

NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM ACROSS BIG POND

Guard Special Service.

London, Feb. 25.—The Canadian twelfthly discussion has grown to immense proportions and has resulted in some strong editorials by the London newspapers. That there are Canadians who could want such a thing seems impossible to many of the leading journals, while others profess to see nothing but good results from such an agreement between the United States and Canada. Secretary of State Knox, states that the agreement is one of trade and not out of politics has not had the effect, over here, that it was perhaps hoped, but even the most violent opponents of reciprocity content themselves with the thought that if annexation between the United States and Canada should result, it will not be for many years at least. Which seems to the layman quite a sensible thought indeed.

The mantle worn by King George IV, on the occasion of his coronation is in a perfect state of preservation and it has been decided, it is said, that King George V. shall wear it instead of the mantle in which Edward VII. was crowned. The robe is made of the finest cloth of gold and is adorned with a deep fringe of gold threads.

A Munich statistician estimates that Germany last year was swindled out of \$12,500,000 worth of beer, all through getting short measure, and this it seems has been going on systematically for years. No wonder that the beer drinkers of the Fatherland are in a ferment of excitement about it. The discovery arouse out of the prosecution in the courts of Munich, where beer drinkers foregathered at the original fault of a big beerhall proprietor and his staff of waiters who were accused of habitually serving short measure with "stout" and "malice" and half the profits were contained the quantity fixed by law. The prosecution alleged that the brewery which stood behind the beerhall last year made over \$50,000 extra profit by giving false measure, and the case resulted in a conviction.

The agitation in Germany, against

the "Hindus" of American railway chieftains on the Berlin Stock Exchange, is a singular sign of the times. The government has not yet acted on the application of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the minister of commerce very sensibly says that a straight attempt by the public authorities to prevent investment of German capital in foreign enterprises, was certain to be futile.

The present year promises to provide a record by the number of its Arctic expeditions. To these already announced must be added the British expedition now being organized by Dr. A. Forbes Mackey, who will be its leader. His intention, he explained, is not to attempt to reach the South Pole, but to map out the coastline of the Antarctic continent to the south of the Pacific ocean. The region to be traversed extends from Graham's land to King Edward VII., land, a distance of some 2,000 miles along an entirely unknown coast which has never been sighted. Ships are prevented from getting near by great fields of ice and Dr. Mackey's expedition is that the only way to explore the coastline is by working a route round the ice which fringes the coast.

In cruel disregard of the proof daily adduced by the conservatives to show that the whisky ministry is torn asunder and doomed, Mr. Asquith and his colleagues continue to bear themselves with a degree of cheerful robustness that verges on impudence. The liberals are so self-confident that they will not even take the trouble to allude to the spirit of dissension and panic that has seized upon their opponents. If it is true that Mr. Asquith has been taught to lance the crack of Mr. Redmond's whip, the nationalist leader's talents as an animal tamer must be miraculous. For there is no denying the toast and sincerity with which Mr. Asquith makes public profession of the lesson he is supposed to have learned from Mr. Redmond. On the subject of home rule he has been explicit enough to draw cheers from the Irish members. On the subject of imperial dismem-

berment as foreshadowed in the present calamitous negotiations between Canada and the United States, Mr. Asquith remarks calmly that if imperial dismemberment is bound to come, it will come. And no amount of criticism can change him from his purpose.

Complaint has been frequent in India that the census returns are misleading, especially as regards the Hindu population. Millions of low-caste folks who are not as knowledgeable as Hindus at all have been enumerated as Hindus. Now the census-commissioner has proposed, with a view to accuracy, that the census takers should ask certain questions: Do the members of the caste or tribe worship the great Hindu gods? Are they allowed to enter Hindu temples or to make offerings at the shrines? Will good Brahmins act as their priests? Will degraded Brahmins do so? Will clean castes take water from them, etc., etc. The suggestion has stirred the Hindus to great excitement. It is not an easy matter to rule India.

BORN

In Eugene, February 20, 1911, to Fred Oldham and wife, a son.

In Eugene, February 19, 1911, to A. Hill and wife, a daughter.

In Eugene, February 23, 1911, to Sidney Tivy and wife, a daughter.

Melvin Kennedy today began suit in the circuit court against the Florence Lumber company to quiet title to 40 acres of land in township 18 south of range 12 west, and lying along the Siuslaw river. Williams & Bean are attorneys in the case for the plaintiff.

Daniel A. Muth, formerly proprietor of the Eugene crossemery, is moving with his family to Portland where they will reside. Their household goods were shipped out today.

A herd of draft horses and mules, which have been in use by the Utah Construction company whose Nation, during the winter, were brought to Eugene this morning and corralled near the old tannery on the river bank awaiting shipment to other places where the Utah company has contracts. They are fine looking animals and show little effects of a winter in the mountains.

FAIRMOUNT

W. B. Mumme is building a handsome cottage on the corner of Orchard avenue and Fifteenth street, near the Presbyterian church.

