

# RACE GAMBLING

Mr. German and Dr. Shearer Give Testimony.

Mr. A. M. Orpen Wants to Make Some Denials.

Ottawa despatch: At the session of the Anti-Gambling Committee yesterday Mr. German, M. P. for Welland, repudiated in the strongest manner the suggestion that the Fort Erie track was a place where any improper or demoralizing practices prevailed. He was a member of the company that constructed it and operated it for a couple of seasons, but they did not make a financial success of it. Then it was leased, and afterwards sold for \$30,000. He declared that it was conducted in the most honorable and honest manner, and was one of the finest properties in Canada. It was a great benefit to the county of Welland, and over \$30,000 a year was spent there which went to the farmer, the grocer, the blacksmith and the butcher. The sentiment of the community in which it is located is opposed to any legislation that would mean closing it up. Mr. German was of opinion that periods of two weeks, spring and fall, were the proper duration for meetings.

Mr. Alex. Smith filed with the committee letters in opposition to the passage of the bill from George A. Carruthers, of Winnipeg, secretary for Manitoba of the Canadian National Bureau of Breeding, Police Magistrate Marshall, of Portage la Prairie; Lieut. Col. Steele, formerly of the Strathcona Horse, of the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association, Robinson & Co., Merrick & Anderson, Wood, Vallance & Co., and other Winnipeg firms.

Rev. Dr. J. G. Shearer, of Toronto, secretary of the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada, who is the active agent in support of the bill, explained the composition of that body, and produced a number of resolutions passed by its units. He quoted Herbert Spencer's "Study of Gambling" from the sociological standpoint, and condemned the permission to bet on a race-course as class legislation likely to create an offense of certain actions in one place, while they were legal in another. Further, it would not be a compromise, but a surrender. Limitation of the time would not largely reduce the evil, because meetings could be held in various places and so be continuous throughout Canada. Mr. Orpen's charter allowed him to establish race-courses wherever he wanted to, in addition to those already existing.

Mr. Blain—You don't mean that you would be opposed to shorter meetings? Witness—I don't think it would be an effectual remedy. This agitation is directed against race-course book-making, and if permitted at all it could go on in many places, one after the other.

Dr. Shearer said the practice of betting was a vice, and consequently a sin. He would not say that it was a sin under all circumstances to bet, but he would not do it himself. He saw no harm in buying stocks on margin.

When counsel inquired who paid his expenses in this matter he refused to answer, and the committee upheld him.

Mr. Monk thought Dr. Shearer and his associates had been neglectful in failing to give consideration to English legislation, and said he would be very reluctant to adopt United States legislation as a model.

To Mr. Connell the witness said he had not personally observed any evils from race-course betting. He thought the volume of betting would be greatly decreased by the abolition of the book-maker.

Mr. McCarthy read a telegram from A. M. Orpen, of Toronto, who wanted to be recalled to deny on oath everything that the Toronto butcher had said in reference to him.

The committee meets to-morrow afternoon to close the hearing of evidence.

## THE TEMPLARS.

Rev. W. P. Fletcher Re-elected Grand Councillor.

Toronto despatch: The Royal Templars of Temperance, Grand Council of Ontario, concluded their three days' session in Toronto last evening. The extension of the law relating to bribery and corruption in elections, to local option contests was advised.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Councillor, Rev. W. P. Fletcher, Drayton; Grand Vice-Councillor, Mrs. A. E. Brown, Belleville; Chaplain, Rev. Chas. H. Coon, Peterboro'; Grand Secretary, Mr. W. M. McMillan, Hamilton; Grand Herald, Mr. T. H. Penfold, Guelph; Grand Deputy Herald, Miss Peard, Upper Palmerston; Grand Guard, Mr. J. T. Newell, Goderich; Grand Sentinel, Mr. Melvin Bostwick, Glenwood; Trustee (for three years), Mr. J. A. Austin, Toronto; Grand Medical Referee, Dr. William Crawford, Hamilton; Grand Auditor, Mr. L. C. Peake, Toronto. Additional members of the Executive, Messrs. A. B. Spencer, Collingwood; J. A. Copeland, Toronto, and Benjamin Johnston, Hamilton.

## ATE CHUM.

Two Prospectors Alleged to Have Dined Off Companion's Body.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—A member of the Provincial police of Ontario is here to try to locate a witness who is wanted to give information concerning what is claimed to be a clear case of cannibalism in the country north of Cobalt.

It is alleged that three Americans, who were prospecting, got lost in a snow storm. The body of one of them was found in the snow near a stake bearing the names of the other two. The body had evidently been cut up into steaks and joints.

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# WHEAT

## CHURCH FIRE.

Gas Explosion in the Methodist Church at Woodville.

Woman Set on Fire—Sensation at Prayer Meeting.

Lindsay despatch: The newly decorated Methodist Church at Woodville was almost completely wrecked last night by an explosion of the acetylene gas plant. A number of people were gathered together in a room of the basement for the purpose of holding the regular prayer meeting, but something was noticed to be wrong with the lights, and Mrs. William McKee, wife of the sexton, went into the room where the plant was kept, and proceeded to light a match to investigate matters.

