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REVOLUTION'S POT PREPARING TO BOIL

Political Situation in Russia Has Suddenly Grown Threatening---Cossacks Kill and Wound Many in Suppressing Disorders---Agrarian Troubles.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 25—The political situation has suddenly grown threatening. The publication yesterday of the draft of the new "fundamental law," or "constitution" of Russia, has aroused a storm of indignation, and amidst the present general distrust of the government's motives has furnished just the stimulus needed to solidify the entire opposition in parliament. The Reich insists that with the realization of the new Russian loan and under the false conviction that the revolution is suppressed "the government has not hesitated to again show the cloven hoof, not even masking its intention to dissolve parliament if it is found to be troublesome."

M. Brianchaninoff, in the Slovo today calls the draft of the "fundamental law" a mockery which will be resented by every honest man, be he a member of the "black hundred" or a social revolutionist."

NIZHI, Novgorod, April 25—Agrarian troubles have commenced in this province and troops have been summoned from Yaroslay to suppress the disturbance.

ORONEZH, Russia, April 25—News reached here today from the village of Diewitza, where it was announced yesterday Cossacks killed 19 and wounded 50 persons in suppresing disorders, shows that the trouble arose when the peasants attempted to take some grain from the municipal stores. The guards protested and finally many of them shot a pregnant woman. whereupon the peasants of the surrounding villages assembled with scythes and axes. The guards fired repeat volleys at the peasants, killing eleven men. Cossacks came up to support the guards and the peasants were driven off.

WARSAW, April 25—Religious frenzy characterized the fighting at Lesnos, on April 22, between Catholics and Mariavits, when ten persons were killed and 77 were wounded. Four priests were terribly mutilated. The men fought like beasts. The antagonists gouged out the eyes of their adversaries.

The Catholics, who were beaten, threaten to arrange a St. Bartholomew massacre.

SOME CHANGES FOR MARKET

Director Wisley Will Make a Number of Additional Stands ---Mr. Daley and the Commission Men.

An interesting state of affairs exists in the country market, as a result of the annual auction of stalls which was held on Monday last. Twelve commission stands in the centre of the building, which have been used by persons acting as agents or traders, have been purchased by one man, Wm. Daley, who does not seem disposed to let them. The agents who were seen this morning were not inclined to worry very much about the matter, as they say they can get a stand in some other portion of the market as the city is bound to provide a place for them.

It is freely stated that Mr. Daley is not alone in his scheme of cornering the stands for which he has paid $661.20, but that Frank L. Potts is interested also, and that the idea is to make the city buy them back at a good round figure, as the speculators claim (so it is said), that they cannot do without these stands.

Director Wisely, when asked about the matter, intimated that he had a card or two to play yet, and that at the present time the city held the trumps. The director said that they would get along all right without the stalls which Mr. Daley holds, and as he has bought and paid for them in good cash, he can keep them for the year, whether he uses them or not. In the meantime the director will have carpenters at work on the upper northern end of the big building, and will fit up additional stalls there which will accommodate quite a number more of the tradesmen.

Regarding the agents now occupying the stands which have been sold to Mr. Daley, he said places would be found for them, but not in the centre of the market where they now are. They had had a chance to purchase good stands at a fair rental, said Mr. Wisely, but would not do so, and now must be satisfied with what they can get.

The director said the carpenters would probably start today or tomorrow to make the alterations he has in mind, so that the increased accommodation will be ready for the 1st of May.

Some of the commission men do not take the matter as easily as others and talk of taking some action against the city, as they claim the stands which were sold this year for the first time, cannot be sold according to the market bye-laws, and the contention is also raised that Mr. Daley is not qualified to buy them, as he conducts a beer business in the city, while the bye-laws state that no one doing business within five miles of the city can hold a stall in the market. Those who pretend to know, predict that there will be something doing before long.

CHATHAM MAN IN TROUBLE

William Flirger was fined $4 or ten days jail by Judge Ritchie this morning in the police court for drunkenness. Flirger said that he had lost his ticket for Chatham somewhere in the I. C. R. depot, where he was arrested. He also discovered this morning that he was minus his wad.

