

THE EVENING TIMES.

THE WEATHER. N. W. winds and cold tomorrow.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1905.

ONE CENT.

BLOCKADE HAS BEEN LIFTED.

I. C. R. Trains But Little Behind Time To-day --- Interrupted Communication Almost Caused Famine in Cape Breton--- Road Open to Halifax, Branch Lines Still Blocked.

The general hold-up to traffic which the I. C. R. has experienced for some days has been lifted and today, trains from east and west are running on fairly good time notwithstanding the serious condition of the roadbed.

The first train in about ten days through Halifax, due to arrive at 5.40, yesterday, did not reach the city until 2.40 this morning, but "that was considered a trivial delay," said one of the passengers "in comparison with the delay the public has experienced at points east."

The main line is open from St. John to Halifax, express trains all moving and freight expected to be moved today, is the word given out by the I. C. R., authorities this morning.

Yesterday's storm blocked the Shelburne branch but communication will be established today.

I. C. R. officials who returned last night from the scene of the blockade at Londonderry, have an interesting story of the fight with snow at that point. The maritime express, that was completely covered with snow at Londonderry, was one of the eight railway men have rarely seen. Men in engine cabs were completely entombed, and before they could be shovelled out food had to be passed to them through a ventilator pipe on top of the cab. The snow was more like ice, and was cut out in blocks.

The report that a team with a load of hay passed over the top of the snowed-up train is confirmed. Only the engine and the front of the train are visible above the snow.

Wilberforce Graves, the I. C. R. brakeman who had one foot crushed and the other leg broken is resting easy at the hospital this morning. The doctors do not anticipate fatal results, but the exact extent of the injuries is not yet known.

The reopening of traffic after such a lapse is hailed with delight by the public generally. The Boston express was only thirty minutes late today and the Atlantic forty-five minutes.

On the Verge of Famine. Sydney, Feb. 28.—(Special)—The towns and county districts in the northern part of Cape Breton, are in dire straits for want of provisions, and unless assistance reaches them soon, the people will be brought to the verge of famine. The towns of

FOUND AN EASY PLACE. Brakeman Dibblee Took No Chances With the Cantleiver.

C. P. R. brakeman Bev. Dibblee, had a somewhat serious but rather amusing experience yesterday afternoon. It appears that brakeman Dibblee, who runs on No. 9, the Atlantic, left the train at Fairville to go into the station, and while there the train suddenly pulled out. He immediately started out and mounted the steps of the pullman, but the vestibule was closed. He tried every means possible to attract the attention of the occupants of the car, but all efforts in this respect were futile. As the train had in the meantime reached a pretty high rate of speed, and as he noticed its near approach to the cantleiver bridge, he recognized the predicament he was in, and promptly decided that disavowal was the better part of valor. He noticed a soft spot in a snow drift and dropped "out of sight," but soon emerged uninjured, and none the worse of his experience. He walked in to St. John.

FUNERALS. The funeral of the late Miss Nancy McKenzie, took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham conducted the funeral services and interment took place in Fernhill.

THE WEATHER. Forecast—Southwesterly winds, light snow tonight. Wednesday, northwesterly winds and moderately cold. Thursday, southerly winds, disturbed conditions continue over the eastern portions of the continent, while in Manitoba and the territories the weather is mild and settling. To Banks and American ports, west and southwest winds today, northwesterly tomorrow.

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RUSSAINS REFUSED WITH SOME LOSS.

St. Petersburg Fears That Kuropatkin Is in a Bad Way at Mukden---Russian Terrorists Grow More Bold Through Police Impotency --- Maxim Gorky Banished.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—It is reported that when the Japanese attacked and defeated the Russians, Feb. 23, at Tashkentshan, twenty-five miles north of Simachi on the extreme Japanese right, the Russians numbered 17,000 men, their losses are estimated at two thousand. The Japanese losses were slight.

