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WEATHER—Moderately With Snow Predicted Tomorrow.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1904.

COMMISSION TO OPEN THIRSDAY.

American Admiral Was Late, or the Hearing into the North Sea Outrage Would Have Started Today—Received by French President.

Paris, Dec. 20.—President Loubet this morning received at the Elysee Palace, the members of the International Commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, but the non-arrival of Rear Admiral Davis prevented American participation. It was expected that Admiral Davis would land at Dover from the Finland and cross over to Calais, arriving here a few hours before the reception, but his decision to go on to Antwerp postponed his arrival until tomorrow. He telegraphed that he would reach Paris on Wednesday afternoon. In the meantime arrangements were completed for President Loubet's reception and Foreign Minister Delcasse's breakfast to-day, but the formal opening of the session of the commission will probably have to be postponed until the arrival of Admiral Davis completes the membership.

admirals exchanged pleasant salutations. Admiral Kusunoki is a youthful admiral, with keen face and of stocky build. Rear Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont is venerable, looking above his colleagues. After M. Loubet had welcomed the commission there was a brief meeting of the heads of ministers. Comment was heard in high quarters concerning the opening of the formalities before all the members of the commission were here.

MR. PREFONTAINE IS VERY CONFIDENT

That the Ice Breaking Steamer Will Do Splendid Work.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine, in an interview today on the matter of St. Lawrence winter navigation, said he was confident of its possibility. "I am pleased with the new government ice-breaker, Montreal," Mr. Prefontaine said. "It is a powerful vessel, and is destined to play an important role in the solution of the winter navigation problem, which is only a question of time and patience. I am confident of the practicability of winter navigation from the gulf to the port of Quebec, which, when realized, will mean millions of money to the trade of Canada, and at the same time demonstrate to the world that the dominion of Canada is not the snow and ice bound country that they have been led to believe. The Montreal will cut an important figure in the future navigation of the St. Lawrence during the winter season, and will be at the disposal of the shipping interests wherever required."

A PRIEST RESIGNS. Belleville, Ont., Dec. 19.—Monsignor Farrelly, parish priest of St. Michael's church, this city, since 1869, has resigned the pastorate to take effect in three weeks. He stated yesterday to the congregation that he did not feel equal to the responsibility of rebuilding the burned edifice and announced his resignation. No successor has yet been mentioned. Arrangements are already afoot for rebuilding the church.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts—Western winds, fast and colder by night. Wednesday, moderately cold with snow. Synopsis—A storm of much energy is moving eastward across the Great Lakes and the weather tomorrow is likely to be stormy along the Atlantic coast. Local Weather Report at Noon, Dec. 20, 1904. Highest temperature during past 24 hours 42. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours 20. Humidity at noon 72. Barometer reading at noon 30.05. Wind at noon, direction N. W. Velocity 15 miles per hour. Fair. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

Points Lepreau, Dec. 20.—9 a. m. wind northwest, strong, cloudy, therm. 80. Manager W. Z. Earle of the Saint John Railway Company left last night for Montreal on a business trip. He is expected to return on Thursday. Pittsburg, P. A., Dec. 20.—Right Rev. Richard Phelan of the Roman Catholic diocese of Pittsburg, died at noon today.

THIS STORY TELLS HOW KEKEWAN FELL.

It Took Two Assaults to Capture Noted Fort --- Jap General a National Hero --- The Japs in China --- How Mukden Takes it --- The Progress of the Baltic Fleet.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—All Japan is today ringing with praises of General Samejima as the hero of the assault on Kekewan Mountain fort. It is conceded that his heroism inspired his men and turned a threatened disaster into a splendid victory. General Samejima, an old Samurai veteran of the war of the restoration and Stuma rebellion. He is gray haired and bent, but is wiry and active. He is an engineer and was formerly a garrison commander. He is Japan's specialist in fortifications and was called to Port Arthur to superintend the siege works. He was not assigned to an active command and it is supposed here that General Samejima replaced General Tsuchiya as division commander.

The Baltic Fleet. New York, Dec. 20.—A Brussels despatch to the Times says: Passengers of the steamer Leopoldville which arrived at Antwerp yesterday (Sunday) report that the Baltic fleet stopped to coal at Libreville, French Congo. Admirals Rojevitsky and Gromov exchanged visits with the French officials to whom he expressed the hope that he would arrive in the Far East about the middle of March.

How Kekewan Was Taken. Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 20.—The capture of the North Kokowan Mountain fort was a brilliant spectacle. For weeks the Japanese have been attacking the fort with their strength with four branches. They laid seven mines which were exploded on the 18th. The mines attacking parties were composed of volunteers and those participating in the first assault failed to capture the fort. The soldiers of the first force were distinguished by a red badge. They remained in the moat during the explosion, and many were killed by the debris. The second body of assaulting soldiers, distinguished by white badges was in the saps during the explosion and was prevented from charging immediately. The moats of the saps having been filled with debris.

