

The Evening Times

LAST EDITION

WEATHER Moderate to fresh west and north winds, mostly fair, a little colder tonight and on Friday.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1908.

ONE CENT

HOSPITAL DOORS CLOSED TO THE DESTITUTE MRS. WILKES

Mrs. Wilkes, Who Was Found in Destitute Condition, Had Permit but Was Not Admitted --- Dr. Rowley Gives Reasons for His Refusal.

Mrs. Wilkes, the old woman who was found half-frozen and in destitute circumstances at her home on White street, Tuesday night, was yesterday taken to the Municipal Hospital, where she will be cared for. It has been learned that on Tuesday she called at J. N. Golding's residence, Waterloo street, and Mrs. Golding, seeing that the woman was ill and poorly clad, took her into the house, gave her some warm clothing and a hot meal, after which she procured from Dr. Ady a permit for the woman to enter the hospital.

While she was in Mrs. Golding's it was noticed that the woman had a piece of old mouldy bread that some one had evidently given to her. It was found that a dog would not eat, yet some Christian person apparently had considered it good enough to give away in charity.

The woman left Mrs. Golding's intending to go to the hospital, and it has been learned that she did go there and was refused admittance.

Dr. Rowley, superintendent of the institution, told a Times man today that the woman had been in the habit of going there about once a week, asking to be taken in, but they considered her not in a condition to justify them in such a course. They would give her a cup of tea and something to eat and send her home usually.

On Tuesday, when she came and presented the permit, Dr. Rowley said he sent her home in care of an orderly. The orderly reported to him the state of affairs of the woman's home, and he notified the police. The woman was then taken to the police station and yesterday she was removed to the Municipal Home.

Mrs. Wilkes Case Editor of the Times: Sir—With regard to the pitiful condition in which Mrs. Wilkes of White street was found I think this case disgraces both the church and health officials whose duty it is to visit different houses in the city. It also gives a good example of how the church work, in this city of St. John, is carried out. I am sure it is not performed as it should be; if it was, this case would have come to light before, without being brought to the notice of the police through the instrumentality of a stranger,—who being an eyewitness of the condition of the unfortunate woman's home on that day can safely say that it would disgrace even some places in the slums of London, Eng. At any rate it does not reflect any credit either on the working members of the churches or on the city health officials as they are not doing their duty to allow such a case to be kept in obscurity, which might have ended in the unfortunate woman's death if the police authorities had not taken such prompt measures.

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A BLACK EYE FOR HON. WM. PUGSLEY

This is How O. S. Crockett, M. P., Characterizes the Recent Provincial Elections.

CHANGED HER NAME AND HER STEAMSHIP

Ruse Adopted by Anna Gould to Get Away from France Without Interference from Boni.

DEAD AGED 111

UTICA, N. Y., March 12.—Mrs. Sophia Lago, aged 111, died yesterday in Waukegan. She had twelve children, thirty-two grand children and ten great-grand children.

MAMMOTH COAL STRIKE MAY COME ON APRIL 1ST

Entire Suspension of Operations in Great Bituminous Coal Fields is Threatened --National Convention of United Mine Workers Meeting Today in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 12.—The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America met today in Tompkins Hall, to agree upon a course of action because of the failure of the operators and miners of the central competitive field to agree upon a joint wage conference to fix a scale in place of the present one, which expires April 1. The wage scales for the various bituminous fields of the United States and Canada are based upon the scale fixed in the central competitive field, consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Failure to agree upon a joint meeting to fix this scale has caused President John Mitchell to call a national meeting of the miners. Indianapolis are that four propositions will be considered by the convention. The first will be to adopt wage demands and then issue a call for a joint wage conference, opening the door to all operators who may wish to come in, sign a scale and keep their mines in operation. The second will be to adopt a scale and issue a call for joint wage conferences by districts.

CHILEAN SOLDIERS USE MACHINE GUNS ON MOB; 2,500 KILLED OR WOUNDED

Government Forces Called Out to Disperse Strikers at Nitre Beds and in City of Iquique, Fire Upon Rioters With Fearful Results--An Awful Story If True.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Machine guns operated by the government forces of Chile in a great conflict with strikers at the Nitre beds and in the city of Iquique, laid 2,500 men, most of whom were killed, according to advices received yesterday by the Norwegian steamer Christian Bors, which arrived today direct from Chile.

Business at Iquique, which had never before been severely disturbed by anything but earthquakes, was paralyzed when the great army of workers went on a strike. One fracas after another occurred until soldiers and strikers met in the streets of Iquique and on the outskirts and openly defied each other.

Being ordered to disperse the army of men, the soldiers opened fire. They had little opportunity to fight back.

Even though they had been armed, the assault was so sudden. This took place on January 1, and a week later as though by common agreement the strikers went back to work without the expected advance in wages. It was reported that the mine owners will voluntarily increase the pay of many of their employees.

