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READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

FRANCE THINKS 100,000 MEN MAY BE NEEDED SUDDENLY.

A Council of War at Paris—Cakir Pasha Preparing to Crush the Cretan Rebels —Brilliant Nuptial Festivities at Berlin —General Cable News.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—A council of war at which Minister De Freycinet presided was held here to-day to discuss the increase of the German frontier corps. It was decided to double the sixth army corps in order that 100,000 men may be sent quickly to the frontier in case of an emergency. The council also resolved to increase eastern railway facilities.

Chakir Pasha Will Make a Sedan of Sphakia

ATHENS, Oct. 14.—Despatches from Crete say Chakir Pasha is preparing to attack Sphakia from four different directions. Skirmishes between the Turks and Cretans continue.

Nuptial Festivities at Berlin.

BERLIN, Oct. 14.—A banquet was given to-night in honor of Princess Sophie, who is soon to be married to the Crown Prince of Greece. A State reception followed the banquet. Empress Frederick wore mourning out of respect for the memory of the late Emperor Frederick. There was no music at the banquet. Princess Sophie wore a dress of white tulle and a parure of brilliants. The Emperor and Empress have given her a splendid parure of diamonds representing the national colors of Greece. Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales have sent a complete set of similar stones consisting of a tiara, necklace, bracelets and scrafe. The artist Angeli has completed full-length portraits of the bride and bridegroom. Photographs of the Princess and her fiance have been sent to Queen Victoria.

Satisfied to be Vice.

AUCKLAND, Oct. 14.—Despatches from Samoa say that a public meeting was held there for the election of a king. All the foreign representatives attended. Mailieton made an address in which he praised Mataafa and advised the people to elect him their king. As for himself he was content to be vice-king. It is understood that Germany will refuse to recognize Mataafa.

The Bismarcks Will Now Succeed.

BERLIN, Oct. 14.—The Czar has presented Prince Bismarck with a valuable snuff box, on the lid of which is a portrait of His Majesty. A similar present was given to Count Herbert Bismarck by the Czar.

Peace Assured.

BERLIN, Oct. 14.—Political circles here are highly satisfied with the exchange of views between Emperor William and the Czar. It is believed that peace is assured on the basis that Bulgaria belongs to Russian and Servia to Austrian spheres of interest.

He Didn't Find Stanley.

ZANZIBAR, Oct. 14.—Mr. Stevens, who was sent to Africa by The New York World, arrived here to-day. He has not found any trace of Stanley.

Cable Flashes.

Jack the Ripper writes that he is "on the job again" for Oct. 18.

The Italian Government has declared a protectorate over Abyssinia.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria visited the Paris Exhibition yesterday.

The Lissona River has overflowed at Motta del Priel, doing serious damage to the town.

Prof. Bestian, the geographical explorer, has notified Prof. Virchow of his safe arrival at Samarcand.

It has been decided to make Oct. 18, the birthday of the late Emperor Frederick, a national holiday in Germany.

A despatch from Capetown says the British gunboat Pearmber has sailed from there for Walfish Bay on a special mission.

An earthquake was experienced in the vicinity of Venice yesterday. Several houses in a village near there were destroyed.

The Earl of Galloway was acquitted at Dumfries yesterday on the charge of making an indecent assault upon a child named Gibson.

The German Ambassador at Constantinople has notified the Porte that Emperor William's intended visit to that city will be of a non-political character.

The prosecution of the Pekin railway project has been postponed owing to difficulty over financial arrangements and objection to accepting foreign aid.

The French Government will send neither a representative nor a squadron on the occasion of the wedding of Princess Sophie of Prussia and the Crown Prince of Greece.

Emperor William has conferred the black eagle upon the Czar's Minister, Count Woronzoff-Dashkoff, and the red eagle upon Gen. Richter, who accompanied the Czar.

M. Spuller, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a speech yesterday at Calermont invited the Conservatives to support the Republic in obedience to the expressed desire of the electorate.

The Czar has conferred the Vladimir order upon the German attache at St. Petersburg an order never hitherto bestowed on a foreigner. He has also presented decorations to the officers of the Alexander department.

The Grashdanning says the long conferences between the Czar and Prince Bismarck justify the belief that the visit of the Czar will tend to bring on an era of more favorable relations between Russia and Germany.

DARKNESS IN GOTHAM.