China to be Japan's Ally. Boston, Dec. 20.—The American board of Foreign Missions made public today a report from its oldest missionary in Japan. Rev. D. C. Greene D. D. of Tokio, in which Dr. Greene states that there are now 1,000 Chinese students including 300 military cadets, in Tokio, under the auspices of the Chinese government and 1,000 more in the city independent of the government. Dr. Greene further stated that if there were not two great armies of military schools with Japanese instructors, it is not difficult to see that when peace is restored in China, Japan alone in her purpose to prevent a new invasion of Manchuria on the part of Russia, has a million of Chinese students scattered round about.

THEY REPORT ON THE RIOTS.

First Accounts of Moscow Student Rows Were Exaggerated.

Moscow, Dec. 20.—An official account of the riots says the agitation among the Moscow students commenced after the St. Petersburg riot of Dec. 11. The revolutionary socialist committee of Moscow circulated proclamations urging political demonstrations Dec. 18 and 19. After a brief recital of the "excitement" on the part of the male and female students, the account says the police dispersed the crowds with drawn swords and carried off banners bearing inscriptions hostile to the government. Nobody was seriously wounded. Nine demonstrators and twelve policemen were slightly wounded. None of the policemen are suffering from gunshot wounds. Forty three of the ringleaders are detained in custody and will be tried on charges of disturbing public order. The others who were arrested, but were released. An attempt was made to revive the disturbances yesterday, but was stopped by the police. Twenty-two persons were arrested.

COULD NOT PROVE IT.

Commercial Hotel, Fred-erickton, Charged With Violating Scott Act.

Fredrickton, N. B., Dec. 20.—(Special)—John McCos, of the commercial hotel was before the police court this morning on the complaint of Rev. J. J. Colter, charged with violation of the Scott Act. The evidence of three witnesses was taken but all claimed they had not purchased liquor from McCos between the dates mentioned in the information and the case was stood over until Tuesday next to secure the attendance of other witnesses. J. D. Phinney appeared for the prosecution and R. W. McMillan for the defendant. Three cases for first offence were taken.

A BURGLARY AT MONCTON.

Western Union Telegraph Office Broken Into and Cash Box Stolen.

Moncton, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Western Union Telegraph Company's downtown office was entered last night and the cash box carried away with contents amounting to two or three dollars. Entrance was effected by breaking the back window and the burglars were evidently boys. Things about the office were ransacked and generally upset. The defendant claimed on this application that the property he restored or the plaintiff pay him its real value which he estimated at \$800. The court ordered that restitution should be limited to the proceeds of the sale. Order without costs. In the suit of M. R. A. Ltd. vs. Stewart D. White, motion was made to continue in circuit. Judgment. Court considers the suit is brought to set aside certain transfers by a debtor as fraudulent against his creditors. M. S. Teed, K. C. for the plaintiffs; W. B. Chandler, K. C. for the defendant.

NAN PATTERSON IS ON THE RACK.

Actress on Trial For Her Life Faces Broadside of Puzzling Questions—The Terrible Strain Commencing to Tell on Her.

New York, Dec. 20.—Nan Patterson, went on the witness stand today to be cross-examined by the prosecution. Assistant Dist. Attorney Rand began the cross examination with the question: "Are you an actress by occupation?" "I am," replied the defendant. "Are you a wife?" "Yes." "Are you a mother?" "I am not." Then the story of her meeting with Casar Young in July 1905 while on a train bound for California with a theatrical company was retold. By a long series of questions Mr. Rand led up to the time when she came to New York last May. Her sister called at her hotel the first evening and said her husband J. Morgan Smith, was very ill. Her sister fell in a dead faint. Mrs. Patterson said:

"Smith had been drunk, had he not?" "Yes, I think so." "Was he addicted to the use of liquor?" "Well, he had been. That day he somehow got his jaw twisted and could not open his mouth." "Mrs. Chadwick's Case. Cleveland, O., Dec. 20.—Referring to a report that the federal authorities contemplated the removal of Mrs. Chadwick from Cleveland to Toledo as a result of friction between Marshall Chandler and County Sheriff Barry, Mr. Chandler said today: "There is positively nothing in the report. Mrs. Chadwick is in the Cuyahoga county jail here until her trial begins unless she secure bail previously to that time. Shortly before the bankruptcy hearing was resumed before Judge Remington this morning, Attorney Barry, counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, announced that he had decided to offer no further objection to the pleading of Mrs. Chadwick on the witness stand at the afternoon session."

