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Livery Drivers Strike in Chicago Makes Great Trouble—Funerals Almost Impossible.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The strike in Chicago of the livery and hearse drivers is causing considerable trouble at present, and more serious developments are threatened in the event of the spread of the tie-up to include stablemen and stockmen. Should these men go out, the ambulance service of the city would be greatly crippled. On Saturday, nearly seventy-five funerals were held in Chicago, the bodies of the dead being carried in wagons, which were in several instances attacked by the strikers.

Permission to move sick from their homes to hospitals was denied in many cases by striking livery drivers. Determined that the striking livery drivers and resulting families of carriage should not interfere with his wedding, Antonio Losacco, manager for a commission firm, has hired a hospital ambulance and driven his prospective bride and a bridal party in triumph to the church of the Assumption, where the ceremony was performed.

Strike pickets who endeavored to stay the progress of the gaily bedecked ambulance wagon through the streets were brushed aside and outdistanced by the fast running vehicle which was put at a gallop all the way.

THE NEW VICTORIA RINK.

With new dressing rooms, reception rooms, ticket office and all modern improvements the old favorite Victoria Rink will be one of the best places in which to enjoy a season's skating, and the young lady or gentleman, boy or girl, who gets a season ticket as an Xmas gift will indeed be fortunate. No more suitable gift could be given or more thoroughly appreciated. Manager Armstrong whose own thought is for the comfort and care of his patrons, has about completed extensive alterations making the Vic second to none in Canada. The Victoria has been in constant rehearsal for some weeks and when the doors are thrown open on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, good music will be furnished the skaters.

THE SITUATION IN TURKEY.

Turkeys continue scarce and very dear. Some stock in the market, which hardly anyone wanted to buy last week at any price, is now selling at \$10.00 per pound, while the better stock is bringing 30c. per pound and the demand is good. There are but few geese to be had for sale, and the price is almost unknown. The present soft weather is not doing rising poultry any good, and dealers as well as farmers are wishing for colder weather with sleighing.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN FAIRVILLE.

Commencing Monday, January 4, 1904.

Church.	Subject.	Speaker.
January 4.	Need of Prayer.	Rev. A. M. Hill.
Pres'n. Church of Christ.	Rev. A. T. Dykeman.	
Methodist-National of People.	Rev. A. M. Hill.	
January 5.	Missionary.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.
Presbyterian-Families.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.	
Methodist-National of People.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.	
January 6.	Prayer.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.
Presbyterian-Families.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.	
Methodist-National of People.	Rev. W. J. Kirby.	

A mass meeting of all the churches will be held in the Methodist church at the close of the regular evening service, at which Rev. A. T. Dykeman will deliver the address.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Shut James L. Maloy, 147, Whelpley, from Boston, ballast and small stores.

Shut W. L. Ewing, 22, Dyer, from Castine, Me., ballast and small stores.

Shut Dunmore Head, 1,400, Cotter, from Belfast.

Shut Salerno, 1,683, Olsen, from Liverpool.

Shut Manchester Commerce, 3,444, Baxter, from Manchester, via Halifax.

Shut Loko Main, 5,774, Taylor, from Liverpool.

Cleared.

Shut Kastalia, 2,563, Webb, for Glasgow.

Shut Montford, 2,584, Cross, for Liverpool.

Court Epping Forest meets this evening in Foresters' Hall, for election of officers and initiation.

Manifests were received at the custom house this morning for the following American goods in transit:—One car of corn, two cars of lumber and three of meat.

The Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company are issuing a fine calendar this year accompanied by a finely bound blotting pad which is a welcome addition to any desk.

Word has been received that a sergeant instructor will be sent here from Quebec on January 4th and will remain until January 13th. He will give instruction to the newly formed signal corps in double and single flag, lamp, helio, and telegraph signaling.

The street railway today put two extra cars on the main line, thus giving a four minute service from the city to the north end. There are now ten cars on the line, three on Paradise Row and two on Douglas Avenue. This service is in effect from nine a. m. till nine p. m., and will continue as long as is necessary.

POTTSVILLE, P. A., Dec. 21.—Much excitement has been caused here by reports from Annapolis station, Salisbury, N. B., of the discovery of beds of pure anthracite coal far beyond the limits of what has heretofore been considered the southern boundary of the hard coal region in Pennsylvania. Many farmers in the district have begun to prospect for veins on their property.

DEATHS.

CALHOUN—In this city, on the 20th instant, after a lingering illness, Harriet F. Calhoun, widow of the late William S. Calhoun.

Passed on Wednesday, from the residence of W. G. Raymond, 55 Hazen street, at 2.30 p. m., to St. John's church.

WILD STORM AT ST. ANDREWS.

Large Building Blown into the Harbor—Houses in Town Rocked to their Foundations.

(Special to the Star.)

ST. ANDREWS, Dec. 21.—A wind and rain storm set in yesterday afternoon. Towards evening the wind increased in violence and during last night a heavy gale from the south-southeast set in and reached its height at one o'clock this morning.