WEDDINGS

Dunlavey-Lee

A very pretty wedding took place this morning in St. George's church, when Rev. W. H. Sampson united in marriage Ella G. Lee, daughter of Henry M. Lee, of the West Side, to Chas. T. Dunlavey, of Boston, Mass.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a becoming suit of navy blue broadcloth with hat to match.

Miss Beattey presided at the organ.

The happy couple left on the Calvin Austin for their future home in Boston. The groom's present was a gold watch and chain.

Meyer-Ruddock

A very quiet wedding will take place in Trinity church at five o'clock this evening, when Miss Irene Florence Ruddock, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ruddock, will be married to Rev. John Bleaden Meyer, formerly curate of St. Luke's church, and now rector of Christ church, Maniwaki, Quebec.

The ceremony will be performed by Trinity's rector, Rev. Canon Richardson, assisted by Rev. Richard Mathers. The bride will be given away by her brother, Francis Ruddock, and will be attended by Mrs. R. K. Smith, while Rev. Westra Stewart, curate of Trinity, will act as groomsman.

The bride will be attired in a travelling suit of blue Huestis tweed, with hat to correspond, and will carry a shower bouquet of white carnations, while Mrs. Smith will wear a pretty costume of white, with tuscan blue hat. After the ceremony luncheon will be served at the home of the bride's parents, 363 Chesley street, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer will leave by the evening train for Montreal.

Roberts-Moore

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Douglas avenue Christian church at 6.30 o'clock this morning, Rev. J. C. B. Appel officiating, when Miss Bertie E. Moore, daughter of J. H. Moore, was married to Arthur L. Roberts, son of the late Robert Roberts.

The bride was attended by Miss May P. Campbell of the West End, and Leonard T. Roberts, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride wore a pretty costume of blue broadcloth, with hat to correspond, while the bridesmaid was attired in a dainty creation of green broadcloth, with hat to match.

After the ceremony the happy couple left by the Calvin Austin for a wedding trip to the Hub, and on their return will reside at the groom's home 35 Holly street.

The popularity of both parties is evidenced by a number of useful wedding gifts, among them being a large table lamp from the teachers and officers of Douglas avenue Christian church, and an ornament from the bride's Sunday school class.

PROBATE COURT

Letters of administration in the estate of the late Michael McCollom were today granted to his widow Margaret McCollom. The estate is valued at $1,000 real and $990 personal property. G. C. Coster, proctor.

Dinah Jerritt whose will was probated Monday, left $100 to the Seamen's Mission, a sum certain to the Germain Street Baptist church and the residue to the Home for Incurables.

The body of Rose Murphy was taken from the jail this morning to the morgue. The Board of Health issued a permit for the burial of the body, and Alms House will bear the expenses of the burial.

THE STRIKE MOVEMENT GROWING SERIOUS NOW

PARIS, April 25—According to a semi-official statement made by a high functionary of the prefecture of police today the military and police are prepared to meet every eventuality May 1. He said the police canvass shows that 80,000 men have stopped work of which number the disorderly element does not exceed 20,000. Against these can be massed 42,000 to 45,000 troops, namely 20,000 infantry, 10,000 cavalry and 10,000 to 15,000 republican guards and police, with large additional reserves. The police will endeavor to localize the manifestation to the place De La Republique which is the great labor centre and to the vicinity of the labor exchange. This will prevent the manifestants from gaining the centre of Paris or getting west of the Place De La Concorde, into the residential sections of the Champs Elysee or Passy. It is expected that the strength of the military and police will readily enable them to confine the disorderly element within its own eastern section, thus reducing the demonstration to those territories which should easily be controlled. The police are convinced that there is no danger of a lack of food supplies owing to the strike in the provision trades. They declare that the dealers in provisions are reaping a harvest by spreading alarmist reports. The police are in favor of closing the stores altogether.

