

BUSINESS MAN FOR HOSPITAL

Efficiency Expert's Recommendation Regarding Kingston General POSITION IS OFFERED

To Fraser Armstrong as Business Administrator at a Salary of \$5,000.

Horace L. Brittain, Toronto, efficiency expert, who was engaged by the Board of Governors of the Kingston General Hospital to make an exhaustive survey, has submitted his report, a portion of which was presented at a special meeting of the Board of Governors held on Monday evening. The portion of the report which was considered was that referring to the management of the institution, and Mr. Brittain submits that after giving the matter very careful consideration, what the institution should have in one man who will act as business administrator, and that man need not be a professional man.

When Mr. Brittain was engaged by the hospital authorities to make this survey, it was with the understanding that his suggestions would be carried out.

The board has a number of applications for the position, and it is understood that Mr. Fraser Armstrong, living in the maritime provinces, has been offered the position, and it is expected that he will accept. Members of the board, when asked by the Whig about the matter, stated that they were not in a position to say anything. It is learned, however, that the salary is to be \$5,000 a year.

It is understood that Mr. Armstrong has been manager of Woodstock, N.B., a town of 3,500 population, and for the past couple of years has been associated with Mr. Brittain in efficiency expert work.

Frederick Taylor, who was appointed superintendent of the Kingston General Hospital in November, 1923, tendered his resignation a short time ago, which will take effect Jan. 1st. Mr. Taylor came to Kingston from St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa, where he held a similar position.

Supports Whig's Idea.

It will be remembered that when Brig.-General A. E. Ross, who was medical superintendent at the Kingston General Hospital after his return from overseas, tendered his resignation, the Whig through its editorial columns, advocated the appointment of a man who would act in the capacity of business administrator. The board then appointed Mr. Taylor. Several were of the opinion, and are still, that the hospital should have a medical man, but nevertheless, Mr. Brittain, who is looked upon as one of the best authorities in the Dominion, is of the same opinion as the Whig. Mr. Brittain says that in view of the fact that the Kingston General Hospital is used as a medical training school, the medical duties are carried on by the staff of Queen's medical college, and there is no necessity of any more medical advisors. What the hospital needs most is efficient business management.

The monthly report of the board of governors which is issued from the office of the secretary, was not available on Tuesday morning, and the Whig was referred to H. C. Nickle, chairman of the Board of Governors, who when interviewed stated that it is too soon to make any definite statement as to what took place at the meeting.

The remainder of Mr. Brittain's report, which is lengthy, will be considered at a later meeting.

WITHIN THIRTEEN CENTS OF PAR

New York, Dec. 30.—Sterling exchange will close the year on the New York exchange about forty-five cents above the rate of a year ago. Sterling is now within thirteen cents of par.

Lawyers Divide \$150,000 For Saving Boy Slayers

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The lawyers who saved Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jr., from the gallows after they pleaded guilty to kidnapping and killing Robert Franks, will receive \$150,000, it became known today. Clarence Darrow, veteran criminal lawyer, and Benjamin and Walter Bechrah, brothers, will share the fee.

Earthquake at Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 30.—An earthquake, brief in duration, and of no violent nature, was felt here at 7.34 o'clock last evening.

LANSDOWNE CHURCH MEETING IS LIVELY

Presbyterians Come to Grips in Debate on Church Union Question.

A message from Lansdowne to the Whig on Tuesday morning told of a lively time at a Presbyterian church meeting in that village on Monday evening. Men of the congregation had met to prepare for the vote on church union, which was to open on Tuesday. The debate waxed so warm that some of the good members came to grips; in fact it is stated that one of them was thrown to the aisle floor. Eventually the combatants cooled down and order was restored. The meeting was presided over by the minister, Rev. I. N. Beckstedt, who advised the members not to allow their tempers to get the better of them.

WEST GOES STRONG FOR CHURCH UNION

The Results of the Voting by a Number of Congregations.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 30.—The following Saskatchewan votes on church union were recorded Sunday:

Esbevan, 73 for, 22 against.
Glen Ewen, 10 for, 0 against.
Camdull, 32 for, 12 against.
Winklow, 9 for, 0 against.
Blenhart, 27 for, 0 against.

Banner congregation in Aroona district favored church union 21 to 9.

Oxbow United church voted 91 in favor of union and none against.

Yorkton church, 115 for, 17 against.

Knox church, Regina, 544 for, 284 against.

