Elsie Dicke, of Vienna was made here today. The ceremony was performed in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, on Monday, by Rev. Powell Hill. Fashionable circles were taken by surprise by the announcement. This is Mr. Baker's third matrimonial venture.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(Special)—George D'Arcy Boulton, vice-president of the First National Bank, died on Saturday in Hendersonville (N. C.) where he had been for some time for his health. Mr. Boulton retired from active work on a pension only recently. He was born in Coburg, (Ont.) in 1844, and was educated in Upper Canada College, Toronto. He married in 1868, Miss Emily A. Street, daughter of R. B. Street, of Hamilton, (Ont.) who survives with five children.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Daniel Ford, a contractor, appeared in court today to answer to a charge of uttering forged paper. The complainant is C. E. W. Smith, vice-president of the Labrador Pulp & Paper Co., and the charge is the result of a disagreement among parties interested in the formation of a company. He gave bail and was released pending trial.

THE COURTS TODAY

Circuit Adjourns Sine Die—Settlement of County Court Case

The December non-jury circuit of the supreme court convened this morning with Judge Landry presiding. As there was nothing on the docket, the court adjourned sine die.

In county court chambers this morning before Judge Forbes, his honor granted a summons for examination in the suit of Haley vs. Morrison, on application of W. H. Harrison. Hearing was set down for Friday.

The case of Black vs. Campbell, for the payment of a promissory note, was to have been heard today, but his honor was informed that a settlement had been made. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., represented Black, and Geo. W. Fowler, K. C., appeared for Campbell.

URGES A GREAT UNION OF ALL SEAMEN OF WORLD

New York, Dec. 7.—"One great federation of the seamen of the whole world," was urged last night by Samuel Gompers in a speech delivered to 1,500 sailors and longshoremen, who gathered at Cooper Union to discuss plans for action against the International Shipping Federation of Owners.

Mr. Gompers justified the Great Lakes strike. Resolutions were adopted deploring the present "enslaved condition of the men of the sea," and looking to more effective organization of all sea-faring men.