Electric Light Companies Shut off Their Currents.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—District Attorney Fellows consulted to-day with Mayor Grant relative to electric wires in general and the death of Lineman Feeks in particular. He assured the Mayor that if the line which killed Feeks were discovered indictments would follow. The search for the wire which crossed the lines on which Feeks was at work is beset with difficulty. The argument on the injunctions obtained Saturday went over until to-morrow owing to the crowded condition of the calendar. Joseph H. Choate, representing the United States and Brush companies, said his clients had shut off their current and would keep it off until the matter was disposed of.

The sudden determination of the Brush and United States companies to shut off their city circuits plunged a large section into darkness to-night, the time being short to arrange for lighting the thousands of gas lamps which have fallen into disuse since the introduction of electricity. In Madison-square and Union-square parks, around which the life of the city clustered at night, almost impenetrable gloom reigned. A large number of streets were also darkened, and in that portion of Broadway occupied by commercial houses closed at nightfall the scene was dismal. When the two companies notified Superintendent Murray of their determination he ordered the police to exercise extra vigilance.

Shot His Faithless Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Maggie Mendosa, who deserted her husband, Antonio Mendosa, some time ago to live with another man, was shot and killed by her husband in a lodging house to-day. Mendosa had gone to the house to induce his wife to return to him, but she refused. He was about to blow out his own brains when an officer arrested him. He said it was also his intention to kill his wife's paramour.

Eligible for the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The son of Baron DeFava, Italian Minister to the United States, has been naturalized as a citizen of the United States. He is a civil engineer and intends to follow his profession in this country.

They Want B-o-l-s-d.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—The radical Socialists in session here to-day threw the lukewarm fellows out of doors and commenced a secret meeting.

Shell oysters served in every style at English Chop House. Families supplied.

Broke Jail.

AUBURN, N. Y., Oct. 14.—Charles Kline, a Buffalo convict who had about 1½ years of a five years' sentence for burglary to serve, escaped from his keepers this afternoon and up to a late hour to-night had not been captured.

Johnstown's Scourge.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 14.—It is estimated that there are 300 cases of typhoid fever here.

THE T., H. AND B.'S DEMAND.

What the Projectorate Ask From the Ambitious City.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company, held yesterday at the Rossin House in this city, Mayor William Doran and ex-Mayor George Roach of the city of Hamilton were elected directors of the company and took their seats at the meeting.

The board adopted a resolution instructing the secretary to address a communication to the Mayor and Council of the city of Hamilton asking them to grant the company the right of way through the city, or a cash bonus and the right to run over such streets as may be agreed upon, and the company will then purchase the right of way from the private owners and also indemnify the property owners on those streets for such consequential damage as they may be entitled to.

The Secretary left Toronto by the afternoon train to present the communication to the Council of the city of Hamilton at its meeting last night. Following is the communication:

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON: GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by the Board of Directors of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company to make application through you to the City of Hamilton for aid for the construction of the line of railway of this company, which is now under contract, to be built from the City of Toronto to the City of Hamilton and thence to Welland. The parties interested in this company have also arranged with the Brantford, Waterloo and Lake Erie Railway Company for the acquisition of the line of railway and rights of that company. A portion of its line between Brantford and Waterford on the Canada Southern is already constructed and will immediately be open for traffic, and the arrangements of the company provide for the extension of the road from Brantford to the City of Hamilton, where it will unite with the line of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company. Connection will thus be made between Hamilton and Toronto on the one side and Brantford and Waterford on the other and also with Welland, and at Welland and Waterford our line of railway will connect with the Canada Southern or Michigan Central system, and by it with the New York Central to the east and the Michigan Central to Chicago and all western points.

The aid we ask from the city of Hamilton is to enable us to acquire the right of way through the city, which will necessarily be very expensive, and we would also ask from you permission to use such portions of one or more streets within the city as can be most conveniently utilized for railway purposes. We are prepared to undertake and actively push the immediate construction of our lines of railway to the points indicated, and our road would be and remain for all time entirely independent of all existing railways other than the Canada Southern or Michigan Central, with which our connections would be made as already stated.

If the city of Hamilton would grant us a subsidy to the extent of ——— dollars in money and will give us the right to use such portions of the streets as may be agreed upon we will purchase and procure the right of way through the city at our own expense, including such compensation for consequential damages as the owners of property on the streets on which we are permitted to run may be entitled to, without further expense to the city than the amount of the cash subsidy which we now beg to apply for.

A committee of the board of the company would be glad to meet a committee of your honorable body at any time agreed upon to discuss the details of the matter and to furnish you with all such further information and satisfaction as you may think it necessary to have.

E. E. MILLER, Sec. T., H. & B. R. Co.

A Hamilton despatch says the communication was referred to the Railway Committee of the Council.

