NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Aged Minister Dies of Pneumonia at Kincardine.

Montreal Man Dies After Attending His Son's Funeral.

Kingston Pen. Guards Want an Eight-Hour Day.

The death of the Rev. Dr. McDonald, aged 79 years, occurred at his home at Kincardine, Ont., from pneumonia. He had held many charges in Ontario.

Harry Murby, well-known on the Toronto live stock markets, died at his home at 82 Indian road crescent. Deceased leaves a wife and two children.

Oscar Koion, the Finlander arrested in the Union Station, Toronto, with $500 worth of Cobalt ore in his possession, was committed for trial by Magistrate Denison.

J. E. Minns, Newmarket, will be the new Principal of Picton Collegiate, to replace M. J. H. Dolan, who goes to Bowmanville as principal of the High School there.

A fifteen months' sentence was given by Magistrate Denison at Toronto, to Arthur Minns, for stealing $13 from W. H. Clark as the two stood at the bar of the Kerby House.

So affected by grief caused by the death of his son was Edgar Berevin, at Montreal, that when he returned from the boy's funeral he collapsed and died within a few minutes.

Rev. J. Edgar Hill, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, of Scotland, had a paralytic stroke last night. He was overcome on the street near the Y.M.C.A. building, Montreal. His condition is serious.

Guards of the Kingston penitentiary are circulating a petition which will be presented to Warden Plat, asking for an eight-hour day. It is said that some of the men have been on duty 36 hours at a stretch.

At a meeting of the Chambre de Commerce, a resolution was unanimously adopted setting forth the attitude of the Chambre as absolutely opposed to the putting into effect of the Long Saul Dam project.

A mink was captured in an alley in Guelph. The mink, which is a fine specimen, about afoot and a half in length, and wearing a very fine coat of exceptionally dark fur, was caught by two men.

Wiliam Almond, 50 years of age, was sentenced to two years in jail by Magistrate Denison at Toronto on a charge of assault committed five months ago. James Caniffe, the victim, has just left the hospital.

The repor of the committee of Queen's University students appointed to consider the advisability of securing a student pastor recommends that the scheme for a student pastor be withdrawn for the present so that other proposals may be given a trial.

The body of Miss Ethel Coleman, daughter of Professor Coleman of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, was interred at Belleville. Deceased, who was a member of a company playing "Ben Hur" at Joplin, Mo., was found dead in her bed. She was asphyxiated from a gas stove.

FRENCH CABINET.

Names of the Members of the New French Government.

Paris, March 7.—With one or two over-night changes the new French Cabinet has been completed and was announced to-day as follows:

Premier and Minister of the Interior—Antoine Ernest E. Monis.

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Jean Cruppe.

Minister of War—Henri Maurice Berteaux.

Minister of Marine—Theophile Delcasse.

Minister of Finance—Joseph Caillaux.

Minister of Public Instruction—Jules Adolphe Theodore Steege.

Minister of Public Works—Charles Dumont.

Minister of Agriculture—Jules Pams.

Minister of Colonies—Adolphe Messimy.

Minister of Labor—Paul Boncour.

Minister of Justice—Antoine Perrier.

Minister of Commerce—Louis F. A. P. Masse.

The under secretaries are: Interior—Emile Constant; Justice and Worship, Louis Malvy; Posts and Telegraphs, Charles Chaumet; Beaux Arts, Henri Dujardin-Beaumetz.

WIFE'S SPIRIT CALLED.

And Schwartz Tried to Join Her by Taking Morphine.

Sharon, aP., March 6.—Claiming to have seen the vision of his dead wife, and being commanded by her to join her in her celestial home, Samuel Schwartz, aged 72, tried to carry out her request to-day by taking morphine. He was unconscious when found, but was revived. Schwartz said his wife's spirit summoned him, and Schwartz expressing doubt as to whether he could get to Heaven, the spirit told him it could be fixed. Then he begged off for a day to settle his accounts. This being granted, he tried suicide.

AWOKE IN BURNING BED.

Chatham despatch says: Joe Rourke, of Jeffrey street, awoke at an early hour this morning to find the bed in which he was sleeping a mass of flames, and his body burned and blistered from his waist to his head. He made an attempt to put out the fire, and his hands were painfully scorched.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Filled Firms Labelled Bottles With Other Mixture.

