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Com Fails Return Son Lindberghs

Will Willing to Carry Negotiations

... of Identification Offered in Original He Admits.

N.J. — Colonel Charles Lindbergh stands ready to utilize any means of identification negotiations for the return of his son despite the failure of the kidnapers to surrender upon payment of \$50,000.

... made clear tonight in a statement authorized by the Lindberghs which also repeated the primary purpose of both parents was the safe return of the baby. Early in the search and Mrs. Lindbergh published themselves not to try to find those who return their son.

... time the baby was kidnapped ransom note for \$50,000 in the nursery," the statement. For obvious reasons it is necessary to withhold information concerning the ransom note. As offered in the ransom note, the identification of the child is being made by the Lindberghs and at the time the ransom was paid to the kidnapers same means to positively identify themselves as the ones who had off the baby.

... the only means by which Lindbergh can know for certain the dealing with the kidnapers. It has been withheld and withheld by Colonel Lindbergh's future identification. It is remembered that the baby was returned and it has still is the policy of the Lindberghs to keep the baby safe and all efforts are bent in this direction.

Chamber Commerce Held Monthly Meeting

Question of Erecting Wall Along St. Francis River Revived — Afterwards Believed to Build a Terrace Other Important Suggestions Made.

... chamber of Commerce monthly meeting on Tuesday last at Courchesne's under the presidency of Mr. Montplaisir. The meeting was interesting, notwithstanding that there were only ten present.

... Mr. Montplaisir brought discussion of the project of wall along the St. Francis river. This wall would be built in sections year after year. Mr. Duchesne declared that he would be submitted to the Council since there is a lot of money left out of employment grants, which he spent this way as the way too little to be affected works.

... therefore possible that this may be taken up soon by the Council and put into effect.

TREET VENDORS

... merchants would be the disappearance of vendors who are peddling from door to door. Complaints were made to the effect that they are less nights when all the are closed. They are a nuisance in general and the merchants who are pay taxes here. In his secretary-treasurer stated by-laws concerning the peddlers now being studied and licenses would be considered.

TELEPHONE

... will be made to the Bell Company of Canada in order to obtain free exchange with St. Cyrille.

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

... industrial committee formed by the merchants who will begin work without delay, the Southern Canada and the railways have advised of the formation of a committee, which without doubt would much toward the progress of the town. This committee will be headed by Mr. J. O. Montplaisir and Mr. J. O. Montplaisir and Mr. J. O. Montplaisir.

SANITARY UNITS

... question was adjourned as it was felt that the Provincial Government will render obligatory laws through the province.

Quiet Prevailing

... quiet on every front" was the report covering the past few days, during the last. The only little incident of this perfect record of general prevailing within our town came about the arrest in the case of a man who would not pay a fine which had been sold yesterday afternoon before the peace officer and the man was sentenced to stand trial.

Gold Nugget Found In Rooster's Crop

Sudbury. — A mate to the goose that laid the golden egg has been discovered in Sudbury in a rooster with a gold nugget weighing three grains in his crop. The discovery was made by Oscar R. Smith, as he was preparing the bird for today's dinner. The possible source of the nugget has been traced to a pit near Coniston, where a lead of gravel was obtained by Mr. Smith for his block of chickens.

ROYAL WEDDING



Prince Nicholas Galitzine, Russian nobleman, and his bride, the former Josephine Dennehy, are shown just after their recent marriage at the home of the bride at San Marino. Prince Rostislav, nephew of the late Czar Nicholas, acted as best man.

Highways May Be Closed By Government

Present Condition of Roads Dangerous for Heavy Traffic on Account of Many Treacherous Holes Caused by Upheaval of Frost.

The Spokesman learned this morning that the Government, in all probability, will shortly close to heavy traffic all the roads leading from Drummondville on account of the condition the highways are in at the present time. All the routes radiating from this centre are dotted with treacherous frost holes as the last vestiges of winter leave the ground, and soft spots mark the points where the annual eruptions are to be found. Traffic on the various roads was fairly heavy Sunday as motorists took advantage of the first signs of spring to tour the countryside. The journeys, however, lacked the pleasure of summer trips on account of the cautiousness they were required to exercise to prevent their ears from skidding into mud holes.

It is expected that trucks and heavy cars will be prohibited from using the highways while these conditions last. There was every indication today, however, that in a short time conditions would return to normal. When this rain is over now that the ice is gone, we may expect hot weather which will contribute to aid matters considerably in drying up these ruts.

Young Man Drowns

A young man, about thirty years old, Simeon Grise, visiting his uncle in the fifth range, was drowned on Saturday afternoon when the boat into which he and his cousin Georges Grise, had taken place to cross an inundation in order to reach the sugar camp, capsized throwing both occupants out of the boat and into the water. Georges Grise happened to fall where water level was lower and finally succeeded by holding on to the boat to save himself. The other occupant, unfortunately, fell right in the middle of the temporary lake which is formed by inundations and at a place believed to be the regular bed of the brook and therefore making it a very dangerous place. The body has not yet been recovered although search parties are working in and around the scene of the accident ever since it happened.

