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SUCCESSION DUTIES MAKE BIG TOTALS

Death of Three Members of One Family Brings in Twenty Millions in Seven Months. The Christmas Truce in British Politics and Social Circles.

Special to The Guardian. LONDON, December 27.—The reality of the Christmas truce is best illustrated by the following item: A party is staying with the Duke of Marlborough at Blenheim, including Winston Churchill and Mrs. Churchill. The Duke and Winston, though cousins, are keen political opponents and are often in platform conflict. Marlborough has said more bitter things against Churchill in recent months than any other Unionist and will begin again to say them on Thursday. The British Treasury comes in for \$20,000,000 through the death of three members of one family of millionaires, within the past seven months. Charles Morrison dying seven months ago, an unknown man, left an estate of \$60,000,000, the succession duties thereon being contributions to the treasury of \$6,250,000, with further death duties to come. Morrison's sister-in-law died some days ago and the State came in for some millions of pounds. Following this came the death on Thursday of Morrison's sister Ellen to whom Morrison has left \$10,000,000. The duties of this will aggregate \$3,200,000.

A POLITICIAN DROPPED DEAD

Sudden Death of Charles Lamarche, M.P.P. at North Bay, Ontario

Special to The Guardian. NORTH BAY, Ont., December 27.—Charles Lamarche, M.P.P. for Sudbury, dropped dead here today, shortly after entering the home of his daughter.

KAISER SLAPPED CZAR FERDINAND

Who Resented the Liberty. Denial of Alleged Anglo-German Agreement to Bring About Naval Limitation.

Special to The Guardian. BERLIN, December 27.—During the ceremonies in connection with the Duke Regent's wedding last week the Kaiser happened to see Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria leaning out of a window, brought down a sound slap on the exposed portion of the Czar's body. The relations of the two monarchs remained strained for the rest of the visit, Ferdinand leaving Brunswick without bidding farewell to the Kaiser. A semi-official note published by the National Zeitung denies the rumor of an Anglo-German understanding regarding the limitation of naval armaments, which Rohrbach, a well-known writer on foreign Colonial questions declared had been reached.

BLIZZARD IN PHILADELPHIA

Causes General Blockade of Transportation. May Last For Days

Special to The Guardian. PHILADELPHIA, December 27.—Philadelphia is still in the grip of the blizzard which descended upon this section on Christmas day. General business is tied up worse than in many years and the prospects are it will be several days before transportation conditions become normal.

RUSSIAN POLICE CHIEF KILLED

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated early today. He was enticed to a modest apartment in a remote street of the Viborg district and there was blown to pieces by a bomb exploded supposedly by his host, one Michael Yasskresensky, who had leased the rooms a few days before. The invader rushed into the street following the explosion and was captured. An assistant of Karpoff's who had accompanied him was severely injured. Karpoff was appointed from Baku where he had been chief of the secret police. There have been several convictions of bomb makers recently.

A HOT OLD TIME IN GRECIAN PARLIAMENT

ATHENS, Dec. 26.—Yesterday's exciting scene in the Chamber of Deputies, it is agreed today, may provoke another political crisis. The Minister of War, Colonel Lepathiotis, is submitting the new army reorganization bill, violently attacked the administration of ex-Premier Theotokis, who also held the portfolio of Minister of War. His tenure of office, Col. Lepathiotis asserted, had left the army in ruins. The supporters of the ex-premier protested and left the chamber in a body, whereupon the Minister of War addressed himself to the galleries, where a large number of officers were sitting, to the effect that he had determined to accomplish the mission confided in him by the people. The officers applauded. M. Bailis, also an ex-premier, joined the protestants and left the house. The sitting was suspended in disorder. M. Theotokis later interviewed Premier Mavromichis and declared that he would demand the resignation of the Minister of War under the threat that a majority of the chamber would abstain from taking part in the sittings.