A CASE AGAINST THE G.T.R.

Decision of the Interstate Commission on a Port Huron Complaint.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The Interstate Commerce Commission announced its decision to-day in the case of Henry McMorran and Edmund B. Harrington, millers and dealers in grain at Port Huron, Mich., against the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada and the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway. The opinion, written by Commissioner Schoonmaker, states that when a difference in rates on grain and grain products is unreasonable the relations of long haul through rates should not be unduly disproportionate. It also holds as follows:

Though rates are not required to be made on a mileage basis nor local rates to correspond with the divisions of a joint through rate over the same line, mileage is usually an element of importance and due regard to distance proportions should be observed in connection with the other considerations that are material in fixing transportation charges. When rates on the line of a carrier are on their face disproportionate or relatively unequal, the burden is on the carrier to justify them when challenged. Grain and grain products classified alike are presumptively entitled to equal rates and if a difference is made by a carrier it assumes the burden of sustaining it by satisfactory evidence.

Upon complaint against the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada for alleged unreasonable rates of a rate of 8 cents a hundred pounds on grain and 10 cents a hundred pounds on grain products from Port Huron to Buffalo, as compared with a through rate of 15 cents a hundred pounds from Chicago to Buffalo over the line formed by that road and the Chicago and Grand Trunk, *held*: That though the local rate from Port Huron to Buffalo might be regarded as disproportionate on the basis of distance alone, other considerations are involved, and in view of the terminal and ferry expenses at Port Huron, the Niagara bridge charges and the Buffalo terminal expenses, all of which are borne by the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada alone upon business originating at Port Huron, the complaint against the 8 cent rate on grain is not sustained, but no good reason having been shown for a higher rate on grain products that portion of the complaint is sustained and the products ordered to be carried at the same rate as grain.

A POINTER FOR TORONTO.

The N. Y. C. Railway to be Run Under or Carried Over the Streets of Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Oct. 14.—President Depew of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad has signed the grade crossing contract and the commissioners representing the city of Buffalo have also signed it. The agreement is complete and irrevocable. The sorely-needed and much-desired improvement by which the principal railroad entering the city will be sunk under or carried over the streets of this city which it crosses will be completed on Feb. 1, 1890, at an expense of $3,000,000, of which the city will be called upon to pay $450,000.

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THE ANGRY ATLANTIC.

A Severe Storm Raging on the New England Coast—Many Disasters.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Oct. 14.—A violent gale has prevailed here to-day. The schooners Richard S, Nellie Clark and Benjamin English have gone ashore.

NANTUCKET, Oct. 14.—A severe storm is raging here attended by some serious disasters. The body of a man has been washed ashore on the south side of the island. The Cookady life-saving station reports seeing two vessels in collision Saturday in Nantuckes Sound One sank. The vessels are unknown.

BOSTON, Oct. 14.—Captain Whalen of the fishing schooner William Emerson and Patrick Jennings, one of the crew, were washed overboard and drowned in the bay this afternoon by a sudden squall.

CHATHAM, Mass., Oct. 14.—The terrific northeast gale continues with increasing force. The weather is very thick and rain is falling. The sea outside is terribly rough. Telegraphic communication is interrupted.

A Big Storm on the Hudson.

NYACK, Oct. 14.—There was a terrible storm along the lower Hudson this afternoon. The valuable steam yacht belonging to Commodore Voorhees was driven on the rocks. Other small craft were swamped.

Another Electrocution Candidate.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Robert Hickman, a negro, found his white wife Annie in company with a colored dude at her mother's home here to-day and assaulted her with a huge cleaver. He sliced off a section of scalp and then the blade sank deep in her shoulder, causing the blood to flow in torrents. The lover fled, but neighbors rushed to the woman's assistance and kicked the husband into insensibility. Hickman was arrested. His wife will probably die.

MATTERS OF CIVIC IMPORT

FULLY DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL LAST NIGHT.

The Esplanade Problem—The Viaduct Scheme—Railway Gates Must Come—The Island Park—Water Discounts and Exemptions—The Bickford Property.

These aldermen were seated around the Council Chamber last night when Mayor Clarke took his seat in the civic chair: Maughan, Carlyle (St. And.), Woods, G. Verral, Hill, Peter Macdonald, Gowanlock, Frankland, McMullen, Small, Vokes, Boustead, Bell, Shaw, Davies, Carlyle (St. Thos.), Baxter, Hewitt, Lennox, Gibbs, Fleming, Swait, Crocker, Macdougall, E. A. Macdonald, Tait and Graham.