Young Grise had come from the States a couple months ago and had stayed here this spring to enjoy sugaring.

Housekeeper's Complaints

Many complaints are received from local citizens to the effect that certain business houses when distributing hand-bills around town are instructing their distributors to ring the door bells and hand the circulars to the occupants. The protest against this is many around here when she has to go down two flights of stairs to be handed over a circular which she immediately throws in the stove, as a means of lowering her temper, somewhat swelled. And, it is claimed, the very worst of this all is that on some days, the housekeeper is forced to make these trips more than once...

St. George's Club Presented Annual Play Last Week

"To Have The Honour" by A. A. Milne, Given as Annual Dramatic Entertainment by an All-Celebrated Cast — The Hall Was Filled to Capacity on Both Nights.

On Wednesday and Thursday April 6th and 7th, St. George's Club presented their annual dramatic entertainment in St. George's Hall. The play chosen was "To Have The Honour" by A. A. Milne, one of the leading English Dramatists of the day.

The story of the play is undoubtedly founded on one of Mark Twain's "seven plots"; it concerns a man who, like many others, was unsettled by the war and could not steady down after it, and who finally got his personal squabbles with his wife by running away. The play opens with a dinner party in a country village to meet a mid-European Prince. This Prince turns out to be the one-time soldier, now become a "professional prince". He has found out from acquaintances in Monte Carlo that his wife is living in this village posing as a widow and he decides to go back to her to make a reconciliation. She is, at first, very surprised to see him posing as a prince, but after various doubts and difficulties and a considerable amount of scheming and explaining the reconciliation is happily established.

The dialogue is full of humour of Milne's own special brand, but the play has its dramatic moments and a few surprises too.

The part of the professional prince was played by Mr. A. Holmes, and the "widow" by Miss J. H. Dick. Mr. R. Haworth played the part of the host with Mrs. H. E. Holland as his daughter. Other members of the cast were Mrs. B. Prince, Mrs. R. Haworth, Mrs. M. Donnelly, Mr. H. Horsfield, Mrs. G. A. Awcock, Mrs. C. E. Olive and Mr. R. Redstone. Mr. C. E. Olive was stage manager.

All three acts of the play take place on the same scene, namely the living room of the country cottage. The scenery was constructed and painted by Messrs. F. L. Collis, J. B. Mitchell and F. A. Parker.

The action of the play necessitated a scene more elaborate than (Continued on page 4)

Houde Packs His Grip and Starts Trip

Has One-Way Ticket into Land of Oblivion After Meeting With Defeat in Every Endeavor.

Montreal. — Ex-Mayor Camille Houde, who was at one time, but not now, a member of the Provincial Legislature for St. Mary's Division and also House leader of the Conservative party at Quebec, has packed his little grip, said goodbye to his colleagues and friends at the City Hall and started on an extended and forced trip which is to take him far into the land of obscurity.

Try as he may he could not possibly leave the City Hall without making sarcastic reference to his successor, the Hon. Fernand Rinfret mayor-elect, who will be sworn in to-day.

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Manoir Drummond Served With Action

An action taken in the Superior Court against the Manoir Drummond at its manager by Mr. Thomas Dick on April 2nd was served on Mr. Ares on Tuesday last, April 5th.

In his action, the plaintiff states that on or about February the 6th he with others attended a public ball given by the Manoir Drummond at which refreshments were served to whoever wanted some; that during the course of the evening, numerous persons took this advantage to be served with numerous libations; that nearing the end a person sitting at his table, through inadvertence, made the table lean over and caused the glasses and plates on it to fall and break; that Mr. Ares, in an angry manner addressed them and said that he could easily have them put out; that thinking the incident closed, two police officers entered and that one of them put his hand on Mr. Coolan's shoulder and the other did the same with him, the plaintiff in this case; that the plaintiff suffered damages unestimable, but that he had consented to reduce his claim to \$200.; that he request the company of the Manoir Drummond to be condemned to pay him such amount as a compensation for what he has suffered on its reputation for being shown out of the Manoir, publicly, and that with interest and costs.

The action was taken through the legal office of Garceau & Ringuet.

Horse Killed

Two horses, the property of Mr. Germain Landry of St. Germain went wild on Heriot street last week. They took to Lowering street and following the road, went through Village St. Pierre at top speed, causing no damage there, however. Keeping on towards St. Germain, at the entrance of the Black River bridge, one of them landed on the solid fence at the approach of the bridge and was instantly killed.

THE HIKERS' MYSTERY EXPRESS



A unique stunt was put over by the British Railways during the Easter holidays by running "Mystery" specials for an unknown destination. So well were these mystery trains run that not even the train crew knew where they would stop until a moment before their departure. The above picture shows G. W. Holford Knight, K.C., and two other enthusiastic hikers trying to persuade the engineer to let them into the secret.