Will Hardesty has gone to Portland to enter the Hill military school there.

J. L. Geddes is visiting his family for a few days this week, from his school teaching in the Jordan valley.

On Tuesday afternoon at the Patton-Truett association of the Concord school, a lecture of good practical value was given by Professor Sweetser, of the University, on "Ventilation in the School and Home." The lecture was illustrated by several chemical experiments, showing the deposits from dust and by sweeping in the old-fashioned way. The professor strongly emphasized the value of fresh air for old and young, and deplored the use of the broom and feather duster in sweeping, recommending the pneumatic cleaner instead.

On Tuesday evening the Women's Relief Corps gave a Washington social in the Fairmount hall, over Carter Greenleaf's bar. There was a large attendance and everybody had a good time. The little girls gave a beautiful flag drill, which was very well done. Brief talks were made by Dugald Campbell and one or two old soldiers, appropriate to the occasion. Light refreshments were served and a general social time was had. Quite a number of old soldiers and their wives attended, besides quite a number of other citizens.

News of the Labor World

California labor councils have been asked to endorse a bill before the legislature of that state, which provides that convicts shall be employed on state roads.

By a contract recently signed in Chicago, 30,000 iron molders in the United States and Canada employed in the stove and range industry were given a wage increase of 5 per cent through an agreement between the Stove Founders National Federation and the Iron Molders' Union of North America. These organizations have been making contracts annually for twenty-one years during which time there has never been a strike or a lockout, nor any interruption of business. The two organizations were the first to form and sign a national trade agreement in the country.

Philadelphia and Pittsburg are among the few large cities in the United States in which boys act in district messenger service at night. Strong moral reasons exist for prohibiting such labor and requiring at night the employment of grown men, as the Pennsylvania legislature will be asked to look into the matter during the present session. The glass works of the state of Pennsylvania are almost alone in employing the labor of boys after 16 years of age at night, and this also will be sought to be remedied. Experience in Ohio and Illinois has shown that this labor is not necessary.

The children's bureau, recently created by legislation in the United States senate will be under the direction of the department of commerce and labor. Senator Flint of California is the author of the bill. The chief, under whose direction the bureau will be, will receive a salary of \$4,000 a year. He will investigate and report on all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and shall especially investigate the question of infant mortality, juvenile delinquency and juvenile courts, dangerous occupations and accidents and diseases of children, employment and legislation affecting children.

Flushing the streets by machinery will probably be adopted by New York as a part of the city's street cleaning system in the near future. The machines used for cleaning the streets are known as squeegees and their adoption will be vigorously opposed by the labor unions, because their use would substitute machine for hand labor and would, it is feared, probably deprive men of work. The unions are presenting as a strong argument also the cost of the machines, which are expensive to maintain principally because of the wear and tear of the rubber cylinders.

Technical education is a live question with the unions these days and trade schools and technical courses conducted for the benefit of apprentices and journeymen are receiving more than ordinary attention. The St. Paul, Minn., have planned to establish "school courses" conducted along these lines in connection with the regular business meetings. In the beginning the plans will provide for short lectures or papers on questions of practical character, and this will be elaborated upon as the work develops.

MARRIED

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smeed at 35 West Tenth street, Eugene, February 25, 1911, at noon, Arthur P. Easton and Miss Inez Ashley, both of Wallingville, Rev. P. K. Hammond officiating. Mrs. Smeed served dinner for the happy couple. The bride is a daughter of Peter Ashley.

Farmers are finding that the ground has sufficiently dried to begin plowing again and much is being done. The fair weather of the past week has so taken the surplus moisture from the ground that the farmers declare it is almost too dry to work well.

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MAY BE MANY NEW PLAYERS IN BALL TEAM

Although practically all of the infield players of the Oregon baseball team of last year on hand for this season, it is admitted that not more than one will make places on this year's team. Competition for places this year will be made fierce because of new men. Jamison is thought to be the only man of last year's infield who is sure enough to hold his place or position and he may pitch and leave this open place for a freshman. For the infield places, among the freshmen is Kady Roberts, of Salem, Fenton of Dallas, both of whom have a splendid show for second, Cobb from Portland academy, and Joe Jones will also fight for this place or third. A new man who may prove a dark horse and who played with Ames College, Iowa, is Ward Ingles, he plays second. Newland and McKenzie who played second and third last year, as well as Barbour, will probably be shifted to the outfield where there are one or two openings. Catcher's place has been generally given to "Chuck" Taylor and Chandler.

"DOLLY" GRAY MAY NOT COME HERE

Charles R. ("Dolly") Gray, who has been chosen to coach the University of Oregon baseball team, has returned his contract unsigned and in all probabilities a new coach will be selected. Gray objects to the short length of the season including in the contract, wanting a longer time, and also wants a bigger salary. If the sentiment among the students represents those of the athletic council no overtures will be made for his retention. The thing is as yet unsettled and little is given out as to whom the new man will be although the athletic council is considering the names of several Portland men and players.

