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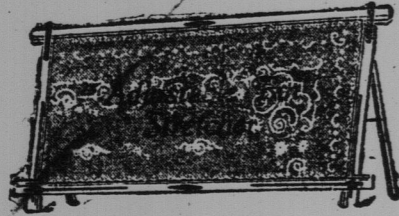
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EQUITY COURT.

The Morrell and Sutherland Case Again— Sheriff Ritchie Appointed as an Additional Assignee.

Four cases were heard before Judge Barker in the equity court this morning, among them being the case of Gault Bros. v. Morrell & Sutherland. Davidson v. Ferguson summons ordered for discovery, stands till next court. L. A. Currey appeared for the plaintiff and M. G. Teed for defendant. In Jardine et al v. Munde et al, M. G. Teed moved that the injunction formerly obtained be continued. Order made to that effect.

H. H. Austin petitioned that Mary Elizabeth Hatfield, an infant, have her name changed to Britain and be adopted by Mr. Britain of Kings county. Petition granted.

In the case of Gault Bros. Co., Ltd. v. Morrell & Sutherland, M. G. Teed, K. C., moved that an order be given to vest firm taken and a receiver be appointed.

J. B. M. Baxter for Morrell & Sutherland, said that he did not see the need of a receiver and thought the business of the firm should be closed up as rapidly as possible to prevent loss on account of the depreciation in value of goods if not sold this season. But the first matter to be settled was to who were the assignees. He proceeded to argue that the ruling of Mr. Wilson at the creditors' meeting was illegal.

Judge Barker ruled that as the matter had not come before the court he could not decide it.

A. I. Trueman said that under the act the judge had power to appoint an additional assignee, and as all would agree to his appointing Sheriff Ritchie to act with Messrs. Roach and Som-

erville, he suggested that this be done. There was a good deal of discussion in regard to the inspector, Messrs. Hanington and Teed, Mr. Baxter could not see the necessity of incurring the additional expense of two inspectors, especially as they were not dry goods men. C. S. Hanington took exception to this and stated that he had had two years experience in the dry goods business. J. King Kelley thought the inspectors could be dispensed with as two of the assignees, Messrs. Sommerville and Roach, were experienced dry goods men. Judge Barker said that the only thing he could do was to appoint Sheriff Ritchie an additional assignee, and trust to the good sense of the Messrs. Foster and the experience and good sense of Mr. Hanington to cause as little friction as possible in the capacity of inspectors.

The subscription price of the Daily Star has been reduced for subscribers receiving it by mail to \$4.00 a year, cash in advance.

Senator Menefee, of the Oklahoma legislature, spent some of his boyhood days among Indians. His father died when he was eight years old and the child was adopted by Fastrunner, the chief of the Caddos, with whom he lived for about seven years. In that time he became one of the most expert bareback riders in the Wichita mountain country. He also was famous as a bear hunter. One leaving the Caddos he went to school in Virginia for three years. Mr. Menefee is a successful hardware dealer, his place of business being located in Fort Cobb. His father-father, Fastrunner, is still alive.

All advertisers who desire to cover the maritime provinces must use the paper that is read in the homes of the people.—The Sun covers the field.

St. John, N. B., March 3rd, 1905.

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CZAR INSULTS AND THEN IMPLORES.

Says No to Just Demands of Workmen.

And Then Appeals to Them to Stand by Him and Russia in Hour of Danger.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—The workmen's demands that the government pledge itself to release the 5,000 workmen who have been arrested since January 22, and engage that the members of the mixed commission should have absolute freedom of speech and immunity of arrest on account of expression of opinions and that the proceeding of the commission should be published uncensored, have been rejected by the government, as expected. Those who attended in the people's palace today, in accordance with yesterday's agreement found in defence of the people closed and on the walls a notice placarded signed by M. Schidlofsky, president of the mixed commission giving an evasive reply in regard to the liberty of speech during the sessions of the commission, while all the other demands of the workmen were negatived on the ground that he was not competent to give the guarantee required, as the questions were outside his sphere.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—The text of the imperial manifesto published by the Official Messenger to-day, calling on the country to rally round the throne in defence of the empire from its internal enemies is in part as follows: "An insupportable Providence has been pleased to visit our fatherland with heavy trials. A bloody war in the Far East involving the honor of Russia and the command of the waters of the Pacific ocean so urgently necessary to the conclusion of the peaceful prosperity not only of our own, but of other Christian nations throughout ages has imposed a great strain on the strength of the Russian people and has swallowed up many dear victims near to our heart. Yet the glorious sons of Russia are not without self-sacrificing bravery, risking their lives for their faith, for their emperor and for their country, disturbances have broken out in our own lands to the joy of our enemies and our own deep sorrow."

"Thinking unceasingly of the welfare of our people and firmly trusting that God will aid us, I honestly and conscientiously have a care in accord with ourselves for every affair of state."