The council did not sit until a very late hour, but for the comparatively short time the members were in session they transacted a lot of business. Among the most important was that bearing on the Esplanade problem and the Wellington viaduct scheme. This was brought up in the form of a resolution by Ald. Boustead, who moved that the Esplanade Committee of the council consult with the Board of Trade and Citizens' Association relative to the Esplanade viaduct scheme. This motion Ald. Baxter strenuously opposed. He objected to the viaduct scheme from the first as being entirely in the interests of the railway and not of the city.

Ald. Tait moved an amendment that a special meeting of the council be called to discuss the Esplanade schemes.

The Mayor suggested that both be withdrawn and this suggestion was followed.

Another Chance for Them.

There was one notice of motion sent up by Ald. Vokes last night, which, if it ever materializes, will carry balm to some of the candidates for public works. It was to the effect that all contractors now on the corporation's black list be reinstated and allowed to tender for public works.

Ald. Carlyle moved the council into committee to pass his bill preventing boasting and tobogganing on public streets. This, together with a bylaw appointing deputy returning officers for St. Matthew's Ward, went through.

These resolutions were carried with little opposition: Ald. Lennox, That the Legislation Committee be requested to apply for such legislation as is necessary to shorten the time now required for carrying out works under the local improvement system.

Ald. Vokes: That two or more committees be also held at the same hour on the same day.

They Will Have Protection.

Ald. Woods presented the report of the special committee appointed to wait on the Railway Committee at Ottawa with reference to the erection of gates at the different railway crossings. He moved, seconded by Ald. Hill, that the report be received and printed, and that in case the railway companies fail to comply with the conditions contained in the City Solicitor's letter of Oct. 12 the delegates be instructed to renew their application to the Railway Committee and press for an immediate order relative to these crossings. The resolution was adopted.

To Improve Island Park.

The Executive report was next submitted. When the fourth clause was reached Ald. Swait moved that the report be amended by striking a clause providing $2000 for dredging at Island Park and $300 to make a cut from the bay to the lagoon south of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. This motion was discussed at considerable length and was only settled when Ald. Baxter moved, and his amendment was carried, that $300 be granted to improve the sanitation of Island Park.

When the clause in the report of the Committee on Works relating to the Metropolitan Street Railway was reached, Ald. Hill moved his amendment that the Metropolitan Street Railway be hereby permitted to use electricity on the line within the city limits be compelled to move the tracks from the side to the centre of the road. The amendment was lost and the clause went through as recommended by the committee.

Water Discounts.

The clause in the Waterworks report, to grant discount on water rates to all consumers, including property exempt from taxation, was next considered. The Executive recommended that this clause be struck out. His Worship was of opinion that such a course would be most injudicious and it was decided to adopt the original recommendation of the Waterworks Committee.

As soon as the committee rose and reported, Ald. E. A. Macdonald moved that the recommendation of the Executive be reinserted. His motion, however, was lost on a division.

The communications received last night were many and varied.

From T. Millar, Secretary of the Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, requesting that provision be made for the entrance of that railway into the city when the new esplanade scheme is considered.

From E. O. Beckford, relative to the sale of land in Queen-street for a public park, and asking for an answer before he leaves for England next month.

PROGRESS AT THE JUNCTION.

The West Toronto Ratepayers Vote $10,000 to Equip their Town.

West Toronto Junction is taking a leaf out of the book of the Queen City and emulating her example by voting the necessary sinews of war for the due supply of firehalls and public services. The stripling municipality will soon become a giant and her spirited municipal fathers will see that nothing on their part is wanting to aid in the development. The ratepayers, too, will speed it all they can. Proof of this was given yesterday when by a large majority they carried a bylaw voting $10,000 for fire halls and other civic works. By-laws and bounds the Junction assumes the proportions of a large and important business and railway centre.

Eglinton Baptist Church.

The Sunday opening proceedings at this new church in the thriving village of Eglinton were followed by an interesting social gathering last night. Rev. Dr. Thomas presided and addresses were given by prominent Baptists. Refreshments were served, music was supplied by the choir of Immanuel (Jarvis and Wellesley-streets) Baptist church, and the proceedings were pleasant and profitable. The church will shortly be organized.

A McMaster Hall Graduate Builds a Baptist Church in Vancouver.

Rev. J. B. Kennedy is doing good work in Vancouver, B.C., and through his efforts a fine new Baptist church has been erected there at a cost of $10,000. Mr. Kennedy is well known in Toronto, and is a graduate of the University and McMaster Hall. He has been in Vancouver only about a year and a half, and is highly spoken of by The Vancouver World.

