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WORST SNOW STORM EVER IN THE WEST

Railways Blockaded and Train Service Practically Stopped

WILD ANIMALS FLEE TO TOWNS

In Some Sections the Beautiful is Ten Feet Deep on the Level--C. P. R. Spent \$250,000 in One Day Clearing Tracks--C. N. R. Suffers, Too.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Winnipeg, Jan. 3--One of the worst snow storms which has struck the west in years has been in progress during the past few days. The present winter is, according to old timers who can hark back to days of Fort Garry, one of the heaviest for generations. The railroads are being taxed to their utmost in fighting the snow and today all trains are late or abandoned entirely.

The C. P. R. state that the last snow storm when eight inches fell within forty-eight hours, cost them \$250,000. The Canadian Northern this winter is costing \$12,000 a day more than in the summer time to operate, not counting the loss of traffic.

The nearest approach to the snowfall figures of this year were in 1896, when 23 inches fell. Despatches from Prince Albert say more snow has fallen in the woods this winter than at any time in the recollection of men who have spent fifty years in the west. In some places it is nine to ten feet deep on the level. It will cost lumber interests hundreds of thousands of dollars if it does not seriously affect the lumber industry of vast sections.

Wild animals of every description are being forced into barnyards and towns for food. Despatches from Prince Albert say more snow has fallen in the woods this winter than at any time in the recollection of men who have spent fifty years in the west.

COMMANDER SPAIN'S WIFE SUES FOR SEPARATION MONEY Was to Have \$840 a Year Providing She Didn't Meet Capt. Salmon--A Divorce Now Pending.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 3--Another echo of the domestic troubles between Commander O. G. V. Spain, of the dominion fisheries protective service, and his wife, which stirred social life at Ottawa a year or so ago, was heard this morning at Osgoode Hall. Application was made before the master in chambers for a postponement of the date of trial of the action brought by Mary Beatrice Spain against her husband, Commander Spain, to secure certain moneys under a deed of separation made between them, whereby plaintiff claims she was to get \$840 a year on condition that she did not meet or communicate with Capt. Reginald Salmon.

The trial was to have come on Jan. 7, but Col. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine, a material witness, and Captain Spain have been commissioned to the dockyards at Halifax, and could not be present at the trial; hence the application for postponement.

The master decided the case could go down for trial at the next Ottawa sittings or at Brockville or Perth, and Captain Spain may give his evidence through a commission. Divorce proceedings between the captain and his wife are now pending, it was stated in court.

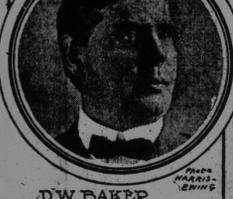
FOUR MONCTON LIQUOR DEALERS OUT OF JAIL ON HABEAS CORPUS City Solicitor Reports the Commitments Irregular--No Grant for Exhibition Buildings.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Moncton, N. B., Jan. 3--The city council tonight decided against any legislation proposing to give the Moncton Exhibition Association a grant of \$10,000 towards permanent exhibition buildings.

The city solicitor tonight submitted a report in reference to the commitment and release from jail of four Moncton liquor dealers recently. The report cited the facts and stated the prisoners were released on habeas corpus because the magistrate hadn't the original convictions when the commitments were issued. The council took no action.

A committee of the city council waited on General Manager Pottinger tonight regarding protection at railway crossings through the city. Favorable consideration was promised.

SCENES AT THE WRECK ON THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO IN WHICH 53 WERE KILLED



FEARED MONCTON SCHOONER IS LOST

Fear for the Island City and Her St. John Commander and Mate

H. PRIDDLE, CAPTAIN Vessel Three Weeks' Overdue on Voyage from Canso to New York--Crew Shipped at Chatham--Family of Captain Here Not Anxious--Two Brothers Have Met Death at Sea.

