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THE EVENING TIMES.

THE WEATHER. Fair and cold predicted for tomorrow.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1905.

ONE CENT.

A RUSSIAN ARMY HAS BEEN CUT OFF.

Mukden Trail Closed and Japs Advancing All Along the Line --New Rolling Stock For the Siberian Railroad --- British Coal Steamer Captured.

BERLIN, March 4.—A despatch to the Tageblatt from St. Petersburg, says:

“General Kuropatkin, in a telegram which arrived here at 7 o'clock last night, said 260,000 Japanese had broken through the Russian left wing and that it was cut off from the remainder of the army.

“At 10 o'clock came another despatch from General Kuropatkin which read:

“The Japanese are marching on Mukden. My position is extremely dangerous.”

“In Government circles here today there is a conviction that General Kuropatkin has been fully beaten, that part of his army has been dispersed, and that the railroad north of Mukden will probably be cut.”

Tokio, March 4.—4 p. m.—It was announced today, from the headquarters of the Japanese army in Manchuria, that the fighting on the right, center and left, is resulting in steady Japanese gains. The Japanese, it is added, have defeated the Russians at Simsimin.

Russian Trenches Taken. General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, via Fusan, Friday, Mar. 3.—(delayed in transmission) The hotly contested engagement which began at midnight across the Shikoku river from Witosan is still proceeding late this afternoon under conditions of the attacking force and favoring those defending the entrenchments. A large Japanese contingent which crossed the plain directly west of Witosan in the darkness succeeded in gaining the first line of the Russian trenches to the great astonishment of the Russians.

The Russians have since been making a fierce resistance in the second line of trenches on the summit of the foot hills and the Japanese are attacking them spiritedly.

The night was bitterly cold and today it is freezing, and a thin film of snow covers the earth. The Japanese are obliged to wear the heaviest clothing which, with the cold and continuous snow furries, handicaps them.

To Forward Supplies. St. Petersburg, Mar. 4.—All the new rolling stock which includes 445 locomotives and 5173 cars just delivered, will be employed to reinforce the main Siberian line instead of being utilized in general commercial traffic as had been intended. The minister of communications has been obliged to order 15,000 cars for the various lines of the empire.

CITY TAKING LONG RISKS. Fire Hydrants, Snow and Ice Covered and Inaccessible in Any Emergency.

Many of the fire hydrants about the city are in an unsatisfactory condition. Some of them are almost inaccessible for an engine owing to the accumulation of snow on the streets and about the hydrants. Asst. Chief Engineer Blake made a tour of inspection this morning to all the hydrants in the city, and those which were not properly cleared, have been reported to the water office. Mr. Blake said that nearly all of them could be gotten at by the hose company's, but the chief difficulty would be in getting an engine placed. On the side streets and about Fort Howe, especially, it would be impossible to take an engine and the only way for the firemen to do is to have lots of hose and use the nearest accessible hydrant. The water works department have had one of the most trying winters in many years, about 175 calls having been made on the office since the first of January. Those were mainly for frozen water pipes, and Supt. Murdoch has been a very busy man. While some people have said that the department were slow in attending to these matters, it should be taken into consideration that the weather has been exceptionally severe, and may not occur again for many years.

IT WILL PAY YOU, IF YOU ARE IN BUSINESS TO ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES.

WONDERFUL IMPRESSION

Said to Have Been Caused by the Czar's Rescript.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 4.—The imperial rescript announcing that Emperor Nicholas had decided to convene an assembly of elected representatives of the people to elaborate and consider legislation has produced a wonderful impression. The war and the battle below Mukden are forgotten. The rescript is hailed by many as a second emancipation proclaimed on the anniversary of the first, the Novoe Vremya characterizing it as marking Russia's happiest hour. The liberals stand amazed and in the flush of enthusiasm are reading in it a recognition of the elective principle and the complete surrender of autocracy, but discriminating people, while regarding it as a great victory, realize that all will depend upon the manner in which the reform is carried out. High hopes are now entertained by the government of calming the present agitation which is convulsing the country. It is not expected that the out and out revolutionists can be appeased, but it is hoped the rescript will help to destroy the effect of the revolutionary propaganda among the really peacefully inclined. Bloodshed is feared in Poland and other parts of Russia, today, and the authorities have taken the most energetic measures everywhere. Here the rescript has already had a quieting effect on the workmen, and a considerable activity along the coasting of the disturbances of February 20, when the Emperor's portrait was destroyed. The rescript was being reprinted, and all the students have been rusticated, but were granted permission to petition for readmission.