BLACK HAND ASKS FOR \$50,000

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—Menaced by Black Hand letters, threatening his own life and that of his family by dynamite unless he surrendered \$50,000, Asa G. Candler, president of the Central Bank & Trust Corporation, and the richest man in Georgia, has become so alarmed that he has employed officers to guard his home and never goes out himself unless accompanied by detectives. For four days Candler has been receiving these letters and they have been more and more threatening. Each letter told Candler where to leave the \$50,000. The letters stated that there was a "Black Hand" band at work in Atlanta, and that members needed money and did not want to shed blood to get it, but if the money was not forthcoming Mr. Candler and his entire family would be killed. Detectives at work on the case have arrested J. H. Burbage on suspicion, but, although Burbage is locked up, Candler continues to receive the letters. Burbage was arrested near the entrance to the Candler building, to which place he had followed Mr. Candler, and is being held pending further investigation.

SERIOUS FLOODS SWEEP SPAIN

Towns and Villages Submerged or Destroyed, Great Damage Caused

Special to The Guardian. SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN, Dec. 27.—Details of damage by the disastrous floods of last week are pouring into the city. Only three houses are left standing in Santa Christina, and at Laviella, the church was the only building to withstand the storm. Bonavent, a town north of Lamorra, with a population of 5,000 was under water for five days, during which time all traffic was conducted by boats. The village of Villabona has been destroyed, and the crops in the Castile plateau destroyed.

SNOW BLOCKADE OVER NEW YORK

Hard Work by Thousands Opened Railways to Normal Traffic

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC READY BY 1912

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—E. J. Chamberlain, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, stated in Ottawa that the road would be completed to the Pacific coast by the end of 1912, and perhaps before. The new joint terminals of the G.T.P. and C.N.R. at Winnipeg, he said, would be completed by March, and will only be equalled on this continent by the Pennsylvania in New York and the great depot at Washington. The National Transcontinental commission expect to have the Government end of the road from Montreal to Winnipeg completed during 1912.

ANXIETY OVER SCHR. DIANTHUS

Much anxiety is felt over the non-arrival in port of the schooner Dianthus, owned by McKinnon Bros of Montague. The schooner left Port Hawkesbury Sunday morning in company with the Baltic, Captain Jackson, owned by J. G. Scrimgeour, Cardigan. Both vessels were coal laden and kept together until about ten miles off Pannure Island. At this point the Baltic lost sight of the Dianthus and reached Georgetown Sunday evening in the midst of the storm. Enquiries were made yesterday at all points which could be reached by telephone but nothing could be ascertained. The Dianthus is manned by Captain McDermid and John Kennedy, both of Montague. Murdoch McKinnon, M.L.A., Montague, who accompanied the vessel to Cape Breton with the cargo of produce, was on board on the return trip. It is hoped that news of her whereabouts and of the safety of vessel and crew may soon be learned now that the storm has abated.

GAS EXPLOSION WRECKS A HOME

A Lighted Match in Cellar in Search for a Leak Caused It

SLEEVE SHOE SHAREHOLDERS

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—"I think we can safely say that the trade depression is over now, and that we can look for a boom in trade for the next few years at least, and we are in the fortunate position of being able to take advantage of it with our larger manufacturing capacity and all the necessary capital." This cheering business statement was made in the opening review of the year's trading by Chas. E. Slater, president and general manager, at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Slater Shoe Co., Limited, held at the corner of Latour and St. Genevieve streets. The year's business showed a substantial increase, most of the increase coming in the last half of the fiscal year, when the revival in trade was first evidenced. The dividends of 7 per cent on the preferred stock had been paid quarterly. Mr. Slater stated that the indications pointed to large increase in their trade for the coming year, and he again referred to the increased foreign inquiries for Slater Shoe agencies. The capacity of the Slater Shoe factory is now double what it was a year ago, and it is stated to be by far the largest, factory manufacturing fine shoes in Canada. What is of interest to shoe buyers is the fact that the enlargement has reduced the cost of making Slater Shoes, and in the face of increased prices for leather and labor the company has been able to continue the manufacture of \$3.50 shoes for women and \$4.00 shoes for men, maintaining the same high quality as of yore. The following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: Chas. E. Slater, President. Wm. Starke, Vice-President. Anson McKim, Col. Robert Starke, J. Nelson McKim, J. R. Laurendeau, Col. Chas. A. Smart and Royal L. H. Ewing. The new members of the board are Messrs Jos. R. Laurendeau, Lamontague Limited, and a director of the Smart Bag Co., and also a director of the Crown Reserve, and Royal Ewing, of Gault & Ewing, financial brokers.

