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The Whig Wishes Its Readers A Happy New Year

BEST RESULTS FROM LAYMAN

As Superintendent of the Kingston General Hospital.

REPORT OF THE EXPERT

Tells Why This Institution Does not Require a Medical Man as Head.

The report of Mr. Horace L. Brittain, Toronto, efficiency expert who made a survey of the Kingston General Hospital and whose findings is now in the hands of the board of governors of the hospital, consists of fifty-seven pages. On Tuesday the Whig gave exclusively his findings as to the administration of the institution and the action of the board in offering the position of superintendent to Mr. Fraser Armstrong. The following is a copy of Mr. Britain's report which deals with "The necessary qualifications of a hospital chief executive:

In the opinion of the writer, based on detailed study of the duties of a superintendent, in teaching hospitals, the chief qualifications required in a superintendent are:

1.—Administrative ability and experience.
2.—Force of character.
3.—Good general education.
4.—Ability to co-operate and secure co-operation.
5.—Ability to meet the public.
6.—An instinct for economy.

Entirely Secondary.

The question has been raised whether or not the superintendent should be a medical man. The writer's opinion is that this is entirely secondary consideration in the operation of a hospital, particularly of a teaching hospital. In an open hospital, which has not the advantage of university connection to guarantee good medical and surgical control, it may become necessary in some cases to have a superintendent who is an able medical man and who, on account of his prestige, can insist on proper standards; but, in a hospital which has full time or even half-time heads of medical, surgical and other services, the conditions are quite different.

The line of progress is not necessarily toward a medical superintendent, but towards the increasing of facilities, for the supervision of the professional visiting staff. In a teaching hospital, a superintendent may be a medical man, but in reality he cannot be a medical superintendent. He is and must be specifically excluded from the treatment of the sick. His relations to the medical staff, except perhaps in a grave emergency, are not professional, but simply disciplinary and administrative. In these days of telephones and motor cars, the possibility of emergency arising is extremely remote. If sufficient care is taken and importance allocated to the appointment of the senior member of the resident staff, all conceivable emergencies will be adequately taken care of.

The only reasons for insisting on a medical man are:

1.—Possible increase of prestige to the hospital.

2.—The possibility of securing better obedience from a medical man than from a layman as superintendent.

The Main Necessity.

At the present time, when some teaching hospitals are being efficiently managed by lay superintendents who have greatly increased the prestige of their hospitals, the first reason cannot be given much weight. As far as the second is concerned, it is very doubtful whether a medical man as superintendent will, on the average, respond more readily to directions by the medical staff than a layman who has no opinion on strictly medical or surgical professional matters. It is true that lay superintendents may disregard or go contrary to professional direction or advice. So may medical superintendents. In both cases, it is apt to be rather the result of negligence and incompetence than of intent. The main thing is to get an administrator of education, good sense and ability who stands on his rights, but recognizes the limitations of his proper field. Ninety-five per cent. of a superintendent's duties are purely administrative without any direct reference to medical or surgical control. His duty is not to treat the sick, but to bring about the conditions and render the services necessary for proper care of the sick by those whose function it is. It is his duty to supply, under the board, the tools and workshops in good condition. In fine, the first requirement is a real superintendent. If he is also a medical man, but with his first permanent interest in administration not in medicine, he has an additional but not essential qualification.

When employing a superintendent the scale of salary is determined largely by the qualifications of the candidates. If he has two strings to his bow, that is if he is expert in two directions, the amount of remuneration will of course be affected by the amount of his possible earnings in either line. Granted a limited amount of money for the superintendent's salary, it would seem that on the average the best value can be obtained from a lay superintendent.

GENEROUS TO POSTIES.

Dismissed Men Granted Retiring Allowance by Department.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—It is stated in postal circles that a number of the men who were dismissed on Sept. 1st, following the strike last summer, have been generously treated by the postal department. The men, so the rumor says, have been granted the difference between the $30 they received for July and August, and the salary they received prior to the strike, as well as being given a month's gratuity, or retiring allowance.

POLICE AND RUM SMUGGLERS BATTLE

New Year's Champagne and Five Men Are Captured After a Chase.

New York, Dec. 31.—A gun battle between the marine police and rum smugglers aboard a motor boat, which contained two hundred cases of champagne, early to-day, inaugurated the offensive against the flow of liquor into New York for the New Year celebrations. The battle, during which fifty shots were fired in fifteen a mile chase off the Battery, ended with the capture of the boat and five prisoners.

