

CHURCH UNION QUESTION BIG ISSUE FOR ASSEMBLY

Presbyterians to Finally Decide on This Momentous Question—Last Year the Presbyterians of Canada Raised Four And Half Million Dollars.

Toronto, June 1.—At least a dozen names have been suggested for the moderatorship, and the possibility of an appointment by acclamation when the election takes place at the opening session of the Presbyterian General Assembly tonight look very remote. The retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. Ballantyne, Knox College, was elected by acclamation last year, but decision without a contest is very unusual.

The committee on church union met again this morning but nothing has been disclosed as to the nature of the report which will be presented to the Assembly before the end of the week. The committee numbers about twenty-five and it is known that only about half a dozen of them are opponents of organic union with the Methodist and Congregational churches.

The question of union looms up as a big issue for the 1921 assembly to decide. This year was fixed by the assembly which met at Winnipeg in 1916, as the time when definite action towards union must be taken. The commissioners, for that is the name applied to the members of the assembly, who voted at Winnipeg have a very large majority in favor of union of the three denominations. The Methodist and Congregational churches had already voted in their representative bodies for organic union.

The last vote of the denomination on the question was taken in 1915, and was: For union, 113,600, and 3,735 against. Principal Gardner said it was impossible to say what the report of the union committee would be. An attempt was being made to agree on a united report.

West For Union.
The opinion of the western men is that in the new country denominational differences must be merged, the country has thousands of immi-

grants, the majority of them foreign, and they must be ministered to by a united church if they are to be made good Canadians. Co-operation is not sufficient as a solution to the home mission problems, and only united effort will suffice.

Those who wish the Presbyterian church preserved hope that this is the last time the question will come up for debate in the assembly. The assembly, they say, cannot disband the church, which will continue whatever the decision may be. A vote in favor of organic union will transfer the settlement of the question from the courts of the church to parliament and the courts of the land. And would the other churches welcome one of the uniting churches coming to them stripped of all their endowments and property?

The grand total of givings of the Presbyterian church in Canada during the past year for maintenance, equipment and extension reached the record sum of about four and a half million dollars. This was the summary of the report presented by the treasurer, Rev. Robert Laird and Rev. T. Stewart. The Forward Movement thank offerings constituted the largest individual item in the list making up this stupendous total. These amounted to over two million and a half. The congregational givings totalled well over a million.

Union Committee Disagree.
Toronto, June 1.—The Presbyterian committee on church union failed, it is understood, to reach an agreement for or against organic union with the Methodist and Congregationalist bodies. The issue will therefore, go before the assembly uninfluenced by a unanimous recommendation from the body of two dozen leading churchmen who for four years have had the matter in hand.

The feeling of the committee is said to be strongly pro-union, but that there are half-a-dozen strong opponents in the body.

ATTACK ON GIRL CAUSES RACE RIOT; 75 ARE KILLED

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 1.—Seventy-five persons, whites and negroes, have been killed in a race outbreak in Tulsa, according to a telephone message to Governor Robertson here today from Tulsa chief of police. The riot is believed to have been caused through an attack on a white girl.

Many places were in flames and the fire threatened to wipe out the white residential section. Martial law was declared and Adjutant-General Barrett placed in command of the city. Negroes are being captured and segregated into places transformed into prison camps.



DR. ALFREDO ZARJAS
Who has just been inaugurated with fitting ceremony as Cuba's President.

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DYING FATHER THINKS HIS DAUGHTER FREE

Latter, Serving Prison Term, For Shooting Lover's Wife, Visits Him.

Wausau, Wis., June 1.—Dr. A. L. Lusk, dying at a local hospital, believes that his daughter, Grace, often at his bedside, has been freed from her 19-year prison term, imposed for the killing of the wife of Dr. David Roberts, her lover.

The father does not know that a woman he regards as one of the hospital nurses is a matron from the state prison at Waupun and that elsewhere in the hospital, but never seen by him, there is a prison guard.

"I am free," his daughter told him, when she first entered his room. "God is good," said the old man. "No one will hurt you any more."

With Warden Town of the state prison rests the decision as to how long Grace Lusk will be allowed to remain with her father. The permission to make the visit was granted by Governor Blaine, to whom the warden had transmitted Miss Lusk's request.

