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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1905.

THE WEATHER. Easterly winds with snow to-morrow.

ONE CENT.

FROM A DARING RECONNOISSANCE

Russian Division Turned Japanese Left and Surprised the Enemy--No heavy fighting--The Third Russian Squadron is Taking Coal.

Moscow, Feb. 21.—The assassin of Grand Duke Sergius maintains an attitude of profound indifference. When pressed to reply to questions he declared that all the efforts of the authorities would have no result. Before his victim was laid under earth other victims would be found. Regarding his motives, the assassin said he had acted in the interests of an oppressed people. He considered the deed was an act of duty. The Grand Duke had for years violated every canon of ordinary decency and ruined the country while exploiting the weak will of the emperor for their own ends. They had made him a tyrant, so that the people executed him. He was aware that the emperor was an innocent dupe and his party had decided to deliver the emperor from the evil influences surrounding him in the hope that he some day would join in the movement, and become head of a national government based on western lines. Neither the police nor the spies, he added, will be able to prosecute those who are doomed to death.

A Daring Reconnaissance.

Mukden, Feb. 21.—General Renkampei's division which moved out Feb. 14, has returned from a daring reconnaissance, having succeeded in passing around the Japanese left flank and penetrating well to the rear, causing considerable consternation along the line of Japanese communication. The losses were insignificant.

It Is in Denmark.

FredericksHAVEN, Denmark, Feb. 21.—The third Russian Pacific Squadron anchored today, in Skagen Bay and is now coaling. The squadron has been joined by a coal tender and an auxiliary cruiser, a gunboat, and three transports.

Stoessel's Progress.

Kaifu, Orissa, Feb. 21.—Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, the former commander of Fort Arthur, arrived here today.

ACCIDENT AT TRACADIE, N. S.

Gordon Somers, an I. C. R. Fireman, Killed and Members of the Crew Injured.

Sydney, Feb. 21.—(Special)—A fatal railway accident occurred this morning at Tracadie, N. S., through the derailing of two Doukabar engines and a snow plough which were working in opening up the Intercolonial railway at that point. Gordon Somers, fireman of the engine, was instantly killed and two or three of the crew were more or less injured. The engines and plough were badly wrecked and the track will be blocked for some days. The road is filled with snow so much that auxiliary trains cannot get at work.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Royal—G. A. Rooms, Montreal; Frank J. B. Banyun, Boston; H. A. McArthur, Sussex; Mr. McNeil, Amherst; S. M. Cole, Amherst; Henry Martin, Aberdeen; G. E. Davidson, Toronto. At the Clifton—A. C. Dixon, Boston; H. A. Calhoun, Roxbury; Mrs. Calhoun, Roxbury. At the Dufferin—W. B. Jonah, Sussex; P. J. Armour, Montreal; A. B. McLeod & wife, Berlin. At the Victoria—H. H. McCalm, Florenceville; Jas. Donald, Amherst; M. McKinnon, St. Stephen. At the New Victoria—Thos. Bedford, Kingston; Richard Willis, Washington; Arthur Robinson, Truro.

SYDNEY MAN DROPS DEAD.

Sydney, Feb. 21.—(Special)—Angus McDonald, aged 50, dropped dead here last night while conversing with his family upon the suddenness of the death of the late Wm. Buchanan and Rev. David Drummond. This is the third sudden death in the city within a week.

TURKEY RAISING FUNDS.

Constantinople, Feb. 21.—The proposed increase in the Turkish customs duties has been accepted in principle by the government of the empire. The condition that the revenue so derived shall be devoted to carrying out reforms is understood that Turkey is soliciting their assent to the increase in order to accept the Austro-Russian scheme of reform of the finances of Macedonia.

TO REPEAL SCOTT ACT.

Reported There is a Movement of this Sort on Foot in Moncton.

Moncton, Feb. 21.—(Special)—Four freight cars, at Bellevue's Siding, west of Rogersville, were broken into, recently, and considerable freight stolen. The matter has been reported to the police, and an effort will be made to locate the guilty parties. The drifting snow has caused some interruption to traffic east of Moncton. The Maritime from Halifax was detained at Amherst, until four o'clock, this morning, on account of the snow plow and engine, being stuck at Aulac. The road is reported clear of snow this morning. The local Knights of Pythias, celebrated the anniversary of their order, last night, by holding a At Home, in their hall. Nearly two hundred members and their lady friends, were present, and the affair was a great success. It is reported that there is a movement on foot to repeal the Scott act in Westmorland. It is about four years since the last vote was taken on the question. In the last three elections for the repeal, the vote taken in favor of the Scott act, has been growing less and the repealers feel that the act can be defeated this time. In the last contest, the large vote in Moncton in favor of the act, secured it for four years. Moncton gets about \$3,000,000 yearly, revenue, from Scott act duties.

WILL GET AN INCREASE IN PAY.

Satisfactory Arrangement Between C. P. R. and B. C. Telegraphers.