Knox church, Weyburn, 44 for, 155 against.

Bantf United Church 7 for, 13 against.

MacLeod 52 for, 3 against.

Knox church, Red Deer, 8 for, 30 against.

High River 42 for, and 32 against.

Prince Rupert United church, B.C., 11 for, and 67 against.

Wapella, Sask., 15 for, and none against.

Broadview 36 for, and 34 against.

Lumsden 72 for, and 17 against.

The Present Standing.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The returns of the voting on church union received by the bureau of the joint committee on church union up to noon today, show that seventy-three churches in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta have completed their voting. Of these, sixty-four voted for going forward into the union and nine voted non-concurrence.

STEWART ALSO FOUND GUILTY

Of Negligence in Signing Deceptive Home Bank Statements.

WILL BE SENTENCED

On 15th of January—Third Director of the Bank to be Adjudged Guilty.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—J. F. M. Stewart, of Toronto, director of the Home Bank of Canada, which failed in August, 1923, was this morning found guilty of negligence in signing false or deceptive statements in connection with the bank's affairs. In announcing his decision Judge Emerson Coatsworth stated that he would deliver sentence on January 15th.

Three directors and an official have now been convicted on charges laid following the investigation of the affairs of the defunct institution. The trial of R. P. Gough, another director, is proceeding before Judge Coatsworth.

As in all other convictions the judge finds that the annual statement of the bank for 1923 was false. In delivering judgment His Honor said:

"An extraordinary combination of companies, in all of which the directors, including the accused, were largely interested, and which were, so to speak, feeding off the bank, came into existence one by one and became more or less interlocked. A few of them paid up finally, but most of them failed to pay and involved the bank in enormous losses. The depositors' money was loaned to these and other companies, many of them unreliable concerns, instead of being used in legitimate banking business. The accused was interested in many of these companies, and consequently well aware of the manner in which the bank's funds were being diverted into risky speculations."

Continuing the judge said: "No business man would be deceived by camouflaged balance sheets. The directors did not live up to the test. The fact appears to be that the directors were to such an extent using the bank for their own purposes and their own companies and speculations that they turned a deaf ear to the call of duty and responsibility."

SHORTAGE OF SEED BEGINS TO LOOM UP

Winnipeg Hears Rumors of Government Action to Commandeer Wheat.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 30.—Government action to protect the consumer and producer in the west looms up in the grain situation. It is being realized that the bread and seed situation for the next six months are worth watching.

With Vancouver paying eleven cents for the No. 1 Northern or the May price, and readily taking all other grades at spreads from five to eight cents better than obtainable at Fort William, it becomes clear that the Canadian mills will have difficulty in securing supplies for the balance of the season's grinding. Stocks in farmers' hands are small, and the average of quality is not as usual. Inspectors show less than sixty per cent. of receipts are below No. 3 Northern.

The seed wheat and seed oat situation begins to loom up large. There are rumors of government action to commandeer wheat for domestic purposes.

HUNT FLOUR MILLS AT LONDON BURNED

The Loss is Estimated at Three Quarters of a Million Dollars.

London, Ont., Dec. 30.—Fire which broke out early this morning in the six-storey flour mills of Hunt brothers, completely gutted the building and caused damage estimated at upwards of three quarters of a million dollars. In the building was a hundred and twenty-five thousand barrels of wheat and ten thousand barrels of flour. The flames shot into the air two hundred feet and the structure was a furnace in a few minutes. The building was of brick and cement. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The appeal of the prairie provinces against the ruling of the railway board on the Crow's Nest Pass rates will be heard by the supreme court of Canada on Feb. 3rd.

TWO MEN SHOT IN RESISTING ROBBERS

New York, N.Y., Dec. 30.—Two men were shot today in resisting four robbers who held up a garage in Manhattan. After wounding the victims the robbers fled in an automobile without any loot.

Dairy Convention Every Second Year in Kingston

It has been decided that the annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario Dairyman's convention will be held in Kingston every second year. The convention this year opens at Cornwall on Jan. 7th and will last for two days. The dairy exhibit will likely open on Jan. 6th. The meeting next year will take place at the Eastern Ontario Dairy school.

Came in Iceboat From Wolfe Island in 7 Minutes

Dr. William Spankie, reeve of Wolfe Island, came from the island to the city on Tuesday morning on an ice boat in seven minutes, time, or at the rate of thirty miles an hour. Dr. Spankie, when asked as to the condition of the ice, stated that he could not tell much about it as the ice boat ran so fast. The ice boat glided right over the crack.

