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RUSSIA AFTER ANOTHER BIG PART OF CHINA. Steadily Pushing Forward With Purpose of Occupying Two Eastern Provinces of Mongolia—Expedition Leaves for There Soon.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 28.—In spite of the defeat of her ambitions in Manchuria and Kwantung and the obstacles met with by M. Pokotloff, the Russian minister to China, in his negotiations at Peking, Russia is steadily pushing forward with the purpose of occupying another big part of China, namely the two eastern provinces of Mongolia, covering the route of the proposed railroad from Balkal to Peking, which as announced by the Associated Press Feb. 20, has been given over to the Russo-Chinese Bank. Under the guise of the innocent sounding name of "Geographic Expedition for

\$100, fifty dollars for each class. On the 22nd and 23rd of June the first general meet of the season will be held, with six classes and purses aggregating \$1,500.

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IMPROVEMENT TO PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE. CHARLOTTETOWN, April 29.—The contract for the extension of alterations to Prince of Wales College so as to provide better facilities for training of teachers and the extension of courses in nature study, domestic science and manual training, has been let to Lowe Bros. of Charlottetown.

MEN WANTED. Locality throughout United States and Canada. Free of charge. Address: P.O. Box 111, St. John, N.B.

THE BALLADE OF THE MARLIN-SPIKE.

(Thomas F. Ybarra.) The gallant schooner Marlin-spike, as she sailed on a sunny day, As ever luffed into the breeze, with spinnaker abaft, Was sailing o'er a tropic sea, as placid as lake

When Elmer Twigg, a mariner, thus to the captain spoke: "The flyin' fish is sleepin' sir; the moon is hard alee; The water with her rambunctious soul, has been stickin' me; The voice of P'try fish my paw, so give me pen and ink And lock me in the capstan head; I think I'm going to think!"

They did as Elmer bade them do; they gave him ink and pen; They locked him in the capstan head and told him to say when, And then the gunwale they belayed and they went to scupper's tight, And listened by the capstan head expectantly all night.

At seven bells they heard him snore; they said: "He's overwrought! It must be so tremendous to wrastle with a thought!" At half-past seven bells he cried: "My messmates, do not fear! The Muse is hoverin' round me, and she's even pinched my ear!"

And thus till ninety-seven bells; then dawned upon the crew A light; they said: "We guess the game that Twigg is up unto!"

So they unloosed the capstan head. He lay in slumber deep, And on a paper he had scrawled: "Oh, wot a thing is sleep!"

For Elmer there's no port watch now, no starboard watch nor dog; He wakes all the night and day and steers and writes the log, And swabs the deck and shaves the crew and cooks the things they like, And wakes them up three times a month aboard the Marlin-spike.

AMERICA'S DRINK BILL.

(Toronto News.) According to the United States government excise statistics the money spent on beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, during the year 1905 reached the enormous total of \$1,548,798,897.

The total drink bill of the United States is one-fourth of the total "timed production of the cotton, wheat, corn, hay and tobacco crops, and every other product of farms, orchards, cattle ranches, dairies, and every other agricultural industry. It amounts to one-eighth of the national "total expenditure for food." There is much ammunition in these figures for temperance orators, and much food for thought among economists and statesmen.

SAD DEATH OF MONTREAL MAN.

W. W. Ogilvie Met Death by Discharge of Revolver He Was Examining.

MONTREAL, April 28.—Death came in extremely distressing circumstances this afternoon to W. W. Ogilvie, one of the best known young men in the upper social circles of Montreal. Mr. Ogilvie was in his room at the family residence in Rosemount examining a revolver, when it is supposed the weapon was accidentally discharged, and a bullet lodged in the right side of the head, rendering Mr. Ogilvie unconscious, and although assistance was immediately at hand, death followed two hours later at the Royal Victoria Hospital, whither he was taken for the removal of the bullet. Death was directly due to the shock and hemorrhage.