New friends of hers are busy with a petition for her pardon. They hope that she will be released before her father dies.

The public first heard of Grace Lusk June 21st, 1917, when she shot and killed the wife of Dr. Roberts, a Waukesha veterinarian, with whom she was in love. The wife had refused to give up Dr. Roberts. On May 19th, 1918, Miss Lusk began serving her sentence. Dr. Roberts served a year on a state charge. His sentence expired recently.

MURDERER CARELESSLY GUARDED AT WOODSTOCK

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The guard had left the key of the cell on the window ledge and he had poked it into a crack in the mortar as a clothes peg from which to hang the coat of Norman's wife. Garfield had even had it in his hand in presence of Mr. Gaetz.

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TRIXIE GARFIELD IS COMING HERE

She Says That Chaplain is to Get Work For Her.

Woodstock, June 1.—Trixie Harkness, wife of Denton Garfield, now serving a 20-year term in Portmouthe penitentiary for complicity in the murder of Ben Johnson of this city, for which his brother Norman will be hanged here tomorrow, arrived in the city yesterday and appeared in the hall adjoining the courtroom where the investigation into the circumstances surrounding Norman's escape was being held.

She said that she had come up to give a letter to Norman wherein she asked him to tell the truth. "I wrote Norman that he should tell the truth. That is all I want," she said.

She is a slender young woman dressed with care, and wears expensive furs. She said that all her jewelry was in the pawnshop in London. "I want to give the lie to the rumors which are circulated in the press that I have been married half a dozen times. Norman is telling these things, but he knows he is lying 22 years of age now. I was first married when I was 14," she declared.

"It is absolutely false that I influenced Denton in making a confession," she said, and blamed Norman for leading her husband into crime. "We were living quite peaceably when he came down to London," she continued. "Denton was running a car for a man who was a bootlegger. But we had our own car besides. That was taken away from us, but we later got it back. As soon as Norman arrived the two brothers started on a campaign of robbery." Then she enumerated several of the robberies committed, and added: "I fought against it for all my might, but they would persist, especially Norman."

She said she was going to Kingston to be near her husband, and that a clergyman connected with the penitentiary would get her a job. She left the city after a few hours' stay.

MEDICAL SPECIALISTS NEED EXAMINATION

The Public Not Competent to Pass Judgment Upon Them.

Niagara Falls, June 1.—The committee on legislation and by-laws reported to the Ontario Medical Association that the practitioners of the province would welcome such amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act as would make eight ounces of any spirituous liquor the amount permissible by prescription, and that druggists should be compelled to keep some in stock for the convenience of the people.

The report of the committee on education suggests that the association itself seriously consider the advisability of the formation of a fund for promoting postgraduate study. The committee also was of the opinion that an increase in the number of licensing and degree-conferring bodies is not desirable. It urged that the Dominion Medical Council be identified with or transformed into the Canadian College of Physicians and Surgeons, and that whatever other degree this proposed body grants there be one for the general practitioner who has been practicing for five or more years and who intends to continue general practice, but at the same time pay special attention to some one line of work.

The committee on interrelations of the medical profession and the public recommended that specialists should take a course in a recognized place where special work and special examinations are conducted. "The public does not know the qualifications of these men, and is not competent to pass judgment upon them. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario should have a definite department for the licensing of specialists."

PEGGY A BIGAMIST HER HUSBAND CHARGES

James S. Joyce Declares His Actress Wife is a Bad Woman.

Chicago, June 1.—Allegation that Peggy Hopkins Joyce, his actress wife, had had two previous million-dollar husbands, was contained in the answer of James Stanley Joyce, a wealthy lumber man, to her petition for \$10,000 a month alimony and \$100,000 for attorneys' fees. Hearing on the petition is set for next Thursday.

Mr. Joyce charges his wife was guilty of bigamy when she married Sherburne Philbrick Hopkins at Bel-air, Md., September 1st, 1913. Her divorce from Everett A. Archibald, Jr., of Denver, Colo., was not entered until 14 months later, the answer asserts.

The answer charges that Mrs. Joyce drove a lieutenant in the United States army while they were living in New York. The officer shot himself in a Turkish bath in the fall of 1913, the bill states.

