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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY JANUARY, 28, 1904.

ONE CENT

SMOKE THE GREATEST SMALL QUEENS, Etc.

STAR WANT ADS. BRING GOOD RESULTS. TRY THEM.

Mill Supplies. Red Strip Rubber Belting, Goodhue's Leather Belting, Milo Canvas Belting. W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd. Market Square, St. John.

Crusty Bread Pans. These pans, in baking, distribute the heat uniformly, and the result is a delicate crust all over the bread. EMERSON AND FISHER, 75 Prince William St., ST. JOHN, N. B.

HUTCHINGS & CO. MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN First Class Bedding, Wire Mattresses. Iron Bedsteads and Oribes, Invalid Wheel Chairs, Etc. 101 to 107 GERMAIN STREET.

Grain Leather Bluchers WITH STORM TONGUES. Men's—6 to 11—\$1.65. Boys—1 to 5—\$1.35. Youths—11 to 13—\$1.10. WATERBURY & RISING, KING STREET, UNION STREET.

COMMENCING THURSDAY MORNING, We will place on sale a number of Ladies' Fur Lined Capes, which will sell at a great sacrifice to the lot. F. S. THOMAS, 555 MAIN ST. NORTH END.

Blacksmith Coal, Steam Coal, Hard Coal, All shipped in Carload lots to all points at Lowest Rates. GIBBON & CO., Smythe Street (near North Wharf), 1-3 Charlotte St. and Marsh St.

Reefer Bargains. We have some very special values in D. B. Reefers now. There is no top coat that can take the Reefer's place for coasting and skating now, and for wear in the spring. I. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING, 199 and 201 Union St.

CHOSE DEATH DELIBERATELY.

Convicted Promoter Died Lighting a Cigar. Whitaker Wright Escaped from Justice by a Dose of Cyanide of Potassium.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The inquest over Whitaker Wright resulted today in a verdict of suicide, with cyanide of potassium. At the post-mortem examination of the body of Whitaker Wright his features showed no trace of the suffering he must have endured. His brain was found to be abnormally large, and as the examination proceeded the doctors found portions of tablets of cyanide of potassium still undissolved in the stomach. Wright evidently had swallowed several.

The report that a revolver had been found on his person has been confirmed. It is now supposed that Wright's consumption of tablets for indigestion and insomnia during the last days of the trial was designed to disguise the taking of the fatal dose. The doctors say Wright prolonged his agony by taking too many of the poisonous tablets, as a smaller dose would have brought death more swiftly. The small coroner's court at Westminster was so crowded that the inquest was held in the main hall of the court. Wright, the son of the deceased, was present, and he testified today, ever heard him even intimate that he contemplated suicide. His solicitor, George Lewis, Jr., said the deceased died along implicitly, but that he would be sworn to, or that at the worst he only contemplated a disagreement of the jury. Even after a sentence Wright showed only indignation. In talking with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wright, one of his relatives, and Mr. Waters, the accountant of the London and Globe Corporation, Wright said: "I really think I am the most composed you all." Asked if someone had not better telephone the verdict to Mrs. Wright, Wright said: "No, there is plenty of time for that."

MOULDERS' WAGES TO BE CUT

(Special to the Star.) MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—Montreal members of the International Moulders' Association have notified the local moulders union that the agreement between them will terminate April 1st, when a new schedule will have to be drawn up. Union men regard this as a step towards the lowering of wages. The contract between the employers and employees cannot be terminated without sixty days' notice, and the agreement cannot be changed on April 1st the question will be arbitrated by two friendly employers and two representatives and one officer from the International Moulders' Union.

ZERO WEATHER AGAIN.

The thermometer at the weather bureau registered today as the coldest 0.5 below zero. At noon today it was eight above, the fine cold weather now prevailing is likely to continue for some days. Reports from outside points show that zero weather is still prevalent. At Toronto it was below today; at Montreal, 5 below; at Quebec, 12 below; at Chatham, N. B., 12 below; at Charlottetown, P. E. I., zero. In the New England states the cold weather continues, reports from both Boston and New York this morning showing that the mercury is not far above zero.

KILLED NINE PERSONS IN EIGHTEEN DAYS.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 27.—William Clements, an engine driver, who has been in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company twenty years, has been dismissed for alleged violation of orders. Clements had run down a person every other day for eighteen days. In that time he killed seven men and two boys.

BATTLE LINE.

Battle line steamer Pydna, Capt. Crossley, arrived at New Orleans January 27, from Santiago, to load for Denmark. Steamer Himeria, Captain Lockhart, sailed from Colombo Jan. 27, from Shanghai, etc., for New York.

PROBATE COURT.

