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HALIFAX. HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 19. - Mr. Richards, representing Bowring Bros. of New York, is in Sydney investigating the docking facilities of the port and the prospects for freight and passenger traffic between New York and Sydney. The New Yorker was impressed with the information furnished him. A Red Cross liner will likely go on the route. Jacob I. Phillips died at his home in Hebron, Vermont, this morning, aged 67. About three years ago he was thrown from his carriage beneath an electric street car, and rolled beneath the trucks for some distance. A large fur coat, which he was wearing, was probably all that saved his life at that time. Since then he has gradually failed in health. A final report from the joint committee considering the question of assistance to the steel ship-building enterprise here is promised for some day this week. An announcement to this effect was made to the city council tonight.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. The 37th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Pythias was observed last night by the St. John knights by an interesting function in which fitting recognition was bestowed upon the pioneer of the order in Canada, John Beamish, the veteran letter carrier in the local service. Six years after the order was founded in Washington, Mr. Beamish organized the first lodge in Canada, New Brunswick, No. 1, at St. John. Last night a large oil portrait of Mr. Beamish, executed by P. H. C. Miles, was unveiled at the celebration and the veteran, who is a past grand representative, was presented with a gold jewel, symbolical of his rank. The presentation was accompanied by an address which was handsomely encouraged. The programme carried out in connection with the celebration consisted of: Selection by the K. of P. orchestra; address, Grand Chancellor F. S. Merritt; song, R. S. Ritchie; reading, E. R. W. Ingram; address, LeB. Wilson; reading, G. Jordan; address, B. L. Sheppard; address, R. S. Ritchie; song, A. C. Ritchie; selection of orchestra; address and unveiling of portrait, Supreme Grand Chancellor Moulton; address, Aid. Tutta. The Knights of Pythias was founded in Washington on Feb. 19, 1844, with five members, and has developed until this present day, when the order is over 600,000 strong. In St. John on Oct. 25, 1870, Mr. Beamish organized the first Canadian lodge with about 20 members. Since then the order has extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There are now 400 active members in this city.

RECENT DEATHS. The death occurred recently at Portland, Ore., of Frank Kimball, the brother of Mrs. Jas. D. Seely, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Seely were with him when he died, and are expected home about March 1. Mr. Kimball was buried at Walla-Walla on Feb. 9. The death occurred on Friday at Chatham, after a short illness, of another old resident, Mrs. Rae, widow of James Rae. Ex-County Judge Robinson, of Saranac, Ont., is dead from general breakdown of the system. He was appointed county judge in 1845, and was superannuated a few years ago. The death occurred at Foxboro, Mass., on Monday, of Mrs. Simpson. The deceased leaves two children, one of whom, W. J. Simpson, resides in this city. The funeral will take place Friday from the I. C. R. depot on arrival of the C. P. R. The death occurred at his home at Hebron, N. S., Monday evening, of Jacob L. Phillips, the well-known confectionery manufacturer. Mr. Phillips leaves one son and one daughter. He was 67 years of age, and was most highly esteemed.

UP REVER STEAMER. A Southampton correspondent writes under date of Feb. 14th that ex-Coun. G. W. Brown had just returned from a trip through the adjacent parishes in the interests of the steamer which is to ply all summer upon the Fredericton-Woodstock route. Mr. Brown during the trip secured about \$1,000 in subscriptions to shares in the enterprise and was much encouraged with the hearty manner in which the people are taking hold of the project. There can be no doubt, writes the correspondent, that a steamer which will make regular trips between Fredericton and Woodstock all summer is a need long felt by those who reside along both banks of the river. There is an abundance of freight to be carried both up and down river and the promoters of the enterprise are sanguine of its financial success. Mr. Brown will be in Fredericton again this week, when he will interview leading citizens and hopes to secure generous and substantial support to the steamer project. On his recent trip Mr. Brown met several ladies who became interested in the enterprise and who took shares in the company. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000, divided into shares of \$20 each.—Fredericton Gleaner.