Montreal, March 6.—Messrs. John de Kuypre & Sons, of Rotterdam have been suffering a good deal through fraudulent refilling of labelled bottles, and yesterday laid a charge against J. C. A. Meunier, a grocer, of this city who had not only been filling their labelled bottles with a compound of his own and sealing them with green wax somewhat similar to that used by the de Kuypres themselves and had a die for stamping the wax.

When brought before Judge Lanctot, Meunier pleaded guilty, and, as this was his first offence, he was fined $30 and costs, or four months' imprisonment.

GIFTS TO BUYERS

Retail Merchants' Association at Guelph Pass Many Resolutions.

Renew Request for Organization of a Department of Trade.

Guelph, Ont., despatch: The delegates attending the Provincial Retail Merchants' Association convention left for their homes to-day, after being shown through a number of the leading institutions here. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, there being no opposition to the election of any of them: President, Mayor A. M. Patterson, Brockville; first vice-president, E. T. Stacey, Kingston; second vice-president, A. Wesalon, Berlin; secretary, E. M. Trowern, Toronto; treasurer, M. Moyer, Toronto.

Resolutions were adopted by the convention opposing special privileges being granted by the Dominion Parliament, aiming to facilitate the formation of co-operative societies, gifts for the purchase of goods, or any other scheme or device which may be considered as an enticement for the public to buy goods.

The convention renewed its request to the Dominion Parliament to the effect of organizing a Department of Trade on the same basis as that organized by the Railway Commission.

The convention expressed the opinion that the retail trade in general has much to suffer from dishonest competition from some stores doing business by mail, and they think the best means to cut out that competition would be to undertake a campaign of education amongst the public.

The convention placed itself again on record that it is unjust that the retail merchants should pay for the inspection of weights and measures, as such inspection is made in order to protest the public.

The appreciation of the action of the Minister of Agriculture in making provision in the schedules to be used in taking the census of 1911 for a census of retail merchants, and for the value of their real estate, was expressed.

They expressed appreciation of the proposed amendment of the criminal law now being asked for by the Dominion board of the association relating to combines.

The advisability of adopting a sign or trade mark suitable for placing over the stores of all members of the association was considered favorably.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

Sailors Threaten Strike at Time of Coronation.

Antwerp, March 6.—The International Seamen's Congress, which threatens to advocate a general strike throughout the world at the time of the coronation of King George, unless ship-owners satisfy their demands, will open here either to-morrow or Monday. The men include in their demands a unification of wages, the cessation of the use of a rubber stamp on the wrist by doctors as proof of medical examination, better food and quarters, and the abolition of the shipping masters. The British Consuls already have received orders to pay advance notes directly to the seamen, thus ignoring the shipping masters.

Arrangements are being made for the preparation of vast camps at British seaports, where athletic meetings are to be held for the purpose of raising funds to aid the strikers. The German seamen refuse to join in the movement.

BLIND TROOPER MARRIED.

L. W. R. Mulloy Weds Miss Jean Munroe, of Seattle.

Montreal despatch: A pretty romance reached a happy conclusion here to-day in the marriage at St. James' Methodist Church of Trooper L. W. R. Mulloy, the blind hero of the South African war, and Miss Jean Munroe, daughter of Mr. Silas Munroe, a Seattle, Wash., millionaire.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulloy first met in London, Eng., shortly after Trooper Mulloy had received the bullet wound which deprived him of his sight. Miss Munroe was attracted by the indomitable spirit shown by the Canadian soldier, and their friendship quickly ripened into love.

COLORED PORTER KILLED.

Montreal despatch: John W. Wells, colored, a porter in the employ of the C. P. R. Company, is dead at the Royal Victoria Hospital. It is said his death was due to a fracture of the skull, but whether the fracture was the result of a blow or a fall has not yet been ascertained. His home is in Omaha, but he has been living here when not on the road, for the past three years.

BRUTAL OUTRAGE

House Broken Into, Owner Overpowered and His Wife Assaulted.

Crime Near Orono Village—Two Suspected Men Arrested.