PASSENGER LINER AFIRE IN PACIFIC

Vessel Hastens to the Rescue— Passengers Are Lowered Into Lifeboats.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—The Japanese passenger liner Ginyo Maru, en route to Pacific coast ports from Balboa, canal zone, was afire and calling for assistance, according to radio advices received here early today by the Federal Telegraph Company. The burning ship gave its position as north and west of Acapulco, Mexico. The distress call ended with "Come quick."

A later message said all passengers had been lowered in lifeboats and only a few members of the crew remained aboard the vessel. The steamer Julia Luckenbach is hastening to the rescue. The Ginyo Maru is of 3,500 gross tonnage.

All Are Rescued.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—After fighting the flames aboard the Japanese freighter Ginyo Maru through the night, the remainder of the crew, thirty-six men, left the vessel at daybreak near Acapulco, aboard the rescue ship Julia Luckenbach, which had previously picked up seventy-nine passengers and seventy-three crew members. Only the captain and officers remained aboard the burning ship at daybreak. The passengers were sent into the lifeboats shortly after midnight. Fear of an explosion from a concentration of nitrates aboard hastened the decision to launch the lifeboats. The flames were burning through the hatches when the Luckenbach arrived. The rescue ship is heading for Manzanillo with the survivors.

Mayors By Acclamation.

Arnprior—R. A. Jeffery.
Bowmanville—T. S. Holgate.
Bothwell—T. Haller.
Chesley—W. P. Krug.
Durham—J. N. Murdoch.
Harrison—J. H. Fawcett.
Kincairdine—Dr. J. A. Armitage.
Leaside—V. Benoit.
Milton—J. Irving.
Orillia—J. A. McLean.
Prescott—W. J. Taucher.
Ridgeway—P. J. Henry.
Seaforth—W. H. Golding.
St. Mary's—C. R. Richardson.
Southampton—E. E. Short.

CURRY'S PREDICTION OF SANE LIQUOR LAW

Says One Will Be Carried in the Ontario Legislature at Coming Session.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Municipal questions did not occupy the undivided attention of the members of Ward 3, Conservative Association at a meeting last night, the Ontario Temperance Act taking a prominent place in the remarks of several of the speakers. In addition to a number of candidates for municipal offices, the meeting was addressed by several members of the legislature. Considerable applause greeted the prediction made by Col. J. A. Curry, M.L.A., that the coming session would see a sane liquor law introduced and carried in the legislature, while several other speakers touched on the question in much the same vein.

POUND NEARS ITS PAR VALUE

British Government May Contem- plate Gold Basis Again.

GOLD BEING EXPORTED

From America to England—A Strong Buying Movement of Sterling in New York.

New York, Dec. 30.—The British pound sterling was swept up to \$4.73 3/16 in another strong buying movement yesterday, at which level it was within fourteen cents of its parity and within two cents of the return to a gold basis. The rise further strengthened reports that a concerted plan on the part of the British Government to carry its foreign exchange unit to par was under way. This, in turn, would mean, according to bankers, that the British Government was contemplating the return to a gold basis.

Confirmation of these reports which have been gaining strength in the last two months could be obtained only from officials of the British Government itself, and in the absence of any official word, New York bankers were not in a position to say whether or not the large programme of returning sterling to par was in mind. The significant thing, they said, was the London bill had kept moving ahead despite many decisions which ordinarily would retard it, if not actually bring a reaction. When the movement started, England was selling millions of dollars of pound sterling bills to set up a balance of its necessary import of American commodities and its also was buying American dollars, or their equivalent, at the rate of \$300,000 a week to take care of Britain's debt funding programme.

Britain Withdraws Funds.

Buying of sterling was said to have indicated that English banks were withdrawing from New York a great amount of funds which had been placed on deposit with local banks. Since the recent English elections in late October, upward of \$1,000,000,000 was estimated to have passed from New York to London, some of this representing American money which, with the political and commercial situation looking better, had been placed at work in London.

Export of gold to England has also quickened, one group of bankers having sent in the last month \$10,000,000 to London, of which a new \$1,000,000 shipment was announced today. Only part of the sum, which is drawn from the American gold supply since 1913 for any one month, was believed to be a large portion, according to reports received in New York banking circles, is set-marked for Russia and represents the taking back of profits made by certain industries of that country from the operation in American market of revolving credits with which Russia has been able to manufacture and export cotton and woolen fabrics.