Germany Again Supported Its Veteran War-Time Commander

Paul Von Hindenburg Given Overwhelming Majority in German Presidential Run-Off Election Over Fascist Leader — Papers Hail Result as German Repudiation of Radical Theory to Solve Economic Problems.

Berlin. — Field Marshal Paul Von Hindenburg, second President of the German Republic, settled back in his presidential chair today at eighty-four years of age, for another term of seven years.

In yesterday's run-off election he rolled up a plurality of nearly six million votes over Adolf Hitler, National Socialist candidate, his chief opponent.

The preliminary official final vote, as announced by the election commissioner early today, was:

Von Hindenburg, 19,359,642.
Hitler, 13,417,460.
Thaelmann (Communist), 3,706,388.
Invalid, 8,204.
Total, 36,491,694.

President Von Hindenburg's request, consented to remain in office as Chancellor. He offered a formal resignation when he congratulated the President on his victory, but withdrew it later.

The veteran President, during his second term, will have the satisfaction of knowing he is a majority President. Although he failed to receive a majority of the votes cast in the first election on March 13th, by only a little over 150,000 votes, he rolled up a clear majority of 2,235,794 yesterday over the combined vote of his two opponents.

One National Socialist and one Republican were killed during the fights in Hamburg and Bremen. Another man dropped dead from excitement. Three score persons were more or less seriously injured and hundreds were arrested.

Early this morning Hitler issued a statement through his headquarters at Munich calling upon his followers to gird for the Prussian Diet elections on April 24th, in an effort to march a step farther toward the goal he called "German liberation." "The National Socialists know not what rest is," he said, "and must not tarry until the goal is reached."

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Highlights of Budget

SALES TAX increased from 4 per cent to 6 per cent. A limited number of articles, not primary products, now exempt, are made subject to the Sales Tax. The Sales Tax changes were effective April 7.

EXCISE TAX on all goods imported into Canada increased by 2 per cent. New rate, 3 per cent.

INCOME TAXES — The personal exemption in income taxes is reduced, for those with dependents, from \$3,000 to \$2,400, and those without dependents, from \$1,500 to \$1,200.

The 20 per cent, reduction now allowed from tax payable under established schedule of rates is discontinued.

In addition, 5 per cent, surcharge on the amount of tax payable is to be imposed on all taxpayers, personal and corporate, with net incomes in excess of \$5,000. The corporation rate is increased to 11 per cent. Provisions relating to family corporations will be repealed.

Income tax changes will apply to taxes on the 1931 income.

INSURANCE TAXES — The tax of one per cent, on premiums received by insurance companies, except life, marine and certain forms of mutual fire companies, is re-imposed. British and foreign companies, maintaining deposits with the Dominion, will also pay this tax. Tax of 15 per cent, is imposed on gross premiums paid to other insurers.

CHEQUE TAXES: On cheques, money orders over \$5.00 and on promissory notes, bills of exchange, etc., the rate is increased from two cents to three cents on amounts up to \$100, and six cents over \$100.

A five-cent tax is placed on telegrams, cables and radio messages, and long-distance telephone calls.

On railway sleeping car berths, the tax will be ten per cent., with a minimum of 25 cents, and ten cents on chair car tickets.

These special taxes on cheques, tickets and messages will become effective May 2.

Private Bridge Party

Mrs. J. C. Duchesne received on Thursday last to a bridge party attended by over thirty ladies. The princely Duchesne residence had been beautifully decorated with natural flowers for the occasion. The ladies present were the following: Mesdames W. A. Moisan, Dr. Helie, J. O. Montplaisir, Ant. Niquet, Dr. Irtz, Jos. Marier, Gerard Laferte, Dr. Garon, Dr. Dion, G. Ringuet, F. E. Rioux, E. O. Rioux, B. Mitchell, G. C. Christman, B. Prince, N. G. Plattfeller, B. Angstadt, M. P. Garceau, Bouley of Waterloo, Mesdames Charpentier, Gall, Marchessault, Bellevue and Dansereau were not able to attend.

Those who accepted the invitation for tea were Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. M. Lafontaine, the Misses S. Lafontaine, Estelle and Marceline Moisan, Angeline Niquet, Alberta Chabot, Marguerite Courchesne, George Mercure and Emma Moulton.

Prizes were won, the first, by Mrs. Gerard Laferte, second by Mrs. Dr. Helie, third, by Mrs. M.-P. Garceau, and the consolation prize by Mrs. P.-E. Rioux.

Bridge Party Friday

A Bridge Party will be held in St. George's Hall, Friday, April 15, 1932, at 8 p.m. prompt, in aid of the Ladies' Badminton Club. Everybody invited.

A Timely Suggestion

In an interview to our representative, yesterday, His Worship Mayor W. A. Moisan spoke of the opportunity there is for the citizens to lend without delay assistance to nature in cleaning the winter's accumulation of dirt, ashes, papers and rubbish in the yards, along the private side of the sidewalks, etc.

