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THE WEATHER. Fresh westerly winds, fair and cool; Wednesday, southwest winds, fair and a little warmer.

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ONE CENT

ANOTHER SUPPOSED PLOT AGAINST LIFE OF CZAR

Preparations to Undermine the Railway Near Tsarskoselo. MR. DOOLEY AND POET KIPLING

Accidentally Discovered by Sanguine Dogs--Two Workmen Arrested and Plans for a Mine Taken From Them.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22--A supposed plot against the life of the czar has been frustrated by the accidental discovery of preparations to undermine the railway near Tsarskoselo. Reports differ as to details but the main facts are that General Kristi was hunting in the Odelotzky Forest, 18 miles from St. Petersburg and close to Tsarskoselo when his dogs stopped and began scraping the earth at a spot 400 yards from the railway connecting St. Petersburg and Tsarskoselo. General Kristi's curiosity was aroused and he had his hussars remove the soil from the spot, which showed signs of having recently been disturbed. They found beneath the soil a quantity of straw which covered planks. These were removed and the entrance to the tunnel was disclosed. A number of sapling tools were found. The hussars descended into the tunnel and found two men engaged in driving a shaft toward the railway. They were arrested and handed over to the gendarmes at Tsarskoselo. The prisoners had the plans for a mine and telegrams asking how the work was progressing.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22--The Emperor has addressed a receipt to M. Neldoff, who was present at the Peace Conference, thanking him for his services at the Hague.

COTTON WORKERS ARE AT PEACE Difficulties at Valleyfield Have Now Been Entirely Settled.

MONTREAL, Oct. 22 (Special)--Troubles between the cotton workers and the company at Valleyfield, have now been entirely settled. The award of the conciliation committee made some time ago, left open a number of questions, but these have now been adjusted by a panel representing the men and Mr. Simpson representing the company.

TO FIGHT BUBONIC PLAGUE IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 22 (Special)--Dr. Montzambert, director general of public health, has been instructed by Hon. Sydney Fisher to leave for the Pacific coast and direct arrangements for the sanitary protection of the Dominion against the bubonic plague, which is said to have made its appearance at Seattle. A health guard has already been organized and port and frontier inspectors have been appointed by telegraph.

FUNERALS The funeral of the late Capt. Arthur Branscomb will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Forest cemetery, 175 Duke street, at three o'clock. Rev. J. W. Kierstead will officiate.

THE HALIFAX ROAD RACE HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 22 (Special)--Eighty-one entries have been received for the Evening Mail's championship ten mile road race on Thanksgiving day. The maritime provinces are represented by their best long distance runners.

CASE AGAINST MAJOR GORDON WAS AGAIN POSTPONED TODAY

Mr. Skinner Says "We Will Not Be Subject to Major Gordon and His Pistol."

"We won't be subject to Major Gordon and his pistol any longer." This remark was made by City Recorder C. Skinner in the police court this morning when it was decided to postpone further hearing in the case against Major John J. Gordon, who was arrested recently on a charge of flourishing a revolver and threatening to shoot the men employed by the C. P. Railway, on the west side of the city.

Mr. McKewen favored the continuation of the work as long as the men employed kept within the thirty feet held by the city--or perhaps a foot on either side of it, and so long as they did that no further violence would be offered, and should there be any further trouble in the meantime the matter would come before the court.

Major Gordon intimated that he would not agree to any arrangement whereby the men were to go beyond certain limits, and if they did he would defend his rights. His honor informed the major that whether he agreed or not, he would be brought again to court, should he interfere as he had done, and the matter treated as though nothing had already been said about the matter.

It was arranged that the time for further hearing be decided in court, about 12.30 or 12.45 o'clock today. Alderman McGoldrick said he would like to have the work go on this afternoon or as soon as possible. "You are going on with the work now," queried his honor. "Sure," replied the alderman, "we want to get started again right away. In the course of the dispute Recorder Skinner, as already stated said: 'We won't be subject to Major Gordon and his pistol any longer.' It was decided later that the case be allowed to stand over for a week. The point in Major Gordon's claim is that the city can not claim the land he is seeking a pension and it is necessary to establish the time and place of his birth. Anyone having information on this matter is asked to communicate with the registrar.