Quebec Librarian Succumbs
Quebec, June 1.—Ernest Myrand, librarian of the Legislative Assembly and member of the Royal Society of Canada, also a distinguished author, died at his residence yesterday morning after a few days' illness.

NO FLAG PLANTING IN THE ARCTIC

The Canadian Expedition Has Been Abandoned For This Year.

Ottawa, June 1.—The prime minister, answering Mr. King in the House, stated that the proposed Canadian expedition to the Arctic regions for the purpose of hoisting the Canadian flag on the newly discovered land there, has been abandoned for this year because there were reasons to believe that it could as well take place next year.

"It is rumored that another power contemplates taking possession of the land. Is it prudent to delay hoisting the flag?" asked Mr. LeMieux.

"If there is any serious contention on the part of any other power, the government will not hesitate to take action," answered the premier.

GRATTAN ESMONDE IS FOUND GUILTY

Vancouver Jury Adds Rider and He Will Be Allowed to Leave Canada.

Vancouver, B.C., June 1.—O. T. Grattan Esmonde, described as "Sinn Fein Envoy to Australia," was found guilty of seditious uttering by an assize court jury after forty-five minutes' deliberations.

Justice Morrison, in his charge to the jury, put forward some considerations in Esmonde's favor. The jury added a recommendation that the sentence be deportation and, on Esmonde giving an undertaking to leave the country, he was permitted to leave the court, and make preparations for his departure.

London Methodist Conference stationing committee approves five-year term.

SEEK AN ENTENTE
IN THE NEAR EAST
Jerusalem, June 1.—High Commissioner Sir Herbert Samuel of Palestine has arrived in Beirut to confer with Gen. Gouraud, French high commissioner of Syria, on the question of co-operation between the English and French in the Near East, says a despatch received here. At a dinner given in his honor, Sir Herbert declared it was his desire to see a closer entente with the French in Asian affairs.

BONDS ARE STOLEN; FOUND IN JAIL CELL

Burglar in Jail Reveals Hiding Place of \$1,050 Taken From Arnprior.

Arnprior, June 1.—William Bates self-confessed burglar of Perth and Arnprior, surrendered to the police over \$1,050 in stolen bonds which he had secreted in the bedding of his cell in the Perth jail.

Chief of Police George Jackson, Arnprior, discovered the bonds after searching the cell under the prisoner's directions. The bonds found by the chief are identical to those stolen from R. A. Jeffrey, editor of the Arnprior Chronicle, and Mr. Parant, Grand Trunk station agent in a suitcase, taken with the prisoner, was a suit of clothing stolen from the store of Alexander Reid, Arnprior.

A broken screwdriver found in the suitcase fitted a portion of steel found in James Gaudette's store. The police of Perth think the prisoner may be wanted in the States on a serious charge. His descriptions are said to tally with a circular in the possession of Chief Jackson.

VETERAN IS BEATEN TO DEATH BY DOCTOR

Assailant Arrested and Will Plead Justification Under Unwritten Law.

Chattanooga, Tenn., June 1.—Burch C. Gardenhire, veteran of two wars and socially prominent here, was beaten to death in Dayton, Tenn. The slaying occurred just before midnight in the home of Dr. W. P. Allen. Dr. Allen has been arrested on the charge of murder in the first degree. He is held without bail.

The physician refuses to make any statement. Former Colonel W. L. Givens, retained to defend the accused man, asserts that Dr. Allen will plead justification under the unwritten law. According to the attorney Gardenhire was warned several days before the killing to leave Mrs. Allen alone. Givens said the defense would prove that Gardenhire's relations with Allen's wife were improper.

The circumstances of the killing suggest that both the slayer and the victim were drunk when it occurred. Gardenhire was beaten into insensibility about 10.30 in the evening. His assailant struck him over the head with a heavy glass pitcher filled with fruit. He fell without a struggle and was then beaten over the head with a poker.

The assailant without more than a glance at the prostrate body, retired. A few minutes later he got out of bed, went downstairs and renewed his beating of the unconscious man, using a heavy jar filled with fruit, the pitcher and the poker. Gardenhire was dead when found.

SAYS CANADA LOSING S. AFRICA FLOUR TRADE

Official Declares Breadstuffs Market Going to Australian Exporters.

