

LONDON THREATENED WITH ICE FAMINE THIS SUMMER

Dealers Find Supply at Pond Mills Is Worthless for Both Domestic Purposes and Cooling.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES MAY BE BROUGHT BY DEALERS

Against Board of Health—\$20,000 Invested by Ice Men—May Have to Use Oil Drill Shed as a Storage and Cut Supply From the North Branch.

According to the statements made by the local ice-dealers before a meeting of the board of health held in the London Club this morning, the city of London has the very alarming prospect of an ice famine this summer, and the four amalgamated ice-dealers of London who have been cutting ice on the Pond Mills are out of pocket somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The rules and regulations of the local board of health put into force last fall are held responsible for the whole apparently disastrous business.

Last fall, it will be remembered, the board of health, fearing for the public safety, ordered that the ice-men in future should cut no ice on the river in the vicinity of the city. The reason for this order was the fact that sewage was said to be emptied into the river, and the ice was impure.

The ice-men naturally demurred, but they started to look around for other sources for the ice supply. They naturally turned to the ponds in Westminster, but it is alleged that after looking at these ponds they again attempted to persuade the board of health that the ponds were not one particle clearer, and probable not as clean as the river when in former years the ice had been cut there. But the board refused to be through a set of bylaws which practically prohibited the cutting of ice on any ponds in the vicinity of London, except the Pond Mills.

Samples of water taken from the Spettigue and several other ponds were sent to Toronto for examination by a bacteriologist, and the result was that the only body of water which secured a clean bill of health was the Pond Mills.

The Ice Men Move.

The ice men then, on the assurance of the board of health, it is said, that the water of the Pond Mills was fit to cut ice from, went to work and erected one of the ice houses in Canada on the bank of the ponds at Westminster station, and in this city they built an auxiliary icehouse capable of holding several thousand tons of ice. Moreover, they had a spur line put in from the L. and P. S. Railway to the icehouse at the ponds, and another to the ice house on Mainland street south. They also tore down their icehouses in London, and used the lumber and materials to construct the icehouse at Westminster. It never crossed their minds, apparently, that the ice might not be all it was thought to be.

Then the dealers—Messrs. D. Collins, Cushing Bros., J. Arthur and J. Steele—who had joined hands, began to cut ice at the Pond Mills and ship it into London. From the first day, however, ill luck characterized the venture. It was found impossible to run the spur line near the edge of the ponds, because of the fact that the spongy formation of the bank allowed the ballasting to slip away as fast as the men and teams deposited it. Then the ice men began to haul the ice to London with teams. This was a costly means of transportation, but the ice men were desperate, and, anyway, they had no alternative. But the worst was yet to come.

Ice Was No Good.

A week or so ago the dealers began to supply their customers with ice. The cooling product looked good, and appeared all right in every way. But it was very deceiving. Cool and all as it was, the ice was not fit for the reception accorded the ice men when they went around the second day. The ice consumers, it is alleged, were furious. The proprietors of sev-

JULIET'S HOME DOOMED

House Where Romeo Wood Famous Heroine in State of Collapse.

New York, Feb. 6.—A Verona, Italy, dispatch, to the Herald, relates that the historic house where, according to tradition, Juliet dwelt, when she was wooed by Romeo, is in danger of collapse. The wall is cracked and repairs are being made, but it is feared that the house is doomed.

QUERRERO INJURED

Famous Pedestrian and Athlete Run Over in New York Street.

New York, Feb. 6.—In attempting to cross Broadway at Sixty-sixth street, last evening, Gus Guerrero, the well-known local physician informed the board of health, was run over by a cab and suffered internal injuries which will probably prove fatal.

The driver of the cab saw Guerrero, but because of the slippery pavement, was unable to check his horses in time. An ambulance took Guerrero to Roosevelt Hospital, where his condition at a late hour last night was said to be precarious. Gus Guerrero, 29 years old, was one of the best known of the pedestrians who made six-day records in Madison Square Garden. He ran third to Albert and Herty when the six-day record, which had long stood at 610 miles, was pushed up to 621 miles.