An explosion occurred which rocked the building, and the lives of the twelve or fifteen inmates were in great danger. The walls shook, and the roof wobbled, but fortunately withstood the shock, and remained in place. However, the floor, the seats, the pulpit, the gas jets, the stoves, bookcases, dishes and other decorations in the various rooms were completely dislodged, and rattled from their fastenings.

Mrs. McKee was thrown against the wall of the room, and was almost immediately enveloped in flames. For a worder she was not rendered unconscious, and had presence of mind enough to run for the only door, which leads up stairs, and out on the street. She rushed out with her clothes and her hair all on fire, and several men came to her assistance. She was seriously burned.

Mrs. McKee is confined to her bed to-day as a result of shock and severe burns in the face from the explosion of acetylene gas in the church last evening. The lady is resting nicely and will recover unless complications set in.

It is thought the damage to the building will amount to about \$2,000 or \$3,000.

## MILLION A MONTH.

Increase in Customs Revenue During Fiscal Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Canada's trade for January totalled \$51,500,102, an increase of \$12,322,627, or nearly 30 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year, and constituting a record for the month. For the first ten months of the present fiscal year the total trade has been \$563,986,790, an increase of \$96,610,931, or about 20 per cent. The imports last month totalled \$30,253,852, an increase of \$7,140,225 over January, 1909. Exports of domestic products totalled \$20,258,406, an increase of \$4,871,084. For the ten months imports have totalled \$302,060,207, an increase of \$60,978,445. Exports of domestic products for the ten months totalled \$241,375,219, an increase of \$31,404,708. Of this increase, about \$16,000,000 was in exports of agricultural products, and seven and a half millions in exports of the forest. Exports of manufactures show an increase of nearly two millions. The customs revenue for the month was \$4,006,402, an increase of \$944,037. For the ten months the customs revenue has been \$48,602,459, an increase of \$10,361,941, or a little over a million a month.

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## VETO FIRST.

Labor Party's Ultimatum Presented to Mr. Asquith.

London, Feb. 21.—George M. Barnes, member of Parliament for Glasgow, Blackfriar division, who two days ago was elected chairman of the Labor party in Parliament, threw a bombshell into the political arena this afternoon in the shape of a manifesto, which, if acted upon, means the severance of the ties which heretofore have united the Liberals and the Laborites.

"I learn," writes Mr. Barnes, "that Premier Asquith is to hold office without assurances from the King with regard to the veto, and that the veto is to be dealt with after the budget. That, of course, will not be acceptable to the Labor party. It means that the powers that be think the general election was not sufficiently decisive with regard to the Lords' veto, and it evolves, therefore, another election before the question of the Lords is settled. If another general election is to occur, we should have it as soon as possible."

This manifesto, which has been sent to Premier Asquith, is generally accepted as an ultimatum; that in the event of this protest being disregarded the Laborites will vote against the Government, and it created an almost palpable feeling among the Liberals in the lobbies of the House of Commons this afternoon.

Negotiations between the Government and the Irish Nationalists are still in progress, but it is stated that the present position of the overtures are very unpromising. John Redmond, the Irish leader, is reported to have failed to carry his demands, and to-day T. P. O'Connor, president of the United Irish League, took up the work of trying to unravel the political tangles.

Premier Asquith this afternoon had an audience with the King, when he presented the final draft of the speech from the throne.

## FRITCH TRIAL.

Murdered Girl's Chum Gives Evidence at Trial in Detroit.

Detroit, Feb. 21.—With the remark that she "felt as though she was going to her own funeral," Mabel Millman passed into the private office of Dr. Fritch on Friday, August 27th last, and was never again seen alive. This was the main import of the testimony of Mrs. Mignonette Messenger in the Fritch murder trial here to-day. The witness told a weird tale of how she had made Miss Millman's acquaintance only a few minutes before the time of her appointment with the physician, and told of having directed the girl to the proper door in the building. Attorney Lodge put the witness through a grilling cross-examination, in the course of which she admitted having been thrice married without any divorce formalities or proofs that previous husbands were dead. Martha Henning, the deceased girl's chum, with whom she stayed in Detroit, and in whom she had confided her troubles, occupied the stand during the morning hours. She identified a bottle of medicine and instruments as having been in the girl's possession. To-morrow is expected to bring out the last of the testimony, and the case will probably go to the jury Saturday morning.

A poor workman blames his tools, likewise an unsuccessful politician.

## THE BIG GUNS WERE IN ACTION

Guerrilla Camp Shelled Out Near Verona.

Twelve-Pounders and Maxims Used With Effect.