HAS BEEN PROMOTED. Walter Venning, of Sheffield, who went to South Africa with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and afterwards enlisted in Major Howards' scouts, writes to his mother from Pretoria informing her that he has been promoted to the rank of sergeant-major.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

The Situation Again Appears to be Critical. Waldersee's Proposed Expedition Causes a Lot of Anxiety Among the Powers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Minister Conger has been instructed by cable to communicate to the foreign ministers at Peking the feeling of the United States government that further hostile expeditions should not be indulged in at this time. The state department officials decline to publish the text of the note. However it was said to be in perfect accord with the policy already developed, and to make manifest the deep conviction of the United States government that these proposed hostile expeditions are in violation of the rights of individual parties to the peace negotiations because tending to bring about the failure of these negotiations.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The foreign office appears generally in the dark as to the significance of Count Von Waldersee's latest orders. It is hoped that by Friday information will be forthcoming to enable Great Britain to decide as to what is really going on in the far east. At present she is not more anxious than the United States to take part in an extended campaign into the interior of China, but the reports from the seat of action are so contradictory that Lord Lansdowne refrains from sending mandatory despatches on committing himself to any definite line of international action. The American opposition to Count Von Waldersee's reported action receives cordial sympathy from the British authorities, though they are inclined to doubt whether the right construction is placed upon his motives. Lord Salisbury has so often put England on record as opposed to aggressive military operations in China, that officials here can scarcely conceive that Count Von Waldersee would issue orders so utterly at variance with the attitude of Great Britain and the United States.

The Waldersee expedition, according to a despatch to the Morning Post from Peking, is to start on March 1. Its motives and the mystery surrounding it are the subject of much comment. The Daily Graphic considers that, whether it is a bluff or in earnest the whole thing is "stupid and mischievous, tendentious to make the powers ridiculous in the eyes of the Chinese." The Daily Chronicle, which regards the expedition as a practical ultimatum, says: "Whatever the morality of the proceeding, it is more dignified than continental chicanery. China will never believe that we are in earnest until she has our demonstration. America is the only stumbling block, and she has shown herself throughout the present negotiations to be utterly impractical and impracticable."

The Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, who says he understands that General Voyron, the French commander, is willing to serve under Count Von Waldersee in the expedition, and who emphasizes the difficulties of transport and commissariat likely to be experienced in the province of Shan Si and Shensi, both of which are afflicted with famine, says: "A large Chinese army is preparing to meet the foreign advance." He adds that "even if the emperor dowager yields on the punishment question it is desirable that the expedition should bring the emperor's back and detain him until the end of the year." The settlement will be facilitated if the emperor is removed from the possibility of annoyance by the faction of the emperor dowager. Even the United States advised action in this direction easily in the negotiations. Logically, therefore, the American troops should co-operate with the other powers to accomplish this end.

The Reuter Telegram Co. has received the following from the Peking correspondent, dated Feb. 19: "The German, British and Japanese legations notified the Chinese that the allies were preparing an expedition to the province of Shan Si in the event of the court persisting in its present unsatisfactory attitude regarding the punishments. Thereupon the Chinese plenipotentiaries wired urgently to Shan Fu counselling immediate compliance, and pointing out that now there was only one question of the death of a few persons really deserving such fate, whereas any advance of the allies westward would mean the death and distress of thousands, besides causing the powers to treat China with greater harshness than if without further military operations. Five thousand British troops have been warned to prepare for the resumption of operations."

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Standard publishes the following from Tien Tsin: It is reported that the emperor has arrived at Chen Tu Fu in the province of Sze Chuen, and that there is no prospect of the court returning to Peking. It is generally believed among the Chinese that further hostilities are pending.

PEKIN, Feb. 20, Noon.—The foreign envoys today received an unofficial communication from the Chinese plenipotentiaries offering to agree to all the terms of the powers. The Chinese desired to save the lives of Chao Shu Chiao and Ying Nien, but they were informed that the ministers insisted upon the former demands. A complete surrender is expected tomorrow. Meanwhile extensive preparations are being made for the expedition planned by Count Von Waldersee. The Germans have purchased 1,800 camels for transport purposes. A representative of the Associated Press was informed by the foreign ministers today that they thought the gravity of the situation over. It was expected, however, that difficulties

would arise among themselves, that some of the governments should send their plenipotentiaries and particularly was there an "business regarding the attitude of Germany that her claims must be paid in cash before the expedition should take place. The other ministers resent this, saying it will be impossible to collect a penny as China has not a large reserve and the customs receipts go to pay dividends upon former loans and that it is improbable that she can borrow a sum any magnitude. United States Minister Conger estimates the total balance upon China at \$400,000,000. HONG KONG, Feb. 20.—S. S. Empress of Japan arrived here from Vancouver at 8.30 a. m. yesterday (Tuesday morning).

