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THE WEATHER. Northeast gales with snow, Saturday, winds becoming westerly, clearing by evening.

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RUSSIAN NAVAL BILL CAUSES DISCUSSION

Czar and Duma in Direct Opposition

Nicholas Wants to Spend \$500,000,000 in Naval Construction But Duma Opposes It--Grand Duke Says Navy a Hotbed of Mutiny.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 24--The conflict between the emperor and the duma over the naval plan which entails an expenditure of \$500,000,000 is steadily developing in a direction unfavorable to the realization of the emperor's ambitions.

The scheme which Mr. Kholodkovski, the minister privately declared, is to build a fleet of 100 battleships and 100 cruisers, with 100 submarines and 100 destroyers.

The cabinet which unanimously opposed the naval programme has privately passed the hint among the conservatives in the duma, encouraging the fullest discussion against the programme in order to influence the emperor, whose mind hitherto has appeared to be set on the fulfilment.

A brother of Premier Stolypin in an article in the Moscow Vremya, bitterly arraigns the lethargy of the admiralty and declares that \$40,000,000 now included in the yearly budget of the navy is thrown to waste. It would be much better, he says, to abolish the fleet altogether, devoting this sum to schools and other uses. He accused the admiralty of putting forward a programme involving great expenditure without possessing the vaguest idea of up-to-date naval design and construction technique.

The emperor is preparing a discourse in favor of the programme which he will deliver before an audience of October 15, early in February. Count Avramov, one of the Octoberist leaders in an interview says that his master has been trying to understand that the duma will be dissolved if the programme be rejected, nevertheless, he believes that a majority of all Octoberists are determined to vote against the government.

BARNES LEAVES THIS AFTERNOON

Hon. James Barnes Will Leave Provincial Cabinet After This Afternoon's Meeting.

Premier Robinson stated today that Hon. James Barnes, the recent acquisition to the provincial cabinet, would sever his connection with the executive body after this afternoon's meeting. He is expected to be succeeded by Mr. B. J. Burrows.

THE PROPOSED CAR WORKS

R. D. Isaacs returned to the city today from a trip to the north. He went as far as Wainwright and Fort William. On Tuesday next he is to meet the joint committee of the treasury board and safety board with reference to his proposition to establish a car building plant here.

PORTLAND CITY HALL IS BURNED; LOSS \$100,000.00

Fire Broke Out While Pythian Jubilee Was in Progress Today.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24--Portland's city hall containing the municipal and county offices and departments, and the police building, in which were the supreme judicial and municipal courts were completely ruined by a fire early today. Valuable records dating back over a century were destroyed. The monetary loss is estimated at \$100,000.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24--A fire which caused a property damage of \$100,000 early today, destroyed the city hall and police buildings and endangered the lives of more than 700 persons. Although known as City Hall, the building was divided between city and county offices, while the police building sheltered the supreme, judicial and municipal courts, in addition to the police department.

Only a few persons were hurt, Chief Engineer Melville Eldridge, the only one known to be seriously injured, was able to direct the fight against the flames throughout, being supported by two assistants.

S. S. CORSICAN MAY BE LATE

Due to Sail This Afternoon She May Be Delayed Until Tomorrow.

The Allan line steamer Corsican is due to sail for Liverpool via Halifax, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, but may not get away until tomorrow morning. A special train bringing a large number of passengers from Montreal is expected to reach St. John about 4:30.

CANADIANS IN BANK MERGER

Canadian Interests Promoting Amalgamation of Two Big Mexican Banks.

MEXICO, Jan. 24--(Special)--It is reported that Canadian interests which are closely identified with the Bank of Montreal are promoting the merging of the National Bank of Mexico and the Bank of London and Mexico. It is stated that plans for this merger have been discussed at a point of consummation and that the new institution will be one of the strongest financial concerns on the continent. Canadian interests will hold a large block of stock. These same interests have invested more than \$15,000,000 gold in electric power enterprises in Mexico and have other big industrial projects under consideration.

MONCTON NEWS

Accident in I. C. R. Shop--Hockey Player Taken to Hospital With Injured Eye.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 24--(Special)--George Wetmore was quite badly injured in the I. C. R. shops this morning. A heavy piece of iron fell on his head, knocking him unconscious, and inflicting a bad wound.

Ushing, right wing on the Victoria hockey team, was taken to the hospital after last night's game, his left eye being in bad shape. He was struck in the eye by the puck during the Maryville game, when a severe cut and bruise was inflicted, and last night early after the game started, he received a blow from a puck in exactly the same place. He showed great pluck in continuing to play with the sight of only one eye.