Not a Man or Horse Any the Worse For the Winter March.

despatch: Delightfully hidden among the Artillery Camp, North Woods, Verona, trees of a big section of dense wood, the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery route march detachment spent the night in camp. The site was better than the one occupied near Murvale, a much better shelter being possible for men and horses. All stood the march of yesterday well and no sick man reported at the medical officers' parade. About 3 o'clock last evening the thermometer registered within a few points of zero and there was much moisture in the atmosphere, and this made the cold very piercing. Yet there were no complaints from the 150 men in camp.

At 7.30 breakfast warmed up men and horses for the strenuous day's work provided in Gen. Lake's programme. On making camp here yesterday men were sent out to cut holes in the ice of Verona Lake so that the horses could be watered. To these holes the horses were led through the quiet village.

All preparations had been made for a march out to 14 Island Lake for manoeuvres, and at 9 o'clock the detachment marched out of camp through the one straight street of the village, and then struck into the country east over hills and dales, covered with snow and along a roadway hedged with tall trees. After a ride of a half hour or more a string of lakes was reached, and on the first of these the batteries marched around in a big circle, while Gen. Lake was conferring with the staff as to the details of a plan previously prepared by the Inspector-General. The shrill whistle of the commanding officer, Col. Burstall, was heard, and the battery officers received their instructions. These in turn gave orders to the section commanders, and soon the horses and guns came tearing over the ice towards a steep hill on the south, and the dash up the hill was really a magnificent piece of horsemanship, and as spectacular as actual war could ever be without any of its calamities. The four 12-pound guns occupied the crest of the hill, and they were prepared for action. The horses were taken out, the limbers removed, and the ammunition boxes opened for shrapnel shell.

A guerrilla force had been reported as operating in the section and having designs on Verona and the camp location. Their career must be checked and the force demoralized. This was the work of the four 12-pounders, and they started to do it to perfection. A big canvas sheet, four miles away over the hills on the ice of a distant lake, served as the guerrilla camp, and, after getting the range, elevation and deflection, the gunners began to place 12-pound shrapnel shells all around the guerrilla location. The sheet was a mass of shreds and the snow for a great distance around covered with broken fragments of destructive live shells.

Scores of villagers and farmers gathered at the battle and cheered the work of the gunners. Women and little children stood and watched the big guns belch forth fire and shot, and it was an education and entertainment such as they never had before.

Again the guns were limbered and the steep hillside descended, and away over the ice for another couple of miles to a quiet little nook, where the big quick-firing 18-pound Maxims were brought into action, firing at the rate of thirty shots a minute. There is no record to be taken up by the mechanism of the new piece, and once the range is secured the firing continues until the object of the shells no longer exists.

While these guns were firing, the cooks were busy preparing lunch and the drivers feeding and watering their faithful horses. Soon the good, hot tea was handed out, with eatables, to soldier and civilian alike, till it looked like an immense picnic party on the frozen lake. Not a single accident attended this feature of the march, which speaks eloquently for General Lake, the director-general of operations, and the officers and men of the batteries.

At 3 this afternoon the artillery returned to camp, where a hot meal was waiting for all. The villagers of Verona nailed Union Jacks outside their homes, some porches being covered with the flag.

To-night will be spent in camp here, and in the morning a big forced march south will be undertaken, and, if no accident occurs, Saturday morning will see the boys in dress parade in Kingston; none the worse for their long march, hard work and exposure to cold, and demonstrating to all their fitness for any service imposed upon them, whether in the snows of winter or the scorching suns of summer. Not a man or horse has been reported any the worse for roughing it in these wild northern woods.

## HIT THE SPOT.

Hector Juby Took Great Pains in Killing Himself.

Belleville despatch: One of the most unique modes of committing suicide took place in the 9th concession of Sidney township, a few miles from this city, on Tuesday afternoon last. H. Hector Juby, a middle-aged bachelor, shovelled a path from the house in which he lived to the woods nearby. In the woods he cleared a space in the snow, fixed up a board from the barn in a slanting position, and placed a loaded rifle beneath the board, the muzzle being inserted in a hole in the board.

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New York, Feb. 21.—The Evening Mail publishes an article on the increased cost of living in the metropolis, and gives the following amazing statement of facts as among the results of exorbitant prices:

One-sixth of those dying in Manhattan are buried in potter's field, an increase of more than 40 per cent. in six years.

More than 102,400 persons seeking shelter in the city lodging house, an increase of more than 100 per cent. in seven years.

More than 60,700 persons seeking relief from the charities department, an increase of 81.5 per cent. in five years.

More than 2,400 persons sent to the almshouse, an increase of nearly 15 per cent. in four years.

More than 1,750 husbands placed under bonds to support their families, an increase of 186.5 per cent. in four years.

## STEEL VIADUCT.

Hamilton Bridge Co. Gets Contract T. N. & O. R.

Toronto despatch: The contract for the construction of a steel viaduct over the North Wabie River has been awarded to the Hamilton Bridge Company by the Commission of the T. & N. O. Ry. The Wabie River, over which there is only a trestle at present, crosses the T. & N. O. Ry. line twice, the North Wabie being at mile-age 120 a few miles north of New Liskeard. There were several other tenders put in.

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