M'COY FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

If Not Guilty as Charged, Not Guilty at All, Says Prisoner.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 30.—Kid McCoy, former pugilist, was convicted in superior court late yesterday of manslaughter, in connection with the shooting here Aug. 12th last of Mrs. Theresa Mora. The penalty for manslaughter is from one to ten years imprisonment.

When the verdict was read McCoy's eyes became tear-dimmed as he sat at the end of the counsel bench.

"I don't believe it was a just verdict," he said. "If I am not guilty as charged, I am not guilty at all. It was not a just verdict."

FOUR OF FAMILY SLAIN.

Young Women Staying With Neighbors Arrested.

Legasport, Ind., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Emma Kobough, 36, was arrested yesterday afternoon by authorities who began a search after four members of her family were found shot to death in their home eight miles from here. She was found at the home of a neighbor. She disclaimed knowledge of the killing of the four persons. The victims included her father, mother, brother and her three-year-old daughter.

Toronto unemployed ask the provincial government for aid.

NEW AIR RECORD MADE IN FRANCE

Etampes, France, Dec. 30.—Aviator Doret yesterday broke the world's speed record for 1,000 kilometres (621.37 miles), flying the distance over a 50-kilometre course in four hours, thirty minutes, 32.3 seconds, at an average of 22.17 kilometres (13.75 miles) per hour. The previous record was four hours, 52 minutes, 35.24 seconds, averaging about 126 miles an hour.

THE CHECKED WATERS ARE NOW SUBSIDING

Danger to Plants and Towns in Niagara District Believed to Have Passed.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Dec. 30.—A shift in the wind and a moderation of the cold wave, which has been prevalent in the Niagara district for the past few days, saved plants and towns along the lower Niagara River from property damage when waters, held in check by the ice jam in the lower river started to gradually subside late yesterday. The height of the flood water has not decreased sufficiently to allow service to be established on the Great Gorge route, as the tracks are still inundated.

The jam came as a surprise, as mid-winter storms have been experienced for the past few days are uncommon and the development of the jam and high water were unlooked for. In former years a jam has not been uncommon in the spring break up and on several occasions dynamite had to be used to prevent the mighty Niagara from overflowing its banks.

RUNAWAY MARRIAGE TO BE IMPOSSIBLE

Five Days to Elapse Between Issuance of License and Ceremony.

New York, Dec. 30.—Runaway marriages will be impossible in New York state in the future if the proposed changes in the marriage laws which are to be considered at this session of the Legislature go through. The estate child welfare commission is sponsoring the bill.

No longer will a romantic pair be able to step into the municipal building, obtain a license on one floor and trip blithely to the marriage chapel one flight down and have city clerk Cruise or his deputy wish them good speed and present them with a certificate all in the time it takes to get afternoon tea.

Five days must elapse from the time of the issuance of the license to the performance of the ceremony, according to the proposed new law. The intervening time is to be used by the authorities for investigation. The object of the law is to make brides and grooms look before they leap, and to lessen the possibility of bigamy.

In addition to the hasty marriage feature, the bill provides that legal endorsement must be given to the parents' permission for the marriage of children under 18. Sixteen will be the minimum age for both boys and girls, unless the prospective contracting parties obtain the approval of the surrogate or a children's court judge to the consent of their parents. The present law, which requires the written consent of parents for the marriage of girls under 18 and boys under 21, is not affected by the new minimum age amendment.

DRY WEATHER IN 1925.

May be Expected Throughout World, Declare Scientists.

London, Dec. 30.—The year 1925 will be the driest the universe has experienced this century, an official of the British Meteorological Department told The Associated Press in explaining a new discovery which, it is declared, enables them to pick out the wet and dry years to come.

St. Swithin will have 12 months of large scale unemployment after Christmas, the department has emphatically predicted and the drought to come will not only dry up these soggy islands but extend to the rest of the world.

Cardinal Giorgi Dead.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Cresce Giorgi died of pneumonia here today in his sixty-ninth year. He held the office of grand penitentiary of the Holy Roman church.

Britain must choose between the old balance of power doctrine and the association of nations, says the British ambassador at Washington.

Rioting in several towns of Jugo Slavia follows the attempt of the government to limit political freedom.

