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OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK IN BRIEF.

atches from points of Interest in dif-ent parts of the World—Domestic and Foreign events—The Dark and Sunny Side of Life.

New York, April 2—At the office of J. P. Morgan & Company, it was announced this afternoon that Mr. Morgan would sail for Europe tomorrow.

Buda Pest, April 2—Earthquake shocks today visited a wide region in Southeastern Hungary and several houses were shaken down.

Oswego, N. Y., April 2—The strike of the painters and paper hangers ended tonight, the master painters agreeing to the union schedule for 22½ cents an hour and nine hours to constitute a day.

Norfolk, April 2—The coaling of the Russian cruiser Variag began today. It will consume about three days to coal her, after which she will sail for Kronstadt, Russia.

St. Andrews, Scotland, April 2.—The University of St. Andrews has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Professor Alexander Agassiz of Harvard university.

Bangor, Me., April 2—The last of the ice in the Penobscot passed down this afternoon and the port of Bangor is now open to navigation, having been closed 111 days. The first steamer is expected here Wednesday.

Berlin, April 2—The Taegliche Rundschau reports that Emperor William has said to the Conservatives: "I will not sign the tariff bill until you swallow the canal bill and I will sign only such a bill as I choose."

Nyack, N. Y., April 2.—Destructive forest fires have been raging in the Ramapo Mountains near Sufferin since Sunday and heavy damage has been done. Many persons are fighting the flames to save valuable property.

York, Pa., April 2—Notice of an increase of 25 per cent. in puddlers' wages has been posted in the York rolling mill. Wages in other departments will be increased proportionately. The increase will go into effect April 15.

New York, April 2—Funeral services over the body of Roland Reed, the actor who died on Saturday last, were held at his late residence, this city, today. The services were conducted by the Rev. Father Huntman, of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. The body was taken to Woodlawn cemetery for interment.

Berlin, April 2.—The Cologne Volks Zeitung, calling attention to a line of steamers between Chicago, Hamburg and Liverpool, says:

"We may expect American competition to become still sharper, particularly in grain and meat, and we may also expect damage for German shipping."

New York, April 2—At a meeting of the stockholders of the American Beet Sugar Company, held at Jersey City today, the annual report showed that the amount of sugar produced was 33,351,560 pounds and the net profit $55,634.47. The preferred stock drew dividends amounting to $240,000.

Albany, N. Y., April 2.—Assemblyman M. E. Lewis today introduced a bill making provision for the issuing of bonds to the amount of and not to exceed $5,000,000 for the purpose of providing moneys with which to pay the share of the state in the cost of the construction of good roads in the various counties and providing for the submission of the same for the people at the next general election in 1901.

Kiel, April 2—The ship built for the use of the German Antarctic expedition was launched today in the presence of Count Von Posadowsky-Wehner, secretary of the interior, and other officials. Prof. Von Richthofen, brother of the secretary of state for foreign affairs, in behalf of Emperor William, christened the vessel "Gauss," in honor of the famous German mathematician and scientist of that name.

Boston, April 1.—The United States Rubber Company to-day announced a further reduction in its price list of five per cent. The annual price list is made public. In comparison with that of April 1, 1900, it shows a total reduction of 28 per cent. as cuts amounting to 22 per cent. were previously made from the 1900 list.

The above reduction applies to all goods on hand in the stores of the jobbers on Feb. 1 and all shipments since then.

London, April 2—Presiding today at a meeting of the Barrow Hæmatite Steel Company, the Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, took a pessimistic view of American and other foreign competition. He said the total orders for rails given to British makers in 1900 had not reached 50 per cent. of the orders given during the preceding four years. Competition did not account for the whole decrease. Either less rails were required or buyers were waiting in expectation of lower prices.

Cape Town, April 2—Lord Kitchener has granted permission to three rand mining companies, which later will be increased to seven, to resume work with 50 stamps each, provided the maximum wages paid to miners be rations and five shillings a day, equal to the wages of the irregular troopers, to prevent discontent among the latter. The remainder of the miners' ordinary pay will be devoted to a fund for the benefit of the families of residents of the rand killed in the war. The Transvaal chamber of mines has issued a circular objecting to these wages and the conditions of work.

