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Wayside graves—pathetic graves... have fresh flowers, and fresh bowls of rice and fresh cups of sake...

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mon and will include the damming of Deer Lake and Grand Lake. At Grand Harbor Dip, in the White Bay a smelter plant is being built by a Quebec capitalist...

Rev. Ross C. Eaton Speaks at Hi-Y Supper Meet.

The regular weekly meeting of the Hi-Y Club was held last evening in the Y. M. C. A. with a full attendance. After a very beautiful supper supplied by the Boys themselves...

It was decided to hold a social on Friday, December 28th in the Y. M. C. A. when Lady friends of members will be invited...

Foreign Work Subscriptions: It was decided to give as much assistance at each meeting. Several applications for membership were made in for consideration...

Autumn Days: Ho! for the leaves that eddy down Crumpled yellow and withered brown...

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MINT OFFICIAL IS JAILED

(By Dominion News Service)

LONDON, December 14.—For the first time in the history of the Royal Mint so far as is known a trusted employee has made use of his position to counterfeit coin of the realm with Government machinery.

As is well known, the most elaborate precautions are taken to prevent any servant betraying the implicit confidence reposed in him.

Everything is carefully scheduled. Metals to be turned into coins are weighed when issued to the workmen, re-weighed on their return; every operation is checked and re-checked in order to detect any dishonesty.

And yet, despite this, one of the old servants of the Mint, who, by reason of his apparent fidelity, has been entrusted with a master key, contrived to circumvent the regulations.

Though certain suspicious incidents had been reported to have happened in the Mint, nothing definitely transpired. And, curious to relate, it was a sharp-eyed post office clerk who revealed the illicit traffic the man was engaged in.

He was brought before the court and sentenced to a term of imprisonment for his first conviction. For 20 years the dishonest official.

Francis Bowie served in the Navy. Fourteen years of that time he was continuously on service, and for the remainder he was attached to the Royal Fleet Reserve. His good conduct earned for him a pension, and some time after his discharge, employment at the Mint. That was in 1911, and three years afterwards, so exemplary was Bowie's conduct, he was promoted to the permanent staff as a full civil servant.

He gradually worked his way up, until he became a head messenger, and was given a master key, which gave him access to most of the rooms in the Mint.

By reason of his intimate knowledge of the Mint, he was familiar with the necessary and varied processes through which coins intended for circulation pass. It should be explained that in the first instance out of sheets of silver of varying thicknesses, according to the size and value, are stamped what are.

TECHNICALLY KNOWN AS "BLANKS." These are just a shade larger than the finished product, and the "blanks," as originally produced, are silver in colour. Before these shining discs can be transformed into passable coins they are subjected to a certain chemical action which changes the colour to a brownish hue. This process is adopted to "soften" the metal so that when the "blanks" have been again polished and are placed in an electrically-driven pressing machine they take the impression of the dies better, and the milling comes out perfect. At night the current which drives the many machines is switched off, and each fly-wheel they weigh a quarter of a ton is chained and padlocked in order to prevent any unauthorised interference. Bowie managed to secure possession of a number of discoloured "blanks" which had been "softened" and leaving home exceptionally early, he went straight to the Mint, and with the aid of his master key, obtained access to the press-room. He severed the chain attached to the fly-wheel of one of the machines, inserted his "blanks," and by hand power, struck 25 spurious half-crowns. His lack of practical experience somewhat disappointed him, for the counterfeits were faint in their impressions on the shield, and the milling too was faulty. Bowie soon showed resource and recourse. Some of the dull coloured coins were speedily brightened with sulphuric acid found on the premises, and of which he provided himself with a generous supply, and the milling marks were improved by the application of a file. Some of the coins were uttered in the City of London and Bowie showed an ingenious turn of mind for realising on his ill-gotten gains. He walked into the post office at Liverpool Street Station and asked for a postal order placing on the counter four coins.

The observant clerk noticed that two of the coins appeared to have a very flat or worn appearance on the tall side though dated 1923. "Two of these coins are bad," he remarked to Bowie. "I think not," replied that individual. "In any case, I know where I got them from, and I will take them back. Give them to me." But the clerk had his suspicions about the

GRACEFUL LACES ARE FAVORED BY FASHION



The tiered style of dress has come back into favor, and is shown in the design above in an especially graceful frock of beige colored silk lace trimmed with narrow velvet ribbons. The same dress would also be effective in black lace and old-lace velvet.

matter. He refused to hand over the coins, and instead called one of the railway police officers and gave Bowie into custody on a charge.

OF UTTERING COUNTERFEIT COINS He was found guilty and given a prison sentence.

U. S. Unemployment Problem Serious

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The acute labor shortage of a few months ago has become an unemployment problem which, shortly threatens to be menacing proportions, E. J. Henning, Assistant Secretary of Labor, told the National Immigration Conference today.

