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LATEST WEATHER REPORT

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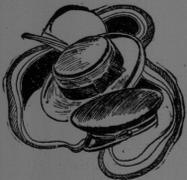
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A. C. PATTERSON TELLS OF THE WORK OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AT PANAMA

Canal Being Rapidly Completed—Ready in 1915—Death Rate Was Almost Five Out of Every Eight When He Went There—Back Again Next Month

A. C. Patterson, who is north on a furlough, talked in a very interesting manner with the Star yesterday about the work of the Panama Canal with which he has been connected for the five years. Mr. Patterson has been on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson, formerly of Fredericton, who are now residing at Milltown. He spoke very highly of the way in which those engaged on the work of the canal were treated by the government. He has had a six weeks furlough each year which he has occupied in a trip to the north to visit his relatives.

Mr. Patterson was engaged in construction work at San Francisco before going to Panama five years ago. Since then he has worked steadily in the tropics except for his furloughs and has found the climate agreeing with him very well. When he first went down to Panama the death rate stood at about five out of every eight. Since then the government has cleaned up the whole canal zone and by the use of the most precautions has succeeded in making it so healthy a place to live in that the death rate is now only about one in four thousand. Although the temperature usually stands at about 85 in the shade in the day and 65 at night the climate is an even one and most of the men have little difficulty in working the year round for their full stretch of nine hours a day. When the work was first commenced white men of almost every nationality were to be found there. Now, however, ever most of them have gone away except the Americans. This, Mr. Patterson said, should not be surprising as he did not think there was any satisfaction in the world whose citizens could accommodate themselves to different climates. The latter are mostly from the British West Indies.

BIG BUSINESS BLOCK IN GRAND RAPIDS BURNED

Falling Walls Crushed Two Dwellings—Property Loss is \$400,000.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 22.—The Gilbert Block, seven stories high, containing the Hiram Smith department stores and scores of offices suites, was practically destroyed by fire today with a loss estimated at \$400,000. The south wall of the structure fell to the ground crushing beneath it two frame residences whose occupants, awakened just in time, were rescued by the police and firemen.

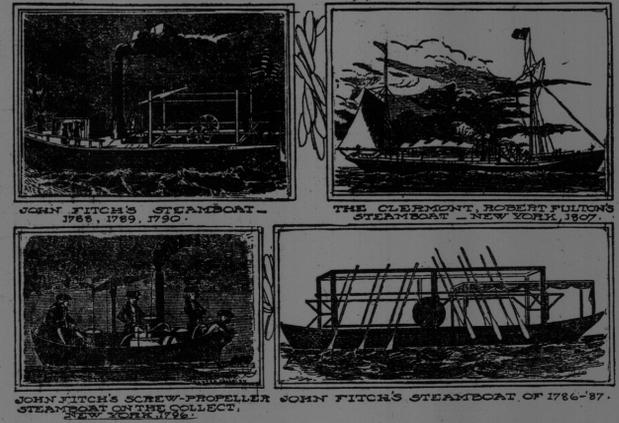
ONLY SIX DEATHS IN THE CITY LAST WEEK

There were only six deaths in the city during the past week. The causes were as follows: Cystitis, uremia, tuberculosis, myocarditis, epithelioma of jaw, post diphtheritic paralysis. Burial permits were issued for the following persons: Elizabeth McBeath, Repton, N. B., aged 59 years. John J. McAnulty, 140 Durham St., aged 38 years. Leon D. Branscombe, Range, Queens Co., 24 years. Charles A. Everett, 11 Orange St., 81 years. James E. Linkletter, 1 Lombard St., 65 years. Florence L. Hazelwood, 208 King St., W. E., 7 years.

Miss Sarah Harrison has returned to her home in Hartford, Conn., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Alex. Watson.

The freshest is still falling off at Indiantown, the water is receding rapidly and no further rise of any size is expected.

SOME TYPES OF THE EARLIEST STEAMBOATS USED IN AMERICA



Almost on the eve of the Hudson-Pulton Centennial to commemorate the first successful trip of the Clermont, Robert Fulton's famous steamboat, descendants and admirers of John Fitch, revolutionary soldier and some-times inventor, are endeavoring to bring to the attention of the public the story of the first successful application of steam to navigation. They cite public records, historical documents and family history to prove that Fitch, who died by his own hand when he was 35, was the actual inventor of the steamboat. He was born in 1743 in Lancaster, Pa., on the Delaware River in 1788 in a steam propelled boat carrying thirty passengers. It is also maintained by those who support the Fitch claim that Fulton examined Fitch's plan in France in 1788.

JAPANESE STUDENTS' AMBITIONS DEFEATED

Pupils of Commercial High School Went on Strike Because They Were Not Given the Rank of a University.

TOKIO, May 22.—The students of the Commercial High School, who walked out in a body and adopted resolutions last week declaring their intention not to return because the Government had refused their petition to give the school the rank of a university, have been persuaded by their guardians and friends to withdraw their resolutions.

The school will re-open Monday morning and the 1600 students probably will resume their studies. The authorities were firm in the matter and determined to make an example of some of the leaders to discourage insubordination in schools, but gave them time to think it over with the result that the students have decided it wisest not to persist in their attitude.