Washington, April 2—There is reason to believe that Lloyd C. Griscom, secretary and charge of the United States legation at Constantinople, who is now on his way home, has earned the credit of effecting a final and satisfactory settlement of the American missionary claims against Turkey. It appears now that Mr. Griscom has finally succeeded in arranging with the Turkish government the principle upon which these long standing claims shall be settled and the pledge of the Turkish government is in such binding form that it is not doubted that payment will soon be made.

Odessa, April 4.—Famine and typhus are raging throughout the governments of Kherson and Bessarabia and portions of the governments of Kieff and Taurida. The mortality is 30 per cent of the entire population.

Frederick, Md., April 2—Three hundred laborers employed on the work improving the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks at Mount Airy, struck today for higher wages and work has temporarily stopped. The men, most of whom are Italians and Hungarians, are in an ugly mood and the people in the vicinity fear trouble.

Boston, April 3.—British schooner Clifton arrived here today from Louisburg, C. B., with 750 tons of pig iron, the first shipment brought here from the new steel company's works at Sydney. The cargo is more in the nature of sample lots but it will probably be followed by regular shipments from the new works.

Bangor, Me., April 3.—The first salmon of the season to be taken at the Bangor pools was caught this afternoon by Miss Jennie Sullivan, of this city. It weighed 18 3-4 pounds. The fish fought 55 minutes before being landed. It sold for $1.25 a pound. Last year Miss Sullivan took two fish at the pools in a single afternoon, being the first woman that ever did this feat.

London, April 3.—Some apprehension is felt in regard to the safety of steamer Buenos Ayrean, Pitts, from Philadelphia March 17 for Glasgow, especially since steamer Siberian, which left New York March 13 and arrived at Glasgow 31st, and which was a week overdue, brought no news of the Buenos Ayrean. (The Buenos Ayrean was delayed two days at Delaware Breakwater owing to fog. She carried a general cargo, with no passengers. Her agents at Philadelphia believe she is delayed by heavy weather).

Albany, N. Y., April 3—A new state flag, made legal by the action of Governor Odell, was flung to the breeze at 11 o'clock from the staff over the state capitol. The new emblem was unfurled in a drenching downpour. It was made the legal flag of the state through the provisions of a bill of Senator Ellsworth signed by the governor this morning. The bill changes the color of the flag from blue to green.

Highland, Light, Mass., April 3.—The southeast gale with heavy rain which has been raging here all day, has not decreased tonight. At sunset the wind had reached a velocity of 48 miles an hour and was increasing. The vessels in the harbor did not venture out in the storm. The harbor is very rough as the southeast wind blows directly in there. Because of the high course of the tide and the rough sea in the outside of the Cape the life savers will not be able to get along the beach tonight and will be obliged to go overland.

Washington, April 3.—A recent rapid development in the Russian merchant marine is recorded in a report received at the state department from U. S. Consul Kehl at Stettin. Her merchant fleet, which a few years ago consisted of a few steamers and about two hundred Finnish sailing ships, now numbers more than 3,000 steamships, including river steamers.

An imperial ukase recently put in force limited the Russian coast trade to her own steamers. This covers the trade between European and Asiatic Rusia, but owing to the heavy war demand in Asiatic Russia, this part of the empire is temporarily exempt from the decree. However, just as soon as this demand ceases, it is certain, according to the consul, that the exemption will be withdrawn and the coast trade law strictly enforced.

New York, April 3.—The World will say tomorrow:

The Vanderbilts have secured control of the Delaware & Hudson Railway by the purchase of a majority of the capital stock in the open market and terms are being discussed on which the New York Central will take control.

It is understood that the New York Central is to guarantee seven per cent. to the stockholders and it is not improbable that the Lake Shore deal will be exactly duplicated—that is, New York Central will issue 3½ p. c. $100 collateral trust gold bonds at the rate of 200 bonds for each share of stock.