AUSTRIAN EMPIRE NEXT

Chicago Slavs Preparing to Help in the Expected Revolution.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—At a stirring meeting, Chicago Slavs have organized to aid their countrymen in the revolution which they declare will come in the Austrian Empire.

Nearly a thousand delegates from Slav organizations were present and listened to Dr. Ante Tresica-Pavlicica, a deputy to the Austrian Parliament from Dalmatia. When he completed his address the preliminary organization, known as the Slav Liberty Federation, was announced. It is the plan to spread the organization to other American cities.

Dr. Tresica-Pavlicica made an impassioned appeal, telling of the financial wrongs he said had been committed, and making an appeal to the people present to organize to strike a blow immediately before the ten-year contract between the federated nations, could be renewed.

JUDGE FROM THIS PROVINCE TO SUCCEED JUSTICE KILLAM

Services of Edward Adamson, Grain Inspector at Toronto, Dispensed With.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Edward Adamson, grain inspector, Toronto, was notified today by the trade and commerce department that his services were dispensed with, an order in council to that effect has been approved.

Mr. Adamson was getting a salary of \$3,000 a year, but his successor will not get that amount. So far no appointment has been made.

Judge Killam will take his position as chairman of the railway commission tomorrow. The order for his appointment will be signed this afternoon. He spent the forenoon with Dr. Mills talking over matters connected with the commission. The principal point discussed between Judge Killam and Dr. Mills, was as to the disposal of the western cases, which Mr. Blair heard, but in which judgments were not given. If Judge Killam takes part in deciding these cases then they will not require to be heard over again.

It is more than likely that a successor will be appointed today to succeed Justice Killam on the supreme court bench. An Ontario man will get the position.

There were three nominations in Wright County today. They are E. B. Devlin, Government candidate; J. M. McDougall, Conservative, and Louis Cousineau, a Conservative, who says that he is now a Liberal. Mr. Cousineau was the chief organizer for the Conservatives in this constituency at the last general election.

HOCH'S POWDER TUBE

New York Police Think It May Contain a Poisonous Preparation.

New York, Feb. 6.—Johann Hoch, who is being held in his city to await the arrival of extradition papers from Chicago, was arraigned in court again today, and remanded to police headquarters pending the receipt of the papers.

Detectives said today that a glass tube containing a white powder, believed to be poisonous, was found last week in the room formerly occupied by Hoch in this city. The tube was about six inches long and was covered at one end with an inflated rubber bulb, which was used to eject the powder.

For Canada's Cup

Detroit, Feb. 6.—Members of the yachting committee of the Country Club are discussing a proposition to build a 30-foot Canada's cup class boat, after the design of George Wilds. Mr. Wilds proposes not to charge one cent for the design if the boat does not prove the fastest trial boat in the American fleet. It is possible that the project may develop into a full-fledged one to have Detroit represented in the great contest.

Norris Bailed.
Toronto, Feb. 6.—Frank Norris, the Italian, who is in jail in Bracebridge charged with attempting to murder Agosteo Bole, will be released on bail at once. The alleged improper relations between Bole and Mrs. Norris were of such a character as to justify Justice Anglin in making the order.

Portage La Prairie, Man., Is Menaced by Big Fire

Portage la Prairie, Man., Feb. 6.—A disastrous fire broke out in Frank Salow's furniture store in the Campbell Block this morning and is still raging furiously. The stores of Messrs. Battie, Calhoun and Cash are in serious danger, as well as other business places within the block, where the Dominion Express Company, the C. P. R. telegraph office and a large photo gallery are located. The fire is in the heart of the town, and it is hard to estimate what the actual loss will be, but it will not be less than \$40,000 or \$50,000.

IS ONE MORE LEADER

Mr. Borden to Take His Seat in the House on Tuesday.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Mr. R. L. Borden is once more expected to take his official note to Sir Charles Hardinge, British ambassador, has formally disavowed the action of Deputy Chief of Police Roudneff, of Moscow, in posting a placard asserting that the strikers were assisted with money from Japan and British sources for the purpose of crippling the armaments and other Government works.