"Real unemployment has supplanted the labor shortage of a few months back," Secretary Henning said. "Our information is that it is growing worse and threatens within a few months, to become acute."

Steps to Incorporate United Church

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—One of the first steps in the securing of legislation for the incorporation of the United Church of Canada has been taken by the law and legislation committee of the joint committee on Church Union in issuing a formal public notice. The notice states:

"That application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its approaching session for an Act making provision for the completion of the union of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodist Church and the Congregationalist Churches of Canada, to form the United Church of Canada; incorporating the United Church of Canada; providing for the admission thereto of local union congregations; providing for the holding, use and administration of the property of the said churches and the congregations thereof; and providing for the carrying of the said union into effect."

FINAL CAMPAIGN SUPPER.—The P. E. I. Hospital campaign supper last night at Zion Church hall was a scene of great rejoicing when the total amount subscribed with several rural sections still to hear from, was announced as \$74,021. This was made up as follows: Total up to Thursday night, \$71,331. Campaign Committee, P. E. I. Women's Division, \$1,100; Men's Division, \$982. This showed a total subscription yesterday of \$2,690. The corps championship was won yesterday by Mrs. J. J. McKinnon's team, which collected subscriptions totalling \$556. In the Women's Division Mrs. W. H. Peacock's team with \$427 won the banner and in the Men's Division, Mr. E. H. Beer's team was again at the head of the list, with subscriptions totalling \$345. Addresses followed by the Campaign Chairman, Mr. Frank Hartz, and other members of the Campaign committee. Mrs. Tidmarsh, chairman of the Ladies' Committee, thanked all the lady workers for their untiring efforts during the campaign.

STOKING ON EXPRESS TRAINS LONDON, Dec. 14.—The new express engines on the great Western Railway run 83 miles an hour on some parts of the journey, and consume 60 lb. of coal a m.p.h.

If the fireman took up 2 lb. of coal on his shovel each time, it means that when the train is going at that speed, he will use his shovel 2,975 times an hour. If the train travelled at 64 miles an hour for the whole journey, which is what actually occurs—he would have to use his shovel 1,600 times every hour.

Births

TREMERE—On Dec. 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Tremere, Hanpsshire, a son.

TREMERE—At Hampshire to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Tremere, a son, Dec. 13th.

Deaths

WILLIAMS—At Seattle, Wash., on the 14th inst., Minnie, beloved wife of James E. Williams.

HENDERSON—Suddenly at his home 157 Prince St. Dec. 14th. (Dr.) John Henderson age 70 years.

HENDERSON—Suddenly on December 14th, Dr. John Henderson in his 71st year. Funeral on Sunday, December 15th at 2 p. m. from his late residence 157 Prince Street to East Wiltshire.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

SHOP from Holman's Catalogue

FOR THE FATIGUED shopper toast and tea at White's, Sunny-side.

A MUSICAL GEM.—Maunders' Xmas Cantata: "Bethlehem," at Methodist Church, Tuesday 18th at 8 p. m. by choir of 40 voices.

HEAR THE METHODIST CHOIR of 40 voices, in Caritatu Tuesday, 18th inst. Admission 25 cents.

LEFT FOR HOME.—C. S. Dingwell, of Midgell, P. E. I., who for the past two weeks has been in Halifax undergoing treatment at Camp Hill Hospital, has left for his home. While in Halifax he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Huntley.—Halifax Herald.

PANSIES AT CAPE TRAVERSE.—One of the finest bouquets of the season, summer included, came to The Guardian Office by last night's mail. It was a generous bunch of pansies picked on December 13th in the garden of Miss Evelyn Cameron of Cape Traverse from a bed containing many more in full summer bloom and which many buds ready to bloom. There are large, healthy and fragrant and would grace a garden even in summer.

RE-ELECTED IN BOSTON.—The re-election to the Public School Committee in Boston of Dr. David D. Scannell is reported. Dr. Scannell is a brother-in-law of Mr. Reuben McDonald, of the Patriot and visited the Island of this summer evening at the home of Mrs. Scannell's old home in Georgetown. The Boston papers state that Mr. Scannell, who has been a member of the School Committee for nine years, would have won his election on any ticket, owing to his popularity and fitness for the position.

PERSONALS Mr. O. B. King, of Clarkson, Ont. is registered at the Revere.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bell, Murray Harbor, are guests at the Hotel Victoria.

Messrs. W. F. Jaekel and A. Eisenback, New York, are at the Victoria.

Messrs. Wm. H. Smith, Michael Farmer and Hugh Duffy, Kinkora, are at the Revere Hotel.

Hon. J. H. Myers, Commissioner of Agriculture, has returned from attending the Amherst Winter Fair.

Mr. Harrington, assistant director in the P. E. I. Hospital subscription campaign, leaves this morning for Philadelphia.

Messrs. E. M. Robinson, Spokane, Wash. and C. E. Robinson, St. Paul, are guests at the Queen Hotel.