The Mayor's suggestion is indeed timely. The present condition, on many premises, are surely not a credit to their owners and there does not appear to be any reasonable excuse forthcoming for any more delay in this very necessary spring cleaning work.

The rain and the warm rays of the sun have practically disposed of the ice here and now is time for us to do our share by removing the dirt and rubbish that hinder Old Sol in his annual spring task.

Immediate action to that end would certainly be greatly appreciated by all citizens who are justly proud of the fact that in Drummondville cleanliness is generally well attended to.

Chicken Pie Supper

A chicken Pie Supper will be given at St. George's Hall on April 23rd, by the Mothers of Boy Scouts and Cubs Auxiliary from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Everybody is invited.

A Musical Concert and Lecture Will be Given April 29

By the Canadian Institute of Music Under the Direction of Mr. Rodolphe Mathieu and the Presidency of Honor of Mr. W. A. Moisan, Mayor, and of Mrs. Moisan.

A very fine musical programme and lecture will be given on Friday, April 29th, in the David Academy Hall, by the Canadian Institute of Music, directed by Mr. Rodolphe Mathieu. Mr. W. A. Moisan, Mayor, and Mrs. Moisan have accepted the presidency of honor. This lecture-concert is given under the auspices of LA PAROLE (Limited) to the benefit of Ste. Croix Hospital.

Mr. Rodolphe Mathieu is a very original artist and as such has earned for himself a wide reputation. He has recently published a book, on music, on its interpretation and on numerous other questions concerning musical matters.

The programme will include a lecture on "Artists' Characters" to be given by Mr. Albert Levesque, well known publisher of Montreal. The musical part will begin with a composition of Mr. Mathieu, a Sonata, in one movement. The second number of song and music, entitled "Seasons", will be sung by Mr. Ulysse Paquin, the Montreal bass, and accompanied by the composer, Mr. Mathieu himself. The songs are entitled "Autumn" and "Spring". The third number on the programme will bring Miss Jeannine Lavallee, stage artist, with a series of poems which she will recite and which are also the work of Mr. Mathieu. They are entitled "Canada", "The Gods are Going" and "The Slave".

The fourth number will bring back the "Seasons" and its author, together with Mr. Ulysse Paquin in the vocal interpretation of "Summer" and "Winter".

The fifth number will be numerous interpretations of Mr. Mathieu's works for the piano by himself: "Sur un Nom", "Chevauchée", "Vague à l'âme", "Une muse", etc.

The sixth number will be a Parisian Sketch by André Lang. Scene on Tender Grass, by Miss Jeannine Lavallee and Mr. Ulysse Paquin.

Conditions In St. John's Are Less Critical

With Order Prevailing Since Wednesday, the Tangled Political Situation is Straightening Itself Out.

St. John's, Nfld. — Progress in Newfoundland's tangled political situation was in the rumor state last Saturday. Quiet has prevailed since Wednesday, when sporadic rioting followed Tuesday's mass disturbance which ended in the break-up of a Legislative sitting and considerable damage to the Colonial building.

The refusal of Sir Richard Squires to resign as premier was taken to indicate that he would ask Governor Sir John Middleton to dissolve Parliament and issue writs for a general election. The Premier was (Continued on page 4)

Mrs. Ant. Montplaisir Passed Away Sunday

On Sunday night passed away at her residence on Heriot street, Mrs. Ant. Montplaisir, nee Auxilia Gobeil, after an illness of many years duration, at the age of forty-four. Only a short time ago she had returned to her home after a confinement of over a year in Ste. Croix Hospital. She leaves behind her, her husband and five children: Gaston, Denise, Fernand, Jacques and Andre three brothers; Emile Gobeil, of Montreal, Hector, of the same place and Eliodor of Milwaukee, Wis.

The funerals will take place in St. Frederic's church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

To the bereaved family, we offer our sincere sympathy.

Misbehaviour

During the "Pound Week" organized by the local troop of Boy Scouts which was a frank success and merits to be encouraged each year, there happened a regrettable incident which should attract the immediate attention of the leaders of the troop.

The fact that the premises graciously furnished by Mr. Pelletier were damaged to the extent of necessitating repainting of the walls due to egg throwing which went on during this period of time would render the then occupants subject to responsibility.

It has not been ascertained as to whether some of these boys had done the trick, but we believe that some kind of inquiry would be welcomed by the citizens who were given to view this spectacle.

Town Council Will Meet

At tonight's meeting of the Municipal Council which will take place in Courchesne's Hall, the agenda is not expected to contain anything of outstanding importance. The question of concrete paving of Heriot, Brook and Lindsay streets will be taken up for debate, however.

Farmer Crushed By Falling Tree

Three Rivers. — When a falling tree he had cut fell on the wrong side, Georges Auger, a farmer of Forterville, was crushed by the heavy log and suffered fractured ribs and legs and spent five hours pinned to the ground before he was rescued yesterday.