CANADA TO RECEIVE NEW YEAR'S PAYMENTS

London, Dec. 31.—New Year's day will see big payments made to Canada through the high commissioner's office here. The French Government will pay off the Canadian loan amounting to $5,500,000. The Belgian Government will liquidate its loan from Canada, which totals $2,300,000. The Greek Government will pay interest on the loan from Canada amounting to $282,000.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE FALROY

ON "SPEAKING OF KNEES."

TIMES CHANGE, and we
With Time, but
Only on the SURFACE;
Think of WOMEN'S KNEES
For instance; long ago
They could hardly be
Mentioned, BUT NOW,
Since many GIRLS ROLL
THEIR OWN, well!
What can be SEEN
Can be SPOKEN OF.
MOST MEN bow to
A WOMAN'S KNEES at
SOME TIME in their lives,
And generally.

It is to BEG;
Sometimes
It is to be GIVEN
Something, but more often
It is to be
FORGIVEN something.
For the FAITH of good
Men is STILL learned
At a MOTHER'S KNEE.
Women's knees are
a MAGNET and EACH woman
Is RESPONSIBLE for the
Men she draws to them,
And for WHAT THEY
LEARN there.

THE NEW BROADCASTER AWAITS

FRANK C. PRIESTLAND DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Blood Clot the Immediate Cause—Deceased Was Injured in Auto Accident.

Frank C. Priestland, Toronto, badly injured on the night of the 17th, when his car, driving through a storm on the way from Montreal, turned turtle at the top of Barrefield hill, died suddenly in the General Hospital at about seven o'clock Wednesday morning.

The cause of death was pulmonary embolism, brought about when a piece of clotted blood, from one of the injured vessels, got into the circulation and clogged the lung. Tuesday night several Shriners had visited their ailing brother and he was in great spirits. He slept soundly and woke at about 6.30 a.m., remarking to the nurse that he felt fine. At about seven o'clock he stated that he felt "queer." A house surgeon was called and Dr. Bogart immediately summoned, but in spite of all that could be done death ensued in a few minutes and before Dr. Bogart arrived.

The attending physician, and all the members of the staff are greatly depressed over the sudden passing of a man who had endeared himself to all by his cheerfulness and wonderful courage. Born in Hamilton, the deceased had made a wonderful success of his life and had been prominent as a theatrical manager and promoter, being associated with L. Solman, Toronto, in theatre enterprises in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

The news of the sudden passing of Mr. Priestland was received with sincere regret by many friends in Kingston. He was a member of the Masonic order and also the Shriners' Club and several members of these organizations had called at the hospital to see the patient, who was cheery at all times, and who appeared to be making rapid progress towards recovery.

On Sunday last, Mr. Priestland had quite a large number of visitors and enjoyed their company, talking and joking with all. Mrs. Priestland has been at his bedside during his illness and to her much sympathy will be extended in her sad bereavement.

The remains were sent to deceased's late home in Toronto at noon Wednesday. Interment will be made at Hamilton, his native city.

Russell Dickey, aged forty-four, of Milwaukee, a messenger, was killed by a train bandit.

REVOLT IN CHINA IS QUITE SERIOUS

Shanghai, Dec. 31.—Fighting, which began on a small scale, near Sungking last Saturday, as a result of Chen Lo-Shan's revolt against Sun Shuan-Fang, military governor of Chakiang is now becoming more serious.

CROWN ENTERS APPEAL ALSO

On Behalf of Peter Smith, Now in Penitentiary.

MOST UNUSUAL STEP

But Attorney-General Holds that Smith Should Be Treated Same as Jarvis.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Owing to the initiative of the attorney-general for Ontario, when the appeal from the sentence passed on Aemilius Jarvis, sr., shall be heard by the divisional court at Osgoode Hall, Peter Smith's case will be considered, too.

In other words, a somewhat unusual thing has come to pass: The crown has appealed in a criminal case.

The attorney-general advances this as a ground for an appeal from the sentence imposed on the former provincial treasure.

"That Aemilius Jarvis, the elder, is appealing against the sentence imposed on him for the indictable offense of which he, the said Aemilius Jarvis, was convicted, and, if the sentence against the said Aemilius Jarvis is modified, the sentence against the said Peter Smith should also be modified."