THOSE MOSCOW POSTERS

Russia Formally Disavows Act of Police Chief Roudneff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, in an official note to Sir Charles Hardinge, British ambassador, has formally disavowed the action of Deputy Chief of Police Roudneff, of Moscow, in posting a placard asserting that the strikers were assisted with money from Japan and British sources for the purpose of crippling the armaments and other Government works.

MARSHALL GOING WEST

Proprietor of the Bracebridge Gazette Sells Out to Bowmanville Man.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 6.—Duncan Marshall, the defeated Liberal candidate in the late Dominion election contest, has sold the Bracebridge Gazette printing business to a Bowmanville man, who is going west. He is well known throughout Ontario, having done considerable organizing for the Liberal party.

ARGENTINE'S REVOLUTION

The Insurgents Have Had Enough and Are Asking for Mercy.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 6.—Calaza has started for Cordoba with 100 Government troops. It is stated that Col. Delacruz, commanding the artillery, has refused to fight. All water traffic out of New Haven and Bridgeport harbors is at a standstill, and oyster fishing is impossible. It is believed that there will be a famine in their surrender must be unconditional and that the courts will decide the fate of the revolutionists.

San Cruz has sailed for the outer harbor with political prisoners.

FINN MURDERS PRO-RUSS OFFICER

Senate Procurator Johnson Assassinated at His Residence in Finnish Capital.

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 6.—Senate Procurator Johnson was assassinated at his residence today by a man in uniform. An officer entered his house, drew a revolver and fired several shots, killing Johnson instantly. Johnson's son, who rushed to his father's assistance, was wounded. The assassin gave the name of Alexander Gadd. He was arrested. Johnson was a Finn, but was very unpopular because of his pro-Russian tendencies.

TO ATTEND BELGIAN FAIR

Ernest Girardot, of Sandwich, Will Probably Be Sent as Commissioner

Windsor, Feb. 6.—The Canadian Government will send an exhibit to the exposition in Belgium, and it is expected that Ernest Girardot, of Sandwich, will receive the appointment as one of the commissioners to take charge of the exhibit. Mr. Girardot obtained some experience at the St. Louis fair as a Canadian canoeist. He was a very popular visitor there who did not return to Canada with words of praise for the manner in which he performed his duties. He belongs to the old school, and courtesy to all has always been one of his strong characteristics. He is easily approached, and has the happy faculty of doing favors without appearing to do so. He has been highly recommended for the position in Belgium, and it is almost assured that Premier Laurier will name him as one of the officials. Mr. Girardot stated the other day that nothing has been settled, but he has received the assurance that he will get the position.

Japanese Hero Dead

London, Feb. 6.—Gen. Matsumura, according to the Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, has died at the front from congestion of the brain. He commanded the operations at 203-Meter Hill and was decorated and promoted for heroism.

No World Cruiser Trip For Prince of Wales

London, Feb. 6.—No British cruiser squadron is leaving England at the end of February on a cruise around the world, either under the command of the Prince of Wales or of anyone else, so far as the admiralty is aware. The admiralty official who gave this denial of the story published, added that no

JACK FROST IS KING IN U. S.

Zero Weather Prevails in All Quarters.

WEATHER MAN PROMISES MORE

Sleet and Snow Storm Again Hits Maritime Provinces En Route to the Atlantic.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The weather bureau announced today that the outlook is for continued cold weather over a large part of the United States. Zero weather extends as far south as Oklahoma, and the Dakotas report 20 to 30 degrees below zero this morning. The coldest point shown by the official register is near Nebraska, which registered 32 below.

The snow and sleet storm which centered yesterday morning in the Lower Mississippi Valley States, has traveled rapidly northeastward, and is now off the New England coast and the Maritime Provinces, passing over the usually heavy precipitation of rain has occurred through New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California for some days. While the cold snap continues undiminished in the Northwest and the Missouri Valleys, there are signs of moderation in Assiniboia. The forecast for the Northwest and the Missouri Valleys, there are signs of moderation in Assiniboia. The forecast for the Northwest and the Missouri Valleys, there are signs of moderation in Assiniboia. The forecast for the Northwest and the Missouri Valleys, there are signs of moderation in Assiniboia.

