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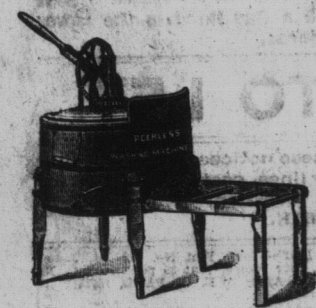
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(St. John's Gazette.)

Lord Strathcona, one of the first peers to be "honourably mentioned" by King Edward, has not always been rich enough to present the empire with a regiment of troops. Long ago, in far back days he will hardly remember now, he was a grocer's errand boy in an out-of-the-way village in Scotland. A grocer's shop was not big enough, however, for his ambition, which, indeed, even Scotland could not hold. Young Donald Smith went to America in a vessel which took thirty-six days to cross the Atlantic, and there he laid the foundation of the fame and fortune he enjoys today. He has crossed the Atlantic a hundred times since then.

A poet without love were a physical and metaphysical impossibility. Carlyle.

NEW METAL—MAGNALIUM.

Dr. Ludwig Mach, a German physician, has made a new metal which, it is claimed, will probably supersede iron and steel.

It is called magnalium, and consists of 100 parts of aluminium and from ten to thirty parts of magnesium. It is one-third the weight of brass, and can be made as workable or as hard as desired.

It is pure white, takes a higher polish than silver, hitherto the most polishable metal, and has all the merits and none of the defects of pure aluminium. At present it is being used in Berlin for scientific instruments and the mounting of opera-glasses. Before long it is hoped that there will be magnalium-clad battleships, magnalium bicycles and motor cars, and many other magnalium things at present made of iron or steel.

THE KAISER.

Emperor William Assaulted by a Workman in Bremen.

His Cheek Hurt Just Below the Eye—His Condition Not Serious.

BERLIN, March 7.—During the attack upon Emperor William by a workman named Dietrich Wieland, while the emperor was driving from the Reichstag to the railway station, the Kaiser was struck on the cheek just below the right eye. He was not seriously injured and refrained from commenting upon the subject. The burgomaster, who accompanied a member of the staff to the station, pointed out that His Majesty's cheek was bleeding. The assailant of Emperor William, in trying to escape, fell under the horses of the escort riding behind the carriage. The escort handed the man over to the police. During an examination at the town hall the assailant of the emperor suffered from several epileptic fits. During the intervals between these attacks he replied to several questions, but did not give out any important information. The motive of the outrage was evident when the pockets of the prisoner were searched; medicaments found in the pockets of the prisoner showing that he had been a chronic sufferer from epilepsy.

BERLIN, March 7.—Emperor William arrived here at eight o'clock this morning. The empress and Count Von Buelow met him at the station. When they reached the castle Professor Bergmann visited the emperor. His majesty has abandoned his intention of visiting the riding club of the officers of the Potsdam cavalry regiment.

BERLIN, March 7.—After the surgeon's visit to his majesty a bulletin was issued: "The wound is in the right cheek and about an inch and a half long. It passes over the zygomatic bone and penetrates to the bone. It has the character of a contused wound. There has been much bleeding, but the wound has been closed with bandaging without sewing up. The emperor passed a fairly good night. He is free from headache and his general condition is good." (Signed) LEUBTOLD, BERGMANN, ILBERG.

The emperor has been obliged to forego his projected visit to Koenigsberg.

Count Von Ballestein, president of the reichstag, in communicating to that body today the news of the attack on Emperor William, expressed in behalf of the house the hope that the emperor would be able to return to his duties as soon as possible.

BERLIN, March 7.—Emperor William received the imperial chancellor, Count Von Buelow in audience at noon today.

ICE BLOCKADE.

LUDINGTON, Mich., March 7.—Securely locked in the impenetrable ice pack that has choked Ludington harbor for three days, the six powerful winter steamers of the Pere Marquette Railway Company have been churning the ice and working without avail for forty hours. High westerly winds have prevailed since Sunday, and the entire shore of Lake Michigan is ice bound as far as the eye can reach. In places the ice barrier is piled up twenty feet high. In the channel where there is usually twenty feet of water the slush ice extends to the bottom. The imprisoned fleet includes the car ferries Muskegon and Pere Marquette steamers 2, 3, and 4. A rescue party reached over with ice and brilliant cutting of ice. Passengers from the incoming boats walked ashore on the rough ice yesterday, after descending from the boats by means of ladders. The block of ice is the worst of the winter. It places an absolute embargo on freight traffic.