Moncton, Jan. 3--(Special)--Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the Island City, owned by Ald. W. H. Edgett, Moncton. The vessel left Canso November 29th for New York with a cargo of lumber shipped at Chatham, and nothing has been heard of her since leaving there.

She is now three weeks' overdue. Five other schooners, who were in company with the Island City, have been reported with loss of deckload, sails, etc., but there has been no tidings of the Moncton vessel, which is given up by the owner as lost.

The Island City was commanded by Capt. H. Priddle, St. John, and had a crew of seven or eight men shipped from Chatham. The mate's name is unknown, but he belonged to St. John. The fate of the crew and vessel is uncertain, but Ald. Edgett fears the worst. The Island City was loaded by her owner with lumber valued at six thousand dollars. The vessel was insured for the cargo was insured for about half its value.

Ald. Edgett believes the derelict reported by the steamer Admiral Dewey on Dec. 29, in lat. 36°06', lon. 70°27', in the Gulf stream, with one spar above water, was the wrecked Island City.

Capt. Priddle of the Island City, mentioned in the dispatch, is Capt. Hayward Priddle, of 103 Acadia street, North End. He has a wife and several children. If Capt. Priddle is lost, as is feared, he will be the third brother drowned within fifteen months. It will be remembered that Mate Edward Priddle, of 109 Acadia street, was drowned in Boston harbor early in October. Just a year before this another brother was drowned in somewhat a similar way.

Mrs. Hayward Priddle was seen last evening at the residence of Capt. Priddle's mother, Mrs. James Brennan, 184 Union street, but she said as far as she knew the vessel was not overdue. She said that she had spoken to the owner yesterday morning and that he had given her no cause to feel uneasy.



TERRA COTTA STATION, X SHOWS WHERE ACCIDENT OCCURRED

FOUR FIREMEN INJURED IN \$500,000 NEW YORK FIRE

New York, Jan. 3--Fire destroyed the big furniture store of Cowperthwaite & son, at Third avenue and 121st street, tonight, entailing a loss of \$500,000 or more, and causing the injury of four firemen, none seriously.

The blaze, which started a few minutes after 6 o'clock, quickly developed into the most spectacular fire seen in Harlem in a long time. It blocked the Third avenue elevated line for a long time, at the time of its heaviest traffic, and drew such immense crowds that many police reserves were called out to maintain order. For a time the fire threatened the entire block, and it required three hours' hard work by the firemen to bring it under control.

Cowperthwaite's establishment, a big five-story brick structure, was destroyed. The stock was valued at \$300,000, fully insured, and the building at as much more. The fire started in the basement and an explosion of varnish followed almost immediately. The two first firemen on the scene were overcome by smoke in their cells and perished in the court until all danger was past. The Third avenue wall of the burning building fell across the elevated structure, and the firemen who were fighting the flames from that vantage place were forced to leap to the ground.

Other financial institutions had been warned of the loss, and it is believed tidings of its whereabouts will soon be had.

NEGRO HANGED THREE MINUTES BEFORE HIS COMMUTATION CASE

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 3--Will Harvey, a negro, was hanged at Mayorsville (Miss.) today three minutes before notice that his sentence had been commuted reached the sheriff of Issaquena county. Today Harvey's attorney was notified by Governor Vardaman that the negro's sentence had been commuted to imprisonment for life. He hurriedly called up the Issaquena sheriff, but the latter did not reach the telephone until three minutes after the drop fell. Harvey was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of a negro named Pete Brown, in March last.

Duse, the Actress, Ill. Genoa, Jan. 3--Eleanora Duse, the actress, is ill with pneumonia.

ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF REAR END OF WRECKED TRAIN

TERRORISTS BAG ANOTHER VICTIM

Assassin Shot Prefect of St. Petersburg Police Dead in Church

ROYALTY PRESENT

Murderer in Full Dress Had Card of Admission to Select Gathering--Fired Last Bullet Into Himself as He Was Being Hacked to Pieces.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3--The police have not yet succeeded in identifying the terrorist who shot and killed Major General Von Der Lannitz, prefect of police of St. Petersburg, at the institute of experimental medicine this afternoon, and who boldly turned his revolver against himself while he was falling under the sabres of the prefect's escort.