In conclusion the official of the prefecture stated that the situation while being serious does not warrant it being represented as tragic. The painters have decided to stop work May 1 and to remain out until they are granted an eight hour day and a weekly holiday.

FRISCO'S KNOWN LOSS OF LIFE IS NOW PUT AT LESS THAN 300

And About 400 Were Injured --- Destruction of Homes and Property Cannot be Conceived --- Insurance Men Say That Companies May Lose as Much as $250,000,000.

NEW YORK, April 25—Dr. Edward T. Devine, who was sent to San Francisco to distribute the relief fund of the Red Cross and who was designated by President Roosevelt to have charge of the distribution of the $2,500,000 fund appropriated by congress, sent the following telegram to the New York office of the Red Cross today.

"Working arrangements made by which finance committee of the citizens' relief committee becomes also finance committee of the Red Cross. Supplies received and distributed by military authorities to persons destitute designated by us; indiscriminate free transportation to be stopped on Thursday. Mr. Jesup's suggestion is favorably considered, have wired Washington suggestion that remittance of money should be made to finance committee, after consulting with military authorities, Judge Morrow, Mayor Schmitz and others. Known loss of life less than 300 and about 400 injured. No abnormal sickness, but destruction of homes and property cannot be conceived."

San Francisco Won't Stand Martial Law

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—There was an inspection yesterday of the bank vaults in the burned district and in no case were they found to have been destroyed, but it is realized that an early opening would endanger their perishable contents, and in order that this may be avoided some weeks must elapse until they are thoroughly cooled off before they are entered. In the meantime business will be done at temporary quarters with money furnished through the medium of the mint and the U. S. sub-treasury officials.

Military rule is still maintained, but there is some amelioration of its severity. The militia having given some cause for complaint by impressing men when it was necessary that work should be done, were warned in a letter sent by Mayor Schmitz to General Koster that this city was never and will never be under martial law, and that the impressment of citizens would no longer be tolerated.

Will Run Railroad in Heart of City

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—It is announced that the Southern Pacific R. R. officials are ready to build a track through the heart of the devastated city from Harrison street to the bay and to run their flat cars to remove the wreckage. In this great work it is announced that between 3,000 and 4,000 men will be employed. It is said an application will be made immediately to the supervisors of San Francisco for a franchise for this track.

The Splendid Work of Dauntless Three

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—Three heroes saved San Francisco—what is left of it.

When the city seemed doomed and the flames lit the sky further and further to the west, Admiral McCalla sent three experts in explosives from Mare Island with orders to check the conflagration at any cost of life or property. They brought a ton and a half of gun cotton.

A million dollars worth of property, noble residences and worthless shacks alike, were blown to drifting dust, but that destruction broke the fire. The whole east side of Vanness avenue, from Golden Gate to Greenwich, was dynamited a block deep.

From Golden Gate avenue north, the fire crossed the wide street in but one place. That was the Claus Spreckel's place on the corner of California street. There the flames were wreathing up the walls before the dynamiters could reach it. Yet they made their way to the foundations, carrying their explosives and fired the charges.

The desolate waste straight through the heart of the city is a mute witness to the most heroic and effective work of the whole calamity.

To Establish Model Camp for Refugees

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—Conditions at the Presidio are being rapidly reduced to a systematic basis.

Within a day or so a model camp will have been put in operation. Preparations are being made to gather together all the refugees within one immense tented city. The model city will be located just within the Union street entrance of the Presidio. It will be provided with streets, sewered and constantly patrolled. Order in sanitary conditions will be preserved as nearly as is possible.

The food supply will be regulated. Hereafter the various commodities will be distributed from tent to tent.

It has been definitely ascertained by the commissary and other departments that there has been great abuse of free food and clothing privileges. Whole families have been accustomed to stand in line several times a day, each carrying away with it supplies of food large enough to last for several days.

During the past few days thousands of people have left the reservation, having found homes with friends in this city or gone to Oakland, Alameda or other places. The authorities estimate that the number of campers on the grounds has now been reduced to less than 8,000. A few days ago over 30,000 people were there. Excess tents will be taken to other camps throughout the city and distributed. In a few days tentage sufficient to house 150,000 people will be distributed.