Bowmanville despatch: A case of a most unusual character happened just east of Orono village, in Clarke township, on Sunday night. Thomas Bradley and his wife live a mile and a half out of Orono. On Sunday night about 9 o'clock two men called at the house and asked for some hay, saying they were from Oshawa and their horse was tired out. Bradley had no hay, as he is a laborer on the Canadian Northern Railway. He told them where they could get hay farther down the road. They requested him to go to the barn to help them get it. He put on his boots and went along. Very soon he heard his wife screaming, and turned back to find that two other men had entered the house and attempted to criminally assault Mrs. Bradley, but she struggled and got out of the house and ran screaming into the field. He called her and they entered their house. Fearing a return of the men, Bradley provided a club and laid it near the door. They did not go to bed. About 11 p. m. a rap was heard at the door, and Bradley opened it and saw two men who attempted to enter. Bradley stooped to get the club, when the men pounced upon him and pounded him till he was exhausted. Bradley is a strong man and fought like a tiger for several minutes. When the assailants had fixed Bradley, one held him and the other, it is alleged, criminally assaulted him wife. Then the other man held Bradley while his fellow did likewise. Bradley and his wife were left in a serious condition and were unable to raise any alarm until Monday night, there being no one living near them. He went to Orono and telephoned to Chief Richard Jarvis, who at once started after the men.

Two bachelor farmers living near Newtonville, in Clarke township, were arrested to-day; the names given being Luther Brown and Wilson McManus, aged 21 and 27, respectively. These men are in the lock-up here, and will appear before Police Magistrate William H. Hersey to-morrow morning, charged with the crime. Two other young men are supposed to be accomplices and are likely to be apprehended soon.

Great excitement prevails throughout the district, as all the persons mentioned are respectably connected.

THE FEDERATION

Organization Effected for New Movement Among Presbyterians.

Toronto despatch: The inaugural meeting of the Presbyterian Association for the Federal Union of the churches took place yesterday afternoon. The attendance was large and representative. Particularly noticeable was the number of elders present, not alone from the city of Toronto, but from outside districts. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, again presided and Rev. A. H. McGillivray acted as secretary. The statement prepared at the gathering of one week ago was accepted and a lengthened discussion took place as to the relation of the present movement to that of organic union, which is now before the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches. It was clearly pointed out that the movement is in no sense antagonistic to the movement that makes for organic union. The idea behind it was explained to be the impossibility of organic union at present among the negotiating churches, and the possibility of greater good being done by a federation of all Protestant churches. It was felt by all that federation rather than fusion was the immediate duty of the hour and that taking this step would leave the way open for any movement, even corporate union, in the day when the churches are prepared for that step.

An overture is to be presented at many of the Presbyteries in time to have the matter brought before the General Assembly, which meets in Ottawa in June next.

The following have accepted office in the permanent organization: Honorary President, Principal McKay, Vancouver; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T. C. James, Charlottetown; James Rodger, Montreal; Dr. Murray McLaren, St. John; John Penman, Paris; J. B. Mitchell, Winnipeg; S. McLean, Moose Jaw; W. G. Brown, Red Deer; Judge Swanson, Kamloops; Treasurer, C. H. McDonald, Toronto; Joint Secretaries, R. G. McBeth, Paris; A. H. McGillivray, Weston; Executive Committee: Ministers—Dr. McLeod, Barrie; A. H. Drumm, Belleville; Mr. Burnett, Dorchester; Dr. Smith, St. Catharines; A. L. Geggie, D. Strachan, T. Crawford Brown and Dr. A. Robertson, Toronto; Laymen—Mr. G. M. McDonnell, Kingston; Sir Thomas Taylor, Hamilton; Dr. Harriston, Peterboro'; Dr. Geikie, Jos. Henderson, Mr. McMurchie, G. Howard Ferguson and J. K. M. McDonald, Toronto.

The appointment of a president was left in the hands of a committee to report at a subsequent meeting of the association.

Arrangements are under way for a popular meeting to be held in the not distant future, when the possibilities of federation among the Christian churches will be presented by outstanding ministers and laymen of the churches.