ATROCIOUS MURDER.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 7.—In the latest newspapers from Japan an account is given of the barbarous murder of Captain Watts Jones in China. It is said that he was received with apparent friendliness in the yamen of Shan Si, and was in the act of receiving his passport when his hands were struck off. He was then taken outside the yamen, killed in several places, and his head cut off. His companion, a Roman Catholic bishop, was put to a lingering death, his tortures being inflicted so gradually that it was four days before death relieved him. A letter from King Si states that many and Christian disturbances have recently occurred in several places within the prefecture of China. One hundred thousand famine sufferers are in danger of death in Shan Si.

RUSSIA IS NOT PLEASED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 7.—Chancellor Von Buelow's speech in the Reichstag Tuesday on Anglo-German relations, is unfavorably commented upon by the Russian papers. They express the opinion that the chancellor's policy is tending more and more to compromise the solidarity of the good relations existing between Russia and Germany.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Kitchener Reports Fighting at Lichtenburg—Boers Still Hold Pearson.

The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener: "TREPORIA, March 5.—Lichtenburg being attacked by De la Rey's forces; fighting continued all day long. The garrison consists of 200 Yeomanry and 300 Northumberland Fusiliers with two guns. Major Fletcher and Lieut. Hall are reported killed. I am sending reinforcements."

CAPE TOWN, March 7.—The Boers who captured Pearson, on the great Riet river, Sunday morning, numbered seven hundred, and had two guns. They are still in possession of the town.

TREPORIA, Tuesday, March 5.—It is said here that the leaders of the burghers in the field will surrender with a majority of their followers if assured of amnesty and assistance in starting life fresh and if a free pardon is granted to the rebels.

MARVELLOUS SURGERY.

Man's Stomach Removed, Tumor Cut Out and Organ Replaced—He Will Recover.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Louis J. McKenna, a clerk in an insurance office, is in St. Luke's hospital recovering from a surgical operation, one of the rarest known to modern science. The operation is known as gastro-enterostomy, and consists of removing the patient's stomach, cutting away the pylorus and severing malignant growths in its vicinity, and restoring the stomach to its former place. McKenna was resting easy last night, and the physicians say that if the present improvement continues he will be up in a week.

McKenna complained of pains in his stomach and was troubled with insomnia. This condition called for an examination, which disclosed a tumor as big as a hen's egg. The point where the tumor was attached to the pylorus—the exit of the stomach into the intestines, the other opening being the extreme through the oesophagus. The stomach was cut away from the intestines, and the organ was placed in a cushion of antiseptic cloths placed on the patient's chest. Then the doctors cut away the tumor, and out of the pylorus, the other malignant growth being also thoroughly cut away. The stomach was then put back in its accustomed place, having been joined to the intestines with silk sutures. But little blood was apparent throughout the whole operation, which lasted one hour and fifteen minutes. The patient rallied at once, and it was then seen that the operation was a success.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

STOCKHOLM, March 6.—August Strindberg, the poet, and Harriet Bosch, the actress, are engaged to be married.

MADRID, MARCH 7.—Captain General Weyler has issued a decree raising the state of siege. The new ministry has taken the oath of office.

LONDON, March 7.—The statement of the board of trade for the month of February shows an increase of 2,069,000 pounds sterling in imports and a decrease of 1,132,000 pounds in exports.

LONDON, March 7.—According to correspondent of the Daily Mail, the Portuguese government has sent the cruiser St. Gabriel to Oporto and ordered other warships to be in readiness to go there on account of the anti-clerical manifestations.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Junet mansion and grounds in Harlem, which were occupied by General Washington as headquarters, will come into the possession of the city at a public show of place of revolutionary relic.

THE result of action taken by the board of public improvements.

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 7.—The thermometer registered fourteen degrees below zero this morning.

TACOMA, Wn., March 7.—Contracts are being closed here by a China firm for 50,000 barrels of flour per month for shipment to China during the year.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Joseph A. Conlin, the New York postal clerk, arrested Tuesday, charged with stealing a registered mail bag containing \$40,000, will be taken back to New York today, together with the woman who accompanied him in his flight. Conlin will waive extradition.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, March 7.—Moderate to fresh westerly to southwesterly winds, fair and cold; Friday, fresh southwest to southerly winds, fair, a little higher temperature.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair and sunny tonight, and Friday, light to fresh southerly winds. Western New York—Partly cloudy, with occasional snows probably tonight and rains Friday, warmer southwesterly to southeasterly winds, fresh to brisk on the lake.

WEDDING GIFTS.

AMSTERDAM, March 7.—Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Henry have received deputations bearing wedding gifts. The nation's gift consisted of a diadem, a necklace, two bracelets of diamonds, and sapphires. Other presents consisted of silver and china services. The railways furnished a complete royal train.

WITHOUT WIRES.

Successful Belgian Experiments in Wireless Telegraphy.