Desperate Fighting. St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—1.15 p.m.—The fragmentary official and press reports, of the fresh reverse sustained by General Kuropatkin, are inadequate to draw a conclusion from the magnitude of General Kuropatkin's success against the Russian left, but the public, as usual, is ready to believe the worst, and the city is already full of reports that disaster has again overtaken the Russian army; according to which Mukden has been completely surrounded, and Kuropatkin is withdrawing from his strong position on the Shalsha river.

That such reports are exaggerated, is beyond question, but although reticent and seeking to minimize the war capabilities of the Russian army, the officials of the war office are plainly discouraged at the fashion in which Kuropatkin has been able to turn the Russian extreme left, his advance columns actually crossing the Shalsha river.

It is admitted, that the fighting was desperate at several passes Sunday and Monday, while the front was being involved, the purpose of Field Marshal Oyama, evidently being to keep the centre and right engaged, and prevent Kuropatkin from sending reinforcements to aid off Kuroki, should Kuroki cross the river, the highroad to the Pass, (forty miles north of Mukden), would be open, and Kuropatkin's retreat threatened. Further news is awaited with great anxiety. Anything like a decisive Japanese victory now would probably end the war.

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JUDGE ASKS FOR MORE POLICEMEN.

Addressing the Grand Jury This Morning He Advocates an Augmented Force---No Criminal Business at This Session ---The Docket and the Jury Lists.

The county court opened at the court house this morning before Judge Forbes, and the grand jury were sworn in as follows:— J. Fraser Gregory, Foreman; D. Carleton Clinch, Richard O'Brien, James Knox, John McGoldrick, J. R. Stone, D. J. Brown, J. A. McAvity, Israel E. Smith, J. R. Ferguson, S. D. Scott, T. H. Eastbrook, T. H. Bullock, John Keefe, John White, J. Willard Smith, William H. Barnaby, William H. Thorne, John E. Moore, William E. Vroom, Charles D. Jones, Francis P. Starr, J. T. Knight, W. E. Raymond.

The petit jury was not sworn, but will be composed of the following members:—Fred A. Young, Chas. H. Rathway, Samuel J. Ritchie, Harry W. Machum, John S. Sexton, James Wales; Robert O'Brien, Samuel Fisher, James L. Carmichael, William Crawford, Stephen T. Golding, Hugh Campbell, John Dolan, Charles Danary, Thomas McMaisters, Thomas F. Granville, James W. Smith, Peter Mahoney, Patrick Cassey, William A. Stejper, Arthur Foster.

His honor in addressing the grand jury dwelt at length on the duties of the jury.

He also referred to schools, churches, theatres, hotels, and other such buildings. He regretted exceedingly that it would not be possible for them to make personal visits to such places, and in that way ascertain what provision had been made for the protection of life and property. These were matters into which the strictest inquiry should be made. Any regulations regarding such matters which they saw fit to make he assured them would be rigidly enforced.

In closing he thanked the jury for their interest.

The docket is as follows:— NON JURY CASES. Gault Bros. vs. Clair, Hamington, Todd and Hamington. Excelsior Life Insurance Co. vs. Mercer, Weldon and McLean. Hayes vs. Murray, E. R. Chapman, Scoville vs. Murray, et al. Linton Sinclair Co. vs. McLean, H. A. McKee.

JURY CASES. McCrossin vs. St. John St. Railway Co., Tilly and Stubbs for the plaintiff and Weldon and McLean for the defendant.

BASTARDY DOCKET. The King on information of Mary Boyd, vs. Peter Yapp, G. H. Winson for the county, Weldon and McLean for defendant.

The cases of Gault Bros. vs. Clair and Scoville vs. Murray, will be taken up this afternoon; and that of the Linton and Sinclair Co. vs. McLean, tomorrow morning.

Naturalization papers were read by A. W. MacRae for J. H. Goggin, J. H. Goggin, and John Martin and by H. H. Pickett for Harry Jacobson. The government regulation of other public institutions such as the reformatory, the almshouse and the hospital.

THE ILL WIND. Wanted the Ready Cash to the Hotel Man Yesterday.