OREGON POWER COMPANY BASEBALL TEAM WORKING

The Oregon Power Company has practically determined upon its baseball team and is now searching for fields of conquest. Manager Spencer authorizes a challenge to the Booth-Kelly company in Springfield, or any firm or organization to put out a team and play one game or series. The men declare they are willing to play any such games but state that they expect to handle bigger teams than will be organized about Eugene and Springfield, and expect to bring to Eugene teams from Portland or other valley points. They are working out each day that the weather permits and will soon be ready to commence regular practice.

SPRING TRAINING BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

A notice has been posted in the men's gymnasium at the University stating that spring training will

commence Monday, February 27, and that all candidates are expected to turn out on that day. Suits will be worn out for Hot Springs, Va., signing up and the names of new men are noticeable. "Busher" Brown of the Sigma Chi frate, heads the list.

WHERE THE MAJOR LEAGUES WILL TRAIN

Following are the training places of the teams of the two major baseball leagues this spring:

National League	
New York	Marlin, Tex.
Philadelphia	Birmingham, Ala.
Chicago	New Orleans
St. Louis	Jackson, Tenn.
Cincinnati	Hot Springs, Ark.
Boston	Augusta, Ga.
Pittsburg	Hot Springs, Ark.
Brooklyn	Hot Springs, Ark.
American League	
New York	Athens, Ga.
Philadelphia	Savannah, Ga.
Chicago	Mineral Wells, Tex.
St. Louis	Hot Springs, Ark.
Cleveland	Alexandria, La.
Boston	Redondo, Cal.
Detroit	Monroe, La.
Washington	Atlanta, Ga.

SPORTING CALENDAR

Sunday

Johnny Coulon and Frankie Conley will meet in a twenty-round decision for the bantamweight title at New Orleans.

Monday

Peddy Welsh and Mat Wells will fight for the Lonsdale belt before the National Sporting club in London.

Sixth annual tournament of the National Bowling association will be in progress during the week at Buffalo.

Automobile shows will be held during the week at Kansas City, Mo., Indianapolis, Ind., and Toronto, Canada.

Chicago American baseball league will start for Mineral Wells, Texas, where the spring training camp will be established.

Detroit Tigers will commence their spring practice at Monroe, La., where the former champions have leased grounds for five years.

Chicago National League team will leave for West Baden, where the Cubs will be put through a boiling-out process before going south.

Second train squad of the New York Giants, including most of the seasoned veterans, will assemble in St. Louis to begin the trip to Marlin, Tex.

Tuesday

Philadelphia National League team will start for the spring camp at Birmingham, Ala.

Rifle teams of Columbia University and Georgia Agricultural College will hold telegraphic match.

Wednesday

Final entries close for the first running of the Blue Grass stakes at Lexington.

Manager Griffiths, of the Cincinnati Reds, will send his pitchers and catchers to Hot Springs, Ark.

New York American Leaguers will set out for Hot Springs, Va., going later to Athens, Ga., where the training camp will be located.

Applications of cities for holding the Comps Internationales des Aeromutiles in October will close with the Aero Club of America.

Thursday

Five mile championship race for the eastern professional roller skating title will be held in New York.

Friday

Basketball game between Cornell and Yale at New Haven.

Saturday

Basketball teams of Columbia and J. W. Zimmerman, a local real estate dealer, has secured a patent upon a unique window screen which allows the flies to walk out but not return. It is based upon the same principle as the small fly traps, and as the flies walk up the screen they find at the top an opening to outside doors. This is so arranged that they cannot return through it.

"Babe" Vaughan and his two sons, John and Ed, were bound over by Judge Bryson last evening in the sum of \$1,000 each for stealing a cow belonging to State Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey. This was the result of the examination of the men which ended late in the afternoon.

There will be a public dance at Springfield tonight. A number of young people of Eugene will attend. Henderson's orchestra will furnish the music. Arrangements have been made with the State car company for a car in which to return to Eugene after the dance is over.

R. V. Rogers, a recent arrival here, has bought from P. Pennington 17 acres of land on the river road, J. B. Eggen, making the deal. Mr. Rogers will go into the truck raising business. The price paid for the land was \$3250.

Household goods have arrived in Eugene from Medford for Dr. R. T. Burnett and family. They will live at 523 Lincoln street. Household goods have also arrived here from Escanaba, Mich., for Henry's brothers, who will establish a new cigar factory here. P. E. Greenwood and family, new arrivals from Centralia, Wash., have also received their goods.

Mrs. Katie Whitlow today instituted suit in the circuit court against her husband, F. M. (Doc) Whitlow, for a divorce and for the restoration of her former name, Katie Willey. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment, in that her husband often became drunk and neglected her and after a long debauch would come home and abuse her by cursing her and calling her vile and indecent names. They were married in Portland on January 11, 1905. C. M. Kissinger is attorney for the plaintiff in the case.