SENATOR ELLIS CHAIRMAN OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

OTTAWA, Jan. 24--(Special)--At the joint committee of the senate and the house of commons printing, Senator Ellis was appointed chairman, Mr. Parmelee, M. P., will represent the committee in the commons.

FUNERALS

The body of Mrs. Barry Bailey was conveyed this morning to Young's Cove for interment in the family lot. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Armstrong who accompanied the body to Young's Cove.

The body of M. G. Price was taken to Gamet's settlement this afternoon for interment. Services were conducted at his late home, Clarence street, this morning by Rev. Mr. Howard accompanied by B. Cohen, Rev. Mr. Howard accompanied the body.

LITTLETON AND JEROME HAD LVELY ENCOUNTER DURING THE THAW TRIAL THIS MORNING; JEROME WAS WORSTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 24--Today's session of the Thaw trial was abandoned as the request of the defence and an adjournment of court was taken until Monday morning. A heavy snowstorm tied up shipping in the bay and prevented the docking of the steamer Adriatic, on which three physicians and a trained nurse are coming from Europe to testify as to irregular outbreaks of Harry Thaw at Monte Carlo, Paris, London. Another witness, Dr. Bingham, of Pittsburgh, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, will not be in the city until tomorrow.

Mr. Littleton, in his request, stated that he believed the delay would really result in expediting the case, as he would employ the intervening time in preparing the hypothetical question for the experts and submitting a draft of it to District Attorney Jerome for any suggestions or objections he may have to offer.

HOW A FREDERICTON MAN PAID HIS BET ON THE HOCKEY MATCH

Wheeled the Successful Better Home in a Wheelbarrow--Farmers and Dairymen's Association Met This Morning.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 24--(Special)--The annual meeting of the N. B. Fruit Growers' Association opened in Church Hall here this morning with an attendance of about fifty.

President John C. Gillman, of Kingsclear, occupied the chair and delivered a vigorous address in which he reviewed conditions of the past season and referred to the advancement being made by the province in fruit growing.

The defeat of the Capital hockey team at Moncton last night actually was quite a shock to the local fans, and considerable money has been lost on the result. The Capital team will be strengthened and the managers are confident that there will be a different story to tell after the game with Moncton here next week.

EASTERN STATES ARE FEELING GRIP OF WINTER IN EARNEST

New York Has a Miniature Blizzard and Heavy Snow Storms--Railway and Street Car Traffic Tied Up.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24--The snow storm which swept over the city late yesterday developed into a little blizzard during the night. Today the city streets were piled deep in places with drifts and street car traffic and the movement of ferry boats and other harbor and river craft was hindered.

WILD BOAR CHARGES

MADRID, Jan. 23--King Alfonso had a narrow escape from death while hunting today. A wild boar unexpectedly appeared and rushed at the king, who shot the animal. The king dropped the gun and walked up to the boar, supposing that he had killed the boar, but it suddenly bounded up and flew furiously at the king, who was saved only by a prompt shot fired by one of the party into the mad animal's head. King Alfonso was unhurt.

BE SURE TO GET THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE TIMES' NEW SERIAL "IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM". IT STARTS TOMORROW

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM MAKES A COMPARISON.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says that the only thing he can compare the weather with in the state of his feelings when he was courting the present Mrs. Hornbeam, who had a glib tongue and great staying qualities.

"This winter," said Hiram, "just puts me in mind of it. One day it's cold--then it's warm--then it's wet--then it's dry--then it's all of 'em put together. I told the old lady about it the other night, and she said I was an old fool. I told her I started young, and I guess that made 'er mad, for the pancakes was mighty heavy that night. Well--good day."

"I will give you their names after they have landed and their addresses as well," Mr. Littleton offered.

"That won't do. Give me a chance to call," snapped the district attorney.

"That shows the district attorney wants to meet them at the dock," exclaimed Mr. Littleton. "It is willing to give me the names of the witnesses he will call in rebuttal."

"The district attorney is not required to do that," interposed Justice Dowling.

"Oh, very well then," put in Mr. Jerome slamming a book down on the counsel table, "if you don't want to do it all right."

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MOWED MEN DOWN WITH HIS ENGINE

Russian Engineer Runs Locomotive Through Mob Which Attempted to Lynch Him.

BAKU, Trans-Caucasia Russia, Jan. 24--In consequence of the accidental killing of some laborers by a locomotive at a suburban station of the railroad here today, a mob of comrades of the victims surrounded the engine attempted to lynch the engineer. To escape the fury of the excited workmen the engineer opened the throttle, the locomotive dashed through the crowd killing six men and wounding many others.

THE KING OF SPAIN

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Three drunks were fined \$4 each in the police court this morning.

HIS BUSY TIME.