Insurance Loss Will be About $250,000,000

OAKLAND, Calif. April 25—State insurance Commissioner Wolfe announced yesterday that nearly all the large insurance companies would be able to make satisfactory adjustments of the losses caused by the San Francisco fire. He estimates that the amounts for which the companies are liable will probably reach $250,000,000.

Commissioner Wolfe says he hopes the authorities of San Francisco will now grant the hitherto unanswered appeal of the fire insurance companies for an auxiliary salt water system on Twin Peaks, one of the highest points on the range of hills back of San Francisco. He suggests that wide streets be laid out in rebuilding the city, the demonstration having been made that fires are more easily confined when the thoroughfares are broad.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—Things are quieting down in San Francisco and all the militia men were withdrawn from the streets yesterday. The telephonic communication with Oakland has been reestablished and will be resumed in the undestroyed portions of this city in a few days. There are 107 companies to share the San Francisco insurance loss. This loss is estimated by the local agents at between $175,000,000 and $200,000,000, but New York sends word that the insurance men there think the loss will not exceed $125,000,000. Chicago's loss was $125,000,000 and three companies defaulted to the amount of $45,000,000. The loss in Baltimore was paid in full. It amounted to $300,000,000.

Retail Business is Now Resuming, Prices Normal

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—Colonel Mauss, after an examination of the appraisers building, reported that all the bonded goods at the warehouse were unharmed. Retail business within a limited area is being resumed. Seven meat markets were opened yesterday. Prices are normal.

Making Ready for a Greater 'Frisco

OAKLAND, Calif., April 25—The fire underwriters of San Francisco and vicinity yesterday held a meeting in this city, as a result of which a committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from the architects and builders of San Francisco to make preparations for the beginning of San Francisco rebuilding.

Grim Souvenirs of That Terrible Day

CHICAGO, April 25—A sack full of tragedy and pathos reached the Chicago post office last night when the first train from San Francisco since the earthquake was received. The sack contained several thousand communications from the fire sufferers to Chicago relatives and friends. They were written on shreds of wrapping paper, pieces of box covering, skirting, cutts, shingles and other odds and ends. None bore postage stamps, but all had the red ink time stamp of the San Francisco office. Some contained the word, "saved". Others told in two word sentences stories of death and terrible hardships.

More Bodies Found in the Ruins Today

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—The bodies of three men and one woman were found among the ruins in the burned district yesterday. One of them, which is identified as that of John Hynes, was found at 18th and Kentucky streets. Hynes met death by drowning. The others are unidentified.

Benefit Boxing Show Was a Great Success

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 25—A boxing tournament, participated in by many of the leading pugilists of the country and attended by 2,000 persons, nearly half of them women, was given at the Pacific Athletic club for the benefit of San Francisco earthquake sufferers. It netted $4,000.

James J. Jeffries, retired heavy weight champion of the world, went two rounds each with Jack Root and Dan Long. Battling Nelson boxed four fast rounds with Eddie Robinson and Aurelio Herrera who is to meet Nelson May 11th, for the lightweight championship, boxed the same number of rounds with his brother Mauro. Tommy Burns, who defeated Marvin Hart for the world's heavyweight championship recently in this city, fought four rounds with George Blake, a local heavyweight. "Kid" Herman of Chicago, who will meet Jimmy Britt here May 9, boxed four rounds with Abe Attell, the world's featherweight champion.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

Wm. H. Campbell, formerly of the staff of this paper, went to Halifax today, where he will attend the military school.

Bishop Casey and Rev. F. J. McMurray went to Halifax at noon today.

J. H. Hornbrook and family moved to their summer residence at Renforth today.

Donald Morrison, M. P. P. of Chatham, and Robt. Maxwell, arrived from Woodstock on the noon train.

Andrew Jack returned home on the Montreal train today.

Miss McGoldrick, daughter of Alderman McGoldrick, who has been visiting her home here returned to her studies in St. Vincent's convent, Halifax.

