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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1904.

ONE CENT

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Moderate to fresh south-westerly winds, fair; Thursday, south-westerly winds, showery and about the same temperature.

New Caps.

We have just received some new styles in Men's and Boys' Caps in Golf and Yachting Shapes.

ANDERSON'S

17 Charlotte Street.

Umbrellas Re-covered

Duval's Umbrella Shop. Chairs re-seated, cane splint and perforated, at Duval's Chair Seating Shop.

NEW GOODS!

We have just received a nice stock of fine GOLD BROOCHES, GUARDS, NECKLETS, PENDANTS, LOCKETS, RINGS in great variety, STUDS, LINKS, COLLAR BUTTONS, Etc.

FERGUSON & PAGE

At 41 King St.

NOW BOYS'!

THE STRAW HATS. Season is here; if you want something new and swell in the line of straw hats they are here.

JACK BARDSLEY,

Hat Specialist, 65 German Street, 3 doors from Royal Hotel entrance.

Having the largest salerooms in the low provinces, we feel ourselves in a position to give the public a place goods in quantities from car load lots on special fall sales at salerooms for those wishing us to do so. Books now on special fall sales at salerooms for those wishing us to do so.

The 2 Barkers, Ltd

100 PRINCESS STREET.

Ladies' Skirts!

Undoubtedly a remarkable offer in Ladies' Dress Skirts. We are showing a most complete assortment and offering very special values in Black and Grey Skirts.

SHARP & McMACKIN,

335 Main Street North End.

Garden Hose. PLAIN AND WIRE BOUND. For Sprinkling Lawns, Washing Windows, Cleaning Carriages, Etc. HOSE NOZZLES. LAWN SPRINKLERS. Do not buy too cheap a Hose. It won't be satisfactory. W. H. THORNE & Co., Ltd., Market Square, St. John, N. B.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR Headlight Parlor Matches. No Sulphur to Choke. No Time to Wait. ONLY 5 CENTS FOR A LARGE BOX. 3 BOXES FOR 12 CENTS. WE MANUFACTURE ALL KINDS OF Copper and Galvanized Iron Work For Buildings; also, Cast Iron Columns, Crestings, Sash Weights, Etc. Now is the time to get your Sky Lights, Gutters, Conductors, Cornices, Etc., repaired. We make a specialty of repairing and guarantee satisfaction. STOVES, RANGES, Etc. JOHN E. WILSON, 17 SYDNEY ST. Tel. 356.

Great Reductions In Men's Suits. Many lines are almost sold out. The odd sizes that are left are now offered at 25 per cent. Discount. Men's Coats and Vests at \$4.50 and \$5.00, well worth \$7.00.

Wilcox Bros., Market Square and Dock St.

Hams and Bacon, Fresh Meat and Poultry, Henry Eggs, Cheese, Vegetables Creamery Butter, Maple Syrup and Sugar.

MEN'S STRAW HATS IN ALL THE LATEST SHAPES. See Our 3 Leaders at 75 Cts.

F. S. THOMAS, 555 Main Street, North End. St. John, N. B., June 15, 1904.

Harvey's Clothing has gained a reputation—and justly so—for Fit, Style, Service and General Appearance and the low prices at which it is sold has made this the most popular clothing house in the city—where there is a business that has grown like this? Examine our garments and prices at close range and you will understand why. See our Men's Suits at \$3 95, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$8.75, \$10 and \$12. Boys' Suits—See the stock—note the prices. J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring & Clothing 199 & 201 Union St.

500 WOMEN AND CHILDREN BURIED TO DEATH OR DROWNED.

Blazing Sunday School Picnic Steamer in New York Harbor—Disaster More Terrible Than Iroquois Fire. NAVAL BATTLE RAGING IN THE KOREAN STRAITS. Vladivostok Squadron Caught by Japanese Fleet—Land Battle Also Expected.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Information has reached police headquarters that a large excursion steamer is on fire in the East River, off 18th street. It is reported that people are jumping into the river from the boat and that a hundred are lost. It is reported that the burning steamer is the General Slocum, which left today with an excursion from St. Mark's church and while in Hell Gate caught fire. A telephone message to police headquarters is that the whole upper portion of the boat is on fire and that the hurricane deck has caved in. At least one hundred people have jumped overboard. The steamer was surrounded with tugs and was towed to North Brother Island, where she was beached.

THE DECK COLLAPSED. An eye witness said that the greatest loss of life was due to the collapse of the heavy upper deck. It fell with a crash shortly after the fire started, crushing hundreds of persons who had gathered on the lower deck. It was then the greatest panic ensued. There was a living stream of persons going over the rail into the water. As far as eye witnesses can determine, the flames originated in the forward part of the boat. Persons who saw the accident from the shore say that almost immediately those who occupied places on the forward deck began to jump overboard. Police men in the harbor boats and Harlem saw the blazing boat coming up the river and implored the boats to turn in alarm to assist and rescue. All the boats at North Brother Island were used to the assistance of the people in the water. As fast as they were brought ashore they were cared for in the pavilions.

WATCHERS DRIVEN INSANE. The patients in the hospitals on the island became almost insane from fright at the terrible scenes they had witnessed. A large part of the crowd on the doomed steamer was ordinary men and women who were taken away with calling for help. Persons on tugboats say that several hundred bodies have been washed ashore or were towed or carried in boats to the shore on North Brother Island. Almost every other woman who was taken away was calling for help.