KING'S BROTHER MAY COME TO CANADA

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—It is stated here that letters have been received from England to the effect that the British authorities are feeling the way with a view of appointing the King's eldest brother Governor General of Canada. The statement is made that this caution on the part of the Imperial authorities is caused by the fact that the Duke himself hesitates before acceptance, being not at all certain as to the temper of the Canadian people on the subject. It is said that many people on the other side would like to see the Duke of Connaught come to Canada at the present time, and that if it were shown that the Canadians of all nationalities would look with favor upon the advent of the King's brother to Rideau Hall, the appointment would be made as soon as Earl Grey's term of office expires.

LEGAL FIGHT OVER DUNSMUIR MILLIONS

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 26.—One of the greatest will contests ever fought out in America is expected to come to trial here some time within the next two or three weeks. The content is between the heirs of the late John Dunsmuir and James Dunsmuir, who has just retired from the post of lieutenant governor of British Columbia. A fortune valued at between fifteen million dollars and twenty million dollars is involved in the fight. Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir was the widow of Robert Dunsmuir, who made a colossal fortune by developing the family coal mines at Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island. The coal deposits were not only of great extent, but of excellent quality. So superior was the Vancouver article that it was able to go down to San Francisco, and, handicapped by a hostile tariff, practically put the United States coal out of business. It was exported to Japan, and wherever it came in competition with other American or English coal, it more than held its own. When Robert Dunsmuir died, 50 years ago, this great export trade in coal had attained high proportions. He had demanded a fleet of vessels and several lines of railway, all of which were owned by the coal magnate, and by him bequeathed to his widow. The temperature at three o'clock this morning was fifteen degrees.

THE ARREST OF 300 NEGROES

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 26.—Three hundred negroes, each answering in some particular the description of the highwayman who shot and killed Motorman Eugene W. Grady, and probably fatally wounded Conductor M. P. O'Brien on a street car, last night, are held at police headquarters tonight. The negroes were captured by citizens. The robber sought for obtained \$40 from O'Brien last night by cutting out his pockets and taking the money changer. The car, after the negro left it, ran uncontrolled for

ALBERT THE FIRST ASCENDS THE THRONE

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—Albert I., King of the Belgians with his Queen Elizabeth, made a state entry into the Capital from Laken. Cannon boomed a royal salute; churches bells rang out cheerily, and thousands of adoring subjects lined the route of the royal march crying "Long Live Albert" and "Long Live Elizabeth." When the procession arrived at the Chamber, where the oath of ascension was to be taken, the successor of Leopold II., was given a notable reception by the Senators and Deputies. A feeble attempt of the Socialists to make a demonstration failed miserably. At every discordant note a fresh outburst of cheers drowned the voices of the malcontents. King Albert's speech from the Throne was an eloquent tribute to Leopold I, and to his uncle, the late King Leopold II. He declared that the latter had performed a prodigious work in Africa with the constant thought of enriching the nation and increasing the economic resources of Belgium. "In the Congo the nation wishes a policy of humanity and progress," he said. "The mission of civilization cannot be other than a mission of high civilization."

LIONS NOT SENT BY MR. ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Five lions, two of them weighing about 225 pounds each, a zebra, not yet classified, and a beautiful leopard, were part of a collection, which after travelling 10,000 miles by land and sea, arrived here yesterday for the National zoological park. They came as a present from W. N. MacMillan, a wealthy American, who owns a large ranch near Nairobi, Africa, at which Mr. Roosevelt made his headquarters for several weeks. Most of the other animals were placed immediately into the centre of East St. Louis. Rewards of \$500 of the men's employers and \$200 from the street carmen's union were offered today for the negro's arrest.