The authorship of this crime, however, like the recent assassination of Count Juggenhef and the unsuccessful attempt to blow up General Stolypin with a bomb, has been traced to the fighting organization of the Social revolutionists, who recently resolved to resume full terrorist activity. The organization tonight issued the customary proclamation avowing and justifying the killing of General Von Der Lannitz, which was accomplished with an ease and simplicity that has struck terror into the hearts of all other officials on the revolutionary death list.

The man who committed the crime was about twenty-two years old and apparently belonged to the intelligent working class. The police affirm he was a Jew. He was provided with a card of admission to the gathering, and the authorities have not been able to learn how he obtained this invitation to the ceremony, which was purely select, only 150 invitations having been issued.

Prince Peter Alexandrovich, Duke of Oldenburg, is a patron of the institute. Among the guests present were his wife, Grand Duchess Olga, youngest sister of Emperor Nicholas; Princess Eugenia, Euphrasia, and a number of other persons prominent at court.

\$2,000 PACKAGE OF BILLS DISAPPEARS FROM A TORONTO BANK

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 3--Two thousand dollars in bills have mysteriously disappeared from the Toronto office of the Traders Bank. The package had been sent by express from St. Mary's a few days ago. It reached the head office all right, but has since disappeared. Other financial institutions had been warned of the loss, and it is believed tidings of its whereabouts will soon be had.

Dizby's Good Financial Showing Digby, N. S., Jan. 3--(Special)--The town finances for the year just closed show the affairs of the corporation to be in a healthy condition. All liabilities for the year have been met promptly, the funded debt has been reduced by \$1,200, and a surplus of over \$5,000 is in the bank.

STRATHCONA'S CHEERY MESSAGE TO CANADA BY WIRELESS

By wireless from the Empress of Britain off Cape Race, Lord Strathcona sends the following: "We must all congratulate Canada on her unexampled progress and wish her continued and increased prosperity in the present and succeeding years."

RAILWAY OFFICIALS HELD UP RELIEF TRAIN TO B. & O. DISASTER TO LET FLYER BY

Coroner Makes Startling Charges of Inhumanity to Victims of Horror Near Washington--Says Dead Bodies Were Removed Before He Got to the Scene--Scores Company Employes for Evasive Answers at Inquest.

Washington, Jan. 3--The most important testimony in connection with the investigation by the coroner's jury to determine the cause and to place the responsibility for the disastrous wreck at Terra Cotta, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad last Sunday night, was that given by W. M. Detrow, who was the operator at Silver Springs. He said he was sure that No. 66, the local express train that was smashed up, had cleared the block at Takoma Park before he displayed the white target for No. 2120, known as the "dead" train, which crashed into the local.

It was brought out by the coroner that Mr. Detrow was an extra operator, and had not worked at Silver Springs regularly, but was shifted from post to post, according to the needs of the service. The witness said that because of the foggy weather last Sunday night he had taken unusual precautions to see that a red light was put up early. He testified that the local was about thirteen minutes late when it passed him, and that when No. 2120 came through it was running about thirty miles an hour. Detrow will be examined further.

At today's session eight witnesses, all employes of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, were examined. The testimony mostly related to the block system and the signal lights. Coroner Nevitt demanded that the railroad officials give a definite answer as to why the first relief train for Terra Cotta was delayed at University station for thirteen minutes and a fast passenger train allowed to pass it, and why the railroad company took it upon itself to arrange for the removal of the dead before he had seen the bodies.

The coroner charged several of these railroad witnesses with being evasive in their answers to his questions. The coroner declared that when he went to the Baltimore & Ohio station immediately after hearing of the accident and asked how he could get to Terra Cotta, a railroad official told him the only way was to take an ambulance or patrol wagon.

