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This is the Sale of the Season. Don't Miss It.  
J. N. HARVEY, Clothing & Tailoring, Opera House Block

WAR BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND SERBIA ALMOST INEVITABLE

A Semi-Official Communication Only Hopes That Conflict May Be Localized—Russia's Attitude No Help Towards Peace  
BERLIN, March 19.—A semi-official communication appearing in the Cologne Gazette today describes the situation between Austria-Hungary and Serbia most pessimistically in the matter of the maintenance of peace, but it is hopeful that the conflict should not spread beyond the Balkans. The communication says: "While attempts have been made in several quarters to find a solution of the crisis, a contrary course is being followed in Serbia. Mild advice is not likely to serve any purpose in Belgrade; reserve reserve from the powers, especially Russia, is necessary to bring the Serbians to reason. The Russian proposals up to the present time have been unsuccessful, because simultaneously there have been political demonstrations in Russia which have tended to increase Serbia's stubbornness. Furthermore the construction plan by Great Britain for the Russian canal calling an international conference on the Bosnian Herzegovinian question, serves only to stiffen Serbia's backbone for resistance. The Russian proposals are not calculated to secure the ends of peace. The military situation is so critical that perhaps only a few days will pass before Austrian troops march into Serbia."

DIRECT NOMINATIONS TO OVERTHROW BOSSES  
Governor Hughes' Bill Against Corruption in Primaries, Introduced in State Legislature  
ALBANY, N. Y., March 19.—With its supporters declaring that the new plan is neither "a surrender, a compromise nor a place of radicalism," the bill introduced in the legislature today by Governor Hughes on the subject was introduced in the legislature today. Senator Kilman of Kingshampton offered the bill in the senate and Assemblyman Greene of Brooklyn introduced it in the lower house. Provisions are made for severe punishment for attempted corruption at the primaries and the lavish expenditure of money is restrained by provisions limiting and defining the purposes for which money may be expended. "Those who say that the proposed plan legalizes bossism," says Senator Davenport's statement, "will find fault with that which establishes true leadership, those who profess to fear that it is not a real system of direct nomination will find fault with that which provides for an absolutely direct vote upon party officers and party candidates. It will regulate party organization but will not wreck it."

BURSTING RESERVOIRS CAUSE CATASTROPHE  
Three Killed, Many Injured, and Much Property Destroyed—Water Famine May Result  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 19.—Three persons were killed, three others probably fatally injured and many more slightly hurt and ten or more houses completely wrecked, and many more badly damaged when the two large water tanks supplying the city burst last night early this morning. The immense stream of released water rushed down Prospect Hill, sweeping everything before it, and when it reached the street it split into two main channels, one of which, after having done much damage, burst into a fountain, and the other, after having done much damage, burst into a fountain, and the other, after having done much damage, burst into a fountain.

ACCEPTS KAUFMAN'S DEFI  
Backer for Sandy Ferguson is Willing to Bet \$10,000.  
Hughes McLean, a bicycle rider of the Revere Beach bicycle track, has accepted Al Kaufman's deft issued to any white fighter in behalf of Sandy Ferguson, who scored such a decisive victory over Al Kublak in Boston. Ferguson will fight Kaufman, winner take all and will be backed for \$10,000 on a side bet for McLean.

A DOZEN INJURED IN APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE  
Many Families Have Narrow Escapes—Building Gutted.  
NEW YORK, March 19.—More than a dozen persons were injured and members of twenty-four families experienced narrow escapes from death by fire when a seven-story twin apartment building known as the Fifth Avenue Apartments at 21 Central Park South, was burned early today. The building was separated from the Hotel Plaza only by a smaller building, and the hotel office was made a hospital for the injured while many wealthy residents of the hotel watched the blazing building from the hotel windows and door. An hour and a half after the fire started all the floors collapsed and several firemen barely managed to reach the windows as the floors dropped from under them. The interior of the building was burned out causing a loss of about \$250,000. The homeless tenants were given shelter in the offices and rooms of the Plaza Hotel where their injuries and burns were treated by doctors, after which they were taken to hospitals.

FARMERS' ASSOCIATION DRAWING TO A CLOSE  
FREDERICTON, N. B., Mar. 19.—At the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairy-men's Association this morning there was a discussion on delaying led by Harvey Mitchell, and O. W. Wetmore spoke on the use of fertilizers. Retiring President Good, in vacating the chair thanked the association for assistance given him and wished it every success. President-elect Wetmore returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him. A vote of thanks was tendered T. A. Peters for his services as corresponding secretary. The association is meeting this evening at Assembly Hall and this afternoon Dr. Robertson will speak in the Assembly chamber of the parliament buildings on some of the land problems.

VOLCANO IN SALVADOR BREAKING LOOSE AGAIN  
SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, March 19.—Isaiah, a volcano in Salvador, known as the "Light-house of the Pacific," is reported to be in violent eruption. It is ten miles north of Sonsonate. The volcano of Isalco which first appeared in 1770 has been active during long periods. The last eruption occurred in 1902.

MOTOR PREPARATIONS.  
NEW YORK, March 19.—The pathfinder car for the New York-Seattle automobile endurance contest, which will be one of the chief motor features of the summer, will leave New York today. The car is the same one which won the New York-Paris race and will be driven in its four thousand mile trip by George Mifflin, who acted as mechanic in the previous contest.