The Delaware & Hudson Company produce from its own mines over 4,000,000 tons of anthracite coal. The Vanderbilts and Mr. Morgan now practically own the coal business.

New York, April 2.—Only one event of importance was on today's programme at the annual trap shooting tournament at Live birds at Inter-state Park under the auspices of the inter-state Association. This was the natural powder handicap at 16 birds, $10 entrance handicaps from 25 to 33 yards. A field of 199 shooters took part and when all had finished the first round of the four traps it was found that over 90 had killed four straight. Among the first to fall down was Young Harold Money, the American amateur champion. His first bird was an incomer. The champion hit it with both barrels, but the wind carried the bird over the dead line. Tod Sloan shooting from the 27 yard mark, missed his fourth and eighth birds and withdrew. Only 31 succeeded in killing sixteen birds straight.

The shooting for the Grand American handicap will be begun tomorrow morning.

In the natural powder handicap today the entrance money amounted to $1,990. Thirty-one men killed 16 straight and each man received $61.

Boston, April 2—The aristocrats among the dogs of the country were on exhibition today at Mechanics' building, when the annual Boston dog show began. The benches are fully as well occupied as at any prior assemblage of canines, and in addition, there are an unusual number of prize winners from Philadelphia and New York shows. The attendance of the public was quite large, although the other days will be better in this respect when the results of the early competitions are known.

The judging today was chiefly in classes that are not particularly popular just at present, but even in these the competition for the most part was keen, Dr. Lougest, of Boston, however, as usual, taking everything offered for bloodhounds, 13 prizes in all. Fox terriers and cocker spaniels had the biggest list of entries in the types judged and the total number of classes passed upon was nearly one hundred.

BILL IN LOCAL HOUSE TO DO AWAY WITH BEER LICENSES.

Also to Change Liquor License Act in Other Ways--The One Man, One Vote Bill---The McKeown Bill Withdrawn.

Fredericton, April 2—The house met at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Lawson read the report of the special committee on the claims of Amelia Morton and others against the province, finding that no liabilities attached to the province.

Mr. Pugsley thought that the report should not be accepted, but laid on the table for future consideration, as the subject had been adjudicated upon by a judge and the amount of the claim assessed. The report was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Porter the Grand Falls Water Power and Boom Company bill was recommitted for verbal amendments.

Mr. Laforest protested against the passage of this bill and read a letter from the clerk of the Grand Falls council, stating that they were opposed to it unless guarantees were given that the work would go on.

The bill was agreed to as amended.

The bill authorizing St. John to grant aid to the Parks company was agreed to in committee of the whole.

The bill in amendment to the New Brunswick elections act of 1889 was considered in committee. It provides that a voter for a representative to the House of Assembly must, at time of tendering his vote, be a resident of and domiciled within the electoral district in which he votes, provided, however, that in the case of the electoral districts of the city and county of St. John, a person who, under the law as it stood prior to the passing of this act, would have been entitled to vote in respect of real estate in the county of St. John and such person is a resident of the city, or in the case of a person being a resident of the county and who would have been entitled to vote on real estate in the city, shall be entitled to vote.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley spoke in support of the bill, and said that it was introduced in response to the general trend of public opinion in late years. He thought the bill would correct and do away with a large proportion of the wrong doing which has been committed in the past with respect to election lists. Both political parties have been equally guilty. He was sure that the house was unanimously agreed upon the principle of the bill. With respect to the provision regarding St. John city and county, he was aware of the fact that there might be strong objection. The surveyor general, who represents the county of St. John, had urged on the government the fact that residents of the city have large property interests in the county and vice versa. The situation in St. John is anomalous and entirely different from that of any other constituency in the province.

Mr. Shaw said he could not understand why the surveyor general was afraid to trust the people in the county in their election matters. He instanced, as an objection to the section, that in Simonds the non-resident vote which goes out from the city of St. John is sufficient to swamp the vote of the residents.

