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LATEST WEATHER REPORT  
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ONE CENT

The Star

CURTAIN STRETCHERS.



THE IDEAL WAY OF DOING UP CURTAINS.  
New Stock Just Received.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Includes items like Adjustable Pin, Stationary Pin, etc.

W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd  
MARKET SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Advertisement for Anderson & Co. featuring 'Great Bargains in FURS, MUFFS AND GLOVES'. Includes an illustration of a woman in a fur coat and the address '55 Charlotte Street'.

Advertisement for 'Special Sale of Men's Trousers'. States 'Prices Range from \$1.00 to \$4.50' and describes the variety of styles available.

Advertisement for 'American Clothing House'. Promotes 'Men's Spring Hats' and lists the address '11-15 Charlotte St., St. John'.

Advertisement for 'F. S. THOMAS FASHIONABLE FURRIER'. Promotes 'FREE TOOTH PASTE' and provides the address '539 Main street, N. E.'.

Advertisement for 'J. N. HARVEY, Clothing & Tailoring Opera House Block'. Promotes a 'SUIT SALE' with prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$15.00.

DRASTIC REPORT ON TOBACCO COMBINE

Trust Has Gobbled Up Many Small Concerns  
And by Unfair Methods Has Put Others Out of Business—Ten Men Control Over \$300,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, today made public sub-divisions II. and III. of part I. of his report on the tobacco industry. They deal with the present organization of the tobacco combine, so-called, its degree of control in that industry and the development of that control. Commissioner Smith says:— "In the tobacco combinations are the American Tobacco Company and its three great subsidiary combinations, the American Smuff Co., the American Cigar Co., and the British-American Company, besides 23 other subsidiary concerns doing business in the United States, Porto Rico and Cuba. The combination represents a total capitalization of over \$316,000,000. A very small group of ten stockholders controls 90 per cent of the outstanding voting stock of the American Tobacco Company, through which company the combination is controlled and controlled secretly controlled so-called "Boone independent concerns," is given in the report. It is shown also that the combination is practically the only manufacturer of its various products in this country. The year 1908 the combination used in the manufacture of its various products nearly 300,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco. "An idea of the absorption of competing plants," says Commissioner Smith, "and of the changes through combination which have taken place in the industry since 1897 is shown in the following table: In 1897 the combination had ten plants each producing over 50,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco, or eight per year, while there were 243 independent plants of the same class in 1908. On the other hand, the combination had 45 plants of this class and independent manufacturers 140. Especially has been the absorption of the large plants. In 1897 the combination had 15 plants each producing over 1,000,000 pounds of these products per year, while its competitors had 48 such plants. In 1908, the combination had 15 plants of this size, and independent plants only 17. "Many weaker concerns have been virtually driven out of business or forced to sell out to the combination, either by reason of the direct competition of the larger concerns, or by reason of the vigorous competition between the combination and large independent concerns. In the case of the latter and more powerful concerns which it acquired, however, the combination has usually secured control only by paying a high price. The immense profits of the combination have enabled it to keep up this policy."

JUDGE RITCHIE'S DECISION UPSET

Appeal of Policemen Granted by Judge Forbes  
Balyoo and Ward Escape Paying the Fine—Other Cases Before the County Court

In the County Court this morning Judge Forbes reversed the decision of Magistrate Ritchie in the policemen's case. The applicants are William S. Belyea and Orlando C. Ward, and the respondent was William White. On November 24th last, the two police officers arrested the respondent for drunkenness and disorderly conduct on Bedford St. White charged the policemen with assault, and Magistrate Ritchie came to the same conclusion, and on the fourth of December found the men guilty of the charge, and fined them twenty dollars each or six months in the common goal. The appeal was heard this morning by J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared for the appellants, and the defendant did not appear nor was he represented by counsel. The following are the grounds of the appeal: 1. That neither of the appellants is guilty of the offence stated in the said conviction. 2. That the evidence taken before the said police magistrate did not disclose any criminal offence for which either of the said appellants could be convicted. 3. That each of the appellants was, as a police constable of the City of St. John, lawfully arresting the respondent for drunkenness and the respondent resisted such arrest and neither of the appellants used any excess of force in making such arrest. 4. That the assault committed by the appellants was justified by law. 5. That the respondent assaulted and beat the appellants while in the execution of their duty as police constables of the City of Saint John. 6. That the evidence that neither of the appellants called upon bystanders for assistance was improperly admitted. 7. That the conviction awards imprisonment to the appellants in a case in which it is not paid by the other. 8. And upon such other grounds as appear upon the proceedings and conviction. Mr. Baxter moved to quash the conviction. His Honor, Judge Forbes, in the case of Boyce v. Dalton, an action for money lent, judgment was given for the plaintiff. Mr. Baxter, K. C., for the appellants called upon bystanders for assistance was improperly admitted. Since the docket was made up on Tuesday the following cases have been entered for trial: R. E. T. Pringle Co. Ltd. v. Perry et al.—Washington and Hamilton. O'Regan v. McLean—C. H. Ferguson.