"Pa, what is superstition?" "Any kind of belief that another will not give up when you tell him your belief is different."—Judge.

$200 DAMAGES.

Railway Stations Must be Lighted and Easy of Access.

Montreal, March 6.—That railway stations must be lighted and equipped so as to be of easy and safe access was the bearing of a judgment rendered by Mr. Justice Archer, in the case of E. M. Marceau against the G. T. R. Company. The plaintiff had been injured in a fall from the platform of the station at South Durham, at night. In his fall, he received a serious wound, which forced him to be idle for five weeks. Damages were estimated at $200 by the plaintiff, and judgment was rendered in his favor for the full amount, with costs against the defendant.

BASTARD REPUBLIC

Ulster Would be Justified in Cutting Loose From It.

Imperial Government Won't Touch the Referendum Proposal.

London, March 6.—In the House of Commons to-day Lord Hugh Cecil, member for Oxford University, in a breezy speech in support of Mr. J. Austen Chamberlain's amendment, drew the jeers of the Nationalists by declaring that the Ulsterites would be justified "in cutting themselves off from the bastard republic," which, he said, would be constituted if the veto bill was passed.

Pending the committee stage of the bill, interest will not centre in the expected production next week of Lord Lansdowne's bill for the reform of the House of Lords.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain's amendment, which was defeated, was moved on Monday last on behalf of the Opposition. It was to the effect that the House would welcome the introduction of a bill which, while reforming the composition of the House of Lords, maintained its independence as a second Chamber, but declined to proceed with a measure which placed all effective legislative authority in the hands of a single Chamber and offered no safeguard against grave changes made without the consent of the people.

Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, introduced in the House of Lords to-day his bill for the employment of the referendum on occasions of great national importance. The measure passed its first reading without division.

In introducing his referendum bill, Lord Balfour of Burleigh claimed that the popular vote thus provided in order to secure public expression on a specific issue was the best solution of the many difficulties now confronting the nation. In whatever countries it had been tried the referendum had been a success. He wished to restore to the people the reality of power, for, he said, the present representative system put an exaggerated power in the hands of a small majority.

The Earl of Crewe, on behalf of the Government, characterized the proposal as a counterstroke to the Government's veto bill. He said it was a more radical departure from the constitution than the Government's proposal, or even a measure to set up a single-Chamber Government. He declared that he would have nothing to do with a referendum project.

FIERCE RIOT.

Striking Miners Said to Have Started the Row by Stoning Houses.

Springhill, N. S., despatch: The troops stationed here on account of the strike by the coal miners have at last found something serious to do. They were called out to-day to suppress a fierce riot. The trouble began by the stoning of the houses of the strikers, who have returned to work during the past few days. The stoning continued for some time, becoming very much worse, until the crown numbered several hundred, and the disorder was tremendous. Manager Sharp and other officials did what they could to protect the company's property and to preserve the rights of the men who were being assaulted. In the melee Mr. Sharp was somewhat badly cut about the head. The town police took a hand, and the arrests they made, it is claimed, were of those who had been trying to preserve peace, while the men who caused the riot were unmolested.

The troops were then called out, and quiet was restored. What will occur to-morrow is hard to predict, but that there will be further trouble seems sure, for there is a great deal of ill-feeling.

SON OF MARQUIS TO WED ACTRESS.

London, March 6.—Mrs. John A. Stirling, formerly Clara Taylor, of Washington, whose husband, Capt. Stirling, divorced her in March, 1909, will shortly be married to Lord George Hugo Cholmondeley, second son of the Marquis of Chalmondeley, who is 23 years old, handsome and a society favorite. He is the second heir to the marquisate, the heir, the Earl of Rocksavage, being unmarried.

Before her marriage to Capt. Stirling, Miss Taylor was a chorus girl, and after the divorce she was a member of the chorus in the musical comedy, "Our Miss Gibbs," at the Gaiety Theatre. She and Lord George are accomplished devotees of skating and habitues of the fashionable ice rinks of London. The wedding will be very quiet. The Earl of Rocksavage will act as best man. Part of the honeymoon will be spent in Paris.

MILLION WILL DIE

Famine and Plague are Sweeping Over Chinese Empire.