"That was all the satisfaction I, the coroner, could get at the station, and finally I ordered a second relief train sent out, and after some delay the train was started."

J. W. Kelly, train master of the Baltimore division, in his testimony, pointed out that it was not an unusual thing for No. 66 to be from ten to twenty minutes late in reaching Washington. Asked whether the engineer of No. 2120 had a right to suppose he would be protected by the block signal and by the use of torpedoes, the witness said that the block system is absolutely safe, and for that reason No. 2120 should not have been in the block at the same time with No. 66.

EMPERESS OF BRITAIN PLAY TOO SPICY EVEN FOR PARISIANS

Remarkable Demonstration Against Scion of French Royalty Who Has an Unenviable Record.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Paris, Jan. 3--There was a remarkable scene tonight at the notorious Moulin Rouge when the Marquis de Morny, a daughter of the famous Duke de Morny, and a niece of Napoleon VIII, made her debut in an act called A Dream of Egypt, written by herself in collaboration with Mme. Gauthier-Villars, the author of Claudine and other recent novels.

The marquis, who is the divorced wife of the Marquis de Beffort, has already achieved an unenviable reputation, and her heralded appearance on the stage brought out a storm of criticism. To this the marquis replied in a letter published this afternoon, denying that her performance was intended to be suggestive and insisting that she meant to give an artistic reproduction of the manners of ancient Egypt. In defending her appearance on the stage the marquis says:

"This does not constitute a disgrace to the French aristocracy and a distinguished scion of this aristocracy, the Prince De Broglie, has been conducting his living for some time past by earning an orchestra in New York."

In spite of this statement a number of women and Bonapartists got together and went to the Moulin Rouge tonight where they conducted a demonstration, the like of which seldom has been seen in this city. For ten full minutes the curtain could not be raised on the new act owing to the pandemonium from galleries and boxes. When it finally went up, disclosing the marquis giving out a cryptogram of the charm of life after the fashion of Galatea and a beautiful Egyptian mummy in the person of Miss Willy, the din was redoubled. This was followed by a rain of missiles of every description, the audience even throwing lassos and boxes at the women on the stage. In spite of this vociferous demonstration the two women persisted in completing their act, which is as disgustingly indecent as anything ever seen on the Parisian stage.

When the curtain was rung down the crowd rushed toward the box occupied by Mme. Gauthier-Villars and Miss Polaire, who is starring in a stage adaptation of Claudine, and literally drove them from the theatre.

REPORT THAT GRAND TRUNK WILL BUILD BIG HOTEL AT QUEBEC

(Special to The Telegraph.) Quebec, Jan. 3--There is a report here, which is partially substantiated, that the Grand Trunk Railway people are about to erect a large hotel in Quebec and that the locally chosen site is the site of the block over-looked by the governor's garden, the terrace and the river, but farther back from the terrace than the site of the Chateau Frontenac. The block in question is included between Avenue street, Genevieve, LaPorte, Mont Carmel and Des Grisons streets and will involve the tearing down of a block of modern dwelling houses.

Lake Erie Boundary Agreed On

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 3--(Special)--Delimitation of the international boundary line through Lake Erie was agreed upon by the International Waterways Commission meeting here today. The report will be submitted to their respective governments before being made public. Tomorrow the Chicago drainage scheme will be taken up.

MORE THAN 1,000,000 IMMIGRANTS AT NEW YORK LAST YEAR

New York, Jan. 3--During the year 1906 just closed, 1,184,434 persons arrived at New York from foreign ports, according to a statement made public today at Ellis Island by the department of commerce and labor. There were 119,231 first cabin, 134,286 second cabin and 941,917 steerage passengers. Of these 134,888 cabin and 920,843 steerage passengers were aliens, making the total number of immigrants arriving at this port for the year 1,053,531.

An Intensely Interesting Serial, "A Master of Men," by E. P. Oppenheim, will begin in Wednesday's Telegraph