Mr. Justice Middleton gave leave to appeal, and, also, extended the time for serving notice:

A copy of the notice of appeal has been delivered to, and left with, Peter Smith at Portsmouth penitentiary.

Peter Smith was convicted of conspiracy. His sentence consisted in three years' imprisonment, and, with Jarvis, detention until the payment of a fine of $600,000.

The Eastern Steamship company, Buffalo, is placing an order in England for the construction of seven new 2,500 steamers for its grain carrying trade on the upper great lakes and St. Lawrence to Montreal.

FARMERS WAITING FOR TWO-DOLLAR WHEAT

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31. — Predictions of two dollar wheat are responsible for farmers all over the west holding grain, railway authorities report. On the exchange, exporters admit the balance of grain for export, valued at thirty-seven million, will not be released until the quotation touches two dollars.

PLEASE BE READY FOR WHIG CARRIER BOYS

On New Year's morning the Whig's carrier boys will visit their customers with the usual New Year's calendar greeting. Our readers are asked to be ready with their contributions to the faithful carriers who have day in and day out delivered to them the newspaper.

TO GET SETTLERS FOR WESTERN CANADA

Roman Catholic Church Co-operating in Plan to Secure Farmer Immigrants.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Plans for a huge colonizing undertaking, sponsored by the Roman Catholic church, will, when completed bring hundreds of British families of the best type to the farm lands of Western Canada during the Summer of 1925, says the Daily Tribune.

Thousands of acres of prairie lands and a vast capital expenditure are involved in the project, in which the negotiations have now reached an advanced stage.

The three parties to the negotiations held so far, are the church, the provincial governments of the west, and the Canadian National Railways.

Conferences to consider the scheme were held last week, attended by Rev. Father Quinn, of Humboldt, Sask., for the church, and representatives of the Manitoba government and the National Railways. Following these, Father Quinn left Winnipeg Friday evening for the east, where he will make further arrangements.

From the east he will proceed to the Old Country, where he will take care of the working of the project. The process of selection will ensure that only settlers of the best type will be brought over. They will be recruited from the agricultural classes of England, Scotland and Southern Ireland.

Fistic Encounter Occurs in the French Chamber

Paris, Dec. 31.—The amnesty bill as amended by the Senate came before the chamber of deputies this morning, and within half an hour had led to a fist encounter between Deputies Simon and Raymond, Socialists, and M. Balanant, member of the Democratic group. The clash was so sudden that Raymond was bleeding freely before ushers were able to separate them.

At Aylmer, Que., a big grey eagle, measuring ninety inches from wing-tip to wing-tip, was shot by Charles Wright. The bird was battling with a flock of crows when Wright brought it down.

Floods caused by recent storms in Great Britain are still increasing in many parts of the country. Men on horseback are rescuing women and children from flooded areas.

CONFESSES TO KILLING FOUR OF FAMILY

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Emma Hobough, 35-year-old widow, confessed that she killed the four members of her family, found dead Monday in the farm home, eight miles from here, according to Sheriff Walter Bowyer, of this (Cass) county. She was known to be demented for some years.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

The Prince of Wales will visit Madrid early in January.

The Italian ministry is shaken by the resignations of ministers.

The Russian soviet has ordered one hundred fighting airplanes.

Honey export trade estimated at little over 1,000,000 pounds.

France and Germany resume negotiations of commercial treaty.

Berlin is looking for possible compromise over Cologne evacuation issue.

Toronto city presented with cheque for $16,000 from Royal Winter Fair.

Germany wants same status as Switzerland in joining League of Nations.

The Allied conference in Paris next week may revise the reparation percentages.

The Ontario highways minister proposes a revision of the highways policy, assigning greater cost to townships.

THE REBEL TROOPS REPORTED EXECUTED

Promised Immunity and Surrendered—Then Disarmed and Shot to Death.

London, Dec. 31.—Mass executions of Chinese troops who rebelled at Kalgan continue daily, in the presence of thousands of spectators, including foreigners, says the Central News Tien Tsin correspondent.

The new governor of Kalgan, Chang Tso Kiang, has promised immunity to the rebels if they will surrender. As fast as they give themselves up they are disarmed and executed.

Chang has ordered a search of all houses and announces he will execute every one possessing loot.