Judge Trueman granted final decree for passing the accounts in the distribution of the estate of the late Mary O'Brien. Chapman & Thilly appeared for the executor, Dr. Berryman; Daniel Mullin for the heirs of Margaret Murphy; W. J. McInerney for Mrs. Margaret Doody, and Joseph O'Brien and E. S. Ritchie for Mary Murphy.

\$250,000 FIRE IN LUMBER YARD

About Fifteen Million Feet of Lumber Burned. Fire Forces of Four Cities Were Unable to Stop It—An Incendiary's Work.

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Half a square of glowing embers was all that remained of one of the largest lumber yards in North Tonawanda early today, after one of the worst fires in the history of the place. All of the north end of Tonawanda Island was swept by the flames. Between five and fifteen million feet of lumber, valued at a quarter of a million dollars were destroyed. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The ravages done by the fire of White, Ryder & Frost. Their loss will amount to \$250,000, other firms who incurred are W. Tyler & Co. and the Lee Lumber Co.

The fire started in a large frame building in the White, Ryder & Co. yard shortly after midnight. The whole interior of the building, a two-story frame structure, used as a storehouse for high grade lumber, was a mass of flames when the first of the lumber yard fire departments responded to the alarm. It was soon realized that the fire was beyond control and appeared for assistance was sent to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Lockport. It was between two and three o'clock before the first of these companies began to arrive and by that time, hundreds of thousands of feet of lumber were burning and it became merely a question of cutting off the flames at some point across the island. The north end of the island was occupied by the White, Ryder & Frost Co. Adjoining their yards were those of Silvestro & Co. A narrow alleyway, and a spur of railroad separated the two places. It was here that the embers from the fire of the four cities made their stand. The north end of the island was abandoned to the flames. All the men available were set to work to check the progress of the fire. Huge piles of blazing lumber fell at intervals sending up showers of sparks that spread around, lighting the highly inflammable soft lumber. There was no wind and by nine o'clock the danger of further spread of the flames was past.

A quarter of a million dollars is probably a conservative estimate of the loss. The fire is generally believed to have been incendiary in origin. The watchman, who saw the first flames, reported a burning waste in three different places. Early in the evening a small fire was extinguished by the watchman without calling out the fire department. Nearly twenty vessels were docked at the docks when the flames broke out, but all of them were saved.

NEW WRESTLING CHAMPION

Tom Jenkins Signally Defeated by Frank Gotch in a Fierce Struggle Last Night.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 28.—In what was probably the hardest fought wrestling match in the history of wrestling in this country, Frank A. Gotch, of Humboldt, Iowa, has demonstrated before 500 persons that Tom Jenkins of Cleveland, Ohio, who has retained the title for six years, is no match for him in fastness or science, although Gotch's fast work probably entitles Jenkins to appear to unusual disadvantage. At the end of the first bout Jenkins seemed to get tired and his corner and manager restoratives. In the second bout, preferring to lose on a foul rather than to check the progress of the fight, he placed a strange hold on Gotch and when the Iowa boy got away from him, Jenkins aimed a vicious swing at him, that had it landed, would have knocked him out. The referee jumped between the men, who continued lunging at each other until the ring was cleared. The former champion did not seem to be able to solve Gotch's leg work and when he lost the first fall, it was after Gotch had felled him four times to the floor and rendered him helpless. The match was for a \$2,000 purse and a \$3,000 side bet. Gotch weighed 190 pounds at the ringside and weighs 210.

SUDDEN DEATH AT WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 28.—John Meade, a prominent tinsmith and business man of this town, died very suddenly this morning of heart rupture. He was at work yesterday all day and early this morning he was taken ill and died about four o'clock, before a doctor could get to his aid. He left a wife and six children, one of whom is married to J. M. Aiken, of the Royal Bank of Canada.

JOHN DILLON ORDERED SOUTH.

DUBLIN, January 28.—John Dillon has gone to the South of Italy under the doctor's advice and will not return to Ireland or engage in politics for four months. In a farewell letter to John Redmond, Mr. Dillon wrote that it was his intention to know that the Irish party would not allow the question of Irish freedom to be divided from the front place by any other political question.

Manifests were received at the customs house today for the following American exports in transit: 1 car of maple flooring, 4 cars of lard, 5 cars of raisins, 1 car of grapes, 14 cars of cattle, and 9 cars of meat.

DIPLOMATISTS LOOK FOR WAR.