Trowern, Jewelry Manufacturer, has removed from Yonge-street to 113 King-street west, south side, four doors east of Rossin House. 246

Fatal Result of Heartlessness.

An inquest into the death of the child found in Simcoe-street on Friday night last was held at the Morgue last night before Coroner Johnson. William Davis, who found the child, and another witness were examined. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from exposure through the heartlessness of a person, or persons, unknown."

Bakers on Strike.

NEWARK, N.J., Oct. 14.—The journeyman bakers are on strike here and 500 men have been thrown out of work. The employers are making a fight against the Bakers' Union.

The Dead.

James Prescott Joule, the distinguished scientist, is dead at London.

Judge Mortimer M. Jackson, United States Consul at Halifax from 1861 to 1882, died at his home in Madison, Wis., on Sunday.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Vacancies on the Nova Scotia Supreme Bench—The East Atlantic Steamers.

OTTAWA, Oct. 14.—Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice, has received the resignation of Judge Smith of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. Judge Smith was on leave of absence for six months for the benefit of his health. The time of his vacation is now about up, and Mr. Smith not having recovered has felt is necessary to resign.

Judge McDonald of Antigonish, also a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, has been incapacitated from duty for some time past, and it is understood he will also resign in a short time. This will leave two vacancies on the Bench of that Province. Cape Breton is advancing claims for one of the positions, and Mr. S. McDonald's name is mentioned in that connection.

Mr. Mills, M.P., Annapolis, is in the city on business with the Department of Railways and Canals. He is interested in the Nova Scotia Central Railway, subsidized by the Government, and which runs from Middleton on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway to Lunenburg, a distance of 70 miles. The construction of the road was commenced at both ends and all but two miles in the centre is completed. Mr. Marcus Smith, Government Engineer, has examined the road and has reported favorably. Mr. Mills therefore wants the subsidy paid for the whole road. He says that the Digby and Annapolis Railway, known as the Missing Link, and which connects the Western Counties with the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, will be finished by next year.

Hon. G. E. Foster says he has no confirmation as to the truth of the report received here to-day by cable that the Andersons have given up preparations for carrying out their contract with the Government for a fast line of steamers between Plymouth and Halifax and Quebec, owing to some disagreement with the Canadian Pacific respecting the desired port facilities at Halifax. Mr. Foster has received a cable from the Andersons stating that they find difficulties in the road and that full details are contained in a letter which is on its way.

To-morrow was the day set apart by the Dominion for hearing counsel for the Province of Quebec petitioners, who asked that the Jesuit Bill be disallowed on the ground that it involved a violation of an educational trust which the Quebec Government were obliged to maintain intact, and because it infringed upon certain rights of the Protestant minority. The petitioners engaged Dr. L. Davidson and Mr. D'Alton McCarthy to appear before the Cabinet as counsel, but as they by bill ought to be referred to the courts, but these gentlemen have been notified by the Dominion Government that there is no longer any cause for their appearance, as the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction have accepted the $60,000 voted by the bill for Protestant education and as Mr. Mercier has agreed to amend the act in accordance with the suggestions of the Protestant Committee. Under the circumstances Sir John Thompson thinks that there is nothing to argue about.

A despatch has been received by the Dominion Government from the Colonial Office concerning a prize competition, to be held in commemoration of the fourth century of the discovery of America, in Madrid, Spain, under the vice-presidency of the Duke of Vergics, who is a lineal descendant of Christopher Columbus. The work, which may be written in Spanish, Portuguese, English, German, Italian or French, must be a historical study in prose recording the great event which it is intended to commemorate. The essay should not exceed two volumes of 500 pages of ordinary type. A third volume containing documents may be added. There will be two prizes, one of $6000 and one of $3000, and the winning authors will be presented with 500 copies of their book. Competing works are to be sent to the Secretary of the Royal Academy of History, Madrid, before Jan. 1, 1892.

HER HUSBAND FORGIVES.

Mike McDonald Condones His Wife's Elopement and Takes Her Back.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—A friend of Mike McDonald, the Chicago millionaire gambler, stated last evening at the Fifth-avenue Hotel that a reconciliation had been effected and that Mrs. McDonald would return to her home at Chicago in a short time. "Mr. Donald appeared very willing to forgive his wife," said the friend in question, "as he has said everywhere that he believed the report that she was not in her right mind. This is not her first escapade, as she ran away once before with a minstrel man. Mike found her in California and forgave her, just as he has this time. Mrs. McDonald, it is true, has left the Fifth-avenue Hotel Friday and went to a private residence. I understand that she will return to Chicago as soon as she is well enough, as she now seems to be suffering from nervous prostration. The publicity that has been given the elopement no doubt helped to hold back in the hope that when she does return it will be to some extent forgotten."