Eight hundred of the mutineers were executed en masse on Christmas Day. After being lured into box cars and locked in, the prisoners were transported to a river bank in the country. There, while many spectators made a sort of Roman holidays of the event, the troops were lined up in squads of five. They were forced to kneel beside the river and were shot down, after which the bodies were toppled into the water and room made for more victims.

STEAMSHIP AQUITANIA IS DELAYED BY STORM

36 Hours Late at New York—Made Only 220 Miles in 24 Hours.

New York, Dec. 31.—The weather encountered by the Cunard liner Aquitania, which is expected to dock here to-night, thirty-six hours late, has been of such a nature that the vessel made only 220 miles between noon last Friday and noon Saturday. Information to this effect is contained in radio dispatches received at the offices of the steamship company here.

The Aquitania left Cherbourg at 7 p.m. last Wednesday with more than 1,000 passengers. She ran into stormy weather and high seas late Thursday.

Steamship officials said to-day that efforts would be made to expedite the landing of the passengers to permit them to celebrate New Year's Eve and Day on American soil.

Among the passengers are the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, Major-General Sir Newton James Moore, commander of the Australian Imperial Forces from 1910 to 1917, and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, member of parliament from Plymouth since 1910, and Lady Benn.

College Changes Name.

Durham, N.C., Dec. 31.—The board of trustees of Trinity college voted unanimously to change the name of the college to Duke university.

By their action the trustees accepted the terms of the forty million dollar trust fund established by James B. Duke.

The new name is in memory of Mr. Duke's father, Washington Duke, who was a benefactor of the college and whose sons have continued their contributions to its upbuilding and endowment.

MAY CUT OFF ALL CREDITS

To Europe If France Does Not Pay the U.S. Debt.

COOLIDGE'S ATTITUDE

President Does Not Favor Immediate Agitation in the Matter of Loans.

Washington, Dec. 31. — The flareup in the Senate and the House over suspicion on the part of some senators and representatives that the French Government is inclined to repudiate its war debt of nearly four billion dollars to the United States is not to be the ending of the matter as far as Congress is concerned, unless France takes steps to make a definite arrangement with this country for discharging its obligations.

It was indicated today that if no definite proposal comes from France within a reasonable period, a resolution will be offered in the Senate expressing in its terms that it is the sense of that body that American bankers should not make any additional private loans to debtor governments associated with the United States in the world war if they do not follow the course of Great Britain in arranging to liquidate their indebtedness.

While it is conceded that such a resolution would have no binding effect on American bankers, some senators hold that an expression of the sense of the Senate along the line indicated would influence banking interests in this country to withhold any financial assistance to debtor nations which have not shown a disposition to pay their war-time and post-war-time debts to this country. The advice of this government is usually followed by American bankers with relation to making loans to foreign governments. During and since the Great War began in Europe in 1914, American banking interests have sought the views of the State Department before undertaking to advance large sums to other nations, and have been influenced by the department's attitude.

Coolidge's Attitude.

President Coolidge, it was learned today, does not sympathize with any immediate agitation of the suggestion that the Senate should make a declaration intended to influence private bankers. He is understood to be of the opinion that only in cases where loans by American bankers to foreign governments or nationals would be against the best interests of this country, would the United States Government be justified in advising that such loans be barred. Before embarking on a policy of that character, the president, it was gathered, would wait further developments with reference to the intention of debtor nations and inform himself as to what purposes American private credit was sought abroad.

121,685 Immigrants Enter Canada in Eleven Months

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Immigration to Canada from all sources for the first eleven months of the present year totalled 121,685, according to an official statement issued today by the Department of Immigration and Colonization. Of the number 56,925 were British, 15,587 from the United States and 49,173 from other countries.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE OPENS FEBRUARY 17

Liberal Leader Sinclair Intends to Review Home Bank Relations With Government.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Unofficial intimation comes from the legislative buildings that the next session of the Legislature will open on February 17th, and that a 12-week session is in prospect, judging from the amount of legislation already on the board.

The Opposition, however, may lengthen the period by raising new issues. It is understood that the leader of the Liberal Opposition, W. E. N. Sinclair, intends to review the relations of the Home Bank with the provincial treasury department in recent years and also raise the question of a comprehensive investigation of the provincial hydro system.

It is also reported that the public accounts committee will investigate the highways department under the former Government.