THE LONDON MAIL

Advocates a British Tariff for Revenue Purposes. LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Daily Mail, in view of the necessity of raising money for the war in South Africa, still "in full blast," advocates a tariff for a revenue purpose, which, it says, differs entirely from a protective tariff. The writer and views of which it is needless to discuss, although the speed and precision with which Russia has brought the United States to their knees by retaliation are most instructive. It suggests a ten per cent. ad valorem duty on foreign manufactures. This suggestion will probably find considerable support in view of the almost certain increase of the income tax.

THE BIG STEEL COMBINE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Herald tomorrow will say: "Arrangements were perfected yesterday by which the Lake Superior consolidated Iron Mining Co. and its affiliated interest will enter the great iron and steel combine, which is now being organized. Interest attaches to the transaction because it indicates that the Rockefeller iron and steel properties in the country of the great lakes have come into the transaction." In addition to this the Herald will announce definitely that Henry C. Frick has been made chairman of the directors of the new steel combine.

A FRENCHMAN ARRESTED.

MANILA, Feb. 20.—At Paganjan, province of Luna, Lt. Vaughn, of the 37th Infantry, yesterday arrested Fernando Rustan, general agent of the Abacera company on the charge of having aided the insurgents. Abundant evidence against the prisoner has been secured. Rustan is a French subject and a close friend of the insurgent general, Calles, and was to a certain extent associated with Dr. M. Gattian, the American contractor, who recently was taken into custody charged with having furnished supplies to the insurgents.

NEW YORK DOG SHOW.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The dog show opened auspiciously at the Madison Square garden, more than 1,500 dogs of all sorts being on exhibition. The attendance was large, it being estimated that 15,000 persons visited the garden during the day and night. Richard Croker, Jr., carried off four first prizes. He also captured a second prize in the puppy class. Frank Gould won a number of prizes with his St. Bernards.

TEDDY CHASING COYOTES.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Feb. 19. Governor Roosevelt left for the east this evening, after another day hunting coyotes on the plains east and south of Colorado Springs. The ride today included eight runs after coyotes, in only two of which, however, the dogs were let loose.

NO FUN IN THIS.

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 20.—Milton Haney was accidentally shot last night by a woman member of the local Tribe of Daughters of Pocahontas in an initiation ceremony held at the lodge rooms. In mistake she used a revolver that had fallen from the pocket of a member, instead of the one filled with blank cartridges provided for the occasion. The bullet struck Haney's shoulder, badly shattering it.

KING WILL VISIT IRELAND.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—It is semi-officially announced in Ireland, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, that King Edward will carry out in the course of the spring the engagements he made when Prince of Wales for visiting Ireland. He will be entertained by the three peers, and will be officially received at Belfast, Dublin and Waterford.

HEAPS OF SNOW.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 20.—About 20 inches of snow fell throughout Chautauque County last night. Railway trains are delayed and country roads are impassable. The snow is now from 3 to 5 feet deep throughout the country.

THE CARNegie DEAL.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 20.—The latest report in Pittsburg on the Carnegie-Moore deal is that while representatives of all the Moore companies, the Carnegie company, the Federal Steel, American Bridge, National Tube and American Bridge company have participated in the negotiations, not a single interest has yet signed final papers. Confidence is expressed, however, in the deal ultimately going through, and this is reflected in the strengthening of the steel market, lots of billets having been sold this week at premium and high prices on the pool price of \$13.75. The best information obtainable here attributes the delay in signing the deal to the independent attitude of the Moore combine. It is said the controlling factors in these interests are not satisfied with the proposition made for the transfer of this stock to the new company.

A BIG SCHEME.