As stated in last evening's Times, there were several disappointed travellers at the I. C. R. station on the count of the detention here of the C. P. R. train yesterday afternoon; but one individual was disappointed than all the others combined. He had been here for about a week, registered at one of the hotels, and yesterday morning told the manager that he was going to take a short trip to Moncton, and would leave his baggage. The manager, however, smelt a rat, and shortly afterwards after inspecting the alleged baggage started out looking for his man, whom he located comfortably seated in the first class car of the Atlantic express.

No satisfactory arrangement being made, the manager did not go to Moncton last night, being a little short financially, owing to such sudden legal complications. However, after calling on several friends he finally succeeded in "making good" and got a clean receipt.

POLICE REPORTS. A bunch of keys found on Main street await an owner at the central police station.

Mrs. Ellen M. Prescott has been reported for neglecting to have the snow removed from the sidewalk in front of her residence on Colburn street.

C. F. Gorham of 16 Wellington Row, has been reported for a similar offence.

Thomas Barrett, who was creating a disturbance in Baxter's saloon, was ejected by the police.

Ernest Reidon, has been reported for fast driving on Newman Brook Bridge.

An electric wire leading to Jas. Hilly's office, Main street, fell across the sidewalk yesterday, and was removed by the electric company.

John Kilrain has been reported for driving a team in the city without a license.

At the police court this morning, John Harrington, charged with selling beer on Sunday was found guilty.

The Times New Reporter.

THEY COULD NOT AGREE. Mr. Peter Binks and Mr. James Jones had an animated colloquy on Prince William street this morning, on the question of the election of a democrat.

"I see you opposed a change to the district system of elections, at the meeting last night," said Jamesy.

"I did," said Mr. Binks impressively. "It is a most serious question, really. It is a system which really amounts to very little if you can select some phrases and call them a platform, and some other phrases and call them a constitution. That's the thing to do. But nothing controversial mind you. Not a word that even an alien would object to."

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WANT LORD'S DAY ACT. Temperance Committee of Methodist Conference Will Ask Parliament for Dominion Act.

The New Brunswick and P. E. I. group of the temperance committee of the general Methodist conference met Dr. Chown this morning in the parlors of Centenary church, and as a result of the conference it was decided to prepare circular letters to be addressed to all congregations within the bounds of the conference, calling their attention to the requirements of the differences in connection with the Sunday schools and Epworth leagues and the official boards of the congregations. It was also decided that communications be addressed to the local government respecting temperance legislation in the provinces, and to the dominion government urging the enactment of a law to prevent gambling on race courses, and also asking for the passing of a dominion Lord's Day act.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. At the Hotel—Chas. G. Gilchrist, Portland; N. S. LeBlanc, Cape Bald, N. B.; J. Kully, Halifax.

At the Victoria M. Hotel, Coggins, Montreal; Chas. Haynes, Toronto; Frank Somers, Boston; E. J. Holland, Ottawa; B. Anderson, Ottawa; At the Royal—Mrs. Payson, Miss Payson, Mrs. Mattedy, Miss Wilson, Miss Parker, Miss Staples, Miss Lattimer, Miss McCathern, Miss Flannigan, Mrs. A. E. Hanson, A. Hanson, Fredericton Hockey Club; Frank Edwards, Fredericton; Thos. Gallagher, Moncton; T. A. Burns, New York; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Night, Colbrook; N. H. W. E. Smith, Fredericton; W. Carron, Montreal; A. C. Dennis, Montreal.

At the Clifton—F. H. Hatheway, Fredericton; R. F. Wright, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wetmore, Rochester.

CLEAR THE FIRE PLUGS. If a fire should break out near the corner of Sevell and Dorchester streets no fire fighting apparatus could get near the fire plug there, because of the mountains of snow.

In many places about the city the snow has not been cleared away nearly as well as it should be from the fire plugs. The city is very fortunate that no fire has occurred, but that does not excuse the authorities.

Rev. Mr. Gooden—"I make it a point never to add the number of my age to my number of years."