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SIGN OF BIG CLOCK.

FOOTBALL MINSRELS

The date for the production of the Football Club Minstrels has been set for Wednesday, March 4th, at the Grand Opera House. This evening was decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee at the conclusion of the rehearsal in the Old Town Hall last night.

The production promises to be a most unique and enjoyable one in every respect. Musical Director Wm. H. Braekin has prepared a capital musical menu of a novel and entertaining character. The chorus includes some sixty Maple City male vocalists and the specialties, while intensely funny and original, are of a quaint and refined character. Electrical effects will be introduced and attractive scenic arrangements.

Ed Burns, the popular Toronto comedian, will be present and contribute song and monologue in his own inimitable manner. Wm. Shaver, also of the Queen City, a splendid tenor, will contribute some splendid ballads.

Rehearsals are being held regularly and excellent progress being made. A handsome souvenir program will be gotten out for the occasion.

THE EMPIRE'S FUTURE.

BASED ON CO-OPERATION WITH THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

Mr. Chamberlain's Speech at Grahamstown, Cape Colony—The Expenditures of Great Britain.

London, Feb. 12.—Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Grahamstown, Cape Colony, on Monday was evidently intended for a wider audience, for it constitutes the clearest indication of the general Imperial policy. He declared that the mother country would defend its heritage to the last man, but that the colonies had their share of the responsibilities of the empire. Last year England spent £80,000,000, besides the war debt.

He was addressing the colonies when he said they were not doing what they ought to in regard to their obligations to the empire.

The increased vote of Cape Colony for the fleet was not sufficient to keep for six months the warship Good Hope. He would agree that the first duty was at home, but all hope for the empire's future was based on co-operation with the mother country. He said he was anxious that the colonial aspiration should be to be partners in the empire, whose mission was justice, freedom and equality.

He added: "Who knows when the next blow will fall? We, by remaining one people, shall prove the empire is founded on a community of sacrifice."

LIFE INSURANCE FRAUDS.

The Clever Scheme Carried on by Italians.

New York, Feb. 12.—An exposure of the methods of the conspirators in the recently-discovered Italian life insurance frauds was made by the confession of one of the men concerned to Assistant District Attorney Krotel. According to the confession, the frauds have been in operation for ten years, during which time the insurance companies have been defrauded of hundreds of thousands of dollars. In one instance a company paid out \$10,000 on one fraudulent risk. The head of the conspiracy, Mr. Krotel says, was Bartolomeo Girino, recently arrested and released under bail. Girino is said to have disappeared.

The usual plan of operations was to make an application for insurance in the name of some person in a practically dying condition, a healthy substitute being presented for medical examination. In cases where the original "risk" lingered too long to satisfy the conspirators, a substitute body was used on which to collect the amount of the policy. These bodies are said to have been furnished by Jos. Tripian, an Italian undertaker, who is now awaiting trial in the Tombs. In some instances false death certificates were presented, or by two Italian doctors, who are now under heavy bail. So well organized was the scheme, Mr. Krotel says, that there was a regularly appointed Board of Directors that used to meet each week to discuss the payments of premiums falling due, and the substitution of bogus bodies in the case of "risks" that did not die until the payment of premiums became too heavy.

HORSE STEPPED ON HIM.

James McRae, an Aged Glen Morris Farmer, Fatally Injured.

Galt, Feb. 12.—Jas. MacRae, a farmer near Glen Morris, fell under his horse and was trampled on, sustaining injuries from which he will die. He was about to take the horse into the lane leading to his farm and slipped and fell. Some young men returning from Paris to Galt discovered him lying by the side of the road, and his horse some distance farther along. The horse's hoof left its imprint on the man's face, breaking his nose and nearly gouging out his left eye. His chest was also crushed. He was 75 years of age, and has always driven spirited horses. Four years ago he was rolled down an embankment with a horse and rig.

No man is a good talker unless he is able to shut up when he has said enough.

THE TREATY RATIFIED.

THE SENATE APPROVES OF THE ALASKAN AGREEMENT.

No Delay in Taking Action on the Matter and No Decided Opposition Developed.

Washington, Feb. 12.—In an executive session, which lasted only an hour and a half, yesterday, the Senate, in addition to confirming a large number of nominations, ratified the Alaskan boundary treaty.