Known Deaths Number 30,000 and Death Rate Averages 200 Daily.

Peking, March 6.—Famine and the plague are sweeping over China. The known deaths from the plague number 30,000 and, according to the official statistics, the death rate averages 200 daily. But the officials have little knowledge of the conditions in the interior, or, if they have, they are not permitting the facts to become known. They are few or no foreigners in the interior, and conditions there, for this reason, are not attracting much attention.

It is impossible even to estimate the number of deaths that have resulted from lack of food. Dr. Samuel Cochran, an American, who is engaged in the work of relief, writes:

"One million people will die before the first crop is harvested. This will be scant, because the people have not the strength to till the soil, and no animals remain for plowing."

The Chinese are directing their efforts to control the plague chiefly along the railways and frontiers, for political reasons. The local authorities, including the police and soldiers, in former epidemics left the people to die; now they do not care or do not know how to maintain adequate sanitary measures. Both supplies and funds are lacking. Japanese and Russians have both offered assistance, but only in a few places have these offers been accepted, the Chinese not liking to receive favors from foreigners, whose political motives they distrust.

The people left their homes but many of them were unable to get beyond the borders of the devastation and returned and took up the death struggle beside their homesteads. Thus far Japan and America are the only foreign countries that have contributed to aid the sufferers, but even the extensive assistance that has come from the United States is entirely inadequate. It is estimated that 2,000,000 are without food and are existing on roots, grasses or anything that affords the slightest possibility of nourishment. Those possessing grain guard it night and day.

The missionaries who are distributing relief tell of many tragic occurrences. They describe the people as horrible skeletons, some of them with limbs hideously swollen. From the famine the death rate is several thousand daily.

THE MOTOR LEAGUE

How the Automobile Has Increased Value of Farm Lands.

Toronto despatch: The problems of good roads, motor taxation, higher speed limits and the military uses of the automobile were treated by the speakers to toasts at the Ontario Motor League's annual banquet in King Edward Hotel last night. Mr. Noel Marshall, First President of the league, acted as toast master, and about him were seated Brigadier-General Cotton, Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., Col. Hendrie, M. P., Mr. W. K. McNaught, M. P. P., Mayor Geary, Mayor Geo. H. Lees, of Hamilton; Mr. Paul J. Myler, of Hamilton, President of the Ontario Motor League; Mr. O. Hezzlewood, Mr. T. A. Russell, Mr. Frank Roden, Mr. C. H. Fleming, Mr. Geo. Lynch-Staunton, K. C., of Hamilton; Dr. J. E. Elliott, Mr. W. A. McLean, C. E., Provincial Engineer, and Mr. E. M. Wilcox.

"Good Roads" was proposed by Mr. Oliver Hezzlewood and responded to by Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P. "The value of real estate is gradually extending out into the country from the cities as the result of the good roads movement and the manufacturing of the big standard automobile," said Mr. Maclean. "To-day a farm up Yonge street changed hands at $600 per acre, and a few years ago it was only worth $100 per acre." This increase in value was due entirely, the speaker thought, to the prospect of good roads in York county.

Mr. Hezzlewood, who is Chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Ontario Motor League, dwelt on the educational campaign for good roads that was being waged by the official representative body of the Province's automobilists.

Mr. Hezzlewood said that the Ontario Motor League had left the offer with the Provincial Legislature that the condition of increased expenditure on road improvement the present motor tax would be changed from $4 per car per annum to a basis of horsepower.

Mr. T. A. Russell, who proposed the health of the Ontario Legislature, reviewed the somewhat rocky path of legislation with regard to automobiles in Ontario. Since 1903, when the first act was framed by the Legislature, there had been much change of opinion concerning automobiles. During the hard days for motor legislation, Mr. Russell said that the motorists had always had good friends in Col. Hendrie and Mr. W. K. McNaught. The speaker then said that there were two items of law that should b eamended—namely, the limits of speed in the city at ten miles an hour and in the country at fifteen miles per hour. Not only should automobiles carry lights at night, but a law should be made to oblige all vehicles to carry lights after sundown.