THE KNICKERBOCKER TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK STOPS PAYMENT; CAN'T GET MONEY QUICK ENOUGH

Run On the Bank This Morning Exhausted All the Money Available--One of the Results of the Present Unsettled Condition of New York's Financial Institutions.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22--The Knickerbocker Trust Company has stopped paying money to depositors, the statement being made that the company could not obtain currency rapidly enough. At 11 o'clock there were over 200 persons in line at the Knickerbocker Trust Company on 31st street, and the paying tellers were paying the depositors off at the rate of 40 an hour. Several customers of the company who came to deposit money, decided to wait a while when they found a run was in progress.

State bank examiners today visited and started an examination of the accounts of the Knickerbocker Trust Company. The president of the trust company of this city met this morning at the office of Oakleigh Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22--"New York city banks are all right. If there was any danger it has passed and other state officials and public money feel confident that the large sum the state has on deposit in New York city is safe." This statement was made by Martin H. Glynn, controller of the state, concerning the local financial situation.

THE SITUATION IS IMPROVING EVERY DAY," said the controller. "Immediately on hearing the first rumors that the New York Clearing House deemed it necessary to take radical action it has taken to force certain banks to put themselves in sounder condition. It became our duty to cooperate with its committee and we have done so with the best results. Our responsibility was great, as the state never had so much money on hand as now. Counting the general fund, the canal fund, that of the inheritance tax, the forest preserve money and all the smaller sums, we have in charge as officials about \$18,000,000 deposited in state depositories all over the state, about \$9,000,000 being deposited with them, so the danger of loss of public money through bank troubles is very small. The bank holdings of the Consolidated Steamship bonds are insignificant." There was a run of depositors to withdraw money at the main office of the Knickerbocker Trust Co. when it opened for business this morning, and also at the branch offices of the company, 68 Broadway and in 129th street. All the main office there were about 75 persons in line and others were constantly arriving. Many of those who came to withdraw their money were women. At 98 Broadway there was considerable excitement. A line of about fifty persons had gathered and made their way to the paying tellers window as withdrawal funds were being distributed. "There is nothing to be alarmed about," said Second Vice-President Allen, who was in charge of the downtown office, gave out a statement. "There is nothing to be alarmed about. We have \$8,000,000 in cash in the vaults and are prepared to meet all demands. The company is perfectly solvent." Mr. Allen said that the fears of alarm created by Mr. Barney's retirement from the presidency of the company would be allayed.

shortly after the main office of the Knickerbocker Trust Co. opened for business depositors began to arrive in still greater numbers, and at 10.30 more than 150 persons were before the paying tellers' window. Many depositors came in carrying and the carriage line extended for over a block from the bank. There was a short run on the Bronx branch of the company when it opened. It was promptly stopped by the arrival of two wagons from which were unloaded in view of the waiting depositors big bundles of specie and currency. The clearing house committee went into session shortly after ten o'clock today. It was announced that the debit balances of the Mercantile National Bank and the National Bank of North America were so small that neither required assistance at the clearing house. Bonds of the Consolidated Steamship Company controlled by C. W. Morse showed weakness in the curb stock market today the opening sale being at 112, as compared with 115, the closing price last night.

LONDON, Oct. 22--Despatches received here from New York regarding the Knickerbocker Trust Co. and the receipt of heavy selling orders from New York caused marked uneasiness on the stock exchange today. Americans which opened strong, following Wall Street's closing quotations of yesterday, fell heavily on the London market in connection with the financial situation in New York and liquidation by American houses in London. American rails of from 3 to 4 points below parity. Union Pacific fell 3.54, Southern Pacific 2.44, Atchafalaya 2.44, and Canadian Pacific 2.44. The market at noon was exceedingly weak and the closing price fell heavily on each selling order from New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22--Excitement, amounting almost to alarm, marked the opening of the market today. The clearing house committee opened demoralized under heavy selling and at the same moment a run of considerable proportions was being made on the various offices of the Knickerbocker Trust Company. At the main office, Fifth avenue and 34th street, more than 50 persons were in line at 10.30 and there was a line of carriages in waiting extending for more than a block. The stock market openings showed severely the effect of the renewed stock confidence caused by the spread of the rumors that the Knickerbocker Trust Co. Prices broke widely on the opening transactions under this outpouring of stocks but almost immediately re-