His wife discovered him and after covering him with her coat ran for help to the next house. It is expected that he will live.

INJURED



Sir Frederic Ponsonby, Keeper of the Privy Purse for Their Majesties the King and Queen, who suffered a fractured collar bone when thrown from his horse while bear hunting in the south of France.

All Independent Labor Bureaux Must Be Closed

New Act Becomes Effective Throughout Province on May First — Few Exceptions Allowed — Failure Will Entail \$100. Fine or 30 Days in Jail.

Quebec. — All "independent employment bureaux" will be closed after May 1, Gerard Tremblay, Deputy Minister of Labor, announced in a statement here. The action is in conformity with legislation adopted during the last session of the Legislature.

The statement says: "The law modifying the Employment Bureaux Act comes into effect in May. Beginning on May 1, all independent employment bureaux where fees or commissions are charged for locating jobs will cease to operate and inspectors of the provincial Department of Labor will see that this part of the law is strictly enforced. The failure to conform with the act will entail a fine of \$100 or 30 days in jail."

Apart from the bureaux maintained by the provincial Government at Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, Sherbrooke, Hull, Rouyn and Amos, the statement says employment offices "may be operated by the following: religious congregations or organizations which desire to obtain employment for those under their protection, workers' societies, charitable and welfare unions and organizations, and employers who operate their own employment bureaux."

A Fine Social Event

The dance which took place at the Manoir on Saturday last is one that may be classed amongst the finest social events that ever took place in this town. From every point of view nothing finer could have been arranged. The sponsors, the Drummondville Golf and Country Club are deserving congratulations and it is certain that those who preferred not to attend were really the losers, although financially speaking it is obvious that it was not a paying proposition.

The orchestra composed of students from the Universities of Montreal and McGill, under the able direction of Mr. Gaston Montplaisir, art student of the Montreal University and son of Mr. Ant. Montplaisir of this town, was given more than once.

Among those who attended were Mayor and Mrs. Moisan, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gall, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Awcock, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Glatfelter, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ringuet, Mr. and Mrs. Augstadt, Mr. and Mrs. Killoran, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rioux, the Misses Estelle and Marceline Moisan, Legrand and scores of others.

On the stroke of four o'clock, the band played "O Canada" and the assembly filled with innocent merriment dispersed, sorry to go but willing to have such another evening before long.

Bridge Washed Away

The Notre-Dame bridge, built during the course of last summer and finished last fall was brought along with the ice on Saturday afternoon when it broke loose on the St. Francis.

It only took a few minutes for the ice to undo what many men had taken so long to do. However, it is to be hoped that the government will take this matter up immediately and that the motorists will not be compelled to go around by Mitchell station all next summer.

DeValera Says Ireland Is not British Colony

Urges Britain to Abandon Her 'Insane Ambition' INSISTS OATH MUST GO Right to Land Annuities Must Be Proved, President Declares.

Emmie, County Clare, Irish Free State. — President Eamonn de Valera, of the Irish Free State, restated today his position that the Free State would stand firmly for abolition of the oath to the King and against payment of land annuities.

Those who heard the Republican leader, in his speech here today interpreted his assertions as disposing of all rumors that the latest Irish note to Great Britain had shown a change of attitude.

"Ireland is not a British colony; it is one of the oldest nations in the world, with all the rights of nationhood," the new President declared.

"At this moment British statesmen have a great opportunity. All they need is courage to be just and abandon an insane ambition to dominate the Irish people.

"That ambition has been the curse of Great Britain and this country for 750 years and as far as we are concerned, there is no going back."

De Valera said not a penny of the land annuities, which have been collected from Irish farmers for repayment of loans they were given to buy their land, would be paid until Great Britain proved her right to them.

"I am convinced she can never prove this," he concluded.

Shortly after he was elected President of the Free State early this year, de Valera publicly stated the oath to the King, and payment of land annuities, as provided in the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1922, would be dispensed with hereafter.

Celanese Sports Club Annual Hockey Dinner

Was Held at the Manoir Drummond on Saturday Last — Ninety Members and Friends Attended — Lengthy Programme of Speeches, Singing and Musical Entertainment.

The Annual Hockey Dinner of the Hockey Section of the Celanese Sports Club was held in the Manoir Drummond on Saturday last and was attended by about 90 members and friends. Among those present were Mayor Moisan, Mr. R. H. Spurling, President of the club and representatives of the Drummondville Hockey Club.

During the course of the Dinner there was some enthusiastic community singing under the leadership of Mr. C. H. Trotman with Mr. Gault Parker at the piano.

After a hearty meal there followed a lengthy programme of speeches and entertainment. Following a toast to "The King" the chairman, Mr. C. I. Haney, called on Mr. Spurling to present the "Spurling Cup" and miniature trophies to the winners of the Inter-Departmental Hockey League.

