

NIAGARA SILENCED BY FROST KING

RIVER FROZEN FROM BANK TO BANK

Ice Jam Causes Damage Which is Estimated at \$1,000,000.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 12.—Niagara Falls was silent yesterday for the second time in history, the river being frozen from bank to bank.

SETTLERS ADD TO COUNTRY'S WEALTH

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, April 12.—Immigration Commissioner Walker estimates that American settlers will bring from \$70,000,000 to \$100,000,000 into the country this year in cash and effects.

BRITISH FORCE LANDS IN PERSIA

BLUEJACKETS READY TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS

Russia Will Probably Aid in Preserving Peace in Shah's Dominion.

London, April 12.—The Persian situation is gradually moving in the direction of Anglo-Russian intervention. British bluejackets were landed from the cruiser Fox at Bushire on Saturday, after the British residents had issued a proclamation holding forth the necessity of this action because the local authorities were unable to protect foreigners.

SIX PERSONS PERISH IN FIRE

FOUR BUSINESS BLOCKS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Woman Burned to Death While Helpless Spectators Look On.

Lennox, Mass., April 12.—In a disastrous fire in the business section of this city early yesterday six persons lost their lives, three were severely burned and a property loss of \$300,000 was caused. Four business blocks were destroyed by the flames.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE AT PEMBROKE

Pembroke, Ont., April 12.—Dunlop & Co.'s hardware store has been destroyed by fire, together with four adjoining houses. The loss is placed at \$100,000.

MAY ASK RECALL OF MINISTER

CHARGES AGAINST CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVE

Said to Have Used Influence to Secure Release of Alleged Swindlers.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 12.—The recall of Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister at Washington, at the instance of Secretary of State Philander Knox, is threatened to-day because of the Oriental diplomat's alleged association with two of his countrymen in a mining swindle, in which local Celestials are said to have been the dupes.

DENMARK CLOSES PORTS TO CASTRO

NOT ALLOWED IN DANISH WEST INDIES

France Will Not Object to Ex-President Residing in That Country.

Copenhagen, April 12.—The government has instructed the governor of the Danish West Indies, under no circumstances to permit ex-President Castro to land in that territory.

HON. W. PUGSLEY WILL NOT RESIGN

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 12.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley does not attach much importance to the findings of the commission of the New Brunswick Conservative government and will not resign.

E. J. CHAMBERLIN HAS RETURNED

PLEASED WITH WORK AT PRINCE RUPERT

Climatic Conditions Were Perfect During the Week—A Good Road Building.

(From Monday's Daily.) E. J. Chamberlin, general manager of the G. T. P., reached Victoria yesterday after a visit to Prince Rupert. He was accompanied north by D'Arcy Tate, solicitor for the company; J. E. Dalrymple, general freight agent; G. U. Ryley, townsite agent, and G. A. McNicholl, the purchasing agent.

NEW PRINCESS BREAKS RECORD

TWO MINUTES FASTER THAN SISTER SHIP

Distance From This City to Seattle Narrowed to 3 Hours 14 Minutes.

(From Monday's Daily.) There has been a good deal of speculation lately as to which of the Princesses is the faster, the Charlotte or the Victoria. The older steamer made the run between this city and Seattle in 3 hours 16 minutes, beating all previous records, and a good many people were willing to wager that this would never be equalled by the newer boat.

Mr. Chamberlin thinks that the reports which describe the new city as a very wet one do not properly describe it. Mr. Tate, who has visited the new town many times, has never seen it rain there yet.

ENGLISH PLAY HISSED BY GERMANS

"An Englishman's Home" Meets Hostile Reception in Berlin.

Berlin, April 12.—Germany last night retorted angrily through the medium of the theatre to England's policy of spin pricks pursued through the press and parliament for the past six months. "An Englishman's Home" Du Maurier's play, was presented at the Nues theatre last night, and it produced the greatest racket Berlin ever witnessed at a theatrical performance.

RECLUSE LEARNS OF THE QUEEN'S DEATH

Miner Spends Fifteen Years in Wilds of Southern Nevada.

San Bernards, April 12.—Upon his arrival here, Alb. C. G. 70 years of age, and for 15 years a recluse miner in the wilds of Southern Nevada, learned that the late Queen Victoria had died. He would not believe it until shown newspaper mentioning King Edward of Great Britain's demise, which he had never heard of. He said he had seen very few persons during his long isolation.

ALLAN CASSELS, K. C., DIES AT TORONTO

Toronto, April 12.—Allan Cassels, K. C., is dead.

Allan Cassels was born at Quebec on March 9, 1847, and was educated at the High school there, at U. C. college (Governor-General's prizeman), and at the University of Toronto (B. A. and gold medalist in classics, 1885). He was called to the bar in 1871. He married in December 1885, Maude, daughter of Senator G. W. Allan, of Toronto.

GENERAL BOOTH'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

Advises People of America to Seek the Honor of God.