There was no delay in securing action on the treaty, and very little opposition to it was manifested. Senator Teller said that he considered the Alaskan boundary so well determined as to make it not a matter of dispute. Therefore, while he would not delay it, he would not vote for it. The eyes and noses were not called, but there were several voices heard in the negative when an informal expression was called for. The eyes were so much more numerous, however, that the decision of the chair to the effect that ratification had prevailed was not challenged.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—His Excellency the Governor-General received a telegram from Sir Michael Herbert, British Ambassador at Washington, to the effect that Congress ratified the Alaska treaty. It is thought here that Lord Alverstone and Sir Francis Jernyngham will be the two members of the judicial tribunal to be appointed by the British Government. The Canadian representative has not been selected, and perhaps will not be for some time yet. If former association with the dispute is not regarded as an insuperable obstacle, Sir Louis Davies' intimate knowledge of the facts relating to the controversy should call for his nomination. There seems to be an impression, however, that those who have taken a pronounced stand upon the boundary matter will be barred from sitting on the tribunal. In such an event a choice must be made elsewhere, and in this connection the names of Mr. Justice Armour and Sir John Boyd are mentioned.

FILIPINOS SHOW FIGHT.

The Outbreak in Luzon Has Become Serious.

Manila, Feb. 12.—The concentration of the insurgents from Laguna, Batangas and Cavite, in the provinces of Rizal and Bulacan, is strengthening the local bands and the district is being terrorized. The railroad to the north of Manila is evidently beyond the control of the scattered constabulary posts. Gen. Allen has hurried reinforcements to the north and has taken advantage of the Congressional action by placing the Philippine Scouts in the field.

Numerous commands are now patrolling the province of Bulacan. They have frequent skirmishes with the insurgents, but it is not likely that they will capture the principal leaders, who will probably escape to the hills of the neighboring provinces. The present outbreak is the gravest on the island of Luzon since the original revolution. Alarmists say that it is the beginning of a second insurrection, because the movement is so widespread.

APPEAL FOR STANTON.

Effort to Quash Life Sentence Passed on Hamilton Man.

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 12.—Daniel V. Murphy, who defended Ernest Stanton of Hamilton, Ont., in his trial for murder in the first degree in shooting Edna Conrad, alias Frieda McGregor, filed notice of appeal yesterday on behalf of Stanton, from his conviction of the crime of murder in the second degree, and from the sentence of life imprisonment which the defendant is now serving.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Steps Taken to Arrest Its Spread in the United States.

Albany, N.Y., Feb. 12.—In the Assembly yesterday a report was read from the State Board of Health, stating that steps had been taken to arrest the progress of the bubonic plague in this country.

MINERS ALMOST KILLED.

Were Cut Off by a Fire in an Iron Mine.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 12.—A special from Evelev, on the Mesaba Iron Range, says:—Eleven miners were imprisoned by fire which broke out yesterday in No. 3 shaft of the Spruce mine, owned by the United States Steel Corporation. Dense smoke rolled out of the shaft, and it was feared the entrapped men might be suffocated before the fire could be subdued. The blaze was in an oil house in the second level, and shanties and timber in that part of the mine burned fiercely.

Later the flames were subdued and the men were rescued. All were half suffocated, but will recover.

Toronto Topics.

A movement is on foot to form a union of veterans' associations.

The Iron Moulders' Union will ask for a nine-hour day after May 1st.

Mayor Urehart has declared himself in favor of accepting the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

Peter Moon, for nine years Street Commissioner of Toronto Junction, has been suspended.

WEDDED BLISS

Jacob Lyburtis laid a charge of using insulting language against Annie Scott. Mrs. Scott's husband was not putting in an appearance at home regularly at nights and she was anxious about this apparent neglect of his home on the part of her spouse. She heard that he was spending his time at Lyburtis' house and Mrs. Scott went last Sunday morning to find out. The insulting language charge was an outcome of this visit. Jacob was the first witness. He told what he saw. He said that Mrs. Scott came to his door on Sunday morning and was using language unfit for the Sabbath. Being boss of his own house, he stepped where he could hear the conversation. That was why he knew so much about the affair. After hearing all the evidence, Judge Houston dismissed the case, ordering Lyburtis the complainant, to pay the costs, \$3 in all. Chief Holmes talks about ten days in jail if that \$3 is not produced.

J. M. Pike defended Mrs. Scott.

TO START THE REVOLT.

MACEDONIAN LEADER LEAVES FOR THE MOUNTAINS.

The Bulgarian Government is Contemplating the Calling Out of Two Army Divisions.

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Considerable interest has been aroused here by a despatch from Sofia to the effect that Boris Sarafoff, the famous Macedonian leader and former President of the Macedonian Committee, has already gone to Macedonia to start a revolt. Sarafoff has the reputation of being a capable and desperate leader, having unequalled knowledge of the mountain passes.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb. 11.—The Government is contemplating calling out two army divisions, Sofia and Philippopolis districts furnishing one each. The concentration of Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier is given as the reason for this partial mobilization.