There Was Millions in It—For Treasy.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—A bill was filed in court to-day to close up the affairs of the Treacy Carbon Lamp Company. The company is said to be a tremendous swindle. The company was organized, with James A. Treacy as the principal incorporator and president, for the purpose of making a carbon lamp and a calcium lamp from a peculiar kind of gas. There was said to be millions in the scheme and Treacy disposed of stock to poor Germans and Bohemians at $20 a share. He represented that each share was worth $100 and would soon bring $500. He refused to explain his wonderful process for manufacturing the materials and exhibited alleged samples in bottles. These samples it is now alleged were purchased by Treacy at drug stores. The factory is located in an out-of-the-way place. The bill applied for an injunction restraining Treacy from further interference with the concerns of the company and asked for a receiver. Judge Jamieson granted both requests.

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The Marine Conference.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The American delegates to the International Marine Conference met this morning at the office of Secretary Codman in the State Department. Their consultation related to the subjects to be discussed. The delegates to the conference will assemble at the diplomatic reception room in the State Department Wednesday morning and be formally received by Secretary Blaine. After that there will be a reception at the White House by President and Mrs. Harrison, and then the conference will probably organize. It is expected that Admiral Franklin will preside. There will be fifty delegates in all.

The conference will be one of the most distinguished in the personnel of its members that ever assembled, every country having sent the best of its talent. The session will be held for the present at least in the Wallace House, fitted up for the meeting of the International American Congress. That body will not reassemble for a month.

Families leaving the city or giving up housekeeping, can have their furniture carefully stored at moderate cost with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street East

A Handsome Bequest to McGill.

MONTREAL, Oct. 14.—The late Mr. Thomas Workman bequeathed to McGill University $125,000, which will be expended in the departments of science for the erection of a new building, etc.

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HIS LIFE HANGING BY A THREAD.

Mike Birtle's Recovery Despaired Of—Louis Dess Again Remanded.

"Had I known that Michael Birtle's position was so dangerous I would not have allowed Louis Dess out on bail last week," said his Worship, in the Police Court, yesterday. "If he should die the case will be out of my hands and the coroner will have charge of it. Pending the recovery or death of Birtle, Dess will be remanded until the 18th inst., to be held in custody in the meantime."

On inquiry at the Hospital at an early hour this morning Birtle was reported to be sinking.

GRAND MILITARY SPECTACLE.

How Toronto's Corps Will Celebrate Thanksgiving Day in High Park.

A meeting of the officers of the Grenadiers, Queen's Own Rifles, Body Guards and Field Artillery was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Major Mason, Church-street, to arrange for the due celebration of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 7; Col. Otter, D.A.G., presided. A committee consisting of the officers of the four regiments was appointed to carry out the details of the military demonstration. It was decided that efforts should be made to secure the attendance of the 13th Battalion from Hamilton and the Dufferin Rifles from Brantford to take part in the manoeuvres and review, which will be held at High Park. It was also considered desirable that the Field Battery and some cavalry should take part in the sham fight. In order to defray the expense of bringing in the visiting corps and the furnishing of horses for the artillery and cavalry a committee, consisting of the commanding officers of the city corps, was appointed to make arrangements for raising the necessary money from the citizens and others. The idea of the turn-out is similar to that of last year—to have an attacking and defending force with guns on each side, manoeuvres winding up with an inspection by General Middleton and very likely the Minister of Militia. If the weather proves favorable there will be an immense attendance at what will be a grand military spectacle. The meeting adjourned to meet next Monday at the same hour and place.

A BIG BLAZE IN THE CITY.

The Toronto Varnish Works Burned—$10,000 Damage.

At 12.25 p.m. yesterday a fire alarm sounded from Box 256. The reel from the Bolton-avenue firehall was the first to respond, and was quickly followed by those from Berkeley-street and Wilton-avenue halls. The fire was found to be in the Toronto Varnish Works, corner of Strange-street and Eastern-avenue, owned by D. Mackenzie & Co.

The fire had started from the boiling over of a pot of varnish and had gained considerable headway when the firemen appeared. There was a large quantity of oils and varnish stored in the building and the flames spread with great rapidity. It took an hour of hard fighting to extinguish the fire and then the building had been entirely gutted and itself badly damaged. An immense crowd watched the fire from the street and railway tracks.