Windsor, Feb. 21.—(Special)—Delegates to meet the C. P. R. vice president and general superintendent are in Windsor representing the telegraphers of British Columbia, and they have practically settled all the disputes between the men and the company. The principal bone of contention among the telegraphers was night operators not being paid for Sunday work, which they have not obtained. The settlement has been based on stations at which conditions have materially changed, and the increase of pay probably will total up five per cent.

EQUITY COURT.

The case of Paterson vs. Paterson was resumed in the equity court before Judge Barker today. His honor found for the plaintiff and directed that the defendant pay the costs of the suit, which conditions have been accepted. The case of Wood vs. LeBlanc, the judge directed a hearing at Dorchester, and to assess the amount payable for the sale of certain land in the case of the plaintiff. In the case of Gault Bros. Ltd., vs. Morrill & Sutherland, Mr. Teed applied for an order for the sale of the property, and the judge directed a hearing at Dorchester, and to assess the amount payable for the sale of certain land in the case of the plaintiff.

MANY TOWNS ARE ISOLATED.

Clarion, Pa., Feb. 21.—Clarion, Kane, Tylerburg, Marienville and other towns in this vicinity are practically isolated on account of the heavy snow which has drifted badly. It has been twelve days since the B. & O. Railroad has received any trains north of this place. The towns between here and Kane operated no mails for eight days and then they had to send over to Tionesta to get it. There is no knowing when express matter and freight will be delivered by the railroad. Desoch Jones—Man, you know, was born to die. But you've written something 'great' and you've just a drink. I have. But your pen went wavy, your ideas faded and you're just a drink. I have. And then make a run for a bar-room that's open. Stand there half the day and leave with a night. The deep Scott's still refused to let me go. There is so much snow in Halifax.

HEAVY FREIGHT CONGESTION.

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FIRE IN BOSTON.

A Double Pier and Considerable Freight Were Destroyed. LOST \$1,000,000.

Steamer Philadelphia Was Damaged—It Is Believed the Fire Started in Some Hay—Will Not Interfere With Shipping.

Boston, Feb. 21.—A large double pier, Nos. 3 and 4, of the Hoosac Pier, in Charlestown, together with considerable valuable freight, was completely destroyed by a fire which broke out on the pier on the Philadelphia, from which the crew fled so hastily that three were injured. The fire started in some hay on her upper works above. The loss to the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, the owners of the docks, is estimated at fully \$400,000, while the damage to the Philadelphia and her merchandise, will, it is thought, bring the total loss up to about \$1,000,000.

THE FROZEN HYDRANTS.

Prevented Firemen From Fighting a Blaze in New York.

New York, Feb. 21.—Frozen hydrants so interfered with the work of firemen today when a fire started in a big factory building in Greenwich street that what at first seemed rather an insignificant blaze called for four alarms and resulted in a loss of fully \$100,000. The fire was in the factory of Philip Hano and Co., manufacturers of manifold books, carbon papers and autograph machines. When the apparatus waded by an automatic alarm, reached the scene the flames were confined to the second floor of the building but nearly all the hydrants in the vicinity were found to be frozen and by the time a good supply of water was to be had the flames had spread through the building and they were extinguished only after a long and hard struggle.

FROM FREDERICTON.

Dwelling House Burned on Mayland Road—St. John Man a Winner.

Fredericton, Feb. 21.—(Special)—The dwelling house on the Mayland Road, two miles from the city, owned by William Cameron and occupied by Charles Atherton, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon with most of its contents. The fire caught from a defective flue. Loss in the neighborhood of \$1500. The prize \$10 offered by the Fredericton Tourist Association, for the best collection of photos of New Brunswick scenery was won by Gerald Kytton, of St. John. The second prize was won by the presenters, by Charles H. Weddall and S. W. Abbott of this city. A syndicate composed of Robert Scott of Dumfries, J. P. Johnson of Woodstock, and David Munroe of Southampton, are endeavoring to purchase the steamer Aberdeen for the Woodstock-Fredericton route. The boat is to be sold this week by the Inland division here.

WERE ALMOST ASPHYXIATED.

Brussels Street Family Had an Experience With Illuminating Gas This Morning.

About 8 o'clock this morning, the family of John G. Clift and Mr. Gilbrath, of 1191 Brussels street, were awakened by a strong smell of gas. Mr. Gilbrath, a paper hanger, was called out, and he was awakened by another member of the family. The gas was coming from the side of the great volume of flames which poured across the decks. But few harbor tug crews in the neighborhood were nearly an hour before she was hauled from her perilous position. More than half the fire department of the city was called into the service and fought the fire until dawn before it was subdued. In the case of the steamer Philadelphia, the fire started, probably from spontaneous combustion, on the pier No. 4, at 1:30 o'clock this morning and within five minutes fully a quarter of an acre of the pier was filled with the most inflammable goods was wrapped in flames. Blazing brands were carried across the harbor to the city proper but fortunately away from a large grain elevator at the head of Pier No. 1. 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