SCOTT NOT GOING TO RAILWAY COMMISSION

Saskatchewan Premier Says Story Is Absurd  
Is On His Way to Bermuda—Guelph Moulders on Strike—Voicers' Lists Trouble in Manitoba.

TORONTO, Feb. 25.—General Robert Sandham B.A., formerly stationed in Toronto, is dead in England. WINNIPEG, Feb. 25.—Manitoba Liberals refused yesterday to attend the opening session of the legislative committee appointed to inquire into the voters' lists charges. Hon. Clifford Sifton will be called to give evidence on the board of railway commissioners for Canada, is absolutely untrue, and was originated by an opposition paper in Regina. It is perfect nonsense. Mr. Adams spent the greater portion of his thirty-five years of service in charges of the tank east of Evans sliding. In addition to Palmer and Adams, there is another local man who has spent many years in the employ of the Intercolonial Railway, Miles Hoar. Mr. Hoar, however, is not entitled to the service medal inasmuch as he is still actively connected with the service. He has completed nearly thirty-seven years on the railway. Years ago, beginning in 1874, Mr. Hoar drove Her Majesty's mail out of St. John to Sussex, on completion of the Intercolonial as far as Amherst. Mr. Hoar entered the employ of the road and since has been steadily in its service. At the Baptist conference, Middle Sackville, last evening, Rev. E. L. Steeves united in marriage Jennie Estabrooks, of Midigo, to Milford Wheaton, of Midigo, son of the late Gilbert Wheaton. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Estabrooks, Midigo.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED FROM HOCKEY GAME

Precautions Taken at Sackville Against Fever  
Three Veteran I. C. R. Employees Presented With Imperial Service Medals Yesterday.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 25.—An interesting ceremony took place at the intercolonial station here Wednesday afternoon, when Honford Palmer, of Sackville, John Adams, of West Sackville, and Rufus Harrison, of Miramichi, were presented with medals of the Imperial Service Order. The presentation was made by J. T. Halliway, of New Glasgow, district superintendent. Mr. Palmer was connected with the road for thirty-five years and seven months. Adams' service extended over thirty-five years and five months, and Harrison's connection had been for twenty-eight years and eight months. By far the greater part of Palmer's life as an intercolonial employee was spent as station agent here, though for a time he held a similar office at Amagans. Mr. Adams spent the greater portion of his thirty-five years of service in charges of the tank east of Evans sliding. In addition to Palmer and Adams, there is another local man who has spent many years in the employ of the Intercolonial Railway, Miles Hoar. Mr. Hoar, however, is not entitled to the service medal inasmuch as he is still actively connected with the service. He has completed nearly thirty-seven years on the railway. Years ago, beginning in 1874, Mr. Hoar drove Her Majesty's mail out of St. John to Sussex, on completion of the Intercolonial as far as Amherst. Mr. Hoar entered the employ of the road and since has been steadily in its service. At the Baptist conference, Middle Sackville, last evening, Rev. E. L. Steeves united in marriage Jennie Estabrooks, of Midigo, to Milford Wheaton, of Midigo, son of the late Gilbert Wheaton. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Estabrooks, Midigo.