London, Feb. 12.—The Macedonian question remains the most important European issue. The revolutionists are making strenuous efforts to secure the condemnation of the Austro-Russian proposals of reform before the text has been submitted to the Sultan or published in any continental capital. There is an evident desire on the part of the Balkan agitators to produce an unmanageable situation, and drag first Bulgaria and Serbia, and finally Russia, into war with Turkey. The work which preceded the Russian campaign of 1877 was conducted with secrecy and subtlety, whereas the present operations are noisy, and reveal plainly the methods of the professional agitators.

Some of the closest observers are convinced that the Czar is as anxious as the Emperor of Austria-Hungary to prevent an outbreak of hostilities, and that the Russian Minister of Finance is not prepared to supply money for a decisive campaign. Lamsdorff and Guchowski (respectively the Foreign Ministers of Russia and Austria-Hungary), according to this view, have prepared a moderate scheme of reforms, which the German Emperor will strongly advise the Sultan to accept, and the Macedonian agitators are apprehensive lest the Sultan may forestall their well-organized movement by a prompt acquiescence in the wishes of the European powers. An early outbreak of hostilities is favored by the open weather in the Balkans, and Bulgaria and Serbia may be carried away by infectious excitement.

FIGHTING BELL TELEPHONE CO.

The Town of Port William Obtains an Injunction.

Port William, Feb. 12.—The Town Council has taken steps to restrain the Bell Telephone Company from extending its system in the town, and an injunction has been issued.

DIVORCE WAS GRANTED.

Crown Prince of Saxony Successful in His Appeal.

Dresden, Feb. 12.—The suit for divorce brought by the Crown Prince against the former Crown Princess Louise of Saxony was resumed in camera, and, after several doctors had furnished expert testimony, a decree of divorce was granted.

LYE IN THEIR FOOD.

Death of Three Children Near Laurier, Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—Three children, members of a French family, by name of Mousette, living near Laurier, Man., on the Dauphin branch of the C. N. R., died a horrible death a few days ago. The mother of the children went out to wash at a neighbor's and left the little ones at home to shift for themselves. It appears that Mrs. Mousette was in the habit of using lye in preparing beans for the table, and the little ones undertook to follow her example. The trouble was that they did not limit the quantity of lye they placed on the beans, and when they partook of them death resulted shortly after by paralysis of their throats.

RIDGETOWN IS WIDE AWAKE

Its Prompt and Vigorous Way of Handling Small-pox Cases has Prevented Danger.

Dr. Hall's High Eulogy—Nothing to Fear in Visiting the Progressive Kent Town.

Dr. W. R. Hall, Chatham's wide-awake Medical Health Officer, was in Ridgetown yesterday investigating the small-pox scare. He returned last evening and in a short interview with The Planet said:—

"There are eight cases of small-pox in Ridgetown and they are all the genuine article. The people there, however, are taking every precaution and it is not likely the disease will spread very much. The Arlington Hotel is at present under quarantine."

"A large one-story pest house, 40x60, is being erected for the patients. It will be divided into three apartments, one for the doctors, one for administration and the other for the patients."

"I must say that the authorities of Ridgetown are handling the epidemic in a very thorough and business-like manner, and there is positively no danger of visitors to that place catching the disease. Travellers are therefore running no risk whatever when they go to Ridgetown."

"Dr. Golden, Ridgetown's efficient health officer, deserves great credit for his work, as it was undoubtedly owing to his timely efforts that the disease was confined to such a small number of patients."

SNOWSLIDES IN THE WEST.

Sandon, B.C., Threatened—C.P.R. Express Delayed by the Snow.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—A snow slide came down just below Sandon, B.C., on Monday and scared the residents. No damage was done, but there is an immense pile of snow hanging above the town yet. Snow slides in the mountains have delayed the C. P. R. express from the Pacific coast.

The Zion Church, Methodist congregation has decided to build a \$45,000 edifice on Pacific avenue, west of Prince.

C. P. R. LAND TAXATION.

The Case Entered in the Northwest Court.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The first step has been taken at the instance of the Dominion Government to determine the liability of the C. P. R. to taxation on their land grant. Messrs. Howell, Mathers & Howell, by direction of the Dominion Government, have filed three statements of claims against the C. P. R. The statements are filed on behalf of the municipalities of North Cypress, Argyle and the school district of Springfield, N. W. T. The question to be argued differs slightly in each of the three cases, but the main question is the same, the plaintiffs alleging that the lands are liable to taxation and the C. P. R. contending they are not. At the sitting of the court Mr. Howell, K. C., stated to Mr. Justice Richards that statements of defence had been put in on behalf of the C. P. R., and certain maps and orders in Council had been admitted, so that there would be no evidence to be heard, and he accordingly moved for a formal judgment, so that the matter could be brought before the full court this present term, and if possible carried to the Supreme Court at Ottawa at the May sittings. His Lordship thereupon entered a formal order, and subsequently before the full court it was decided that the matter should be heard this term.

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