SUGAR SCANDAL SHAKES JAPANESE EMPIRE

Member After Member of Parliament Con- vided of Disgracing Their Office by Accepting Bribes.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

TOKIO, May 21.—Day by day the scope of what is known as the sugar scandal increases and the arm of the law is being stretched into places high and low to the arrest and expose those responsible for the most gigantic series of irregularities ever brought to light in Japan. The constitutional party which has been the chief sufferer will find difficulty in rallying under the blow. There has been arrested so far twenty members of parliament and six directors of the company. The charges against members of parliament is accepting bribes. It appears from alleged confessions that in an endeavor to bring about nationalization of the sugar company about \$60,000 was spent in bribery. The names of some fifty members of parliament it is understood have been mentioned in this connection. Even the upper house suffers a certain loss of prestige. The charges against the directors are three, namely, fraud, falsification of private documents, and disgracing their office.

WILL ERECT MORMON TEMPLE IN CHICAGO

The Re-organized Church, Which Claims to be the Only Orthodox One, Has Many Followers.

CHICAGO, May 22.—The Mormons are going to build a temple in Chicago. "The re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of latter day saints," as the church is officially named, has been active in the city for some time and the leaders of the sect have gathered quite a body of believers about them. The president of the church has taken title to a plot of ground and it is their intention to erect the temple this summer. This particular branch of the Mormon church has its headquarters in Leamont, Iowa, and claims to be the only true and orthodox Mormon church in the world.

CROWDS ALREADY LEAVE CITY FOR THE HOLIDAY

Big crowds are leaving the city today to spend Sunday and the holiday in the country. A large number of passengers went up the river on the various river boats this morning and afternoon. The trains also carried large numbers of passengers. Many left by team and on foot. The lakes and brooks where trout may be found are the chief objective points of most of those leaving the city. Hundreds are going after the spotted beauties and tomorrow and on Monday there will be a further and even larger exodus.

POLICE COURT.

Six common drunks were on the bench of the police court this morning. Fines of \$4 or 10 days in jail were imposed by the magistrates on five of the number. James Harrington, an old offender, went into jail in default of paying an \$8 fine. Judge Ritchie took the judicial chair earlier than usual this morning. In inaugurating the Saturday morning proceedings for the summer months, The sheet had not been prepared and there was some delay occasioned before the administration of justice took place.

The steamer Caledonia, from Glasgow for New York, was 283 miles east of Sandy Hook at 5 a. m. dock about 7.30 a. m. Sunday.

ODDFELLOWS' GRAND LODGE TO MEET HERE IN AUGUST

Local Lodges Have Chosen Their Committee to Make All Preparations—An Excursion on the River to Form Part of Programme—Other Arrangements.

On invitation of the four St. John lodges, the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows of the Maritime Provinces will meet here during the second week in August. This will mean an attendance here of probably upwards of four hundred delegates from every part of the province.

On Tuesday, August 10th, the Grand Encampment and the Rebekah Assembly will hold their annual sessions, and the usual committee work of Grand Lodge will be completed.

On Wednesday forenoon the Grand Lodge will open, and will continue its session until Thursday night.

The city lodges have begun preparations for this big and important gathering; the different lodges have appointed representatives to the Grand Lodge committee, and this body last evening held its first organized business meeting. H. E. Codner was chosen chairman and Chas. Ledford secretary.

In view of the fact that a very considerable amount of business must be handled by Grand Lodge this year, there will not be opportunity for much entertainment, but it has been arranged that the visitors and friends as well as local members of the order will enjoy an excursion up river. The steamer Victoria will be engaged to leave North End at 2 p. m. on August 11th, returning between six and seven o'clock. There will be a band on board and refreshments will be served.

JURGE WILLRICH TALKS IN WASHINGTON

Tells of Favorable Progress of Canada-Germany Treaty.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Canada and Germany have advanced to a favorable stage according to U. S. Consul Willrich in New Brunswick. Under the proposed treaty Canada will grant reductions from imports from Germany of high class textile products, drugs, books, soaps, artificial flowers, feathers, wines, spirits, ready made clothing, and porcelain. Germany will grant Canada reduced rates on agricultural implements, sprowlers, cattle and agricultural products. Consul Willrich points out that Great Britain has always enjoyed the advantage of bringing her goods to Canada under the preferential tariff, while Germany was compelled to pay a surtax over and above the duties under the general tariff schedule. The treaty will promote more friendly commercial intercourse between the two countries.

FIREMEN'S STRIKE A SERIOUS AFFAIR

ATLANTA, Ga., May 22.—The strike of white firemen on the Georgia Railroad entering upon its fifth day today with its already accompanying acts of violence and intimidation, gives promise of more serious consequences. State and Federal authorities are taking extraordinary precautions, the latter on the ground of protecting the mails. At small towns along Georgia Railroad between Atlanta and Augusta much feeling has been manifested by strike sympathizers it having been publicly proclaimed by the officials of the Order of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen that the strikers based upon a question of white supremacy.

The licensed saloons in the city upon closing their doors at 5 o'clock this afternoon cannot re-open until Tuesday morning next. The law distinctly states that there can be no selling of liquor on holidays and the shops must remain closed. It would seem as if the holiday would be a "dry one."

The local police may land the express robbers in the recent Truro case. Three men were noticed at Coldbrook today answering the descriptions of the men wanted. Chief Clark was communicated with and immediately dispatched officers on the case. Detective Kilian, Deputy Jenkins and Officer Gosline left the station about ten o'clock, and expected to round up the party.

The Star will not be issued on Monday.