The ordinary circumstances of so lamentable an accident were intensified by the fact that Mr. Ogilvie had recently bought a house on Sherbrooke street, and was to have been married next week to a daughter of Sergt. P. Stearns, ex-consul general for the United States. Mr. Ogilvie was an automobile enthusiast, and a member of the Montreal Hunt Club and of the St. James Club. He was a son of the late W. W. Ogilvie of the Ogilvie Milling Co.

TORONTO POST OFFICE GUTTED BY FIRE.

Body of the Engineer Found in Ten Feet of Water in the Basement.

TORONTO, April 29.—The lower floors of the Toronto post office were gutted by fire at three o'clock this morning. When the flames had been extinguished the body of Geo. L. Tray, the engineer, was found floating in ten feet of water in the basement.

While at work in the I. C. B. shops recently, John Crandall had the misfortune to sustain a severe strain to his back, and has been laid up since. The Moncton Exhibition Association will hold races here on May 24th, at the speedway. The exhibition will consist of the green class for horses that have never competed, and a 2.35 class. The purses will amount to

THE PASSING HOUR.

SORRY HE SPOKE.

"Will you kindly allow me to stand?" asked a gentleman as he got into a Crodney railway carriage a few nights ago, which carriage already contained the specified number.

"Certainly not, sir," exclaimed a passenger occupying a corner seat near the door. "The way these trains are overcrowded is shameful!" "As you appear to be the only person who objects to my presence," replied the gentleman, "I shall remain where I am."

"Then I shall call the guard and have you removed, sir." Suiting the action to the word, the aggrieved passenger rose and, putting his head out of the window, vociferously summoned the guard. The newcomer saw his opportunity, and quietly slipped into the corner seat.

"What's up?" inquired the guard as he opened the carriage door. "One over the number," replied the passenger, coolly. "You must come out, sir; the train's going on," and, without waiting for further explanation, the guard pulled out the aggrieved passenger, who was left wildly gesticulating on the platform, to the amusement of the other passengers in that particular carriage.

PUZZLED THE WAITER.

A gentleman from the North pulled himself up at the hotel table, tucked his napkin under his chin, picked up the bill of fare, and began to study it intently. "Everything was in the restaurant and he didn't like it." "No, sir," he said, sternly, "there's nothing on this I want."

"Ain't there nothin' you would like for dinner, sir?" inquired the waiter, politely. "Have you got any sine qua non?" The waiter gasped. "No, sir," he replied. "Got any bona fide?" "No, no, sir." "Got any semper eadem?" "No, sir, we haven't."

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QUITE MIXED.

The chairman of the school committee was addressing a meeting at the teachers' institute. "My friends, the schoolwork is the house of civilization. I mean—ah— the chairman became slightly chilled.

"The workhouse is the schoolhouse of the world." He was evidently twisted. "The school is the housework." An audible snigger spread itself over the faces of the audience. "The school is the housework." He was getting wild. So where his hearers. He mopped perspiration, gritted his teeth, and made a fresh effort.

"The schoolhouse, my friends." A sigh of relief went up. Ah-h! Now he has got his feet under him again. He gazed suavely round. The light of triumphant self-confidence was enthroned upon his brow. "And that was all."

HOW HE KNEW.

The lady had nothing less than a sovereign to offer the car conductor for his fare. He had not sufficient change, and it was arranged that he should "see her again."

RECOGNISED THE TONE.

An officious little country station-master recently discovered a gentleman enjoying a cigar in a compartment not reserved for smokers.

TOUCHED THE SPOT.

"He kissed her on the forehead. The proud beauty drew herself up to her full height." "And then?" "He couldn't reach any higher than her lips, of course."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE N.S. LEGISLATURE PROROGUED SATURDAY.

Price Arthur Left For Chester Saturday Night.

(Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, N. S., April 28.—The Nova Scotia legislature was prorogued on Saturday afternoon. The session lasted two months. Lieut. Governor Fraser gave his assent to 160 bills, after which he closed the session with speeches to both houses. The guard of honor was from the Royal Canadian regiment. Lieut. Governor Fraser did not wear a uniform.

Price Arthur left for Chester on a special train on Saturday night, arriving there at three o'clock this morning. The price and party remained aboard their cars until 11 o'clock, then they attended service in the Episcopal church, sermon being preached by Rev. Mr. Bent. Price and party leave for the Medway early Monday morning.