Mr. Hazen said that no reason whatever has been advanced as to why the exception to St. John should apply. The situation in St. John is not anomolous. So far as voting for members of the legislature is concerned, St. John city and county are as separate and distinct as are the counties of York and Carleton, or Sunbury and Queens. He believed the present legislation was more desirable in St. John than in any other constituency, for there is a large city vote which, at every election, goes out into the county and practically swamps the county vote.

Hon. Mr. Dunn said that he was not afraid of the county vote, but he believed that the city people who hold property in the county should be allowed to vote there.

Mr. Shaw could see no reason why, after the people of the city have elected four representatives, they should be allowed to go out in the county and largely control the selection of the representatives there. He moved in amendment that the paragraph referring to the city and county of St. John be struck out.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie contended that the situation in St. John was entirely different from any other constituency, and he thought the bill should be allowed to go through. If the section objected to was not found to work well, it could be changed next session.

Mr. Shaw's amendment was lost, those voting yea being Messrs. Hazen, Shaw, Laforest, Flemming, Purdy, Humphrey and Glasier.

Mr. Copp moved an amendment to the effect that a non-resident of the province who owns property in the province shall have the right to vote in that constituency where his property is situated. The amendment was lost on division.

The house resumed at 3 p. m.

The remaining sections of the elections bill were agreed to and the bill reported.

House went into committee on the bill to amend 54th Victoria, chapter 11 and 45th Victoria, chapter 34.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley explained that the bill had a three-fold object, to revive the subsidy for a railway from Shediac Village to Great Shemogue Village, not exceeding 20 miles; also a railway from Bristol Station towards Foreston, not to exceed 10 miles; also 16 miles of railway from a point on the St. Francis branch of the Temiscouata railway to the Quebec boundary. This is to form a part of the line to Levis which is to connect with the Great Northern forming a continuous rail to Parry Sound. It was expected that this line of railway from Parry Sound would have an outlet in the maritime provinces, no doubt in St. John.

Mr. Laforest objected to the subsidy to the line from the St. Francis branch. The bill was agreed to.

Victorian Order of Nurses.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill relating to the Victorian Order of Nurses, to enable any town, city or municipality to aid this order. The bill was read a second time and placed on the order paper for reference to committee.

Hon. Mr. Dunn introduced a bill to amend the general mining act.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that he had received a requisition from all the members of the house but three asking that the sessional indemnity be paid to Mr. McLeod, who had been kept from attending by illness, and Mr. Robertson, who was prevented by business of a semi-public character. He moved that the indemnity be paid them. The motion was carried unanimously.

Public Accounts.

Mr. Osman presented the report of the committee on public accounts as to the auditor general's report and the accounts and vouchers purporting to verify the accuracy of the report for the year ending October 31, 1900. The committee reported: Mr. Osman was elected chairman of the committee and a resolution that the auditor general's report for the year 1900 be taken up page by page carried. And at the next and following meetings this method of examination has been pursued with the auditor general's attendance whenever required, and all the necessary vouchers and accounts in his charge available for the strictest scrutiny. A very full and careful investigation of the most important accounts has been made during the 11 sittings held by this committee.

The Asylum.

The accounts of the lunatic asylum proved admirably kept and the evidence given by Hon. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Quinton shows that a nearly perfect system exists in administering this very important branch of public service. The committee recommend continuing the present method of tender in purchasing supplies and that in all staple articles this system be still further extended; and further recommend that, as far as possible, all accounts connected with the lunatic asylum be paid and included in the statement for the fiscal year during which they were contracted, and that when accounts have not been rendered in time for payment during the then current year a statement of unpaid accounts therein contracted shall be laid before the public accounts committee.

Other Departments.

As it was deemed advisable to ask for explanation regarding the items in the statements for fisheries expenditure the surveyor general made a very full and satisfactory statement regarding this item as well as upon the subject of charges under immigration, showing that the province is beginning to reap benefit from this expenditure, several families having already landed in New Brunswick, with many others on the way.