A Trust Formed by Leading European Financial Houses. To Acquire Railways and Steamers and Exploit the Resources of China. LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Byssells correspondent of the Daily Mail describes a trust formed by leading financial houses in Europe and the United States through instrumentality of Colonel Tiers, with a view of controlling all the commerce of China. He declares that the King of Belgium is the secret promoter of this gigantic undertaking, which will be called the International Company of the Far East. "Belgian interests intend to play a very prominent part in China in the future," says the correspondent. "M. Fraquel, former Belgian consul at Shanghai, leaves tomorrow for China. He has been appointed agent-general of the International Co., at a salary of \$4,000 a year. He will be accompanied by railroad and mining engineers and other officials. The company have bought at Shanghai a large hotel, where fetes and receptions will be given, with a view of cultivating the sympathies of mandarins and Chinese traders." "The construction or acquisition of railroads in China, as well as the control of lines of steamers, forms part of the company's programme. The advocates of this great monopoly consider that the fact of the financiers of all countries being interested will form a valuable guarantee of peace in China."

SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The mysterious message which was issued by the war office last night stating that there was no communication with General Smith-Dorrien's force in South Africa is causing some uneasiness, says the Tribune's London correspondent. The latest unofficial news which was received about Smith-Dorrien was to the effect that he had occupied Amsterdam on the Swaziland border. The rumour has reached London that General Storey has been captured, but it has not received official confirmation. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—William L. Penfield, solicitor of the states department is quoted in a Washington special to the World as saying of the house resolution regarding the exportation of American horses and mules by the British government for military uses in South Africa: "A citizen of a neutral country may sell goods that may be held to be contraband to a belligerent, but the country purchasing them must take chances of the goods being seized. It is not a violation of the laws of neutrality for a citizen of a neutral country to sell contraband goods."

ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.—To marry the man she nursed back to health four years ago, Miss Mary Manley, niece of Joseph H. Manley, vice chairman of the Republican National committee, slipped away from her home in Menominee, Wis., and came to St. Louis. She is now the wife of Dr. W. A. Borland, of Nashville, Ark. The wedding took place last night at the Planters hotel. Dr. Borland was the designer of the elopement. On learning less than two weeks ago that business matters would bring him to St. Louis this week, he wrote to Miss Manley, suggesting that their wedding, for which no date had yet been decided, be delayed no longer. The young woman consented by return mail.

MURDERER HANGED.

KENNETT, Mo., Feb. 20.—James H. Teitzon was hanged here yesterday. He made a confession on the gallows, stating that he had hired W. T. Barham and A. J. Ransom to commit the crime of killing and burning his step-mother and her four children, for which he paid them \$500. He spoke to the public for fifteen minutes, and said he was prepared to die. The crime was the result of litigation over his father's estate.

OLGA NETHERSOLE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The Herald says:—Miss Olga Nethersole has determined suddenly to sail for Europe today on the Majestic and will undergo at her own home in London, the surgical operation which her physicians have decided is necessary. Miss Nethersole's decision was made hurriedly, after a consultation with her physicians, Drs. Wylie and Bull, and with her legal counsel.

ROCKFELLER GIVES \$250,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A contribution of a quarter of a million dollars by John D. Rockefeller to Brown University was announced tonight at the annual dinner of the Brown University Alumni Society of New York, held at the University Club. Rev. Dr. France, president of the university, made the announcement.

TO SEE THE ECLIPSE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Among the passengers who sailed for the Orient on the Japanese steamship Nippon Maru were Assistant Astronomers C. D. Perrin and Ralph Scurtis of the Lick Observatory. They take along with them nearly four tons of instruments, and their ultimate destination is the island of Sumatra, where they will observe the total eclipse of the sun on May 17 next. The expedition was sent out at the expense of William H. Crocker.

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NOTICE.

A Bill will be presented by The City of Saint John to the Canadian Parliament at its next ensuing session, for the purpose of enactment to vest in said city the foreshore in front of and around the said City that have not hitherto been so vested, including in such vesting under the Act the foreshore of Courtenay Bay, bounded on the southerly side by low water mark, on the southerly side by high water mark, together with power in said City to build wharves, piers, docks and all manner of public works for shipping, commercial and manufacturing purposes, and all purposes that the said City may decide are necessary, for which the same should be included, including the building a bridge across Courtenay Bay, with power in said City to interfere with the navigation over and connected with said foreshore, including said Bay, to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes indicated. Dated the sixteenth day of January, 1901. C. N. SKINNER, Recorder of said City.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Andrew Allan, senior member of the well known steamship firm of H. & A. Allan, is dangerously ill, and his death is expected at any moment.