Arthur Partridge, son of the late Dean Partridge, arrived in the city from Fredericton at noon.

J. H. Hawthorne, of Fredericton, is in the city.

Mrs. Samuel L. Blaine desires to extend thanks to her friends for kindness and sympathy shown during her recent bereavement.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, April 25—(Special)—There was a steadier tone on the stock market today around opening, but the issues influenced by Wall street, showed little or no recovery. Dominion Iron was firmer, selling at 31 3-4. There was not a great deal of trading, the prices of the most active issues being Detroit United, 46. Twin City 116, Toronto Railway 119, Havana pfd 81 1-2, Mackay 63 7-8 to 74, Toledo 32.

PLAGUE OUTBREAK IN INDIA

LAHORE, India, April 25—A serious outbreak of the plague has occurred at Jammu, in Kashmir, northern India. There have been many victims among the members of the palace household and the imperial service troops. Two hundred and eighty-five deaths occurred during the past week.

WHEN LOCAL MEN FARED TO 'FRISCO

Something About the Argonauts Who Sailed Around the Horn in '49 and '50---Adam Glasgow, Supt. of Ferries is one of the Veterans.

The question has been often asked how it happens that there are so many St. John people in San Francisco.

In the year 1849-50 gold was discovered on the Pacific coast in great quantities, which caused a great commotion all over the continent of America, including the Maritime Provinces, whereby hundreds caught the gold fever and started for the gold field. Some went overland and others by sailing vessel, around Cape Horn, and landed at San Francisco Bay. From this city, it is stated, over two hundred left in 1849 and as many more in 1850. Among those who went were J. Boyd Quinton and his wife, Caleb Olive, George Olive, Charles Whipple, Martin Murphy, Elijah Lord and others.

Captain Hiram Betts fitted out the schooner Clarmont in 1850 and with a number of men started for the land of gold, going through the Straits of Magellan, and after a hard fight with the savages, arrived safely at San Francisco in something less than a one hundred day passage. In this vessel were a number of West Side men. Some members of the Clarmont's crew and passengers returned home after having good luck in the gold fields, others, who went in the vessel made their home at the Golden Gates of California.

The brigantine Ellis also left this port in the year 1850, and took a large crew with her, going around the Horn.

Another vessel, the bark Teel, left this port on September 25th, 1849. She had quite a number of West Side people also, including J. Boyd Quinton and his young wife.

The bark Duke of Wellington was also fitted out in the lear 1850. She had on board a large crew and many Nova Scotia people, going around Cape Horn for San Francisco. After a long and tedious passage she landed in the Bay of San Francisco, all in good health.

A number of her passengers returned home rich men, while others who went in the vessel never returned, but married and settled down there.

On the 4th January, 1850, the ship James Stewart, belonging to Charles Stewart, left the port of St. John for San Francisco with the following crew and passenger list:

Joseph Kenny, captain, St. John.
Samuel Shanks, mate, St. John.
Hugh Fraser, second mate, St. John.
George Creig, seaman, St. John.
Robert Bartlett, seaman, of Nashwaak.
William Davidson, seaman, Portland.
John Lemon, seaman, Portland.
James Olmstead, seaman, St. John.
John Dorman, seaman, Lower Cove.
Simeon Anderson, carpenter, Lower Cove.
Mr. Coombs, cook, St. John.
Alexander Rankine, baker, St. John.
Charles Venning, brother of Harry Venning, St. John.
Duncan Robertson, Grand Lake, brother-in-law of the late John R. Marshall, chief of police of St. John.
William J. Hamilton, brother of Dr. Hamilton, St. John.
William Paddock, brother of Dr. Paddock, St. John.
Thomas Anderson, brother of Simeon Anderson, St. John.
Nat. Melby, St. John.
James Miles, St. John.
Mr. Bradley, blacksmith, St. John.
John Ruddock, Portland, St. John.
Adam Glasgow, St. John, now superintendent of the ferry service, this city.