The response to the health of "the Legislature" was made by Col. Hendrie, M. P. P., of Hamilton, the well-known turf man. Col. Hendrie said that $614,000 had been spent on good roads in Ontario during 1909 by the Provincial Government, and that this was only the beginning.

The Canadian militia was called a citizen army by Brigadier-General Cotton, who responded to Dr. Fisher.

A POOR JOKE.

Auctioneer Thrown From Vehicle to Icy Ground.

Smith's Falls, Ont., despatch: Auctioneer D. C. Healey, of this town, was badly injured while attending a sale in the county yesterday. He was standing on a seat of a cutter talking to the crowd when someone gave the vehicle a quick pull. Mr. Healey was thrown over backwards to the icy ground, striking heavily on his head. He was rendered unconscious, and in that condition lay for nearly an hour. The injured man was badly cut about the head, and suffered from loss of blood. The man who perpetrated the "joke" may be prosecuted.

TRIED TO ROB HIM

Coal Dealer's Elevator Burned Down At Hackensack, N. Y.

He is Also Attacked by Highwaymen Who Wanted His Money.

Hackensack, N. J., March 6.—Daniel S. MacMullen, a well to do coal operator here, is convinced that troubles never come singly. Early yesterday his coal elevator was destroyed by fire with a loss of $75,000. To-day he reported to the police that he was attacked by a highwayman in the street near his home shortly before midnight. Had it not been for two of his workmen, who were walking along behind him he believes his assailant would have got away with $600 in cash which MacMullen was carrying home in a satchel. The highwayman, MacMullen told the police, jumped out in front of him at a dark place in the street near his home. Pointing a revolver into his face with the muzzle only an inch or two away, the satchel.

MacMullen yelled for help and two of his drivers, who were not far behind, ran to the assistance of their employer. They grappled with the highwayman, and the latter seeing he was being roughly handled, dropped his revolver and made his escape.

THE FRIAR LANDS.

Committee Exonerates Government Officers of All Charges.

Washington, March 6.—Complete exoneration of the officers of the Philippine Islands government of all charges of irregularities in conection with the administration, sales or leases of lands in the Philippines; yet on the other hand, pointed criticisms of the inadequacy of the present laws to prevent monopolies in what are known as "the friar lands" are expressed in both the majority and minority reports of the House Committee on Insular Affairs submitted to the House to-day.

The charge made on the floor of the House a year ago by Representative Martin, ofw Colorado, that the so-called sugar trust had acquired 56,000 acres of "the friar lands," led to an investigation of the entire question of the administration of public lands, as well as "friar lands."

The minority accepts the situation as unavoidable, but holds the incident up as a warning against "further exploitation of the lands by American capitalists," and suggests that no more sales of large tracts of the "friar lands" be consummated pending the action of Congress or the outcome of court proceedings that might be instituted by the Philippine officers.

GENEROUS GIFT

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Gave $60,000 to Red Cross Guild.

San Mateo, Cal., March 6.—Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American Ambassador to Great Britain, yesterday made an additional gift of $60,000 to the Red Cross Guild Hospital, which she established here as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Mills. The money is to be used in the construction of additions to the hospital.

TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE.

Toronto despatch: Taking a solution of bi-chloride of mercury in mistake for some other medicine, Lilian O'Neil had a narrow escape from death last night in her room at 386 Queen street east. As soon as she discovered the mistake she cried for help, and a doctor and the ambulance were sent for. She was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, and the ready treatment she received saved her life.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN QUIT.

Cornwall despatch says: After 48 years' voluntary service Cornwall's volunteer fire brigade, at a meeting held last night, decided to resign. For several years they had been seeking remuneration from the Town Council, and last summer they asked for grants of $250 to the Chief and $200 to the brigade, also new uniforms for 24 men. The Council declined, and the brigade gave notice that unless some arrangement was made by March 1st they would resign.

DIED AT THE 'PHONE.

Toronto despatch: Stricken while at the telephone calling up some friends, Mrs. Janet Johnston, an aged woman, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Hartley, 228 Dovercourt Road. Dr. Richard Hearn said death was due to heart failure. Mrs. Hartley had been out, and finding the door locked, called a neighbor, who climbed through a window, and discovered the body in the hallway.

Margaret and her little playmate were Delineator.