Vancouver, June 1.—Canadian trade with South Africa is increasing steadily, according to C. W. Francis Harrison, special commissioner for the Federation of British Industries in South Africa, who arrived here on the steamer Mukura and is going to England on a special investigation of trade opportunities in South and East Africa, Rhodesia, Uganda and Zanzibar.

Imports into Africa from Canada last year exceeded those from the nearest Commonwealth of Australia, he says. South Africa needs agricultural implements, hardware, steel products, timber, paper and box woods, Mr. Harrison stated. Australia flour has been driving Canadian flour out of the South African market in the last few years.

Pajama Clad Thief Arrested, Police Claim

Baltimore, June 1.—Said to have admitted to private detectives that he was the pajama clad thief who, during the last six weeks, had terrorized guests at leading local hotels, Lawrence J. Sheahan, of Brooklyn, was arrested early Monday. It was necessary to shoot him before he was subdued and he is in a serious condition at a hospital.

He registered at leading hotels as an officer of the United States shipping board and at night guests were robbed. Those who saw the thief all reported he was clad in pajamas.

Stricken with a hemorrhage, E. B. Biggar, prominent in trade journalism and editor and publisher of the Canadian Engineer, Toronto, died suddenly from hemorrhage on Tuesday. Mr. Biggar was in his sixty-seventh year.

Dr. Ramsay Rankin, Stratford, Meets Tragic Death In An Apartment in Montreal

He Was Stabbed in a Fight and Cut by Glass of Door—Dies in Western Hospital—Two Men and Two Women Held For the Coroner's Inquest.

Montreal, June 1.—Cut to the bone from elbow to wrist, following a quarrel, the cause of which has not yet been ascertained, during which he was thrown through a glass door at the apartment house of J. B. Gunn, St. Catherine street west, Dr. Ramsay Rankin, Stratford, Ont., died in the Western hospital early this morning. The fight occurred around eleven o'clock last night, and Dr. Rankin was, it is thought, stabbed and then cut himself on the glass of the door. He collapsed in a pool of blood on the stairs landing. There was another pool of blood near the door of the Gunn apartment and blood had

QUEBEC CAN SHIP BONDED LIQUORS

Ruling is Given by Justice Department—A Scott Act Privilege.

Ottawa, June 1.—The fact that in the city of Quebec and some smaller municipalities of that province the Scott act is in force still is causing complications and conflict in the operation of the new provincial law, whereby the provincial government assumes the sole right of importing alcoholic liquors.

The customs department in view of the new provincial act has been barring the customs entry of any liquor importations to the province save those consigned to the Quebec liquor commission.

Protests were made to the department against the action and the question was referred to the department of justice, which has given the opinion that in Quebec city or any other Scott act municipality, importations of liquor for personal consumption are permissible.

Naked Negress Firebug Sets Georgia College Ablaze

Macon, Ga., June 1.—The main building of Central City College, a negro institution here of 300 students, was set on fire and completely destroyed yesterday by an insane negro woman who appeared on the campus stripped of all clothing and stoned the building before entering to apply the torch. All students got out of the building without injury. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Farmers Return to the Cheese Industry As It Yields Them More For Their Milk

The Demand For Cheese is Steady—White Cheese Just Now Brings the Highest Price—No Further Decline in Cheese Prices Are Expected.

The manufacture of cheese as a basic dairy industry has been once more demonstrated this season, despite the fall in price of that commodity on the European market. There is a steady demand for cheese because it is an important article of daily consumption in European countries, and while nobody expects to see anything like war-time prices, yet the place the Canadian product holds on the foreign market is one that we cannot afford to lose.

Since the war, other forms of manufacturing milk products have come into existence, but while they offered strong competition for a time, and in some localities caused the cheese factories to close, it is now apparent that the farmers appreciate their old reliable industry and are glad to have it to return to when

they are not quite satisfied with other channels for their milk. At Sydenham the disused cheese factory is opening because, it is stated, the patrons were not satisfied with the prices being offered for milk at the condensory. Within a comparatively short time, fifteen tons of milk a day was withdrawn, some of it going to the cheese factory and some being separated by farmers at home who sold the cream at a good price and utilized the skim milk for calves and pigs.

Just now white cheese is bringing the highest price because the people of England have a fad for white cheese, but it indicates a depletion of stocks and some think that there will be no further decline in the price of cheese here because white advanced one cent last week.