Many officers and privates suspected of conspiring have been dismissed from the army by the Dublin government.

Four children of Donat Poulin, at Wotton, Que., were burned to death.

Germany is suspected of training an army of seven hundred thousand men.

TO RESIGN OR GO TO POLLS

Must Find Some Way Out of Italy's Political Trouble.

PATIENCE WORN DOWN

Politicians Providing Too Hectic a Time—Charges Against Premier Disbelieved.

Rome, Dec. 30.—With Mussolini's position at the head of the Government gravely compromised by the publication of the Cesare Rossi memorandum, which for the first time boldly states what the Opposition press has been hinting for several months past, namely, that he inspired or, at least, countenanced acts of violence against his political enemies, and with the Opposition press threatening to make further revelations of the same nature, it is rapidly gaining ground that it is impossible for things to continue as at present, and that either by holding general elections immediately, or by the resignation of the cabinet some way must be found without delay out of the blind alley in which the internal political situation now finds itself. This feeling that some radical change must be imminent is not caused so much by belief that the accusations contained in Rossi's memorandum are true—indeed, most people are ready freely to admit that in all probability they are completely false—as by the fact that these continued accusations and counter-accusations, of threats, blows, dares and discussions, beginning to wear down the patience of Italians, whose nervous system is showing symptoms of reacting under the strain.

Some deputies, and even Fascist deputies, are discussing whether it might not be a good thing if Mussolini were to resign in favor of the Giolitti-Salandra-Orlando combination, while others believe that the present government will stick to its guns and carry through its plan of holding general elections early next year. The trouble with the first of these two plans is that Mussolini shows not the slightest inclination to resign, and that he can still count on a sufficient number of supporters in Parliament to make sure of not being overthrown. On the other hand, the idea of general elections is violently opposed by a considerable section of Mussolini's own followers.

It is yet too early to speak of a revolt of the Fascists against Mussolini, as he still holds the party in the hollow of his hand, but the fact remains that both the more moderate and extreme members of the Fascist movement are beginning to grumble. Their grumblings are still conducted in undertones, and spring from totally different causes, but they may swell to the full roar of protest at the slightest provocation.

URGES SUPPRESSION OF "RED" DISTRICT

Dr. Desloges, Montreal, Would Also Jail Those Guilty of Vice Offense.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Smash the red light district, deport the alien vice trust gripping it and living on disorderly house earnings, place all girls inmates under medical treatment, then adopt a law providing two months in jail for every man and woman found guilty of a vice offense, was the advice given to the police probe yesterday by Dr. A. H. Desloges, director of the anti-venereal disease campaign instituted by the province of Quebec.

"War to the death" was the witness' slogan. All prostitutes are diseased, he said, so-called regulation is "nefarious" for it means worthless medical examinations and, far from curbing clandestine vice, stimulates it by giving the unfortunate women legal status. Examination of conscripts for the late war had awakened the world to the ravages of venereal disease; in Canada 17 per cent. of the conscripts had been "v.d." victims. Half measures were useless, and, though prostitution could never be banished while human passions existed, yet the future of all races demanded that the sternest possible repressive measures be applied at all times.

Novels, undesirable plays and moving pictures, dance halls, cabarets, and notably Canada's lax immigration policy all encouraged prostitution here, Dr. Desloges found. The result was, healthy people were in such danger of infection that he would even favor abolition of kissing.

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"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY

ON "MAKING IT SNAPPY."

When some MEN meet
A PRETTY GIRL they start
To MAKE LOVE to her
Straight away
They say they DON'T like
To WASTE TIME.
Their OWN time
They must mean for
They CAN'T BE THINKING
OF THE GIRL. THAT'S why
AN INTELLIGENT GIRL LAUGHS
Up her sleeve.
Of course, SOME GIRLS are
So DUMB at conversation
That a MAN is obliged to
FLIRT with them to AVOID

An embarrassing SILENCE.
In many cases,
GIRLS SHOULDNT
BLAME THE MEN for
Making RAPID LOVE, especially
When they have SPENT
HOURS making themselves
IRRESISTIBLE, and
Probably weeks in choosing
A LITTLE DRESS that will
DRIVE ANY MAN into
TOP-GEAR at a glance,
But they SHOULD REMEMBER
That MONEY easily come by
Easily GOES, just as GIRLS
Who are EASILY KISSED are
Easily FORGOTTEN.