FIRE AT ST. STEPHEN.

Fire last night destroyed the boarding house of Mrs. Sarah Brown on Prince William street. The fire, the cause of which is unknown, started in the kitchen, spread to the main house, which was completely gutted. The loss is covered by insurance.

BICYCLE NEWS.

(Lippincott's.) A travelling salesman in the employ of a large bicycle manufacturer in Philadelphia was obliged to go on a business trip into the west about the time an interesting domestic event was expected. The salesman desired his sister to wire him results, according to a formula something like this: If a boy, "Man's safety arrived;" if a girl, "Lady's safety arrived."

A DEAD LOSS.

(Lippincott's.) "See here, Aunt Dinah, I sent two brand-new shirts of my husband's to the wash last week, and you have brought one back now, what have you done with the other?" "Yes, Miss Lulu, ma'am, I was coming 'round to the question of dat shirt. You knows dat I ain't a pussion dat pre-tends to one thing and pre-tends to another, so I've agwine to tell de truth about dat shirt. It was disa-way. My ole man he up and died last week, and de 'burial Sassyety dey didn't do nutting but covort 'round, and I neber had anyting to lay dat man out in. So I helps myself to dat shirt for a 'wac.' Ah! oh, Miss Lulu, honey, I jes' wishes you could hab seen how dat nigger sot dat shirt out!"

A CITIZEN'S DUTY.

(Moncton Transcript.) Have faith in your city, your country, your province and country, besides the religious faith which all should possess. Be not of little faith! Nothing is so devoid of optimism. Usually the men who talk with the least hopefulness for their city or country's future, are those who do the least for themselves, and never have time to even do that much for a public interest. The men who stand off and criticize most vigorously a public body are too frequently those unwilling to assume or discharge a single public obligation.

AN ORATION FOR THE FUTURE.

(Chicago Record-Herald.) "Gentlemen," said the brilliant young statesman as he arose to address the senate, "a solemn duty confronts us. Thirty years ago our fathers were battling to save Niagara. We all know how futile their efforts were. Some of us can even remember when the last few drops of water trickled over that mighty precipice. I do not propose, however, to tire you with ancient history. The mill will never grind with the water that is past, and there are no heels on last year's shoes. What I desire to ask you, gentlemen, is this: Shall we permit a private corporation to blast away and use for building purposes the rock which marks the site of what was once the world's most awful cataract? Shall we?"

But noticing that several of the statesmen before him had fallen asleep, while others were beginning to be busy with their manufacturing sets, he carefully pulled apart the tails of his neatly fitting frock coat, and sat down.

WHERE JOY TRESPASSED ON SORROW.

(Lippincott's.) Hans is a German resident of Eastern Pennsylvania. Recently losing his wife by death, his grief and loneliness knew no bounds. After two weeks of mourning he "struck another match." His friends, according to the custom of a roosting calthumpian serenade, were about the racket as long as he possibly could, and then, opening the window, in tones of greatest disgust called out: "Foyes, ain't you ashamed of yourselves to make such a noise, and just so soon a funeral."

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COUNTRY MARKET.

There is little or no change in the price of food and other provisions. Prices in these lines are very firm.

Table with columns for Wholesale and Retail prices for various goods like Flour, Sugar, etc.

FISH.

Table listing prices for various types of fish like Mackerel, Codfish, etc.

BEANS.

Table listing prices for various types of beans like Beef, Pork, etc.

EGGS.

Table listing prices for various types of eggs like Smelt, Haddock, etc.

GROCERIES.

Table listing prices for various grocery items like Cheese, Rice, etc.

FRUITS, ETC.

Table listing prices for various fruits and other items like Currants, Apples, etc.

PROVISIONS.

Table listing prices for various provisions like American clear pork, etc.

FLOUR, ETC.

Table listing prices for various types of flour and other items like Manitoba, etc.

GRAIN, ETC.

Table listing prices for various types of grain like Oats, Beans, etc.

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