Mr. Spurling, in a few words congratulated the winners of the three sections of the League and expressed his appreciation of the work of the Hockey Committee who had been responsible for the smooth running of the league and a very successful season.

The cup was then handed to Mr. Lutien Chamagne, Captain of the Fabrics "A" team and miniature trophies were presented to the members of the Fabrics "A" General "B" and General "C" teams who were winners of their respective sections.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Spurling was proposed by Mr. Prince and accorded with musical honours.

Mayor Moisan, in his usual capable style and caused a great deal of amusement.

The entertainment which then followed consisted of songs by Mr. R. Seguin and Mr. C. H. Trotman and impersonations of various musical instruments by Mr. Roger Seguin.

Mr. A. Perry, of Sherbrooke, gave an interesting exhibition of conjuring and sleight of hand following which the evening closed with the singing of "O Canada" and the National Anthem.

General arrangements for the dinner were made by Messrs. A. Lloyd, B. Prince, W. R. Clements, C. H. Trotman and J. L. McCormack.

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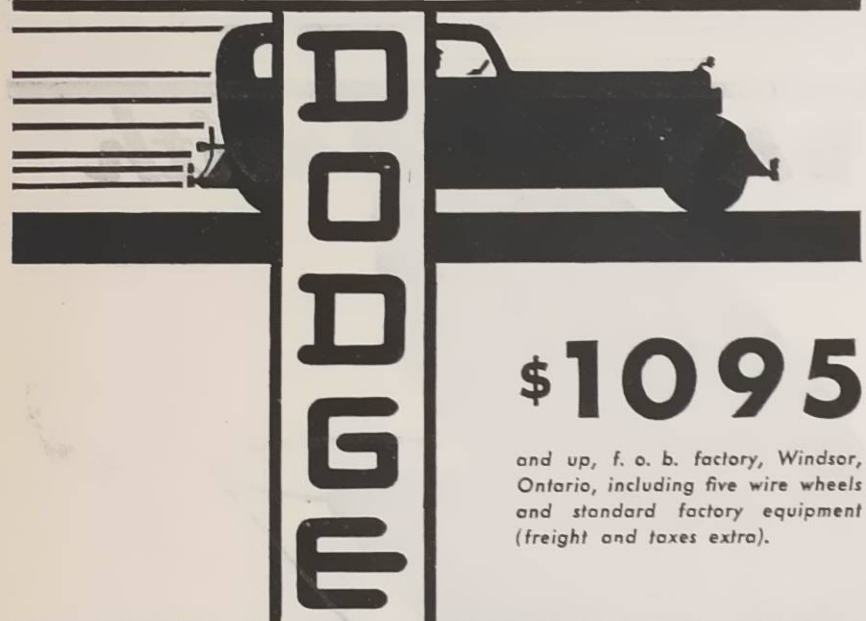
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WIFE (to burglar hubby, leaving for a "job"): "And don't be away so long as you were last time—four blinikin' years!" —The Humorist, London.

Monte Carlo Described As Strange Place

Activities at the World's Great Gambling Centre May Be Viewed from Many Angles.

It seems only necessary to speak the words Monte Carlo for a vista rise, thronged with those whose sole thought is for the turn of a wheel, their hands, clawlike, itching to gather to them stacks of gleaming money.

There is also the idea that Monte Carlo is no place to visit unless pockets are plentifully supplied with this world's goods. Both conceptions are futile. Take it from one who knows. The rooms, as they are always called, are filled with crowd as bored looking as could reasonably be found in any part of the globe. There is never any tension to be noticed; the attitudes and manners of those around a roulette table are disinterested in the extreme. Their last thought would appear to be of the game itself. Before the war, and for a short time after, gambling continued to be done in actual money pieces of gold and silver. With the scarcity of this commodity, chips were introduced. These vary from the humble white, representing five francs, to the "Biscuit" worth five thousand. In between are many other celluloid tokens valued at different sums. The result of this change has been to see much bigger sums lost or, less frequently, won. When playing with these tokens, there is little of the realization of real money, and so it is more of a problem to keep track of what is going on.

Another idle idea is that the casino hates to lose big sums; the reverse is very much the case. For every big win, there are a dozen little fellows who will lose their thousand francs, and it is an accepted fact that the newspapers will carry big stories of the wins made. It is good ground bait. On the other hand, stories of big losses are rigidly suppressed. The expression "breaking the bank" means little. At the beginning of the day's play, each table is supplied with so much money. A long winning streak, which usually occurs when the croupier has his hand in and spins voisins, or numbers side by side, will deplete this sum until it is deemed expedient to send out orders for a further supply. There is a halt of a few minutes until one of the attendants fetches more money and the game goes on. This is termed breaking the bank, and is a great moment in the life of the poor gambler.