Mr. Mackenzie was seen after the fire and stated that the damage would amount to $10,000. There is $1000 insurance on the building, stock and plant in the Citizens' Insurance Company. Mr. Mackenzie intends to rebuild the building at once and will soon be in working order again.

The City Engineer, Pavement Inspectors and Blacklisting.

The World yesterday had a talk with Mr. O. B. Sheppard in regard to blacklisting contractors. It is, he said, not fair that the city should adopt specifications, appoint and pay an inspector to see that the work is up to specifications, and then punish the contractor for the negligence of the inspector. Why, continued Mr. Sheppard, I am willing to make this deal with the city: to put up money or bonds equal to my contract for block paving, said money to be forfeited to the city if the work is not done exactly to specifications, they to allow me to appoint the inspector and the city to pay him a fair salary. He'd see that a contractor put in the very stuff the specifications called for, and if he didn't my money would be forfeited. But to blacklist a contractor for an inspector's negligence does not secure justice to the city, to the contractor or anyone else.

Miss Dickson and Mr. Cousineau.

A news item in The World of Saturday referring to the evidence taken on the charge of perjury against Mr. Cousineau at the Police Court stated "that Miss Dickson, bookkeeper for Mr. Cousineau, was recalled and admitted that she had been discharged on Thursday after giving her evidence." The World now learns that the above statement was incorrect and calculated to do injustice to Miss Dickson. We therefore withdraw the statement and regret its publication. Some such question was asked by Mr. Murphy of Miss Dickson but the answer was not of a nature to justify the reporter's statement.

The Flying Pen.

The regular monthly meeting of the Canadian Shorthand Society was held last evening in room No. 2, Y.M.C.A. building. This being the first meeting of the session of 1889-90 it was especially interesting. A paper on "Shorthand in the railway office," by Mr. R. S. Taylor of Oswego, N.Y., was read by the Secretary, Wm. Taylor being absent. This was followed by a lively discussion. A. E. S. Smythe of Belfast, Ireland, was present and spoke of shorthand in Ireland.

The Days for Dancing.

Prof. Thomas has re-opened his handsomely appointed academy for dancing at 203 Yonge-street and he reports a large number of applications for instruction. This is the time of year for dancers to brush up and get ready for the winter season and for those who do not know the latest dances to acquire them. Prof. Thomas is a thorough master of the art from a technical point of view and in addition has the faculty of teaching quickly and easily.

Advances made on merchandise warehoused with Mitchell, Miller & Co., 45 Front-street east.

Big Real Estate Deal.

Lake View Park, corner of Bloor and Elizabeth, opposite Howard Lake, the property of Mr. David Kennedy, was sold last week for the snug little sum of $180,000. The park contains 100 acres, and the purchaser is a Mr. Perry of Parkdale, who will retain about 40 acres as a park and cut the balance up into villa sites.

The Baptist Convention at Ottawa.

This annual gathering extends from Oct. 17 to 25. The Canadian Pacific Railway is the only line running into Ottawa from the west. The company will carry the delegates at single fare on going trip and return them free provided 300 attend; if less they have to pay one-third fare for return journey.

Accidents.

This is a year of accidents, the unfortunate effect of which are largely ameliorated by a policy in the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co., 33 King-street west, Toronto.

Reform at the Jail.

The male prisoners at the jail were relegated to the new quarters yesterday. Under the new arrangement there are twelve corridors (not grasses) in bloom at Balmy Beach the other day and three other varieties yesterday morning—a botanical collection in itself.

For Sport in Muskoka.

A small army of mighty Nimrods passed through Union Station at 10.30 last nights by special train. The hunters hail from the Eastern States and are bound for the happy hunting grounds in Muskoka.

Manufacturers, by warehousing their surplus stock with Mitchell, Miller & Co., receive negotiable warehouse receipts.

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65 Yonge-street (below King). New Sterling Silver goods suitable for wedding presents. Our English spoons and forks are guaranteed for 10 years. C. R. Robinson, Manager. 246

ON TRIAL FOR THEIR LIFE.

THE POISONING OF JAMES WILLIAM HICKS.

Mrs. Sarah White and the Boy Arthur Hicks In the Dock Charged With Murder—The Case for the Crown—"Rough on Rats" in the Dinner Can.

Just before 11 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Sarah White and the boy Arthur Hicks stepped into the prisoner's box in the Criminal Assize Court. They are charged with poisoning James William Hicks on Aug. 7 last. Mrs. White wore the same unconcerned look she wore at the inquest. Her sharp regular features are perhaps a little sharper since then, but otherwise she appears the same. She watched the proceedings closely and smiled now and then as she scanned the jury and the witnesses in the box. Arthur Hicks, a lad of about 14 years, appeared to have thrived well on prison fare. He was very restless, and his piercing black eyes were roving all over the court-room.