Russia is Considering Its Reply Today. Disturbances in Corea Endanger Europeans—Russia Purchasing Supplies in Great Quantities.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 28.—The council of state will meet today under the presidency of the czar to consider the terms of the Russian response to Japan's last note. DIPLOMATISTS DISCUSS. PARIS, Jan. 28.—D. S. Ambassador Porter had another lengthy talk with Foreign Minister Delcasse today, going over the latest phases of the Russo-Japanese situation. M. Delcasse, the Russian ambassador, and Prince Von Rudolff, the ambassador of Germany, called at the same time. The former believes the czar's influence will lead to a pacific adjustment, but other officials of the embassy do not share with the ambassador's views and are inclined to believe that war will result. Prince Von Rudolff, who was stationed at St. Petersburg for a long time, and is familiar with the court influences, considers that the war element is likely to get the upper hand. Government officials here remains unchanged, the officials holding that the situation is warlike, but has not passed beyond the chance of diplomatic adjustment. It can be asserted positively that France shares the view of the United States, and that she will support the czar's position, that no joint mediation is desirable, as it would probably irritate the situation, but that each power should use the influence, through its own diplomatic channels towards the maintenance of peace.

RUSSIAN SUPPLIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Three special freight trains have just arrived here from Kansas City and Omaha, with a large quantity of stores, being destined for the Russian army in the Orient. They contained over three million pounds of beef. The trains came west on fast time, in order to catch a steamer. Half the shipment will go to Port Arthur and the remainder to Vladivostok.

DANGER IN KOREA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The native disturbances at Pi-Eng-Yang are increasing, according to a Herald despatch from Seoul, Korea. The secret rebel society known as the Tong Haks is openly threatening foreigners and the overthrow of the present dynasty. The Tong Haks were prominent factors in causing the China-Japanese war of 1894.

Some three hundred Japanese and many Americans reside at Pi-Eng-Yang, but they do not expect imminent danger. Russia is building a telegraph line from Antung to form a connection with the Russian wires now operating on the China Eastern Railway. The Korean government has wires from Wiju to Seoul. This arrangement will enable Russia to cable to Seoul without using Japanese wires and obtain telegraph service between Port Arthur and the Yalu river.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S FRIEND.

An Old Lady Who Was Victoria's Companion, Burned to Death in New Jersey.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Jan. 28.—The world today says: Mrs. Mary Treadway, friend and companion of Queen Victoria, is dead in her home at Chester, N. J. Mrs. Treadway was 94 years old. Her maiden name was Mary Williamson and her name was physically in the family of George IV. and to Queen Victoria after her accession to the throne. Mrs. Treadway and her husband came to America about 70 years ago. Having married against the wishes of her family, a wealthy one, she had no participation in the division of the family estate and soon broke off the connection with her family in England. On leaving England, Mrs. Treadway was bidden an affectionate farewell by Queen Victoria, who gave her a silk dress, which the old woman prized highly and kept until the day of her death. Her death was due to an accident. A week ago her dress caught fire and before it could be extinguished she was fatally burned.

TITLES OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

The appointment of the railway commissioners is gazetted today. Hon. A. G. Blair is to be "chief commissioner of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada." Hon. M. B. B. B. B. is to be "deputy chief commissioner." Mr. James Mills is to be "a member of the board."

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Str. Lake Michigan, 4,077 tons, from London, via Antwerp, for St. John. Coasters—Sch. Agnes May, 31, Kerrigan, from Coasters. Str. at Onk, 1,064, Thompson, for Portland. Coasters—Sch. Agnes May, 31, Kerrigan, from Coasters. Str. at Onk, 1,064, Thompson, for Portland. Coasters—Sch. Agnes May, 31, Kerrigan, from Coasters.

The Yeoman of the Guard

COMIC OPERA. By W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, will be presented in The York Theatre, 11th, 12th & 13th February.

The York Theatre,

Under the auspices of the New Brunswick Musical Festival Association. Musical Director, A. CHIPMAN RITCHIE. Stage Manager, RUFUS E. WALKER. Tickets, 50 and 35 cents. Admission, 25 cents. Advance tickets can be exchanged at Miss Grey's book store, King street, on and after Feb. 28.

BUBBLES ON THE POLITICAL POT.

The Chances of McKeown and O'Brien Tonight. Both are Confident—McKeown After the Labor Vote—The Joker in the Discard.

There is a great deal of speculation at present as to what way the labor vote will go at the coming by-election. Among the labor men themselves the coming election forms a favorite topic, but the opinions expressed seem to indicate that there will be nothing like a united labor vote. A prominent labor man was heard recently to say that no attempt would be made to persuade the unions to vote one way or the other, and that they could exercise freely their own judgment in their choice of candidates. It comes, however, from an authoritative source that Mr. McKeown, who hopes to win the nomination, is placing great dependence for the success of his candidacy in the labor support he hopes to rely upon. At all events it is said that through certain union men, whose influence with their union associates are that of something, Mr. McKeown is bidding strongly for the labor vote. What inducements are being held out by him for such support it is not yet definitely known, but it is rumored that he has offered his services in procuring some very much desired labor legislation. There are those among the union men who say that Mr. McKeown will find himself sadly mistaken if he thinks he has with him a majority of the labor voters. They even go so far as to say that the election will be won by Mr. O'Brien, the more popular among the labor men, and that he will command a labor following that will put Mr. McKeown in the shade. Mr. O'Brien's consistent record, they say, counts much in his favor, and in this regard he strongly contrasts with Mr. McKeown.

