

WEEKLY REVIEW

At an early hour Thursday morning a Galician woman gave birth to a child on the snowy sidewalk in Winnipeg while on her way to the hospital.

A freight blockade has been issued against the Great Northern by all the Chicago and St. Paul lines. No perishable or carlot rates will be accepted, or points west of Grand Forks, N.D.

The light heat and power company made a splendid showing in its first year under civic ownership. After receiving \$6,000 for contingency account, a surplus revenue of between \$10,000 and \$10,000 will be paid into the city treasury.

H. P. Sharpe, general manager of the Dominion Express Co., at Toronto says that the burning of the express cars will be investigated. While the origin of the fire is unknown the express company will assume all responsibility to the public for losses incurred.

Canada's oldest man, Timothy Collins died a few days ago at Montreal. He was born in August 1765. Napoleon was then twenty-six years of age, and the battle of Waterloo was still 20 years in the future. His birthplace was Skibbereen, near Cork, Ireland, and he came to Canada when but twenty years of age.

Governor Higgins has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death under which Albert T. Patrick a lawyer, has remained nearly five years. The belief of the three judges of the appeal court that errors had been committed in the trial court inimical to Patrick's interests was the reason for the governor's action.

Considerable rioting attended the evacuation of the episcopal parish and seminary at Naples, France. Crowds of Catholic manifestationists overcame the police, who were compelled to draw revolvers and under threats of opening fire kept back the enraged populace until rescued by troops. Several women were arrested for biting or striking soldiers.

A court martial at Lillie, France, tried and degraded Captain Magnez for refusing to obey orders in connection with taking an inventory of the chapel of St. John. Magnez before the court martial said, "I am a Christian, and I prefer to be shot rather than commit sacrilege. No one has the right to make me pronounce the vows I took at my first communion."

Cal. Gourdeau and Capt. Spain left Ottawa for Halifax on Sunday to take over the Halifax dock yard from the Imperial authorities on January 1st. At noon on New Year's day the officers and crew of the government cruiser Canada will come ashore and occupy the naval barracks. The Canadian ensign will be hoisted over the dock yards when they are taken over.

A cartload of express packages which left Toronto for the west recently was destroyed by fire. It is believed that the fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring of the cart. The packages were valued at \$10,000. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that in one instance at least spontaneous combustion was the cause. The cars are heated by steam.

A semi-official note issued by the Vatican says that the text of the new French government bill, amending the church and state bill of 1905 is as bad as the former regulations, being a maximum of oppression with a minimum appearance, and aggravates the position of the church in everything, this being apparent to the general public.

During the revival meetings being conducted at Neopost, Ill., over 100 farmers are nightly reached by telephones. Evangelist Hicks speaks into a huge megaphone at the church, which is connected with wires of the Mutual Telephone Co., leading to all the surrounding country. During the hour of the sermon the line is busy to everyone but the evangelist. It is expected many converts to public ownership of telephones will result from the plan.

An Italian laborer died at Irvington, N.Y., as the result of eating a portion of a porous plaster. About a week ago he complained of a pain in his side and Dr. E. E. Smith was called to attend him. The physician advised his patient to use a porous plaster. The Italian bought a plaster but not knowing how to use it, he tore off a strip and ate it. Later in the day a friend stopped him from repeating the dose. That night he was taken violently ill.

Corporal Mundy recently caught into Moose Jaw the body of W. J. Jeffrey, the rancher who was lost in a blizzard about the middle of November. The remains were found by a neighbor of the rancher about a mile and a half from the ranch house, and about the same distance from the spot where the body of the horse was found. Jeffrey had apparently laid down and died peacefully as the body was found entirely covered by the blanket the man had taken from the horse.

The arrival at Ottawa of deputations in relation to the tariff appear to have ended. It is understood that during the present recess the

ministers will make careful inquiry into what has been placed before them, and such changes as will be agreed upon will be agreed upon will be placed before parliament when it reassembles. Whilst promising consideration, the ministers have intimated that the question of the tariff cannot be allowed to remain open. There must be some finality to it.

Albert Laroche, a young man, on Nov. 15, with a companion left the Sounding Lake country near Medicine Hat to hunt cattle which were astray. The men were caught in a blizzard and became separated. The companion spent four days in looking for the missing man. The Mounted police were notified and they took up the search, but word received from them state that the missing man's horse has been found, but no trace has been discovered of the body. The country is not settled and there is two feet of snow on the ground, all hopes of his recovery have been abandoned.

Judge Snider has passed sentence on the prisoners convicted of rioting during the recent street car strike at Hamilton. Judson Ryerson, for assaulting a police officer and rioting, was given 18 months in prison. James Moran was sent down for one year for being a member of an unlawful assembly after the riot act had been read. Alex. Thompson got a year for rioting, and S. Seamanes a year for assaulting a soldier. The sentences were heavier than were anticipated but the judge said that under the law he could send anyone of them to the penitentiary for life.

A dispatch from London says the long retirement of Jos. Chamberlain, owing to gout and other ailments, has led to constant assertion and contradiction regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed his strength at the celebration in honor of his 70th birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely. The past became a blank to him and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before, and though his other faculties were good and unimpaired, his memory is gone.

A statement has been issued from the office of General Supt. Bury of the C.P.R. dealing with the fuel question in the west at the present time. It was stated that several months ago when no one in the west was thinking of the fuel question leading officials of the company recognized the fact that coal preference over wheat in shipment, with the result that a formal complaint was made to the railway commission protesting against this action. In the second place a statement was made that everything possible was being done to cope with the situation as it is today.