MRS. STANFORD'S MURDERER

Chinese Cook Suspected of Giving Strychnine to the Celebrated American Lady Killed in Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 3.—The Call published a despatch from Honolulu, which says that Miss Bertha Berner, who was Mrs. Stanford's secretary, has named Ah Wing, a Chinese cook, who has been employed at Mrs. Stanford's home for over twenty years, as the one whom she suspects of putting the strychnine in the bicarbonate of soda. Ah Wing with some other Chinese in the employ of Mrs. Stanford, is now confined in the Stanford mansion on California street by private detectives and are not allowed to leave the house. Besides Ah Wing, there are two other Chinese servants and the housekeeper at present in the house.

Since the announcement was made that strychnine had been found in the bottle of bicarbonate, detectives have made careful search of Mrs. Stanford's California street home and her place at Palo Alto. At both they have found a one-pound can of imported bicarbonate of soda. The can at the Palo Alto house had not been opened, but from the one discovered at the California street mansion, there had been taken a small portion, presumably the amount needed to fill the small bottle signed Mrs. Stanford carried with her to Honolulu. Both of these cans have been analyzed by a local chemist, who has pronounced their contents absolutely free from any kind of poison. The detectives are now eager to discover who refilled the small bottle and possibly mixed the bicarbonate of soda with strychnine.

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MILLION MEN

BATTLE TODAY

Greatest Fight of War Now On—Japs are Gaining—Port Arthur Veterans in The Van.

GEN. OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 28.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Russians have been very active for several days evidently expecting the Japanese to move. That portion of the Japanese force lying west of the railway has been continuously bombarded night and day with heavy guns as well as field guns. The left wing, following the example of the extreme right, moved forward, driving the outpost and occupying a line running from Shotzenmuller to Kalama on the east bank of the Liao River, twelve miles north of the Shakhe River. This completely blocked any attempt of the Russians to turn the Japanese left.

It is probable that the commencement of a general battle is only a matter of hours. The Russians are spending the days heavily bombarding the Japanese lines and at night making small attacks on many points, sending out detachments of one or two companies. All the attacks are easily repulsed by the Japanese, who are suffering no serious loss. The most serious attack occurred last night when five companies of Russian infantry desperately assaulted Lamting, which has been attacked a score of times since the battle of Shakhe River. After a desperate fight lasting one hour and a half the Russians were repulsed. They left behind sixty dead and some prisoners. A severe bombardment is continuing today, the Russians using additional heavy guns but firing blindly, the Japanese responding lightly. There is every evidence that both sides are preparing for a battle, likely to prove the battle of the war. Probably fully a million men will be ready to move when the battle is joined.

The Japanese troops are in excellent health conditions despite the long winter of unaccustomed cold. A few Russians are surrendering daily, the number being largely increased the last few days.

GEN. OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, Mar. 1.—10 a. m., via Fusan.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Japanese are swinging north, taking position on the main force with the troops this morning on the east bank of the river have advanced under cover of a heavy fire from Onchan and neighboring villages, reaching a point one hundred metres from the Russian trenches. They are now holding the position awaiting a favorable opportunity to attack it.

RUSSIAN GUNS SILENCED. GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, via Fusan, Mar. 2.—The Japanese this morning opened a terrific bombardment along the entire line, using enormous guns, the heaviest yet employed. The Japanese fire was directed against the Russian defenses of the villages on both sides of the river and great damage was done. One hundred guns of all sizes took part in the bombardment. The Russian guns were quiet for the first time in months. Evidently they were unable to respond.

BATTLE FAVORS JAPS. GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS, Mar. 2, via Fusan.—The battle is progressing favorably for the Japanese, although a snowstorm is higher in the hills beyond. The Japanese right forces, pushing forward under cover of the night, gained Ofurei and Taku Mountain, surprising the Russians and capturing six hundred prisoners. At Ofurei, the Japanese found Russians occupying the trenches on the hill. They attacked on both sides and captured sixty Russians. They were dressed in ragged clothes and looked as if they had been leading a hard life.

The Japanese forces west of Waito Mountain took advanced positions close to the river during the night.

A tremendous bombardment is being carried on today. Great clouds of smoke are ascending from the hills

where the Japanese fire is directed. The commanding officer Waito Mountain was suspended this morning. The Japanese right is shelling the Russian position on the higher hills and at noon the Japanese batteries near Waito Mountain resumed work co-operating with them. On Tuesday, sixty Russian guns were working. Opposite Waito Mountain yesterday there were only thirty. The Japanese casualties in the right army have been very few compared with the results gained. Those regiments camping in the open ground or making night attacks, muffled in heavy clothes are being put to the hardest tests that soldiers could endure.

JAP ATTACKS REPULSED. SAKHETO, Manchuria, Mar. 2.—Stubborn fighting has been in progress all day long. The Japanese divisions are about eleven miles west of Mukden. The Japanese today made two infantry attacks on Poutloff Hill, but were repulsed. They have resumed the bombardment of the Japanese position on the left bank of the Hun River, where the Russians are maintaining a stubborn defence. The four Japanese divisions engaged in the turning movement of the Russian right on the Liao River today reached Saw-in-pu, about eleven miles west of Mukden, but Russian reinforcements were sent out and checked the advance.