LAND FIGHTING REPORTED. NEW CHANG, June 14, 10 p. m.—(Delayed in transmission)—There are persistent rumors here of severe fighting south of Kiao Chou, which is responsible to command. Three trustworthy messengers sent out on the night of June 13, returned, having been unable to pass the Japanese line at Kiao Chou and the other is expected to arrive early tomorrow. The two who have arrived learned nothing except that the Russians are becoming more strict about allowing natives to pass their lines. Twenty hospital carts passed here this morning, travelling southward. The trains are running six miles south of Kiao Chou. A report upon the very highest authorities direct from Mukden says there are over twenty thousand Russian troops there with forty thousand and additional men encamped at Liao Yang. It is believed here that the Russians are moving a force of sixty-five thousand men south only to make it appear as though they were attempting to relieve Port Arthur, and that upon the first encounter with the enemy it will withdraw north again. A private telegram received here this afternoon from a German resident here in Liao Yang says the Japanese had suffered a severe defeat at Port Arthur and the Russians in town are celebrating the news today.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE ANNOUNCED. No Knife is Used, but Germ Killer is Forced into Kidney with a Catheter. (New York Herald). Believing he has discovered a method for the cure of Bright's disease, Professor Winfield Ayres made a report to the convention of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City yesterday which startled its hearers by its importance. Professor Ayres, who is associate professor of urology at the Post-Graduate Hospital in this city, said he had made experiments which led him to the belief that Bright's disease is curable in its earlier stages, and that it is possible further investigation and experiments may and in practically complete victory over it. He based his conclusions on ninety-three cases, forty-three of which he tabulated, and of these he cured entirely nine patients. Twenty-five cases showed marked improvement, and only one failed to respond to the treatment. Hereafter all treatments have been by the use of medicine taken by mouth, and it has been found impossible to send through the blood drugs strong enough to kill the germs.

BULL DERAILED TRAIN. Charged it on a Trestle and Killed Two Men. SHREVEPORT, La., June 15.—In a wreck on the Kansas City Southern, two men have been killed and several slightly injured. The dead: Frank Patterson, engineer, and Harry Gamble, fireman. The wreck occurred at Roepine, and was caused by a bull charging the locomotive on a trestle. The engine and two coaches fell into a ditch.

A GOOD AUGURY. Jokeley—Colonel, I understand you're very fond of Miss Roxley. Colonel South—Yes, sir, I am. Jokeley—Why should she? She's a peach and it's the most natural thing in the world for a peach to have a colonel. IT MEANT NOTHING. "He's engaged to her and I think we may look for a wedding soon." "Why?" "She told me she believed in short engagements." "So she does—short and frequent."

Messrs. Mooney have been awarded the contract for the erection of the big warehouse that Emerson & Fisher intend putting up on German street on the property recently acquired by them from the Knights of Pythias hall and the new Clark building.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—The appointment of Lieut. Gen. Leonidas Dehowski as commander of the fifth East Siberian army corps, is evidence that larger reinforcements are to be placed at Gen. Kuropatkin's disposal. The four corps, originally formed of Siberian troops are mobilized in Manchuria and other drafts have been sent out to the Far East. The organization of the new corps independent of the Russian corps now ordered out from European Russia shows that Kuropatkin now has almost two hundred thousand troops, irrespective of frontier and railroad guards and that probably he has an effective army of 160,000 men at Liao Yang.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15, 3:25 p. m.—No information is obtainable here regarding the reported engagement between the Russian Vladivostok squadron and a Japanese squadron in the Korean Straits, but it is quite likely that a naval fight has occurred or is about to occur. Vice-Admiral Skrydlov has left Vladivostok with the armored cruisers Gromobit, Rossia and Rurik and some torpedo boats.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—The Emperor Nicholas has received the following telegram from Lieut. General Baron Stakeberg, bearing this date: "A battle began at noon around the Russian position four and a half miles south of the station of Wafanow (Wafanow) the enemy making repeated attempts to dislodge our left flank. The attack was repelled and we retained our position. The first regiment occupying the left flank of our position sustained severe losses. Its commander, Colonel Khavastouff, and Adjutant sub-Lieutenant Dragoulet Nudochinsky, were killed. General Gerngross was wounded, a shrapnel bullet shattering the right side of his lower jaw, but he remained on the field."

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—The Japanese army besieging Port Arthur is in Liao Ching Tse and Wang Fang Tien and that there are daily skirmishes between the outposts. The correspondent says that the rumors of an assault on Port Arthur have not been confirmed.

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ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—A despatch to the London Central News from Tokio filed this (Wednesday) afternoon says an engagement is now in progress off Tsushima Island, in the Korean Straits, between three Russian cruisers, which escaped from Vladivostok, and a number of Japanese ships. No details have yet been received.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—The Central News despatch adds that the Vladivostok squadron was first reported June 14 from Okl Island (off Kioto, Japan, in the Sea of Japan). Later in the day, commanding was heard northwest of Negao, on the Japanese coast, in the Straits of Korea. The captain of a Japanese merchant ship reports this morning that his ship was fired upon by a Russian warship. Heavy cannonading was heard early this morning in the neighborhood of Okl Island, and subsequently came news of the engagement already referred to in the Tokio despatch.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15, 10:30 a. m.—The Vladivostok squadron is reported in the Korean Straits. Firing has been heard on Tsushima, a small island lying off the southwest in Honshu Island. It is possible that an engagement is progressing.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15, 4 p. m.—A Russian naval squadron was lately sighted off Okishima Ken and Yamaguchi Ken, and sounds of firing, it is reported, were heard yesterday off Iki Island.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—Private advices have been received here from Katsunoto, a town at the north end of Iki Island, in Krusnater Straits, to the effect that an engagement was in progress between Japanese and Russian warships.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—The captain of a steamer which passed through the Gulf of Pechili last Monday night reports seeing the searchlights of a large Russian gunboat, which was in progress between Japanese and Russian warships.

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