SUFFRAGETTES WERE SENTENCED TODAY

Leaders in British Society are Sent to Jail  
Refused to Promise That They Would Behave in Future—Mrs. Lawrence Given Two Months.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Refusing to give security for their future good behavior for the woman suffragists who were arrested last night while attempting to reach Premier Asquith to present to him a petition in the interests of the cause, were today sentenced to imprisonment. Most of the terms were for one month. An exception was made in the case of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who having a previous conviction against her was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Miss Lawless was among those given one month. Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton and daughter of the former Viceroy of India, warned her friends that if they secured her release by providing security she would repeat her offence. Sentences were imposed upon about 30 women including, in addition to the foregoing, Miss Stratford Dugdale, daughter of Commander Dugdale and cousin of the Hon. William R. W. Peel who was elected Tuesday in a by-election as a member of the House of Commons, and Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Corbett, an aristocratic supporter of the movement. All these women are of high social standing. LONDON, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Lawrence made a brief address on behalf of her fellow victims. She asked the magistrate to note that the arrested women did not belong to the disorderly or lawbreaking classes, but were women of honorable reputation and that many of them had done service for the welfare of the community. They would not consent to be bound over to keep the peace, Mrs. Lawrence declared, and she claimed that they were entitled to treatment as political prisoners. Most of the women sentenced their punishment in dignified silence. One asked not to be given the mounting alternative of being bound over because that would be, she said, "simply suggesting that I am a coward and not a woman at all." All of the women were committed to the "second division" which in the case of the present batch of prisoners who belong mostly to the educated classes, entails drastic changes in food and method of living. They all will be garbed in the rough and uncouth ready made prison garments spotted with a broad arrow and their food will be the ordinary prison fare of thin porridge, watered cocoa and a small allowance of meat and potatoes once a day. They will not be allowed to communicate with each other and they will be obliged to receive in single file in the prison courtyard. In spite of this far from alluring prospect all women went off to their unenviable captivity giving outwardly signs of the utmost cheerfulness.

KOREANS ASK FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

Object to Japanese Scheme of Annexation and Send a Protest to the Emperor.  
HONOLULU, Feb. 25.—At a convention held by 300 Koreans, residents of the island of Hawaii, the following resolution was drafted and addressed to the Emperor of Japan: "You proclaimed that the wars between Russia, China and Japan and Russia were for Korean independence and to insure peace in the Orient. We now learn that negotiations for the annexation of Korea by Japan are under way. We assert that such negotiations are unauthorized and we beg your majesty to prevent such annexation and to insure Korean independence. The messages conclude with: "Give us independence or give us death."

HETTY GREEN'S SON WILL NOT BE DISINHERITED

He is Wealthy Now But Will Get Half His Mother's Estate—Was Not at the Wedding.  
DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 25.—E. H. Green, son of the late Hetty Green, was asked last night if the surmise in New York that he had received no invitation to his mother's wedding was correct. He replied: "The rumor is erroneous. I was not invited in the matter of an invitation. The marriage date of my sister was decided upon rather suddenly. It takes four days for such mail to reach me. I was surprised at the sudden marriage, but have no objections. "The reports that my mother intends to bestow her property exclusively on Sylvia when she dies are untrue. The property is to be divided between us, share and share alike. Mr. Green is kept busy looking after his Texas Midland Railway, large land interests and a \$2,000,000 life insurance company which he and other Dallas capitalists are promoting and which is about ready to start business."

CHINA'S REGENCY TELLS TAFT ITS OPINIONS

First Expression of Views of New Government  
Emphasizes Desire for Reforms—Expresses Japan to Withdraw From Manchuria.  
PEKING, Feb. 25.—The Regency of the Empire has caused to be sent to President-elect William H. Taft, a communication in the form of a private letter in which its ideas and the attitude of the regency and its advisers on the most vexing questions now before the Empire are set forth at considerable length. This communication is the first direct expression of the regent's views in the various subjects touched on, and it comes at a time when it is known that the regent is personally anxious regarding the interpretation by foreign powers of the recent dismissal from office of Grand Councillor Yuan Shi Kai, and the American and British official action following this step. The official of the regency who composed the letter to Mr. Taft lays emphasis upon the fact that the recent ministerial change was entirely a family and personal matter, and that it does not signify any change in the internal or external policies of the empire on the contrary the government purposes vigorously to carry out reform. In the matter of the consumption of opium the communication describes this as China's humiliation, but it says, the habit can be eradicated and that the United States is helping to do so. Concerning Manchuria, the regency recites that the United States is fully cognizant of the recent proposals looking to a Japanese-American agreement to help China in the government of this territory and it trusts in American aid. The regency expects Japan to withdraw from Manchuria, and continuing in this connection the communication says that lasting peace is dependent upon the return of the Japanese to their own islands. Good relations between China and Japan are of paramount importance. The regency sees obstacles in the way of Japan quitting Korea, but it entertains the conviction that ultimately Japan will give up her foothold in both China and Korea.