PORT ARTHUR VETERANS AGAIN. A Japanese attack on the positions west of Eradoug at four o'clock in the afternoon was repulsed. Under cover of the artillery fire and a mist, the Japanese opened a frontal attack on Poutloff Hill at seven o'clock this morning, but were beaten off by the fire from the Russian guns. A similar attack at noon was similarly beaten off after which the Japanese resumed the bombardment of the hill with siege guns, preparatory to another attack. General Nogi's Port Arthur veterans are participating in the present fighting. The losses on both sides are heavy, but the results are indecisive.

The report that a detachment of Japanese cavalry had appeared at Simulintin is confirmed.

EMPEROR WELCOMES STOESEL. ST. PETERSBURG, March 3, 12 45 a. m.—General Stoessel, who was given an audience of the emperor yesterday, was received by his majesty with a warmth which went far to atone for the cool reception which he was given by several of the newspapers and military factions. General Stoessel is being feted by society. A large dinner was given in his honor last night after his return from Tsarakoo-Selo. The emperor and the dowager empress were included among the seventeen guests at the emperor's luncheon to General Stoessel.

Representative Belder, of Ohio, was wondering why there would be anything for his district in the river and harbor bill. "Not a dollar," said Chairman Burton, of the committee on rivers and harbor. "Well, I must say," remarked Belder ruefully, "you are about as candid as a Cincinnati friend of mine. He borrowed \$1,000 from an acquaintance and next day he failed, with a long list of preferred creditors. You're a fine friend," said the lender to the borrower. "Here you have my \$1,000 and I am not even in the list of preferred creditors." "Oh, that's all right, old man," answered the borrower. "You know now that you won't get anything, and the others won't know it for two years."

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LAURIER MAY COMPROMISE.

Friends Trying to Get Sifton Back.

And Premier May Amend the Autonomy Bill So He Can Withdraw His Resignation

(Special to the Star.) OTTAWA, Ont., March 3.—There is no apparent change this morning in the cabinet crisis. Pressure stronger than ever is being brought to bear on both Sifton and Laurier to come together on compromise ground, and some members are confident the minister of the interior will be back again in the fold.

A regular general election being four years away the bulk of Liberal representatives will not let any more matter of principle interfere with their possession of the flesh-pots of Egypt. As a French Liberal senator remarked yesterday in the Russell "What we have we will hold."

GIGANTIC DRUG TRUST.

Big Combine Unearthed Which Has Been Robbing the Public of Forty Million Dollars Yearly.

CHICAGO, Mar. 3.—Existence of a gigantic combine controlling the drug trade of the United States and costing the consumers \$40,000,000 annually, is held to have been proved by the hearing just concluded before special United States Commissioner Marshall E. Sampson. The amount of business controlled by the combination is placed at \$40,000,000 yearly. The evidence taken before Commissioner Sampson is said to be so conclusive that it probably will be placed in the hands of U. S. Attorney General Moody for prosecution on the part of the government. The fight against the combination is being made by a large retail druggist at Philadelphia, who is suing for \$100,000 damages, under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. The action was begun in the circuit court of Philadelphia and the most important evidence obtained is that given at the preliminary hearing.

A NEW PUZZLE.

How Old Will Ed. O'Brien Be When He is Arrested Next Time—Figure It Out.

There has been much speculation, to say nothing of vain calculations, as to Ed. O'Brien's age, but here is a poser that the more matter of fact every day hard working man can figure out at his leisure, if he has any. On Nov. 16th last Edward O'Brien was arrested on King street for being drunk. He gave his age as 50. Yesterday he was arrested again and insisted he was 60 years old. The problem therefore is how old will Edward be when he is next locked up? So that all will start fair on this problem, it might be as well to state that Edward cannot be arrested for two months, as he has gone to jail for that time in default of a payment of eight dollars.

James Timiney, 55 years of age, kicked up a lively row in the I. C. R. depot yesterday afternoon, for which he goes to jail for two months. Timiney persisted in insulting passengers and it is said at one time drew a knife. Acting Magistrate Henderson, in default of eight dollars.

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SHARP & McMACKIN 335 Main St., North End.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.—Moderate west to northwest winds; fine today and on Saturday; not much frost. Synopsis.—A disturbance is this morning situated near Bermuda, but it is unlikely to affect the Maritime Provinces. To Banks and American ports, moderate west to northwest winds. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 25; lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 13; temperature at noon, 25.

THIS EVENING.

Fiske Stock Company at the Opera House. Carnival at Victoria Rink. Concert in St. Andrew's church. Rothesay v. U. N. B. hockey team at Queens Rink.

No more powerful agency has ever been infused into the business world than that which we now call advertising.—The Buyer. Livering sentence, remarked that if Timiney escaped from the jail gang, which was seemingly not difficult, his loss would not be felt.

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