The Smallpox Bills.

A very lage item of $23,666 under the heading "smallpox expenditure" was carefully investigated and the provincial secretary explained that many of the accounts had been cut down and a system of uniform fees for vaccination and allowance for medical service adopted, and that thus a large amount of money had been saved.

Agriculture.

All items under "agriculture" were investigated and approved, and the committee highly commend the excellent report of the department for 1900, which should prove most interesting and instructive to the farmers in this province, and think it would be well that a larger number of these reports be printed for distribution.

Bridges.

The statement of expenditure on bridges erected under special supervision has been most searching and all papers for 63 structures therein enumerated were called for. These were produced by Mr. Winslow, of the public works department, who personally explained these matters to the satisfaction of the committee.

The chief commissioner was in attendance when called and furnished a statement showing an expenditure of $65,499.98 for the fiscal year 1900 on permanent bridges account.

Printing.

As to public printing, the committee suggest that it will be both wise and economical to ask for tenders.

Your committee expressed appreciation of the auditor general's willingness to furnish all information and to acknowledge the value of his services for so many years as the occupant of his responsible office; also to express its thanks to Messrs. Marshall, Quinton and Dibblee for the manner in which their evidence and assistance has been given.

The committee were C. J. Osman, chairman; W. F. Humphrey, James Barnes, W. T. Whitehead, C. M. Mclanson. The report was unanimous.

Various Matters.

Hon. Mr. Dunn asked that the bill to amend the mining act be placed upon the order paper. Agreed to.

The bills agreed to in committee yesterday and today were read a third time.

Mr. Flemming stated that he wished to go on record as opposed to the increase in the salary of the commissioner for agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Labillois replied to Mr. Flemming's inquiry: The information received by the government is that the Stickney Brook bridge, Peel, Carleton county, is in very fair condition. It will be examined, however, during the coming season.

The bill to amend the act to vest the property of the Madras school in the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton was referred to committee of the whole, Mr. Porter in the chair. Mr. Burchill took point of order that the bill was not properly before the committee, having been placed upon the orders of the day without two days' notice. The chairman decided that bill properly before the committee, which ruling was appealed from and sustained.

Mr. Copp moved an amendment that the act of last session should not apply to the Madras school house and lot in Shediac.

Mr. Burchill took point of order that an important amendment could not be entertained unless two days' notice had been given. The point was sustained and progress reported upon the bill.

District Courts.

Consideration was gone into of the bill to provide for the establishment of district courts. Mr. Melanson thought that the measure should be allowed to stand until next session.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley stated that it was his purpose to have a section added to the bill that it should not come in force until proclaimed by lieutenant governor, which he assured the house would not be until after next session. The present object was that it would be printed in the statutes and would thus get into the hands of the magistrates who would become familiar with its provisions. The bill was agreed to as recommended and amended by the special committee.

House took recess.

The house resumed at 7.30 p. m.

The bill relating to the Victorian Order of Nurses was agreed to in committee.

The house went into committee on the bill to amend the general mining act. Hon. Mr. Dunn explained that it provided for a royalty on the coal to be mined in Queens; to impose a royalty on shale mined in Albert; to enable Col. Calhoun, who had spent $30,000 in connection with the Baltimore Mining Company to obtain a lease of that property. He expects to expend half a million dollars. Agreed to.

The bill to authorize certain inhabitants of Richibucto to assess themselves for lighting purposes was agreed to in committee.

Mr. Mott's bill with reference to rates and taxes was recommitted.

Liquor License Act.