There is almost as much interest being taken in the fight between the two contestants for liberal nomination as in the election itself, and indications are that this evening's meeting at the York Theatre is going to be a most exciting one. Both Mr. O'Brien and Mr. McKeown are working hard for the nomination, and so far as can be learned each is confident of success. Mr. O'Brien is depending chiefly on his own nomination. He says "Harry was joking, was he? Well, he may find that in the game of politics when the cards are shuffled and the hands passed the influence attached to the name of Mr. Emerson and some local party leaders.

Mr. O'Brien said this morning, "I hope to get the nomination. Last night my chances were good, but this morning I have not been around much. I think I have a very fair show." Mr. McKeown said, "It will be all over by tonight. I fancy my name is still before the people, but the meeting is so near at hand that really I do not care to say anything." He would not talk even in a jocular way.

About the streets Mr. McKeown's change of mind caused much comment. A gentleman closely connected with the leading liberals said yesterday in referring to the subject, "With no disrespect to Mr. McKeown, I must say that his conduct has been thoroughly characteristic. Do you remember the other time?" "Other time?" replied a listener, "do you remember all the other times?"

Even better were the words of another liberal, a staunch friend of Mr. O'Brien's, who is rather annoyed that Mr. McKeown should step in after declaring that he would not accept nomination. He says "Harry was joking, was he? Well, he may find that in the game of politics when the cards are shuffled and the hands passed the influence attached to the name of Mr. Emerson and some local party leaders.

This afternoon Mr. McKeown's friends are openly and confidently claiming that Mr. O'Brien will withdraw and that his name will not come before the convention tonight. Says Richard to Harrison A. "I'm in this fight for to stay." "Say, come now," says Harry, "Dye mean that, or—marry—" "Dye speak in a jocular way?"

88 BODIES RECOVERED.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 28.—At three o'clock this morning seven bodies were taken from the Harwick mine, making the number of recovered dead 88. James E. Roderick, chief of the state department of mines, says: The explosion was undoubtedly caused by the accumulation of fire damp. This is a fact and not a theory." Inspector W. F. Cunningham, who is in charge of the mine, now says: "Every man was killed by an explosion of fire damp. They died much as if shot through the heart with a bullet."

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THE WEATHER.

January 28, 1904. Highest temperature, 34 above; lowest temperature, 0.5 below; temperature at noon, 8 above; barometer at noon, 30.82 inches; wind northwest, velocity six miles per hour, clear. Forecasts—Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds; fine and decidedly cold today and on Friday. Synopses—Fine, decidedly cold weather prevails throughout the greater portion of the continent, with no prospect of much change at present. Winds to Banks and American ports, moderate to fresh northwest and west.

10 p. c. to 30 p. c. REDUCTION

FURS

Our annual January Sale of Furs begins on MONDAY, Jan. 18th. This is a splendid opportunity for bargains.

ANDERSON'S,

17 Charlotte St. After Holiday Prices!

Sleds, Framers and Snow Shovels,

DUVAL'S

Umbrella, Repairing and Chair Canning Shop, 17 WATERLOO STREET.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF Toys, Carts, Express Wagons, Sleds, Framers, Skates, Etc.

Also, a nice line of Cutlery. J. W. ADDISON, 44 Germain St. Phone 1074.

DON'T FORGET TO CALL ON US

For your Holiday Goods. WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER GOODS, CUT GLASS, OPERA GLASSES, CANES, UMBRELLAS, CLOCKS, BRONZES, ETC. A great variety.

FERGUSON & PAGE

At 41 King St. 4 lbs. DATES, 25c. These are new dates of good quality, and are very cheap at the above price. Every one knows dates are a healthful food. Get the cheap ones from OHAG. A. CLARK'S, 70, 80, 90 Charlotte street. Glad to call for orders.

Valuable Leasehold Property

BY AUCTION. At Chamber's Office on BATHURST, the 20th inst, at 12 o'clock, noon. That dwelling house, 130 Outland street, occupied by Mrs. Gregory and John Montgomery, fifteen (15) rooms, fine situation, modern improvements, in good repair. Easy terms. For particulars apply to GEO. W. CLEGG, Auctioneer.

Grand Evening Auction Sale!

At store corner Mill and Main streets, commencing Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock, and continuing every evening until whole stock is sold. The goods comprise Fancy Lamps, Crockeryware, Glassware, Cups, Saucers and Plates, Fancy Goods, Knives, Forks, Spoons and a general assortment of fancy and useful articles. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

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