The large smoke house built recently by Gardiner & Deon on their wharf was blown over into the dock. It is a total wreck, together with three or four hundred weight of smoked herring. The loss of the smoke-house and the herring is estimated at one thousand dollars.

The large sign across the front of Wren's drug store was blown down and lies in town were rocked to their foundations.

The C. P. R. tank windmill was blown off and stove to pieces, also a roof from a box car in the yard.

THE TERCENTENARY

St. John Will Celebrate the 300th Anniversary of its Discovery on June 23 and 24.

On Saturday night Hon. J. W. Longley, attorney general of Nova Scotia, came to the city with the special purpose of conferring with the committee having in charge the New Brunswick end of the tercentenary celebration of the first European exploration of the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. Longley says that the movement in Nova Scotia has made great advances. He has the assurance from large numbers of New England and Canadian governors, ministers and public men, that the celebration will be a co-operation in the celebration.

Mr. Longley looks upon it as an American anniversary and as much affecting the people of the United States and the Dominion of Canada as the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Longley met some members of the committee which is dealing with the tercentenary celebration at the office of D. B. Jack this morning. Rev. W. C. Gaynor, president of the Historical Society, took the chair, and Mr. Longley explained what arrangements had been made for the Annapolis celebration, giving a list of the societies, universities, governments and other organizations to which invitations have been sent. He expects a large and representative gathering of delegates from these learned societies, of lieutenant governors, ministers and public representatives, and of visitors from foreign countries. There is also to be a naval demonstration in which it is hoped that vessels of Great Britain, the United States and France will join.

After some discussion in which Hon. H. A. McKeown, Dr. A. A. Stockton, Dr. George U. Hay, Dr. Matthew Col. Markham, Dr. W. O. Raymond, Dr. R. Jack, E. D. Scott, Charles McDonald, Charles Campbell and others took part, a resolution was adopted recommending the dates of Thursday and Friday, 23rd and 24th of June for the St. John celebration. The Annapolis event is to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week, so that the St. John celebration will follow immediately and it is hoped that the same distinguished people will be present.

The Annapolis anniversary is to be mainly of an intellectual character and the one in St. John so far as the Historical and Natural History Societies are concerned will be of the same description. But it is hoped that other organizations and the citizens generally will provide certain spectacular features which will give a more general interest to the occasion.

Mr. Longley returns to Halifax on the train which should leave here at noon, but may go this evening.

D. B. Jack received today the following telegram:

"CALEDON, Dec. 21.—Caledon city council has appointed a committee on tercentenary celebration. James Vroom."

MINISTERS' MEETINGS.

Baptist.

The Baptist ministers met this morning at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. C. Burnett occupied the chair. The ministers present were Revs. Dr. Gates, C. Burnett, B. N. Nobles, A. B. Cohoe, H. H. Roach, C. T. Phillips, I. B. Colwell, Dr. Salack, Dr. Long and Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton.

Reports were received from the different churches as follows: Rev. A. B. Cohoe reported that a very successful Christmas exercise consisting of readings and recitations was held last evening in Brussels street church, and was largely attended.

The new pastor, Rev. F. J. Stackhouse, will take charge of the Tabernacle church the first of the year. The subject of "Baptist Unity" was introduced by Rev. H. H. Roach, and the remainder of the morning was occupied with a discussion which will be resumed at the next meeting.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Gates, Rev. C. T. Phillips and Rev. H. H. Roach, was appointed to arrange an order of exchange for the second Sunday of January.

Methodist.

The Methodist ministers met at the usual time and place. Dr. Wilson presiding. Rev. Mr. Comben led in prayer. There were present: Revs. Dr. Sprague, G. M. Campbell, G. W. Hamilton, Dr. Wilson, W. J. Kirby, C. Comben and A. C. Bell, of Wolford.

The only change in the pulpit work yesterday was that of Rev. A. C. Bell, of Wolford, who exchanged pulpits with Rev. H. H. Roach.

Bro. Bell addressed the meeting on his work on his extensive field.

PROBATE COURT.

In the probate court this morning the accounts in the estate of the late Arthur W. Lovett were passed. John Kerr, Esq., proctor for administrator, G. L. Lovett.

The accounts in the estate of the late Allan McLean were also passed. H. G. Kaye, proctor for executrix, Hattie B. Bennett.

POWERS SEEK FOR PEACE.

Situation in Far East More Serious.

Contradictory Reports Regarding Japan's Reply to Russia's Latest Proposition

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is generally understood, says the Tokio correspondent of the Times, that Japan asks Russia to reconsider her reply.

The reply contained no tangible concession, inasmuch as it excluded Japan altogether from the Manchurian question and proposed an equal position for the two powers in Korea.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Lord Rothchild, while declining today to venture an opinion as to the outcome of the Japanese-Russian crisis, said, according to the Associated Press, one of the most important factors in the opportunity to press her claims for Korea, said, "If she does so, it would certainly help a peaceful solution. I have heard of no suggested loan, either Japanese or Russian. What they would have to do in case of war is a hypothesis I do not care to discuss. The present conditions are quite puzzling enough without endeavoring to prophesy."

POLICEMAN WON'T PAY.