ST. JOHN MEN WERE PRESENT

At the Meeting of the Canadian Street Railway Association in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Canadian Street Railway Association held its first meeting in the Windsor Hotel, this morning, when a constitution was adopted. The head office of the association shall be wherever the secretary shall reside. The association shall consist of street railways and the town is living its old easy oriental life with just a leaven of modern energy introduced by a population of about a quarter of a million foreigners scattered round about.

THESE BOYS STOLE BOOTS.

Four Lads in the Toils Charged With Entering an I. C. R. Car.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The three boys were before the magistrate this morning. Kemp's fifteen year old son, David Killian, and Herbert S. Ritchie, aged ten, and Edward S. Ritchie, aged eight, were charged with entering an I. C. R. freight car on the 29th of November last and stealing four pairs of boots on the 27th of November last. All three boys were before the magistrate this morning. Kemp's fifteen year old son, David Killian, and Herbert S. Ritchie, aged ten, and Edward S. Ritchie, aged eight, were charged with entering an I. C. R. freight car on the 29th of November last and stealing four pairs of boots on the 27th of November last. All three boys were before the magistrate this morning. Kemp's fifteen year old son, David Killian, and Herbert S. Ritchie, aged ten, and Edward S. Ritchie, aged eight, were charged with entering an I. C. R. freight car on the 29th of November last and stealing four pairs of boots on the 27th of November last. All three boys were before the magistrate this morning.

EQUITY COURT.

Two Cases Were Up For Consideration of This Court Today.

Judgment was given in the Equity Court today in the suit of Windsor vs. McKay. The suit was brought to set aside conveyances of a house and farm in Albert county. The court set aside the conveyances, but without costs. Judgment was also delivered in Robertson vs. Miller Application for property seized and sold by the sheriff under decree in the suit of the defendant. The property realized about \$222. The defendant claimed on this application that the property he restored or the plaintiff pay him its real value which he estimated at \$800. The court ordered that restitution should be limited to the proceeds of the sale. Order without costs.

IN BETTER SHAPE NOW.

Claims of the Defunct Soo Company are Being Gradually Settled By Its Successor.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—(Special)—According to N. W. Rowell, K. C., the Ontario government representative on the Canadian Improvement Company nearly all of the 1800 claims against the "Soo" Company have been settled. These claims, and claims to the amount of \$2,200,000, aggregated \$2,700,000. Of this amount only \$175,000 is still in litigation. Claims to the amount of \$2,200,000 were settled by claimants accepting other securities of the new company.

ALMOST A CENTENARIAN.

Joshua Brown is Dead, Having Almost Completed a Century of Life.

Lyndoch, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Joshua Brown, who was born in Manchester, England, on April 7, 1805, died at his residence in Norfolk County on Sunday last, Dec. 18th, only a few months short of 100 years of age. His wife after seventy-one years of married life, survives him.

A FATAL M STAKE.

Ottawa Street Railway Employee Drinks Carbolic Acid For Medicine.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(Special)—James A. Benbow, a conductor on the Ottawa Electric Street Railway, took carbolic acid instead of a medicine which he had been using, and died soon afterwards. Benbow and a brother, were in South Africa, with the Canadian contingents. Their father was in Montreal seeing them off and was burned to death in a fire which took place in the hotel where he had been staying.

BISHOP CASEY SEES THE POPE.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The pope to-day received in private audience the Rt. Rev. James C. McDonald, bishop of Charlottetown, P. E. I.; the Rt. Rev. Timothy Casey, bishop of St. John, N. B.; and the Rt. Rev. Paul Laroche, bishop of Sherbrooke, Que.

WHILE GUESTS SLEPT HIGH WALLS TUMBLED.

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stantly the building was a wreck with injured persons calling for help. A number who were asleep at the time of the accident and who were not immediately in the path of the falling bricks escaped though badly injured. The fire department responded quickly as did also a large share of the police department who set to work to remove the injured.

PHILIP PALMER ILL. Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special)—W. J. Black, editor of the Farmer's Advocate has been appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture, to succeed McKellar who was implicated in the Bartlett embezzlement charges. Before assuming the office Black will be married at Shelburne, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Dierham, of Antwerp, are at the Royal.

A BAD FAILURE. New York, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the creditors of Jacob Berry & Co., today, Edward B. Thomas, temporary receiver, said that the firm owes about \$750,000 and the actual assets are only about \$64,000.

MINNESOTA. Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Four or five and possibly ten or eleven persons lost their lives early today in the Crocker Hotel on Fifth street, through the falling of the high east wall of the O. H. Peck building, which was damaged by fire Tuesday night. The high wind of last night

loosened the bricks in the wall and tons of brick and stone crashed down upon the roof of the three story hotel now in the hands of the fire. The roof was carried through to the basement. Several persons are missing, presumably dead. Seven men and one woman are unaccounted for. The crash came when almost everyone in the hotel was asleep. Almost in-

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