The particulars of the terrible tragedy are well known. On the morning of Aug. 7 James Hicks was working on a house in Sumach-street, when he was suddenly taken sick, vomiting and purging blood. He was taken home and died in great agony the following morning. Suspicion at once pointed to poison. On an investigation being made, the first theory formed, which was the result of a rumor set afloat by certain parties, was that he had been murdered by the union workmen on account of his being a non-union man. This theory, however, was soon dropped.

Then suspicion fastened on Mrs. Sarah White, nee Miss Hicks, a sister of the deceased, and it was alleged that she, with the assistance of deceased's little cousin, Arthur Hicks, committed the deed. It was found that deceased had been about to marry Miss Jessie Hamilton, against whom Mrs. White entertain d a peculiar antipathy. Deceased had believed that his sister was leading an immoral life. He got a man to shadow her, and the report he received from him, that Mrs. White had been seen in a house of ill-fame in Alice-street, tended to confirm his suspicion. This was all known to Mrs. White when she married deceased's little cousin. It is alleged that she caused to be placed in the dinner can of deceased a quantity of "Rough on Rats." The boy Arthur Hicks refused to drink from the can when deceased offered it to him.

Some little time was spent in selecting the jury. Mr. J. S. Holmes, who is conducting the defence, challenged seven, and Mr. R. C. Clute of Belleville, the prosecuting attorney, challenged one. Two were also excused by Judge Falconbridge, one on account of presiding business; the other, because he stated he had been prejudiced by reading newspaper accounts. This jury was finally sworn in:

Charles Case, farmer, Whitchurch; Geo. Dale, carpenter, Toronto; William Shaw, farmer, N. Gwillimbury; Robert Meyers, farmer, E. York; John W. Hare, fruiterer, Toronto; John Kemik, farmer, Markham; Alfred Baker, farmer, Whitchurch; Elias Cornell, farmer, King; Jas. Lennox, farmer, Scarboro'; George Rescor, gentleman, Markham; Henry Farley, woodturner, Toronto; Jonathan Davis, carpenter, Toronto.

The only witnesses called were for the prosecution, and the evidence brought out was mainly the same as that given at the inquest.

Detective Slemin was in the box last night, but nothing sensational turned up beyond a little spat with the lawyer for the defence. The case will be continued to-day.

Mrs. Judge Falconbridge and her cousin Miss Hector were present during the whole day and were back again in the evening.

Fashions for Ladies.

The ladies' tailors this summer have been making shirts for them which were almost exact copies of the masculine, except that the body of the shirt was of very fine transparent linen cambric, which formed no bulk underneath the coat. The orders for them have not decreased with the change of season, and every well-dressed girl has half-a-dozen or more of them to wear with her tailor-made gowns, which are made double-breasted this season, the buttons beginning just below the bust, and the front opening over the shirt with silk-lined revers. With these are worn plaid silk scarfs, tied in a big bow. The fashionable tailoring, handsome materials and stylish jackets, wraps, etc., imported or to order, the Ladies' Tailoring Association, 88 York-street, is pre-eminently the best and cheapest in the city.

Grateful Thanks and Pleasant Music in the Church.

The occasion of the second anniversary of the re-opening of Cooke's Presbyterian Church was celebrated last evening with a sacred concert and tea meeting. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. Dr. Parsons, Dr. Briggs, M. Freeman, W. F. Wilson and Dr. Patterson, who occupied the chair. The choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Stark, the choirmaster, contributed several beautiful anthems, Miss Annie Alison and Mr. J. S. Conning singing the solo parts.

They Were Happy at Their Guild.

The usual monthly social of the Y. W. C. Guild was held by the young ladies in their comfortable rooms at 203 Yonge-street last night, a large number of members and their friends being present. Mrs. Harvie occupied the chair and altogether a very enjoyable evening spent.

The Globe's Idol.

The Globe: Unrestricted reciprocity Mr. Wiman, who never "lets up" on any effort he has begun, desires to create. We wish him success. The man who shall do most to break down the commercial barriers between the two North American English peoples will have deserved the fame of benefactor, not only to the two countries but to humanity at large.

Mr. Edgar as an Orangeman.

The Mail: Mr. Edgar would look well [after the manner of Mercier] traveling up and down the side lines of West Ontario in the blue coat, white pantaloons, gold sash, gilt cross and cocked hat of St. Gregory. It would put him in mind of