SABLE ISLAND GETS ANOTHER.

Str. Skidby From Shields Was Wrecked There on Jan. 31 --- The Crew Saved.

Halifax, N. S., March 4.—(Special) Another wreck has been added to the long list of wrecks on Sable Island. The government steamer Skidby, which has been several days ago for Sable Island, to inquire into the report that a steamer was ashore on the island. The Skidby, which was commanded by Captain Jones and twenty-five men of the crew of the steamer Skidby, of the Fisheries Department, was wrecked on the northeast bar of the island on Jan. 31. The steamer after being ashore for several days, the crew and cargo were driven around again in the middle of the island where she remained without difficulty. The Skidby left Shields, Jan. 8, in ballast, for Baltimore, to load for Copenhagen and has been reported missing.

HIGH SCHOOL WON.

A curling rink of young men from the High School, played a rink of the ladies of the Thistle curling club this morning. The game resulted in a victory for High School.

EXPEDITION IS SAFE.

Buenos Ayres, Mar. 4.—A telegram to the newspaper Standard announced that the Antarctic expedition has arrived at Puerto Madrin, Argentina. There is no official confirmation of the news.

Mrs. Wm. C. Myers.

Mrs. Wm. C. Myers, died this morning at her residence, 85 Duke street. She is survived by her husband, one child and five sisters.

IT'S UP TO LAURIER.

Ottawa, Mar. 4.—(Special)—The western members presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier today the school clause, which they will stand by for the autonomy bill. The clause embodies the system already in force in the north west.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

Superior, Wis., March 4.—The ore docks at West Duluth, the second largest in the world, have collapsed and several persons are reported killed. All available ambulances are hurrying to the scene.

ENORMOUS LOSS.

South Shields, Eng., March 4.—Fire last night, at the coal landings on the north banks of the Tyne, caused a loss to the amount of \$1,000,000.

THE BRIDE OBJECTED.

Moncton Has a Red Hot Matrimonial Sensation.

Moncton, N. B., March 4.—(Special)—Quite a stir in Asyrian circles here this morning was caused by the arrival from Boston last night of a matrimonial party, who were held up here by the refusal of the bride to proceed with the would-be groom. The party consisted of Christian Harley, the prospective bride, Frieda Harley, her sister, Leon Afash, the would-be groom, and Kaiser Abouakid. When the party left Boston, the intention was to proceed to Newcastle, Afash's home, where he and Christian Harley were to be married. The bride-elect, is about seventeen years old and the would-be husband about forty-five. Upon arrival at Moncton the groom refused to go further and wished to withdraw from the matrimonial contract and return to her mother, in Boston. Afash did not agree to this and states that the girl cost him \$2,000, and he will enforce his claim. The girl admits that Afash bought her from her relatives but she is determined not to marry him. She says Afash paid her another \$300, her uncle's guardian, \$400 and her sister \$200, besides buying hundreds of dollars worth of jewelry for herself. Upon the completion of the marriage contract at Newcastle she was to receive \$1000. Afash claims the girl is his wife, but others of the party say the marriage ceremony is not valid, and the mother refused to allow the marriage until the arrival at the groom's home. The girl offered her would-be husband, his jewelry back and wired for her mother to come to Moncton. The two girls and the mother, last night, put up at the American, and Afash, with a number of his countrymen, are watching the train and guarding the house to see they do not escape. Afash says he will take legal proceedings to compel the girl to marry him, and he will accompany him to Newcastle.

PAPER IS WELL MET AT BANK.

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The 4th of March is generally one of the heaviest days of the year in the banking business. It is recognized as a general settling day among the dry goods houses, and nearly all large companies, of Great Britain and the west. Some of the managers of the city banks were interviewed this morning as to the amount of business this year as compared with the same day in other years.

HE GOES TO WASHINGTON.