Officer Sol. Hamm, Who Lost Suit for \$1,000 Recently Wants to Avoid Payment.

In the county court chambers this morning, before Judge Forbes, the examination of Solomon D. Hamm of the St. John police force, was continued. This examination arises out of the suit of White vs. Hamm, and is intended to elicit a statement of what property the defendant, Hamm, actually possesses. The suit of White vs. Hamm, it will be remembered, was an action for false arrest, and after going through some three times, ultimately went against Hamm, a verdict for \$1,000 being rendered against him.

Hamm, in the first instance, obtained a verdict in his favor for a substantial sum, but on the 14th of August, 1902, this verdict was set aside by the supreme court, and a new trial granted. On the 14th of August, just four days subsequent, Hamm made a conveyance of property owned by him on the side of the city, to his wife. He made this conveyance, he alleges, not in anticipation of the suit going against him, but as the result of an intention on his part, formed long before the suit was commenced, of leaving the city. Mr. Hamm intended to go to Scotland, where some wealthy relatives of his resided.

The object of the present examination is to show that Hamm was possessed of property which he purposely got rid of in order to prevent the realization of the judgment obtained against him.

Some rather interesting evidence developed this morning. Hamm swore that he had never engaged C. N. Skinner, K. G., to defend and never knew who he was. He would not venture the opinion that the city had employed Mr. Skinner, but admitted that he had been directed by Chief of Police Clark to see Mr. Skinner in reference to the defence of the suit. He had himself not paid any of the costs incurred in defending the suit, and added that he did not intend to if he could help it. It was likewise his intention, he said, to avoid the payment of the verdict obtained against him if it were in his power.

When asked as to a fortune coming to him from a wealthy relative in Scotland, he said that he had heard of it, but that he had never materialized. The name of his relative in Scotland is Solomon Cochrane, who continues to live. He intimated that when he received his share of his living relative's wealth he would probably be disposed to change his mind with regard to the payment of the verdict obtained against him.

The examination was adjourned till the 8th of January, 1904.

G. H. V. Boyles appeared for White and A. A. Wilson, K. G., for Hamm.

POLICE COURT.

Christmas work in the police court opened well this morning and the magistrate was most extravagant in the gifts he handed out to applicants.

Joe Guthrie and Herbert Friars had been having a high old time together on the waterfront at Road, and will come out in time to have the salute fired on Empire Day.

Four other prisoners were sent in for two months for drunkenness. At these James Taylor was in a pretty bad condition. He seemed to be completely used up, both mentally and physically, from an overdose of liquor, and pleaded with the police not to let him fall downstairs. Last night it was found necessary for Dr. Berryman to see him twice. On Sunday forenoon Taylor was drunk and was seen going into a well known hotel. On coming out he was arrested and was found to have an unopened bottle of whiskey in his pocket. Inspector Jones is looking into the matter.

THE WEATHER.

Monday, Dec. 21.

Highest temperature, 48; lowest temperature, 40; barometer at noon, 30.15 inches. Wind, southwest; velocity, 24 miles per hour. Cloudy.

Forecast—Southwest and west gales; clearing. Tuesday northwest to north-west gales; becoming colder at night. Synopses—A storm of great energy is moving across the Gulf and heavy gales prevail all along the seaboard. To Banks and American ports south-west and west gales.

GEBBIE-SULLIVAN.

The Christian church at Lord's Cove, was the scene of a very happy event on the evening of December 18th, when Rev. Ralph Gebbie, pastor of the Leewardville and Lord's Cove Christian churches, was united in marriage to Mrs. Lillian Sullivan, one of the most charming and accomplished ladies of Richardsonville. The ceremony took place at eight o'clock, and long before that hour arrived the church was packed to the doors. To the music of Lohengrin rendered most beautifully by Miss Hazel Lambert, the bride and groom moved up the aisle unattended, to where the clergyman, Rev. G. N. Stevenson, of St. John's, was waiting to pronounce them man and wife. The bride wore a pearl grey silk trimmed with white medallions.

After the ceremony, which was most impressive, the couple drove to their future home at Richardsonville, where an informal reception was given.

PEACOCK ARBITRATION CONCLUDED.

The matter of the expropriation of the Peacock property by the Rockwood Park commissioners, which has been under arbitration for some time, was finally settled today, when an award was signed by the arbitrators, Thomas Clark, J. N. Wetmore and James Mylne. It is understood that the amount of the award is \$500. The original offer made by the park commissioners was \$300. J. D. Hasen, K. C., appeared for the Horticultural Association, and A. A. Stockton, K. C., for James Peacock.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Thomas Reid was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, Pitt street. Rev. Dr. Morrison officiated and interment was in Fernhill.

The death occurred this forenoon at her residence, Paradise Row, of Mrs. Harriet Calhoun, widow of John B. Calhoun, in the sixty-second year of her age.

Mrs. A. C. Powers will receive her friends at 200 Paradise Row on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Dec. 23, 24, and 25.

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F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Xmas Presents!

At my store, 55 Gormain street, for the balance of week, we will sell at private sale a large assortment of useful things for Christmas presents. All now.