Some time back, Camille Blanc was head of the Societe des Bains de Mer, the official style of the corporation, which controls all the activities of the principality. Among those in the know there was a saying: "Rouge et noir perdent; blanc gagne," which about sums it up. Many as have been the systems conceived to beat the game, and they have been legion, invented by some of the big mathematical brains, the casino manages to struggle along, welcoming any new system which inevitably means more money in its pockets. There is no system. If there had been, it would have been discovered long before this. The percentage of chance is in favor of the bank and will always be so. There are thirty-seven numbers, including zero, which may turn up; en plein, that is a bet on the actual number without any combinations, pays thirty-five. There is four per centage, and the other possible bets have been worked out accordingly. Naturally, there will be times when certain numbers, and those in the vicinity, turn up and unusual number of times. That is when big wins are registered. Habitual players will watch their croupier and notice that he is in velle. Then they will back combinations centring around the number he is spinning. There is some well-known figure in Monaco who is now an employee of the casino. In his youth, he became struck with the game and lived in Monte Carlo, getting his allowance at the start of each month. He would at once go and lose it at the tables. The time soon came when he had had advances covering several months. One day, being flat, he rummaged in his trunk and took out a soap box a few English shillings worth five francs at that time, the lowest stake permitted. With these he made ten thousand sterling. He lost them some days later, and has been employed ever since at the club in a very pleasant position. However, he is not allowed to gamble, this very doubtful privilege being verboten to all nationals and those holding places of profit under the crown, as it were.

Two other interesting figures are those of an aged French count, who in his youth lost approximately two million francs when they were worth money and now is a pensionnaire of the casino, and a once famous doctor from Paris who daily goes into the rooms with his paltry twenty-five francs in the hope of recovering the very big fortune he lost as a younger man. His shaking hands are pitiable, and his wrinkled face looks up pathetically if you speak to

South Durham Entertainment Well Attended

Interesting Programme Given in South Durham Town Hall — Dedication of New Reading Desk at St. James' Church.

South Durham. — An entertainment was given in the Town Hall on Thursday, March 31, and in spite of adverse weather conditions, proved a great success.

In addition to three comedies there was a considerable array of musical talent, Miss Church was accompanied and with Mr. Lynn contributed two selections on the piano. Mr. Lynn came from Richmond specially for the occasion. Mr. Fournier sang two songs much to the delight of the audience, "Je Vouddrais" and an encore in English. Mr. T. Groux contributed vocal solos and violin selections, singing "I Want What I Want When I Want It," following this with an encore. Mr. Raymond Groux gave "Goodnight, Sweetheart" and with his brother, "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen." He also gave a violin solo, with the aid of Mr. Charles Nixon as accompanist.

The dramatic work was of a very high order, and consisted of three one-act comedies. The first was entitled "Waiting for the Doctor," quite short, but full of incident, and without a dull moment. The following players took part: Miss Marion Church, Miss Pearl Bowering, Miss Gene Griffith, Mrs. Mervyn Montgomery, Messrs. Clayton Graham, Edwin Church, James Bowering, Jack Oakley, Hartley Graham, Miss Rose Dunn and Mrs. Arkley.

The longest play given was a comedy in Victorian costume, "My Turn Next," in which the bulk of the work fell on Mr. Jack Oakley, who ably acquitted himself, and who was well supported by Mr. Clayton Graham, and Miss Marion Church. The cast was completed by Mrs. Mervyn Montgomery, Messrs. John Bowering and Hartley Graham and Miss Edna Farrar. It is expected that this play will be repeated, since the weather was so bad few could drive from a distance to attend.

him. "Perhaps to-morrow," is the eternal burden of his song. The casino will never let you starve. If you have lost your all, they will provide you with what is called a viatique, a first-class ticket to whatever you wish to go. You are forbidden the rooms again until you have repaid them. The writer remembers well one of the attendants at the doors who suddenly held up a would-be entrant. The man who heard, aged about fifty. The attendant said that he owed a viatique. The man denied it. It was subsequently proved that he had been given one thirty years previously. The doorman remembered him.

Then there is the question of disputes at the table. Many make a good thing of claiming other people's wins. They are soon noted by the authorities and given to understand that their room is preferable to their presence; tactfully, of course. But, in the case of two unknowns claiming the same stake, the casino invariably pays both. This happens quite often, the writer having experienced it on several occasions. Sometimes suicides occur, but these are hushed up. It would be bad publicity. Once there was a very respectable and very respectable English woman, playing small. Suddenly, she pulled two white pills from her handbag and swallowed them. Instantly all was confusion. Spotters, who are stationed in the roof with spot holes, had noted her action and despatched men who took her into some inner sanctum. A stomach pump was applied despite her protests. All she had taken was some aspirin tablets. Still, prevention is better than cure.

Gambling does not exhaust the delight of Monte. There are the bathing facilities, where, for under a quarter, one can have the utmost in sea bathing and lie under parasols and eat as well for the whole day. Then there are the free concerts at night on the terrace, and the pigeon shooting, and the free movies, and a thousand and one other things. But the principality remains one of the most artificial places on the face of the globe. The Cafe de Paris and the Hotel de Paris, both within a few yards of the casino, might have been built for some picture set. The whole of life is like a dream. Only when one wakes in the morning with the scent of mimosa and olive blowing through one's window in the hotel, does one realize what a paradise has been spoiled by the presence of man.