Toronto, April 14.—General Booth's eightieth birthday message advises the people of America to seek the honor of God, thus finding a life of satisfaction and building up a pattern nation for the world to imitate.

FARMER HANGS HIMSELF

Cornwall, Ont., April 12.—Alex. McCulloch, a farmer of Glen Donald, Glangarry county, hanged himself this morning. He was suffering from nervous disease.

PORTLAND USES WATER FROM RIVER

Portland, Ore., April 12.—As the result of breaks in the water pipes which carry the city's water supply to the west side, the school board has ordered the closing of all schools in that portion of the city until the breaks are mended. This may require as much as a week.

U. S. SENATE OPPOSED TO FREE LUMBER

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Philadelphia, Pa., April 10.—President Lewis, of the miners union, this evening issued a statement expressing regret that the operators and miners representatives were unable to reach an agreement at the conference held this week.

London, April 12.—England will hold an annual marathon race for which a perpetual trophy valued at \$2,000 has been donated. This year the race will be held on May 1st. The start will be made from Windsor Castle and the trail leads to the Stamford bridge athletic grounds, a distance of 26 miles and 385 yards.

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Toulon, France, April 12.—A scandalous condition of affairs in the dock yards has been revealed by the report of the parliamentary investigating committee. It has been found that the new battleship Justice is practically useless, the plating surrounding the after boilers being burned through and presenting grave danger. These will have to be replaced and the work of renovating the vessel will take months.

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Senator Aldrich stated to-day that 75 per cent of the articles used by all the people had been reduced and that the free list has been lengthened to an extent that would be surprising to everybody. The committee members have tried to make their recommendations popular and they predicted to-day that their efforts would be appreciated. It has been found necessary to increase materially the duties on many articles in order to produce necessary revenues. These consist mainly of articles regarded as luxuries.

In addition to placing tea and coffee on the free list, the committee proposed to omit cocoa free.

The senate is said to stand about 2 to 1 against free lumber and its advocates fear they will not be able to maintain the reduction agreed upon by the house.

Iron ore was restored to the dutiable list at 25 cents per ton, which is a reduction of 15 cents per ton from the Dingley rate.

NEWSPAPERS PAY TRIBUTE TO SWINEBURNE

Poet's Body Will Be Interred in Family Burial Ground on Thursday.

London, April 12.—According to the Times to-day, Poet Swinburne's body will be interred on Thursday at Bowchurch, Isle of Wight, where other members of the Swinburne family have been laid to rest.

The English newspapers pay the highest tribute to Swinburne, as with the exception of Meredith, the last of the great names of the Victorian period and a force in English poetry second only to Shakespeare and the other greater poets. The Westminster Abbey authorities have not yet taken steps to offer a place in the "poet's corner," but there is no doubt that such action would meet with universal approval.

To-day Mr. Chamberlin met, members of the government, and this afternoon will have a conference with Hon. F. J. Fulton, when all details connected with the placing of lots on sale will be taken up. It is the intention at the Vancouver sale on May 25th to offer about 1,200 lots, but these have yet to be selected and details arranged. They will likely be scattered over different parts of the townsite.

Referring to the connection with Vancouver by the G. T. P., Mr. Chamberlin says that line has yet to be surveyed, and all details connected with it has to be worked out. It will be a line built for commercial reasons and will not in any way interfere with the mainline to Prince Rupert. The latter port will be made, he says, their great shipping port.

Mr. Chamberlin will leave to-morrow for the East.

HONOR THE MEMORY OF MME. MODJESKA

Thousands Attend Funeral Services Held at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 12.—The last rites over the body of Mme. Helena Modjeska, the world famed actress, were performed in Los Angeles this morning. Thousands were on hand to pay homage to the memory of the woman of genius.

At St. Vibian's cathedral, where the solemn requiem mass was held, the big church was crowded long before 9 o'clock, the time set for the funeral services. Outside, the streets were crowded with people of all classes, who silently bared their heads as the six pallbearers lifted the casket containing the body of the gifted actress and bore it into the big sanctuary.

The first service of the day was held at the Knights of Columbus club house, where the body of Modjeska has been lying in state since Saturday afternoon. The death chamber was filled with flowers sent from scores of clubs and organizations and from personal friends. At the cathedral a solemn requiem mass was said under the direction of Mgr. Harrett, the rector. Bishop Thomas J. Conaty preached a beautiful eulogy.

At the close of the cathedral service the body was taken to a receiving vault at Calvary cemetery where it will remain until Count Charles Buzenasta Chlapowski, the actress's husband, and son, Ralph Modjeska, can start on the long journey to Cracow, Poland, where the actress will finally rest among her own people.

POLICE PURSUE FUGITIVE

Edmonton, April 12.—A large force of mounted police is scouring the country for Kane, who made a sensational escape from the train on Thursday. His capture is most unlikely.