The attorney general introduced a bill in amendment to the liquor license act of 1896, which was read a first and second time and placed upon the order book for reference forthwith to committee of the whole.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley explained that section 1 provides that license commissioners shall hold office for a definite term, the term of office expiring in regular rotation. Section 2 provides for doing away with special beer licenses. From information which had been received by himself it was evident that the practice of issuing beer licenses is not producing the good results anticipated, and he had been urged by gentlemen prominent in enforcing the liquor law to have the section amended. It is claimed that many to whom beer licenses are issued use it as a cloak under which to sell spiritous liquors, and that these places are not under the eye and control of the police as thoroughly as are licensed saloons. It is urged by some in objection to doing away with beer licenses that to do so will allow selling of beer on Sundays, but that is not so. The Sabbath observance law would still be in force and will prevent the selling of beer upon that day. There is one other provision which he intended to make in the act, and that is to increase the license fee paid by bottlers. There are in the province, and especially in St. John where most of the beer licenses are held, a number of persons who represent upper province brewers who bring the ale and beer down here in barrels and casks and bottle it, thus coming into competition with our home brewers. It was proposed that the license fee for bottlers shall be raised so as to place home and foreign brewers upon an equal footing.

McKeown Bill Withdrawn.

The house went into committee on Hon. Mr. McKeown's bill to allow St. John ratepayers whose taxes had not been paid to vote in civic elections. The amended bill provides that the question shall be submitted to a plebiscite before becoming operative; and that a similar way be taken in any incorporated town or city on the requisition of 25 per cent. of the vote. Hon. Mr. McKeown spoke at considerable length in support of the bill.

Mr. Shaw opposed the bill and it was also opposed by Mr. Purdy. Mr. Hazen opposed the bill. He thought a plebiscite would serve no good purpose.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie favored the principle of the bill on the ground that it gave the people the right to decide whether they wished this change or not. He thought, however, that there was no good reason why the matter should be pressed at present, and he suggested that the bill be withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. McKeown withdrew the bill and said he would introduce it next year.

The bill respecting the St. John harbor was recommitted and progress reported.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley stated that the premier had some doubts as to the effects of the passing of this bill on the rights of the province.

The house adjourned at 10.45 p. m.

Two Years Aged.—"For eight years I suffered as no one ever did with rheumatism; for two years I lay in bed; could not so much as feed myself. A friend recommended South American Rheumatic Cure. After three doses I could sit up. To-day I am as strong as ever I was."—Mrs. John Cook, 287 Clinton street, Toronto.—2

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THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Britain and Japan in the Protest Against Russia in Manchuria.

Tien Tsin, April 2.—Li Hung Chang, with his bodyguard, is returning to Shanghai. He is indisposed.

Steamers are detained at his disposal and he is expected to arrive here Thursday.

A company of Germans defeated 1,000 Chinese robbers March 31, seven miles north of Tieu Tsin, killing 11 and wounding 50. It is reported that a dozen foreigners were co-operating with the robbers. The Germans captured 30 carts and a gun.

Yokohama, April 3—Leading Japanese newspapers assert that the Russian government has replied to Japan's protest against the Manchurian convention to the effect that Russia does not wish to enter upon a discussion with a third power relative to her negotiations with China; that the proposed agreement is purely temporary and not intended to impair the sovereignty of China or to injure the interests of other powers; that the contents of the agreement, immediately upon its conclusion, will be communicated to the other powers, who will undoubtedly find them acceptable, and finally, that, if any of the provisions are not acceptable to Japan, Russia is prepared to discuss the matter in a friendly spirit.

London, April 3.—"Russia's reply to Japan's protest against the Manchurian convention" says the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail, "is regarded as unsatisfactory, and further vigorous representations will follow.

"Prince Konoye Atsumaro, president of the house of peers, in the course of an inflammatory speech openly discussed the probable results of a war between Japan and Russia and said that Japan could count upon the friendly neutrality of Great Britain and Germany. He declared that the United States would interfere and that France would only cause uneasiness by the employment of her Annamese forces and by a naval demonstration off Formosa."

Paris, April 3—It is asserted here on responsible authority that the Yang Tse viceroys, who since last summer have been under financial obligations to England, have energetically renewed their protest against the signing of the Manchurian convention, and that Japan and England are both going to great lengths in their efforts to secure its rejection.