The above list of those people who went to California in 1849 and 1850 probably accounts for the number of Maritime Province people found at San Francisco at the present day.

David Orr, son of Mrs. John Orr, of 121 Sheriff street, is in San Francisco, employed in the St. Nicholas Hotel, which is situated at the junction of Market, Hayes, Larkin and 9th streets. According to despatches Market street was in the heart of the burned district, but as the street is about 3 1-2 miles long, it is probable that the hotel is outside the fire zone.

John Jrown and Harry Day, of Simonds street, are also in 'Frisco.

The friends and relatives of Herbert W. Wilson, who left here about 20 years ago, and went to San Francisco, where he has been engaged in the grocery business, feel considerable anxiety about his safety. Mr. Wilson's place of business was on Market street, in the heart of the burned district, and it is altogether probable that it was destroyed. Mr. Wilson, with his young daughter, who paid a visit here last year, boarded in Alameda, across the bay from San Francisco, with another St. John man, Arthur Cruickshanks. John E. Wilson and Ernest Wilson, of this city, are brothers, and are anxiously awaiting news from the stricken city. It is thought that Mr. Wilson would probably be at his home in Alameda at the time of the disaster.

Thomas D. Warwick, brother of Samuel Warwick, and of Mrs. Carson, of this city, is also supposed to be in San Francisco. When last heard from he resided at the Brooklyn Hotel, 206-212 Bush street. His friends have not heard from him for several years.

William McCarthy has not yet received any word from his family in San Francisco. He sent a telegram Monday night but no answer has been received. He does not want to leave for the west unless information concerning the safety of his family reaches him first.

ALL DEPENDS ON MITCHELL

Nothing Will be Done in Coal Strike Until Miners Representative Says so.

NEW YORK, April 25—The Tribune says:

President George F. Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and chairman of the anthracite operators' committee of seven came to this city from Philadelphia for a few hours yesterday and had his usual Tuesday conference with the presidents of the other coal carrying companies. When the meeting was over it was said that the conference was only informal, and that no action would be taken in the coal situation until President Mitchell of the United Mine workers had told what he was going to do. The prices of small sizes of steam coal were not so high yesterday as for the last week or two. It was said this was due to the resumption of work at several anthracite collieries. No. 3 buckwheat was selling 10 and 15 cents a ton lower during the day, and was fairly plentiful.

The coal dealers of this city did not take much stock in the assertions of individual mine workers at the collieries yesterday that a settlement would be reached.

Big Colliery Opened

HAZLETON, Pa., April 25—The Hazleton colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., one of the largest of the district, was put in partial operation yesterday by a force of non-union men recruited from this city and other places. The men are housed and fed within the enclosure surrounding the mine.

STARTED WORK TODAY

The street railway company started work today on the construction of their line into Fairville and Carleton. It was found last week when the work was started that there was too much frost in the ground for much headway to be made. This morning work was started at three different points; at the Fairville railway crossing, for extending the line up into Fairville; at the suspension bridge, where the double track will start, and another gang will continue the line from the present terminus on Prince street to the Ferry floats. The superintendent of construction is Joseph Henderson, and he will have about one hundred men at work in three gangs.

FREDERICTON NEWS

FREDERICTON, April 25—(Special)—Gilbert Morecroft was drowned in the Pokiok River this morning, while working on Gilman Brothers and Burden's drive. A brow of logs on which he was standing gave way and he was swept into the water and sank before help could reach him. The body has not yet been recovered. The deceased was thirty-four years old and leaves a widow and two children.

The water in the river here is still rising and there are a good many logs and some ice running. The boom company have five tugs and a large crew of men at work putting out the booms at Lincoln and Kingsclear. The river rose four inches at Woodstock last night.

ADMIRALTY COURT

Before Justice McLeod this morning in the admiralty court the case of Rupert Wry vs. Steamship Ocamo came up.

In this case the plaintiff claims that while engaged in the employ of the steamer he fell from a staging and was injured. He asks $750 damages. H. A McKeown appeared for the plaintiff; Col. J. R. Armstrong represented the defendant.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

AN OUTRAGE.