Mr. Cornfield O'Hoo, who has not been very much in evidence of late, was about town this morning shaking his hands with all his acquaintances.

There was a prospect of an election campaign in the southeast corner of Holiday and Saratoga streets, occupied by the J. Register Sons' Company, plumbers' supplies. Other occupants of the buildings were the Baltimore Bell and Brass Company and the Wm. L. Hollingsworth Company, machinists.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24--Fire early today took heavy tolls of the members of the fire department of this city three being dead, and sixteen others more or less seriously injured, including George Houston, chief of the fire department, who is in a serious condition. He has a badly lacerated scalp and internal injuries. The financial damage is estimated at \$400,000.

AMERICAN DAM BUILDER OF STAND THIS MORNING

INSANITY IS THE DEFENCE

Charlottetown Barrister Charged With Forgery is Said to Be of Unsound Mind

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 24--(Special)--This morning the case of Edwin O. Brown, barrister, was given to the jury on a preliminary issue raised by the defence that the prisoner was insane and therefore unfit to stand his trial.

H. J. Palmer, C. C., in addressing the jury for the crown said he believed the prisoner was feigning insanity, as the evidence against him of committing a series of forgeries, any of which would send him to the penitentiary, was too plain to admit of any other plea.

SCOTT ACT CASES HEARD AT SUSSEX

Four Were Dealt With This Morning by Magistrate Hornbrooke.

SUSSEX, N. B., Jan. 24--(Special)--Four Scott Act cases were dealt with this morning by Magistrate Hornbrooke. The information against Mrs. Barton was dismissed. One case against Thomas Brown was also dismissed. In the other case against Brown, in which the Flisner beer figures, the judge found him guilty, but the charge was reduced to a first offence.

FIRE AT GLACE BAY

Dominion Coal Co's Store Burned and Much Damage Done.

GLACE BAY, N. S., Jan. 24--(Special)--Not till 2:15 this morning did the firemen leave the scene of the conflagration at the Dominion Coal company's store. Some time after the fire was supposed to be out, it started again in the second story. The loss is about \$20,000 on the goods, and \$3,000 on the building. The warehouse stored with goods at the year's end. The loss is covered by insurance.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE

Mt. Allison Selects Its Team for "Talk Fest" With Kings College

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 24--(Special)--Ivan C. Rand, A. R. Reynolds and J. Asbury have been selected to represent Mt. Allison University in the coming debate with Kings College.

THREE FIREMEN KILLED AND SIXTEEN INJURED

As the Result of \$400,000 Fire in Baltimore Early This Morning.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24--Fire early today took heavy tolls of the members of the fire department of this city three being dead, and sixteen others more or less seriously injured, including George Houston, chief of the fire department, who is in a serious condition.

For a time it seemed that the fire would sweep diagonally through the block to Gay street, and a number of people living on that thoroughfare moved their effects. Changes in the wind, however, enabled the firemen to confine the damage, in addition to that already mentioned, to the plants of the E. B. Road & Sons Co., printers, and the Fryn & Emrich Co., machinists, located in a five story building on Saratoga street in the rear of the Register building in which the fire originated.

While responding to the alarm, a horse carriage and fire engine collided and five of the men on the engine were injured, one of them seriously.

TONIGHT'S HOCKEY MATCH

How the Marathons and Capitals Will Line Up in This Evening's Game.

The game tonight between the Fredericton Capitals and Marathons at the Glacis rink will be of more interest than any contest here for some time past.

The line-up is as follows-- Marathons: Morrison... Goal... F. L. Simpson

Music... Point... J. Woodworth (Capt)

McDonald (Capt)... Woodworth (Capt) Centre

Stuart... Black Left Wing

Dumphy... Clawson Right Wing

Murphy... F. Simpson

Ranson... Paterson

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS

From Present Indications There Will Be No Death of Candidates This Year.

The civic elections in April are likely to prove very interesting as already the names of candidates for aldermanic honors are being spoken of.

In Queen's ward, from which Alderman Bullock is retiring to seek the chief magistrate's office, Dr. George A. Heberington, announces that he will be in the field, and Capt. E. C. Elin and George P. O'Connell, are also being urged to enter the lists.

It is not known yet whether there will be any opposition to Ald. Bullock for mayor, or not. Should Mayor Sears receive the consideration he expects from the dominion government it may be his office next year will be opposite the city building.

Ald. McGoldrick will again contest Stansfeld ward and Ex-alderman Rowan is reported will be after Ald. Sprague in Leaside.

In nearly all the wards it is believed there will be a contest and there will also be several new aspirants for aldermanic honors.

Dennis McCarthy, of 60 Sheffield street has been reported for stealing coal from the I. C. R. cars on the Ballast wharf yesterday.