Anyhow, if it were not for the casino and its attractions, it is doubtful whether the streets would be watered once every two hours or whether there would be such a variety of attractions for the visitor. You may thank the sucker, next time you go, for his generous contribution to your amusement and comfort; and, if you are wise, you will not add your mite for the benefit of others!

Houde Packs...

"I noted," said Mr. Houde, "that my successor was not at all in a hurry on election night to meet the people who had elected him. And I also noted with regret that he visited the City Hall before the retiring mayor had quit the building. I consider that exceedingly indecorous on his part. Four years ago, I too made the tour of the building and met the department heads. But I waited until the retiring mayor had left the City Hall."

The mayor's statement followed a resolution adopted in the morning by the entire Executive Committee after receiving reports that seventeen employees had been suspended in the identification card department.

Resolved (a) that the retiring Executive Committee but in office by virtue of the city charter until the new committee is elected, formally orders all department heads to dismiss nobody without supplying supporting reasons to the Executive Committee now in office; (b) that the present Executive Committee protest against possible interference in the City Hall by the new group elected before swearing in of the new aldermen and election of the new Executive."

It was the last meeting of the dying Executive, it was reported, and was held with Mayor Houde present and a full attendance of the members: Ald. Tancrede Fortin, K. C. president, Aldermen W. S. Welton, J. M. Savignac, Ovide Taillefer and Alfred Mathieu.

Conditions...

believed to be in Harbour Grace, after returning to the city, from which he had disappeared on Tuesday night. While in St. John's his one statement was the assertion of his decision not to resign. Sir Richard's Government, in the normal course of events, would have a year to run.

The Legislature is now being adjourned from day to day. Among reports current this morning was one to the effect that the House might re-assemble to finish the session in some other town than St. John's, where, it is believed, the feeling resulting from unemployment and dissatisfaction with the Government is most severe.

War veterans and private citizens, sworn in as special constables, continued to patrol the streets. A message sent by H. B. C. Lake, Minister of Natural Resources, and displayed in the Grand Bank post office, has been the cause of some resentment. It was, the Minister said, a private message to his brother, and as displayed, read:

"Mass meeting citizens called Monday night by so-called intelligent citizens of St. John's, decided to close stores and march to House of Assembly, which they did, five thousand strong. When they arrived, the crowd, some primed with rum, got out of hand and demolished the House of Assembly building, injuring three policemen and several citizens, but not seriously. Please publish."

St. George's Club...

any which had been attempted before in St. George's Hall. The scenery makers rose to the occasion excellently; they put a lot of time into the work, and made a charming old world room with a gallery at the back leading off to the various bedrooms, and a French window opening onto the garden.

The play itself was decidedly more difficult to act than either of the ones presented on previous occasions, and the members of the caste all showed their ability to portray the characters created by the author. Where all were so good, it would be invidious to mention any particularly. The lion's share of the work fell to Mr. Holmes and Miss Dick with Mrs. Holland a good third. The other parts were comparatively light. It is always pleasing to see a performance like this, where all the parts were so good, although some were quite small.

All the caste are to be congratulated on having given such a sound

performance, more especially since at least half of the members suffered from the "flu" during the rehearsal periods. The "Merrymakers" orchestra provided an overture and entr'actes on Wednesday, but unfortunately, owing to pressure of work, the orchestra was unable to play on Thursday.

The Hall was well filled on both nights by thoroughly appreciative audiences. The committee of the Club, and also the performers wish to thank all who supported their efforts so well.

Germany Again...

of German liberation has been reached. Our work begins to-morrow."

That the Hitler movement apparently came to a standstill yesterday would seem to be indicated by the fact that, although his increase from 31.1 per cent. of the vote on March 13th to 36.6 per cent. yesterday was substantial, yet the difference did not equal the vote cast for Lieut.-Col. Theodore Duestenberg, Nationalist candidate in the March election, who withdrew from the run-off.

A large section of the Nationalists was shown to have failed to swing to Hitler, and President Von Hindenburg increased the percentage of his own vote from 49.6 to 55.9 per cent.

Perhaps no public man in Germany was happier over the result than Chancellor Heinrich Brüning. He plans to leave Berlin on Wednesday night for Geneva for negotiations of vital interest to Germany, and he also must face Germany's international creditors at Lausanne. One of his chief pleas during the campaign was for an en-

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derorsement of the President as a symbol of Germany's unity and determination to "come back" by peaceful means.

The leading newspaper of the Rhineland, the Cologne Gazette, commenting on Von Hindenburg's re-election this morning, said: "The nation prefers the straight sacrificial road of common sense rather than the promises and experiments of radicalism." The Volks Zeitung of Cologne called the President's re-election "Germany's withdrawal from radicalism."

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