Information has been received by the government from the Japanese naval department stating that Rear Admiral Matsuoka and a squadron of cruisers of the Imperial Japanese navy will visit Canada in March next. The squadron will leave Yokohama on Jan. 5th next, and will proceed first to Honolulu. From the Hawaiian Islands the fleet will proceed to San Pedro, Cal. and after a brief stay will sail for San Francisco, then proceeding up Puget Sound, arriving at Tacoma about the end of February, and then the squadron will go on to Seattle where it will remain until March 7, when it will leave for Vancouver, arriving at port arch 8.

The representatives of the farmers at Ottawa interviewed Mr. Fielding and asking for further decreases in the tariff. The delegation comprised James McEwing, president of the farmers grain association; E. C. Drury and W. L. Smith of the Farmers' Sun. They were accompanied by a number of members of parliament. Mr. Fielding told the farmers that what was given them as an installment, but they looked for further reductions. The delegates declared themselves on behalf of farmers, as being straight against the ironbound tariff, which they say ought to have terminated in June. Mr. Fielding promised to give their views consideration.

Mrs. Gaetz, wife of the Rev. Dr. Gaetz, of Red Deer, died very suddenly on Thursday Dec. 20. She had been in her usual health during the day, had eaten a hearty supper and died while sitting in a chair. Dr. Gaetz was in the next room, but before he could reach his wife's side she had expired. Mrs. Gaetz was an historic character in central Alberta being the first white woman to settle at Red Deer in 1864, and one of the first to settle between Calgary and Edmonton. Dr. Gaetz is well known in the east having filled pulpits at Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Brandon and other Canadian cities.

TAKE NO CHANCES

At the recent fire in the Great West hotel at Davidson, one of the guests awakened by the alarm, broke the key in his haste to unlock the door. He at once turned to the window, and breaking through the glass and sash soon had an exit and throwing out his belongings, was about to take the leap for life when

CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Their Rapid Development causing Alarm in United States—What New York Says of C.P.R.

It is very comforting at the present time to realize that our Canadian Railway systems which play such a part in national development are not only in the eyes of our neighbors south of us, C.P.R. went over the 200 mark a few days ago and discussing its appreciation, a well street man said with regard to the purchase of the system:

"Yes, it would cost you a lot of money," he continued. "But let us look the situation squarely in the face. Let us admit—where everyone admits—that the absorption of the C.P.R. by any financial group would be a fine investment. Its prospects are unequalled, its assets are good enough to make even a Pierpont Morgan's mouth water. There are steamers on the Atlantic and on the Pacific—all C.P.R.; Liverpool, to Hong Kong—all C.P.R. Enough land is held by the road to wipe out all of the common stock, and a lot of the guaranteed stuff, if the holders would surrender it—all C.P.R. melons! Each increase of capital stock is grabbed up at once, and likewise as one becomes a dividend payer. The double tracking project, Winnipeg—Port William, costing some \$8,000,000, becomes a mere fleabite. Why? Lots of wheat to haul east to the Great Lakes; lots of manufactured goods to go to the west for the hundreds of thousands of new settlers. C.P.R. again! New hotels at Quebec, Winnipeg, Victoria, new branch lines all through the northwest, and the trade ready made and fast making for the whole And don't forget the Crow's Nest Pass line, and its potentialities of coal, lumber, fruit and minerals. Don't forget the Angus shops—I was going to say miles of 'em—where the best cars and locomotives—and, considering their excellence and up-to-dateness, the most economical in America are made.

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At the Mackenzie and Mann banquet in Toronto, a prominent speaker was Mr. A. Z. Lash, the famous Toronto lawyer. "Some critic," said Mr. Lash, "had been made concerning the wisdom of the course followed by Mackenzie and Mann in keeping in their own hands the absolute control of this great railway enterprise, and in not enlarging the number of the board, which has been only five since the beginning, thus giving the public the opportunity to become interested by acquiring shares of the capital stock of the company. As their solicitor, he had strongly advised them from the first not to create an outside minority, holding so long as the system is in process of development in its early stages, and so long as prompt and unanimous action by the company in its corporate capacity was essential to its success.

"There are a few matters still," he continued, "which may require prompt and confidential action before the system will be properly joined up, but the day is not very far distant when this distinctly Canadian enterprise will have upon its directorate and among its shareholders representative Canadians who may be relied upon to guide its future to still greater success. Gentlemen, I give you this tip: When Canadian Northern stock comes upon the market buy Canadian Northern."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

THE COMBINE CASE (Winnipeg Tribune) Two remarkable features of Thursday's session of the police court, before which the Grain Combine case is being heard, were the refusal of the counsel of the grain exchange to produce the exchange books, documents and correspondence, and the decision of the magistrate to examine the "tracing letters" of the exchange privately.

It was arranged that counsel for prosecution was to meet counsel for the exchange, the two were to go through all the books and papers together, when counsel for prosecution could select the papers that he wanted.

When Mr. Bonnar met Mr. Robinson he was refused admission to make the examination. In the police court yesterday he demanded that the books and papers be produced as ordered. Mr. Robinson again declined to comply, but suggested, instead that the magistrates should go over to the exchange and look through the tracing letters privately!

To the surprise of everyone, Hon. T. Mayne Daly adopted this suggestion and, at the request of Mr. Robinson declined to permit either Mr. Haultain or Mr. Bonnar to accompany him.

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