GEN. GRIPPENBERG LEAVES THE FRONT

Kuropatkin's Chief Aide Goes Back to Russia.

THE FORMER MAY BE RELIEVED

Russians Keep Up Attack Despite Weather, and Japanese Add to Strength of Their Positions.

Russian Headquarters, Huan Mountain, Sunday, Feb. 5.—(Delayed in transmission).—Lieut.-General Gripenberg, former commander of the second Manchurian army, left here today for St. Petersburg.

The Japanese are feverishly fortifying their east flank and center, evidently apprehending a Russian offensive movement. The Russian movement on the Hun River having demonstrated the possibility of operations, despite the winter. The Japanese are attempting vainly to roll up the Russian right wing northwest of Sandepas.

PARIS, FEB. 5.—ST. PETERSBURG CORRESPONDENCE

He stands very high in the esteem of Russian military experts and has had perhaps more experience in Asiatic warfare than any of the other Russian generals, but he is rather old for such an arduous task as the supreme command of the Russian army at such a juncture as this, as he is in his 68th year. He was fighting in the Caucasus when he was 21, was in the Russo-Turkish war and has taken part in all Russian military campaigns. He took part also in the operations for the rescue of the legations at Peking. Since then he has spent most of his time in the far east.

SERVIAN CABINET OUT

Because of a Court Intrigue Against Premier Pasic.

Belgrade, Feb. 6.—The cabinet has resigned in consequence of court intrigues against the Premier, M. Pasic. The King has requested the ministers to resign, and they have accepted the King's request. M. Balongides (King Peter's private secretary), has resigned the secretaryship at the request of leading politicians.

COSSACKS KILL TWENTY STRIKERS

Continuous Fighting in Streets of Kalisz, Poland—Many Hurt in Clash at Lodz.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Feb. 6.—A few factories were enabled to partially resume work this morning through the return of some of the employees. The majority of the strikers, however, still out, and attempts are being made to prevent workmen from returning to their employment. Strikers are guarding the factories, and they do not permit malcontents to enter. No disturbances are reported to have occurred.

Warsaw, Feb. 6.—Advices from Kalisz say the strike situation there is serious. There are continuous conflicts between the military and the strikers. Twenty of the latter have been killed and many strikers and others wounded.

Shakespeare Stabbed

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Ambrose Shakespeare, aged 14 years, was fatally stabbed by his brother Thomas, three years older, while at breakfast today, at their home in the northern section of the city. The wounded lad was taken to a hospital, where it is said he cannot recover. The boys quarreled at the table, and Thomas, seizing a bread-knife, stabbed his younger brother several times. He was arrested.

Brother's Search FOR ONLY SISTER

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Mr. Daly, immigration agent at Quebec, sat in his office one summer day just as he had been doing for more than a quarter of a century. An excursion boat with a brass band aboard was steaming up the St. Lawrence, a noisy newsboy was yelling, "Montreal papers," and in narrow street, not far away, a woman, with a basket on her arm, was calling musically, but with a weird cadence, "Legumes, pour le petit oiseau."

A stranger entered, and Daly knew him for an Englishman by the length of him and the style of his clothes. Also by the gold and jewels he sported, he knew that his caller was well-to-do.

How long have you been in this post, Mr. Daly?" the stranger asked. "Twenty-seven years, come September," said Daly, and when the stranger began to ask about a little girl that had been orphaned in England, upon the death of her parents, she had been placed in a convent, her two brothers going to a Catholic school for boys.

At an early age the boys left school and went to work at whatever offered. They seemed to have prospered from the start, but ever in idle moments, they thought and talked of their little sister Mary.

As the years passed and they began to save up a little money, they gave for her, and their grief for the loss of her, grew until the finding of their sister came to be looked to as the life work of the two boys.

The elder fell in with a miserly uncle, who drove him cruelly and flogged him unmercifully, and as he grew older the memory of his father's gentle ways and nights of agony, served to increase his love for his lost sister. What if she had fallen into cruel hands after leaving the convent?