Messrs. J. S. Wise and L. G. Nesbitt, New York, are at the Queen Hotel.

Hon. Jas. A. McNeill, Hon. A. F. Arsenault, Summerside, and Hon. Murdoch Kennedy, Bradaire, were registered last evening at the Revere Hotel.

LADIES SHORT COURSE CLOSING

The formal closing of the short course on Home Economics was held in the Technical School last evening and was largely attended. Principal Vernon Crockett presided and in his opening remarks stated that the total attendance of 235 at the Technical School this year there were 115 ladies. This was the first short course held in Home Economics and was undoubtedly very promising. Refreshments were served during the evening, Miss Eva Beers cutting the ices, Miss Coffin pouring tea, and the young ladies taking the course serving the refreshments, which they had prepared themselves. Visitors admired the splendid display of millinery and dress-making and commented very favorably upon it. After the proceedings addresses were made by Hon. J. H. Myers, Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. Dr. McMillan, and Mr. R. H. Rogers, Superintendent of Education, all of whom commended the establishment of the course as part of the curriculum. It was announced that another short course on Home Economics would be held in January and that later on, a public display of the work done may be looked forward to.

AMERICAN YACHTSMEN TO RACE BRITISH

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Board of Trustees of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club has accepted the challenge for team races in the six-metre class recently received from the four British yacht clubs, and an international match on this side of the Atlantic for the British-American Cup next August or September is assured. The British clubs represented are the Royal Yacht Squadron, Royal Thames Yacht Club, Royal Victoria Yacht Club, and the Royal London Yacht Club.

Three series of races have been sailed since the trophy was offered for competition. In 1921 the British team won on British waters. In 1922 the United States team won the races sailed off Oyster Bay, Long Island Sound. This year the British won again in British waters. The dates for the next series are expected to be arranged between Sept. 1 and Sept. 15, and the series will be sailed off Oyster Bay.

ENGINEERS PREPARING FOR WAR IN TIME OF PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—American engineers and industrialists are aiding in the solution of the vast production problems arising from the War Department's developing program, Capt. W. H. Churchill, U. S. A., said here today at a session of the Ordnance Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

"The bureau of preparedness," he declared, "resists not alone upon the War Department, but also upon the manufacturers of the country. With the cooperation such a preparedness program can be developed as to make it very inadvisable for any enemy to draw the United States into a war, or, if war is forced upon us, a program that will lead to an earlier and more complete victory."

Studies are now being made of the questions of exemption from military service and supply of raw materials, according to Capt. Churchill, who is attached to the New York District Ordnance office, who added:

"The exemption of certain individuals and groups of skilled mechanics from military service is one that demands careful consideration and the development of plans that will retain for war industries the essential workers without doing injustice to the fighters nor hampering the armed forces of the country. Some definite, prearranged method of assuring necessary

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TRYON METHODIST CHURCH—Sunday Dec. 16. Preaching services: Tryon, 11 a. m. DeSable 3 p. m. Crapaud, 7 p. m. Rev. W. M. Ryan, M. A. will preach at all the services.

FERRY BOAT PURCHASED.—Mr. Samuel Grady, Summerside, has purchased from Messrs. Gallant Bros., the ferry boat King Albert, delivery to be taken at the close of navigation. She will be maintained on Summerside-Bedouque ferry service next season as usual.

LUCKY ROBIN HOOD FLOUR TICKETS.—The prize winners at yesterday's matinee performance of Robin Hood in the Prince Edward Theatre were Miss Boates, Lillian Duchemin, Jean Tait, Violet Gottel, Hector Ross, Gerald Doucette, Ralph Jones and Edward Hennessy. Each of the lucky ticket holders will receive a bag of Robin Hood Flour. At the closing performance yesterday afternoon the Prince Edward Theatre was packed to the doors and judging by the frequent cheering and hand clapping of the youngsters "Robin Hood" has made a great number of friends in Charlottetown.

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PRICELESS PICTURE IS BURNED. (By Dominion News Service) LONDON, December 14.—A famous Raphael painting "Madonna del Pozzo" (Lady of the Well) bought two years ago in a second-hand shop for \$125 and valued since at from \$100,000 to \$300,000 was destroyed recently in a fire at Charlottetown, the Holyhead residence of Sir Robert Thomas.

STOCK—4 cows, 2 to freshen now, 2 in February, 1 fat cow, 4 young cattle, 2 work horses, 13 sheep, 1 sow to farrow in March, 1 sow pure bred York, 3 other pigs, B. P. R. pullets and roosters, R. O. P. dams. Other hens, 3 pure bred Toulouse geese, other, old geese.

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MA JONG COUPON From the Charlottetown Guardian. Please find enclosed 50c for the Ma Jong Game as announced. Name Address

NOVEMBER FIRE LOSSES. Fire losses in Canada during the week ended December 5th, are estimated by The Monetary Times at \$464,950, compared with \$2,827,500 for the same week last year.

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