Berlin, April 2—Discussing the refusal of China to sign the Manchurian convention the Lokal Anzeiger says:

"China cannot expect more than the moral support of the European powers."

ELECTION FIGHTING IN ST. LOUIS.

Two Men Shot as the Result of Challenging Voters.

St. Louis, April 2—United States District Attorney Rizier, while at precinct No. 4, of the 25th ward this afternoon, was wounded in the left arm by a stray shot fired by one of a gang of negroes. Mr. Rizier had challenged the vote of one of a crowd of 20 or more negroes. An officer started with an alleged repeater to a patrol box. The prisoner's friends closed around the officer, fired 40 or 50 shots for the purpose of intimidation, and released the prisoner. After the negroes had escaped it was found that Mr. Rizier had been wounded, but not seriously.

At the second precinct of the fourth ward, Fred. W. Priesmeyer, a Republican candidate for the house of delegates, shot and seriously wounded Wm. Dwyer, one of a crowd of men who, it is alleged, attempted to assault him because he challenged their votes. Priesmeyer was arrested.

Wicks—What have you given up this Lent, old friend?

Du Brau—The umbrella I loaned you last Lent.—Philadelphia Record.

Customer—Waiter, it is nearly half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup.

Waiter—Sorry, sir, but you know how slow turtles are, sir.—Tit-Bits.

The way of the transgressor often leads to foreign shores.—Chicago News.

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VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. Loomis Returning to United States—Recall Asked For, But That Is No Bringing Him.

Port Spain, April 2 (via Haytien cable)—The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion has been ordered to convey Mr. Francis B. Loomis, the United States minister at Caracas, Venezuela, to San Juan de Porto Rico, where he will embark on a steamer for New York. The Scorpion leaves Laguaira April 7 at 1 o'clock.

An attache of the foreign office at Caracas has divulged the fact that after the inspired press of Venezuela had for two months abused the United States navy, President McKinley and Mr. Loomis, the Venezuelan government formally asked for the recall of Mr. Loomis for no valid reason. He had, however, antagonized certain high officials. But the government at Washington has supported Mr. Loomis and he is going to Washington not because he is recalled but on leave of absence, to consult with Secretary Hay.

President Castro is personally hostile to Mr. Loomis because the latter has protested strongly against the non-payment of large sums due to Americans after the president had solemnly promised to pay the American before any other foreign claims. Mr. Loomis discovered, however, that the president was secretly paying German claims, thus violating his promise and evading the terms of the agreement which called for the payment of the American claims.

Y. M. C. A. Jubilee.

The jubilee celebration of the Young Men's Christian Association of this continent, to be held in Boston in June, is attracting much attention. The speakers will include leading public men in the United States, from the president down; Lord Kinnaird and probably Lord Wolseley, from Great Britain, with other prominent representatives. Lord Strathcona, who has been interesting himself in securing the attendance of prominent men in England interested in association work, will head the Canadian delegation.

An interesting feature of the celebration will be the reunion of those who were members of the association prior to 1860. St. John has 35 of such veterans surviving, several of whom, it is expected, will attend.

It is likely there will be a large general delegation from this city.

Mr. T. F. Best, Y. M. C. A. secretary, with the second contingent to South Africa, will give his highly interesting lecture here on the 30th inst.

This is the last month in the business year of the local Young Men's Christian Association. The association is very desirous of closing their books without any indebtedness. They will be greatly pleased if those who have not yet paid their subscriptions and fees this year will do so now. They also ask that any accounts against the association not yet rendered, be sent to the secretary.

Seven Devils.

Dr. Lyman Beecher Sperry has been lecturing in Kansas City on "Seven Devils Who Help to Shorten Human Life." Among the seven are war and narcotics. Dr. Sperry says that it would be "possible for men to live from 125 to 175 years if these devils were exorcised from human affairs." Well, he can exorcise them from his affairs. He doesn't have to use narcotics or go to war or have anything to do with any of the devils. Why shouldn't he live to prove his theory?