Sending Electric Rays from Town to Town With the Aid of Relays.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—An interesting account of successful experiments in wireless telegraphy is contained in reports received at the state department from Consul George W. Roosevelt, at Brussels, Belgium. The experiments were conducted by Emile Guarini, the inventor of an automatic repeater. He first attempted to transmit wireless messages direct from Brussels to Antwerp, a distance of 25 miles, and thoroughly established the utility of attempting to send messages over such a distance without the aid of captive balloons or masts. He then turned all his attention toward the transmission of the electric rays by relays, and in this it is stated, was entirely successful. He telegraphed from a station on top of a structure in Brussels to one on the tower of St. Rombant church in Malines. Numerous messages, says Consul Roosevelt, were received and transmitted with great distinctness, and two messages were received at a time when communication with the ground from the transmitter had been interrupted. This was the first instance on record where wireless messages were exchanged between two large cities with the antennas placed on high monuments, and without the help of captive balloons or kites. The rays arriving at Malines traversed several towns—Schaaerbach, Haren, Vilvorde, Epheghem and a large part of Malines itself—over chimneys, monuments, woods and other obstacles which tend to stop or weaken the electric radiations.

Mr. Guarini's system involves the method used in ordinary electric telegraphy of relays and translations, the apparatus at intermediary stations repeating the message automatically as received. Mr. Guarini represents a formidable argument against the hope that great distances will ever be traversed at a single flash.

"The world is round," he says, "and the rays spread in a straight line."

SENATOR MORGAN RIDICULED.

LONDON, March 7.—The afternoon newspapers here today make little mention of the statement of Senator Morgan, of Alabama yesterday in the United States senate, in his plea for the Nicaragua canal, following his resolution declaring the Clayton-Bulwer treaty abrogated.

The Pall Mall Gazette says:—"Mr. Morgan cannot help making his friends and relatives exquisitely uncomfortable. Every time he opens his mouth he must give any show away with which he has the presumption to meddle."

The Westminster Gazette says:—"Mr. Morgan is having a great time. His warnings are all very alarming, but we are reassured by the knowledge that the route of the canal is not yet definitely determined."

A JEALOUS FOOL.

NEW YORK, March 6.—James Campbell, 27 years old, an employe of the West Chester Electric Lighting Co., shot, and it is feared, fatally wounded Miss Dorothy Treulib, and then shot himself, at Mount Vernon tonight. Campbell's wound is almost certain to be fatal. The girl has a bare chance of recovery. Just what led up to the affair of tonight is not known, but it is believed that the young man was jealous. Campbell lay in waiting for Miss Treulib, knowing that she intended to be on the street about 8 o'clock. When she appeared he fired, using a 44-calibre revolver. The bullet entered behind the right ear and is lodged near the eye. Supposing that he had killed her, Campbell then shot himself in the brain.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

PEKIN, March 6.—Chinese here who are in correspondence with Sian Fu say the court intends to remain in the interior, either at Sian Fu or some other point, unless the principal public buildings in Peking are returned to China and declared outside of the legation district and also until reasonable legation guards are the only foreign troops left in Peking. They say the court is under no compulsion to return to Peking according to the terms of the agreement with the ministers of the lower.

THE SOUTHWARK AGROUND.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Red Star liner Southwark, outward bound for Antwerp, was still aground at 10.40 a. m. today, at the junction of the Main and the Swarth, where she stuck last night. The steam pilot boat New York, tug R. J. Barrett and another tug, which had been trying to pull her off gave up till next high water, which will be at 8.11 tonight at Sandy Hook. The Southwark is lying with her bow head-on to the channel, which would indicate that it is her stern which is aground.

FISHING CLUBS.

The Pleasant Lake Fishing Club has been incorporated \$1,000. The incorporators are A. H. Ellis and W. A. Cathera of St. John; Patrick Doherty of Charlottetown, and Dr. Geo. H. Pearson, H. H. Dryden, Samuel Chapman, Samuel Wortman, James Lamb, Dr. J. J. Daley, D. P. Kent and Ora P. King of Summers.

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CUBAN AFFAIRS.

HAVANA, March 5.—An investigation into the report circulated in the United States by a news agency that the United States secret service officials here had been informed that plans are on foot for a Cuban uprising and that disclosure is only avoided now by the efforts of leaders to hold the revolutionary element in check, elicited the following statement from Senor Gonzales De Quenda, who was the special commissioner of Cuba at Washington, and who was said in the despatch referred to to have confirmed the statements made.

"I have not made any statements regarding an uprising. If any persons are interested in fomenting an uprising they are not the Cubans, who are in favor of independence, but parties desirous of seeing Cuba crushed forever. What we have to contend against now is American public opinion. There is no prospect of fighting here."

From the mother's point of view an ugly baby is an impossibility.