The public will learn with regret that the Times new reporter's Sand Point Expedition came to an untimely end this morning.

It appears that the young man went over to Sand Point to make arrangements for his Expedition, and when he arrived at the Allan berth he was accosted by a watchman who roughly demanded an explanation of his presence there.

"I am here," said the new reporter with dignity, "to arrange for the only accurate and reliable and correct and thoroughly scientific soundings that have ever been taken at this berth."

"Oh, Lord!" said the watchman, "Here's another one;" and he blew his whistle, whereupon a second watchman rushed up and the pair of them laid violent hands on the young man.

"Unhand me, villians!" he cried, "I am the Times new reporter."

"Oh, yes," said one of the watchmen, "that's what they all say. One said he was from the Globe, another said he was from the Star, and now this one says he is from the Times. They have all got the newspaper bug. I wish Dr. Anglin would keep them up on the hill."

"What's that?" shouted the new reporter, bracing his feet and arresting their rapid progress up the wharf. "Do you fellows think I'm crazy?"

"Oh, no!" soothingly said one of the watchmen. "Oh, no! We know all about you. We know you are the only man who can take accurate soundings, and that you are doing it because you love the city of St. John."

"Yes," put in the other watchman, "and we know you are giving your valuable time for the good of the city you love so dearly."

By this time they had arrived at Union street, and each of the two watchmen let go of the new reporter, at the same time administering a violent kick, which propelled him some distance in the direction of the ferry floats.

He kept right on. He will immediately sue the city for $20,000.

JAMESEY AND PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Jamesey Jones again declined this morning to subscribe anything to the fund for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers.

"That earthquake," said Jamesey, "was a judgment upon a wicked city. There may be more to follow. I see by the papers they had another slight shock Tuesday night. How do I know that Providence is done with the work of punishment? Suppose the earth should open tomorrow and swallow up the whole of that wicked city, what would you people say who have been sending help out there? Wouldn't you have been flying in the face of Providence?"

Mr. Peter Binks, to whom these remarks were made, replied that if he had Jamesey's opinion of Providence he would take to the woods.

A COOL YOUNG MAN.

For cool affrontery and absolute nerve, Mr. Cornfield O'Hoo has the record. At least that is the opinion of Mr. Peter Binks, Jr.

It appears that young Mr. Binks had stated that he would probably be out of the city at the time of Prince Arthur's visit, and would not be able to attend the reception. Mr. O'Hoo, on receipt of this information, which he got through a mutual friend, immediately applied to young Mr. Binks for the loan of his dress suit.

Thus, while young Mr. Binks would be miles away from the city, Mr. Cornfield O'Hoo, arrayed in young Mr. Binks' best clothes, would be attending the reception, in company with the lovely Miss Birdie McWhat.

It is stated that Mr. Binks flatly refused to lend any portion of his wearing apparel to Mr. O'Hoo, and it might therefore have cost the latter three dollars to bask in the smiles of the lovely Birdie at the great reception—if the reception had not been called off.

PRETORIAN WILL CLOSE BIGGEST WINTER SEASON

With the arrival and departure of the Allan line steamer Pretorian, which is now due here from Liverpool via. Halifax, the winterport season of 1906 in St. John will be brought to a close. The past winter has been the most successful in the history of the city, both as regards the amount of inward and outward freight passing through the Sand Point warehouses. With the departure of the steamers will cease the bustle and activity which characterizes the business on the west side.

The United States immigration officials will leave here either tonight or tomorrow to take up their duties elsewhere during the summer months.

The small army of clerks, checkers and freight handlers which the winterport business furnishes employment for, will likewise pack up and leave for other fields of labor. Some have already left and others will go today and during the next few days.

There are at present about 130 or 140 immigrants in the detention building at the point. These will be kept there until they are ready to go forward to their destination. In other years it has been the practice of the officials to transfer the immigrants, who happened to be detained after the close of the season, to Montreal or Quebec, from whence they would be forwarded.