Robt. Brittain, who has been employed with Macaulay Bros. & Co., for the last twelve years, severed his connection with the firm last evening and will leave today for Tacoma, Washington, where he has secured an excellent position. Mr. Brittain was a very popular young man and has many friends here who wish him every success in his new field of labor.

THE DEATH ROLL.

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AGAIN IN CUSTODY.

Gaynor and Green Re-arrested in Quebec This Morning.

Quebec, Mar. 4.—(Special)—Col. John F. Gaynor and Capt. B. D. Greene who are accused of fraud by the U. S. government were re-arrested in Quebec this morning in pursuance of a judgment of the privy council setting aside the habeas corpus proceedings on which they had had their liberty. The warrant was issued at the request of Donald McMaster counsel for the United States and executed by Detective Carpenter. The prisoners will be brought to Montreal at once.

CASE STILL HANGS FIRE.

No New Developments in The Death of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford.

San Francisco, Mar. 4.—Although every effort is being made to solve the mystery of the alleged poisoning of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, in Honolulu, there are few new developments in the case. The autopsy in Honolulu, has not been completed and it has not been proved that death did not result from natural causes.

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STREET RAILWAY ROUTE IS FIXED.

The Loop Will Be via Wentworth Street --- Lively Session of Board of Works this Morning --- Company Refused to Accept Carmarthen Street.

A meeting of the board of works was held this morning, Ald. Christie presiding and present Ald. Hamer, Holder, Maxwell, Macrae, Brannen, Bullock, Carleton, Barker, Lewis, McGoldrick and Tilley. The chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed street railway extension as regards the Carmarthen or Wentworth St. routes, and a lively discussion ensued. Besides the members of the board several prominent citizens interested were present and expressed their opinions pro and con.

C. H. Peters addressed the board at some length, endorsing the Carmarthen street and vigorously opposing the Wentworth street route. He took up the situation affecting the respective routes and of the convenience of the public generally. He contended that there was a general objection in the Wentworth street district to the road going that way. The property holders don't want it. H. D. McLeod said he would prefer to have the road go Carmarthen street. If the company won't go to Carmarthen street, then he would be satisfied with Wentworth street.

Mr. Robinson was asked if the road was not allowed to go by Wentworth St. would the company not build it at all. He replied that the road would not be built if the company would not accept the plan, he did not believe the directors would adopt Carmarthen as it is proposed to put the rails down this year, but if there is any hitch, the matter will have to be further submitted to the directors.

COUNTY COURT.

In county court chambers this morning, Judge Forbes delivered judgment in the case of Pinoult vs. Golette.

A SEAT CAPTURED.

London, March 4.—The liberals captured a seat, as the result of the bye-elections in Buteshire, yesterday, when Norman Lamont, secured a majority of thirty-four over the Unionist candidate, Edward T. Salveson, the solicitor-general for Scotland. The election was due to the elevation of Andrew Graham Murray to the peerage on his appointment to a judgeship.

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HARCOURT NEWS.

An Interesting Address by Michael Kelly --- The Blockade Raised.

Harcourt, March 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart of Montreal spent the night with Mrs. Annie Bryant. Miss Goldsmith came home from Bathurst yesterday.

Last night a meeting was held in the Hall, which was addressed by Michael Kelly, the blind orator, organizer for the Sons of Temperance. He spoke about an hour and a half and held his audience perfectly. He declared against license, beverage (1) of its being a monopoly, (2) of its making liquor selling legally respectable, (3) of its making no partners in the business, and (4) because liquor sellers are in favor of it. His address was largely on woman greatly hasten the desired enactment of total prohibition. Incidentally he argued that New Zealand's system of government was in advance of that of Canada, because in New Zealand they have government ownership of railways, telephones and telegraphs; restriction of the size of landed estates; old-age pensions; government insurance; a referendum of prohibition at every national election; and most of all, equal political rights for men and women.

The meeting was also addressed by Andrew Dunn, Rev. J. B. Champion, L. B. Walden, Henry Wathen, Mrs. Andrew Dunn, H. H. Stuart, Miss Jessie Dunn and Mrs. G. L. Freese; and a hearty vote of thanks tendered Mr. Kelly.

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