The story coming from San Francisco of a great conflict between the government forces and strikers at Iquique, saying that 2,500 men were laid low, evidently is an exaggeration, and incorrect as to the date. A dispatch received from Valparaiso said that according to an official statement the recent encounter at Iquique between nitrate strikers and the police resulted in the killing of 210 men and the wounding of 50. This undoubtedly is the same occurrence mentioned in the advices brought into San Francisco by the Norwegian steamer Christian Bors.

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TOKYO, March 13.—The demand of the press and the public of Japan for aggressive action against China in connection with the Tatsui affair is subsiding. The Asahi, one of the most influential newspapers, urges the government to consider seriously the moral side of the case and not to press China to extremes. It thinks that Japan should exercise greater vigilance concerning the export of arms destined for the use of insurgents against a friendly government. This view is gaining ground, and it is understood that the minister of war, General Terachi, and Vice-Admiral Saito, minister of marine, are opposed to aggressive tactics. The British minister, Sir Claude Mac-

Donald, held a lengthy conference with the foreign office yesterday. The sentiment of the foreign office supports the suggestion that Great Britain is urging an amicable settlement, and dwelling upon the moral obligation of Japan toward China.

The foreign office asserts that no ultimatum has been issued in the matter, but the belief is expressed that the negotiations may be protracted. In well informed circles it is asserted that China will eventually agree to the demands of Japan in consideration of a pledge upon the part of Japan that a closer watch will be kept upon the exportation of arms.

NEW YORK TAKES SAFETY MEASURE

Board of Education Will at Once Close All Schools Not Fully Protected Against Fire.

FLEET MADE GREAT TIME

American Battleship Fleet Arrives Off Magdalena Bay Four Days Ahead of Schedule.

LIED TO THE POLICE

How a West Side Youth Gave Officers Gasoline and Lee an Uneasy Half Hour.

NOTHING DONE YET

The Longshoremen's Association Have Reached No Decision as to Summer Rate.

MILITIA CHANGES

Ottawa, Ont., March 12.—(Special)—Brigadier General Colton goes to Toronto, vice Brigadier General Oter to the command of Western Ontario. Lt. Col. R. W. Rutherford will succeed General Colton as master of ordnance.

THE CAPITALS DROP THE CASE AGAINST CUSHING

Famous "Hockey Match" Assault Case, Which Created So Much Interest Dismissed at Fredericton This Morning--Col. Marsh Explains His Position.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 12.—(Special)—The case against Jimmy Cushing of the Moncton hockey team charged with assaulting John D. MacDonald of the Fredericton Capitals which has been postponed several times was dismissed by Col. Marsh in the police court this morning. Fred H. Peters who appeared as counsel for the prosecution asked permission to withdraw the information and it was granted.

Col. Marsh took occasion to explain that when he issued a warrant for Cushing's arrest he was given to understand distinctly that it would not interfere with the game advertised for that evening between the Victoria and the Capitals. He was told by MacDonald that the arrest could not be made until eight o'clock as Cushing had gone to Maryville to see a young lady friend. The action of the Capitals in dropping proceedings against Cushing meets with general approval here.

The late Mrs. George Gilman who died last week left an estate estimated to be worth about \$40,000. The homestead on King street is bequeathed to Miss Frances Everett, a grand niece of the testator and Mrs. Alfred Everett, a niece will get the household furniture. A number of small bequests are made including one of \$200 to Miss Ethel Lottimer and a large cash bequest goes to Fred Everett of this city. The residue will be divided among sisters of the deceased and their heirs.

Word was received here yesterday that Miss Christie Coy a former resident of this city had been stricken with paralysis at her home in Montreal and is in a serious condition. Her solicitor Havlock Coy left for Montreal by last evening's train. While boarding the train at the C. P. R. station he had the misfortune to fall and injure his hand quite severely. Mayor Chestnut will be sworn in by Governor Tweedie at the Queen Hotel this evening. A Maryville hockey fan for creating a disturbance on the suburban train last evening was fined ten dollars by Col. Marsh this morning.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

It is rumored that Referee H. H. McLean will be asked by Mr. Hazen to prepare a report on offensive partisanship in the recent elections.

The Times new reporter desires to state that the omission of his name from the list of those balloted on for the choice of new assessors was an oversight on the part of the other reporters, who were jealous of him.

IN HIGH SOCIETY. NEW YORK, March 12.—(Special)—Society is in a flutter over the divorce proceeding of Evelyn Heath Thaw. It is not quite certain which of her many admirers will be favored with her hand, but rumor says that an American count and six millionaires are on the waiting list. Evie looks too sweet for anything, and has had a number of new photos taken this week.

ANOTHER FAILURE

MONCTON, March 12.—(Special)—The latest method of enforcing the Scott Act has ended in failure. A police officer was

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