turning. The rebound approximated from one-fourth to one-half of the first break. WASHINGTON, Oct. 22--Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely today said: "My advice from New York this morning are reassuring and the situation there should now improve. The storm has broken and the damage known without any failure of the national bank which have lately been criticized. The clearing house confirms my reports that these banks are all solvent, and standing by them. The debit balances at the clearing houses this morning are less than expected, and I understand one bank paid its balance without help. The national banks of the country generally are in strong shape, and there is not the slightest occasion for any alarm in regard to them. This is a time for coolness and prudence, not for alarm." Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou today declined to discuss the financial situation in New York. It is known, however, that he stands ready to meet any situation that may develop and that he is in a position to do this.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22--It is understood that Secretary Cortelyou has ordered \$8,000,000 in specie among the leading national banks of New York.

THE CANADIAN LABOR PARTY

Branches Will Be Organized in Saskatchewan to Undertake Political Campaign.

REGINA, Sask., Oct. 22--(Special)--Labor men here have organized, and have decided to institute branches of the Canadian labor party in Saskatchewan, to undertake a vigorous political campaign.

THE INDIANTOWN MARKET

With the exception of the May Queen's cargo there is no increase to speak of in the supply of country stuff at Indian town. The Queen which brought down a record cargo a day or two ago, had an even bigger cargo last night. She brought down the largest quantity of potatoes of this season, having about 800 barrels. As these were all consigned they will not affect the present potato prices. The figures are not expected to be lower for some time yet, as many will be buying their winter supply now. Farmers in consequence will, it is believed, hold off till just about the present time.

The schooner is a total loss and this morning there is nothing to be seen of her only some strewn wreckage. There was over 75,000 pounds of fish on board H. C. V. Levanie, the American consul took charge of the crew who will be forwarded to their homes.

MAY BE A ST. JOHN MAN

The local police authorities have received a communication from H. F. Brocton, corner at Millmeadow, announcing the death, at that place of John Starr aged about 40 years and who always came from St. John, where his mother and friends resided. He describes Starr as short and thick set and said he had been working in Millmeadow as a teamster for ten or fifteen years. A short time prior to his death he showed a pair of knitted mittens and said he had gotten them from his mother in St. John, N. B. The coroner Brocton would be glad to get into communication with any of Starr's relatives.

THE COUNTRY MARKET CASE

The case against James Manchester for selling produce in the market without paying the necessary fees is being considered in the police court this afternoon. The case was stood over until Tuesday next at 2 p. m. A. H. Harrington is representing Mr. Manchester.

The manager of the U. X. B. football team talked over the telephone today with the manager of the Algonquins in an endeavor to arrange a game with the colts for Saturday at the capital. He suggested that the Indians postpone their game with the St. Peter's, scheduled for Saturday. The Algonquins' manager will consult with acting Captain Finley and advise the Fredericton people later in the day.

ACTION OF WHITE CANDY CO. SETS ALDERMEN THINKING

Council Members Talk About Double Tracking Union Street.

Ald. McGoldrick Says There is No Occasion for Such a Howl--What Some of the Others Have to Say.

The article which appeared in this morning's issue of the Telegraph and which is published on another page of this paper, in which the White Candy Co. criticise the common council and as a result of the street railway company being allowed to double track the portion of Union street on which their factory fronts, have offered the plant for sale, has created considerable discussion about the city and has caused some of the aldermen to get their thinking up.

Most of the aldermen who were asked about the matter seemed to think that the application of the street railway company for permission to double-track this section had been properly understood.

It has been learned that the request from the street railway company was considered at a meeting of the board of works on July 12. There were present at this meeting Ald. McGoldrick, (chairman) Lewis, Sprague, Baskin, Willard, Vanwart, Bullock.

After some consideration, the request was granted, and on that authority the rails were laid.

The next time the matter was considered was at the board of works meeting on October 1 when a petition was received from merchants in that vicinity protesting against the laying of the tracks. On the recommendation of the recorder who gave it as his opinion that the permission having been granted could not be revoked, the petition was filed.

The matter was then taken up at the meeting said he did not know that a delegation was waiting at the council chamber as referred to by Thos. F. White. He had left the meeting early as he had another engagement.

The mayor said that in his opinion the streets are conserved for the benefit of the majority of the people and he wondered that the White company did not get out an injunction to prevent the railway company from laying their rails on Union street.