When the boys had grown to manhood, they went to Australia. They worked and pined and got large returns in gold, all of which they gave for advertisements printed in colonial papers and home papers, asking Mary Miller to write to the gatekeepers in Australia. To all these advertisements not one answer came.

The years went on and the elder brother's beard was frosted by the touch of time.

A big government job, that had to go to a British subject, fell to the two brothers of Mary Miller and it made millionaires of both of them.

But here the hand of fate fell heavily upon them. The younger man fell sick with fever and died. The gateway to the Dominion, and there he found Mr. Daly, delighted to be of service.

The Englishman made offer of gold to take the trouble to go to the gate over the books and papers that had accumulated during the past 20 years. "Nil," said Daly.

"No," echoed every man in the office. "We'll look up the records," said they, "not for gold, but for Mary."

The Englishman, however, making a pathetic effort to smile.

Two years earlier, before the "discovery" of the Northwest, and before the mere anticipation of which has set millions of faces to the West, they might have gone through the gateway in two days, with little interruption, but now, with immigrants arriving by the boatload, it would take two weeks.

When the Englishman came to his hotel, Daly sat thinking, thinking, thinking. The only orphan immigrant who had cause to be remembered, was an Irish girl, who had come into the family of a French doctor—one of the oldest and best-known families in Quebec.

Of course, she could not be the long-lost Mary Miller, for she was Irish. Daly knew this by her eyes and ears. "What name?" he asked. "The doctor never convalesced," answered the doctor that he was ill. So he ended by telling the doctor all about the rich Englishman and his life-long quest for his sister Mary.

"Mary what?" asked the doctor. "Mary Miller," said Daly, and the doctor leaped from the chair into which he had just dropped.

"Why," said he, "that's my sister." "But your name," began Daly. "My foster sister's name, and up together," said he, enthusiastically, "and she's the handsomest woman in Quebec and the best."

Then the two men began to make note of little hints and signs they had seen, and agreed that back of this English brother, Mary Miller was Irish, or had been before she became French Canadian. Still there was the name in the Englishman's favor, and the circumstantial fact of her having come to Canada as an orphan immigrant.

Together, the two men walked to Mary's house, and told her the story. Long she sat, her hands on her lap and at the same time.

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DOVER CLIFFS TUMBLING DOWN

A Huge Piece Weighing About 250,000 Tons Fell Away Last Week.

London, Feb. 6.—By far the largest fall of cliff which has occurred on the southeast coast during the last fifty years took place at St. Margaret's Bay last week, when an enormous slice of cliff, estimated by the coastguard at about a quarter of a million tons, fell into the sea. There were several distinct falls at St. Margaret's and another between St. Margaret's and Dover.

The first occurred without the usual warnings in the shape of cracks in the earth, but ominous openings close to the fields, now preface further falls, possibly of equal dimensions.

The effect was disastrous in the extreme. Fields have disappeared, and a great mass of earth and rock stretches from the foot of the cliff a quarter of a mile seawards. It seems as though the whole cliff is gradually slipping away from the mainland.

Taken in conjunction with the great landslide from the face of the Shakespeare cliff, Dover, a few years ago, the erosion that is constantly going on around the Kentish and Sussex coast, and the alarming high tide which has wrought so much havoc of late, and which is believed to have been the cause of the fall, this latest disaster is causing the greatest alarm in affected districts. Inasmuch as the fall took place about a mile from St. Margaret's Bay, the village itself is in no immediate danger.

CABINET NOT TO RESIGN TODAY

Premier Ross Says Report Published to That Effect Is Premature.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—Premier Ross this morning said that the announcement that the Government would resign today was premature. "There will be no resignation today," he said.

"What about tomorrow?" he was asked.

"Oh, I cannot say anything about that," replied the Premier.

Hill Remanded.

St. Thomas, Feb. 6.—J. B. Hill, the drygoods merchant, who recently failed and who is charged with disposing of goods with the intention of defrauding his creditors, was remanded for one week by Police Magistrate Green at the opening of the police court this morning. The accused is out on \$4,000 bail.

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