DETROIT MERCHANTS WANT CANADIAN RECIPROCITY

Board of Trade Calling a Conference in the Hope of Inducing Congress to Act.  
DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 25.—The Detroit Board of Commerce has issued invitations for a Canadian Reciprocity Conference to be held in Detroit April 22, 23 and 24. Invitations were sent to civic organizations of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo and Rochester. It is pointed out by promoters of the conference that the Canadian Preferential Tariff Law opens the way for reciprocity if congress can be induced to take action in the matter.

ISLAND'S DAIRY BUSINESS WORTH A MILLION

Business Improving in P.E.I.—Legislature Adjourns in Honor of Dairy Association Meeting.  
CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 25.—The annual meeting of the Provincial Dairy Association was held yesterday. Reports showed that the industry is steadily regaining its feet. The milk supplied to the forty-six factories was three million pounds more than last year. The gross value of the cheese was three hundred thousand dollars, and of butter 410,000, an increase of \$25,000. Adding this amount to the value of the product of home dairies, the total value of the dairy output will be about a million dollars. The Provincial Legislature adjourned to enable the members to attend the evening session. Addresses were given by Premier Haszard, the leader of the opposition and other legislators. H. D. Mitchell, of the Dominion Dairy Division delivered addresses at all sessions. A bill repealing the commercial travellers tax has passed the third reading. No license fees are to be collected from December 31st, 1908.

GREAT CROWDS ATTEND GARMACK MURDER TRIAL

Governor Patterson Will Likely Take the Stand for the Defence.  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 25.—It was thought last week that the limit in crowds had been reached in attendance at the Garmack murder trial but the throng that surrounded the jail building almost before dawn today made the former crowds seem like a mere handful of casual passersby. The deputies at times had to use force to keep the eager men and women from pushing past into the courtroom. The cause of the excitement was the well defined rumor, impossible of confirmation or denial, that Gov. Patterson would take the stand on behalf of the defendants as soon as Col. Cooper was excused. As the testimony goes on, the name of the Governor is being mentioned more freely, hence the public accepted the rumor as a fact and determined to be present when the chief executive should be called to testify on behalf of the men who have been their most devoted political lieutenants and most beloved personal friends.

UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT NINE WERE DROWNED

Norfolk Hears That a Naval Launch Was Swamped During the Heavy Gale Today.  
NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 25.—An unconfirmed report was received here from Hampton, Va., near Oldpoint Comfort, today, that a launch from one of the battleships had been lost near the fortress Munroe pier, during the high winds and rough seas, today with nine men drowned, two officers and seven seamen.

THE GABRIOLET IS THE LATEST IN HEADGEAR

Milliners in Chicago Introduce Another Extreme Style.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—"Get a gabriole" was the advice of the National Association of Retail Milliners which has one on exhibition at its semi-annual opening. It is said to be the very newest of hat constructions and parishes of the dominant characteristics of the cab fashion, yawning in front and flapping at the sides. The Merry Widow, according to those in charge of the opening, is to remain and the tendency in hat extremes is to meet. The ensiling link is the Dutch bonnet of the mushroom type.

TRUST CO. OFFICIALS INDICTED FOR THEFT

NORWALK, O., Feb. 25.—The Huron County grand jury has returned indictments against officials of the Ohio Trust Company which failed about one year ago. James W. Gibbs, President and Vice-President, both indicted by the April grand jury, were again indicted on the charge of embezzlement. The nature of the indictments is not known. Mr. Lansing was acquitted at the trial following the April indictments.