ALL THREE SISTERS MUST FACE MUSIC

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The three mysterious Wardlaw sisters must face trial in Essex County, N. Y., all charged with the murder of Oney W. M. Sneed, the East Orange bathtub victim. Much as a matter of course, the Essex County grand jury filed into court at Newark today and reported that two indictments had been found against all three. The proceedings before the grand jury were brief. Chief of Police Bell of East Orange, told of finding the body; William J. Kinsley, a handwriting expert, told of the "suicide notes," he examined, but just what he swore to was not made public, while physicians testified as to the condition of the body.

COIN BANGLES VIOLATE THE LAW

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Secret service men are notifying jewellers in Maiden lane and elsewhere who have been in the practice of converting gold and silver coins into ornaments and selling them at a profit that this is a violation of a federal law and must cease. The usual process of the jewellers has been to make one side of the coin smooth, so as to engrave a monogram or other design on it, while the other side remains the same as when it left the mint. A revival of the demand for bangle bracelets has been one of the causes of the mutilation of coins. Bangles were a fad 25 years ago, when a young woman was proud to have her arm encircled in a bracelet to which were fastened many coins bearing the monograms of the young men of her acquaintance. Besides the use of coins for bangles, they have been meeting with favor of late in the manufacture of scarfpins and also hatpins and various other articles of jewelry. The opinion of federal attorneys in several cities were obtained by the secret service, and it was decided, instead of commencing any legal proceedings, to notify the jewellers that the practice must cease. It is pointed out that the coins so mutilated may again go into circulation, as their identity is not destroyed. Manufacturing jewellers are in the habit of melting gold coin instead of buying the metal in bulk, and this is permitted, as the coins are then destroyed as such. It is often more convenient for jewellers to get coin than gold bullion for melting, and an advantage in using the coin in this way is that the metal has the government guarantee of quality and needs no further assay. Some jewellers think that the federal authorities are going too far in interfering with the bangle industry, as they say a person who owns a coin may do as he likes with it providing he does not try to pass it as money after mutilating it.

WOMAN DIES AGED 115

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Born in the 15th century in the province of Kiev, Russia, Mrs. Brayne Makedensky is dead at the Jewish shelter, of home last night at the age of 115 years. Mrs. Makedensky had 19 children, several of whom are still living, and is survived by about 150 descendants scattered over the world. Most of them live in the United States. The oldest grandchild is 75. He is Abraham Makedensky of New York. Mrs. Makedensky often spoke of an honor bestowed upon her by Czar Nicholas I of Russia. He gave her a souvenir nearly 75 years ago, when her parents kept an inn. The czar stopped at the inn for a few hours one day and was so pleased with his treatment that he gave Mr. Makedensky a medal. Mrs. Makedensky and her family moved to America some 20 years ago.

Get away from the crowd

Get away from the crowd for a while, and think. Stand to one side, and let the world pass by, while you get acquainted with yourself and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself. Ascertain from original sources if you are really the manner of man your father hopes and your sweetheart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself, my boy, and believe me, every time you come out of one of those interviews you will be a stronger, better and purer man. Don't forget this and it will do you good.—Robert Burdette

MOB HANG MURDERER.

HURLEY, Va., Dec. 27.—Following the killing here on Christmas eve of Samuel Baker and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by Henry Pennington, a mob of 100 citizens took him from the jail and hanged him to a steam pipe.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diptheria.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—

Dec. Wheat	116 1/2
Jan. Wheat	111 1/2
Dec. Corn	63 1/2
Jan. Corn	67 1/2



Special to The Guardian. TORONTO, December 28.—Fresh northerly winds, fair and colder. The length of today will be eight hours and fifty-eight minutes.

LUNATICS ESCAPE DURING FIRE

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Dec. 26.—Fire in the Central Hospital for the insane destroyed the north wing of the building, threw the 1,500 inmates into a panic, and was responsible for the escape of a number who are still at large. It is also possible that some of the patients perished in the flames. The fire broke out at 8.30 o'clock, and the asylum authorities immediately began to remove the endangered inmates to the south wing. Several men and women escaped from the guards while being transferred.

A HEAD ON COLLISION.

MONCTON, Dec. 27.—A bad head-on collision occurred at Steans, Quebec. The Maritime express, westbound, collided with the mail special bringing empty carts to Halifax. Both engines were considerably damaged and five passengers were slightly injured.

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