Ald. Bullock said that he could not remember the case of the railway company at the July meeting. His impression, however, was that the company was going to lay their rails along the north side of the square and down Sydney street. He did not know that they wanted to double-track Union street. Regarding council meetings he had left early and did not know there was a delegation waiting or he would have remained.

Some of the aldermen who were not present at the July meeting are said to have expressed the opinion that the application was put through the board of aldermen's members realizing what they were voting on.

Ex-Alderman John McMullin speaking of this matter to a Times reporter, said: "I think that the common council should rise and explain why it was that citizens of St. John were treated in this way; why no attention was paid to their letter."

A LIMERICK

There is a brave Colonel named Hngl Who has of gold dollars a few; But he'll want them for Queens And bottles of good mountain dew.

With the thermometer well down below the freezing point all October cold weather records were broken when last night the Seadown river, between here and Shediac was frozen over. Passengers crossing the bridge this morning were surprised to see the river above the bridge coated with a sheet of ice from shore to shore, while below, with a slight interval of open water, the ice extended from side to side. The weather since Friday night has been unprecedentedly cold. The lowest registered by the city thermometer is a seven and a half above, but in the country districts much lower records are reported.

HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 22 (Special)--There was a severe frost on Sunday and it is said that as a result the grape crop in Niagara district and in this neighborhood is practically a total loss. Late tomatoes were also destroyed.

MONTUN, N. B., Oct. 22 (Special)--

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC'S PRAIRIE SECTION WILL EXCEED COST ESTIMATE

OTTAWA, Oct. 22--(Special)--Collegwood Schreiber, chief consulting engineer of the railway department, has just returned from an inspection trip of the Grand Trunk Pacific line, now under construction between Portage La Prairie and Saskatoon.

Mr. Schreiber reports that with favorable weather conditions for the next few weeks, the rails will be laid all the way from Portage La Prairie to Saskatoon. At present 125 miles of road are opened for traffic and nearly another hundred miles now ready to be opened. The great difficulty for contractors, says Mr. Schreiber, is lack of ties and scarcity of labor.

While he was in the west some 300 men on the section of the road alone left to go into the harvest fields where the wages are as high as \$3.50 per day. Contractors are now paying \$2.25 per day for ordinary labor and even at that figure find it almost impossible to obtain men at Saskatoon.

At Saskatoon everything has been in readiness for three weeks to begin the laying of rails eastward to join the completed end of the line out from Portage La Prairie. But though several hundreds of men were looked for by the employment agents, only 52 were obtainable.

The cost of the prairie section is averaging between \$23,000 and \$24,000 per mile, although it was originally estimated that the cost would only be about \$13,000 per mile. Usage are 50 per cent higher than three years ago and the cost of supplies runs 50 to 100 per cent higher.

Settlement along the line is going on rapidly and Mr. Schreiber states that his observations of the crop conditions led him to believe that the eastern farmers in view of the high prices prevailing, will realize as much in cost for grain this year as they did last year.

By the end of next year he expects to see G. T. P. trains running from Winnipeg to Edmonton.

Dr. Pusley will be asked to approve the plans and ritual of the new dispensation.

A SPORTING CHANCE. The Times newspaper has been invited by the Liberal Club of Kings County to attend a non-political banquet to Dr. Pusley at Sussex on Friday evening. The young man is somewhat elated over the honor, but is in doubt whether he should have an invitation from the Conservative Club of Kings county, as a matter of form. He is not well-versed in the question of non-political banquets. The question was referred to the sporting editor, who made this observation: "Young man, my stomach has no politics. Give me the invitation."

The sporting editor is a gay dog, always ready to take a sporting chance.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

WILL ERECT A THRONE. Mr. Peter Binks, who has visited several monarchies and despotisms in Europe and the orient, and knows something about imperial etiquette and matters of that kind, has been requested to design a throne for the officials of the federal public works department here, who have to do with matters relating to dredging.

It appears that Contractor Mayos, Engineer Peters and other persons of the kind have been given grievous offence of official dignity and decorum.

Mr. Binks says he thinks he can design a throne on which officials could sit and command the approach of visitors, in a manner more seemly, and in consonance with the eternal fitness of things.

He would also have a form of salutation, such as: "Most Puiasant and Effulgent

Light of the Universe," or "Supreme superior of the Mud Diggers." This would

impress the vulgar multitude, and proclaim at once the absolute authority and unimpugnabile excellence of officialdom.