TAX ONLY ON THE VALUE OF LAND

Advocated for St. John by a Prominent Citizen  
Would Make Owners of Vacant Lots Build or Sell and Simplify Housing Problem—Many Other Advantages.  
A gentleman whose prominence in the community ensures careful consideration of his opinions, discussed yesterday the Star's proposal to stimulate the growth in St. John to accommodate the present population, it is almost impossible to secure sites at any reasonable figure. The large areas of land are waiting for the value of their holdings to increase by the efforts of the other citizens to stimulate the growth in the city. In the meantime the city is disgraced by vacant lots on many of the principal streets and the growth in building operations is at a standstill. "Furthermore, the method of taxation bears so meagre a real estate that it is almost impossible to secure capital for buildings. Instead of building being encouraged it is penalized and for every dollar expended in improving a building the owner is fined so much more."

HAVE FOUND NO TRACE OF KIDNAPPERS  
Father Has Complied With Their Terms—Relatives Willing to Spend \$100,000 to Recover Boy.  
SHEARON, Pa., Mar. 19.—Notwithstanding a rigid search lasting all night by many officers in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and West Virginia, no trace has yet been found of the man or men who yesterday kidnapped Wm. Whittia, 8 years old, son of James P. Whittia, a prominent and wealthy attorney. The lad's relatives, some of whom are millionaires, are making every possible effort to locate the child and his abductors. No decision has yet been made regarding the ransom of \$100,000 demanded by the kidnapers for the safe return of the child. Mr. Whittia immediately complied with the terms of the letter received yesterday insofar as the instruction of an advertisement in various papers about the country is concerned. The advertisement is to the effect that he is willing to pay the ransom of \$100,000, but up to ten o'clock this morning no word has been received from the kidnapers as to when and where the sum is to be paid. Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire iron and steel man, uncle of Wm. Whittia the kidnapped boy, today stated he would spend \$100,000 to recover the boy.

BOATS WERE HELD UP BUT ARE CLEAR NOW  
The Minto Made the Trip to Georgetown Today—Stanley Delayed by Thick Weather.  
A despatch to the Star from Pictou says: "The Stanley ex Georgetown, Thursday morning has been in heavy ice ever since, between Cape Bear and Pictou Island. The heavy westerly wind last night scattered the ice a lot. There is a thick snow storm on now. As soon as the weather clears she will probably get right along to Pictou."

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PROVINCIAL DEBT INCREASED LAST YEAR BY \$300,000

GOT THREE YEARS FOR STEALING TWO COATS  
James Fitzgerald Sold the Goods for \$2.35 and is Now Probably Sorry for His Conduct.  
Before His Honor Judge Forbes, under the Speedy Trial Act, James Fitzgerald, was today tried and found guilty of stealing one bear skin coat and one rubber coat between the first and nineteenth days of December last, the coats being the property of one George Earle. The prisoner was sentenced to three years in Dorchester Penitentiary, and will be taken there tomorrow. Clarence H. Ferguson appeared for the crown, and the prisoner in person. At the conclusion of the crown's case the prisoner refused to take the stand in his own defence work, and could not give a satisfactory account of things. His Honor found him guilty and imposed the above sentence. George Earle was the first witness for the prosecution. He told of missing the coats and of accompanying Detective Kilian to Gilbert's second hand store on Mill street and finding the goods there. Harry Gilbert, a second hand dealer who keeps a store on Mill street, told of buying the bear skin coat from Fitzgerald for two dollars. Joseph Gilbert, son of the previous witness, told of buying the rubber coat for thirty-five cents. Detective Kilian told of the arrest. The prisoner was then sentenced to a term of three years in the penitentiary. John B. McAleer is a landlord and has a tenant who refuses to pay the rent. This tenant has been enjoying free possession of Mr. McAleer's premises on British street, and when the landlord requested him to get out he refused. This morning before Judge Forbes, C. H. Ferguson, acting for Mr. McAleer, made application for an order to have the tenant forcibly removed. Judge Forbes granted the order and remanded to vacate the premises by the twenty seventh of this month, and directed the Sheriff to make a call upon him.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT SHOWS THAT MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT BEEN MODEST IN THEIR EXPENDITURES—THE CENTRAL RAILWAY FARCE COSTLY  
FREDERICTON, March 19.—The report of the auditor general was brought down in the legislature last evening. It is a book of 228 pages and contains considerable information of interest to the public. The total liabilities on October last are given as \$5,947,424.79 and the net debt at the same date was \$3,999,775.37, an apparent increase of \$408,971.65. The auditor general in a foot note explains that the estimated value of the Central Railway was reduced from \$1,650,000 to \$1,624,421.71, so that the actual increase in net debt is \$288,309.37. The sum of \$13,770.70 was expended for administration of justice and the names of several Tory lawyers appear in the list of beneficiaries and amount expended on public works was \$28,000, of which \$15,879.69 is charged to funded debt account. In the matter of travelling expenses members appear not to have been overly prudent during their first six months of office. Flemming's expenses are \$280; Grimmer, \$495; Maxwell, \$395; Hansen, \$585; and McLeod, \$270. Hansen also drew \$215 in connection with his jaunt to the Quebec territory, while Hon. Mr. Landry captured \$500 in connection with the penitentiary commission. Commissioner Embard drew \$500 on account and Commissioner Fisher \$244.90. Up to October 31st the Central Railway Commission absorbed \$1,515.90, of which H. A. Powell's sum for \$600, and Stenographer Ketchum \$250. The sum of \$23,489.37 was collected in succession duties during the year as follows: Estate Charles Fawcett, \$2,200; estate Richard Hooker and W. S. Hooker, \$1,500; estate Thomas Fawcett, \$700; estate Alexander Dunlop, \$1,425.79; estate M. A. Sanford, \$482.80; estate A. Coover, \$1,470.05; estate Sarah E. Haen, \$1,011.41; estate Sarah A. Gilman, \$2,287.82; estate George Burdill, \$700; Kilmear estate, \$400.

FIREMAN, RESIGNING, FELL DEAD AS BELLS RANG  
Veteran New York Chief Affected by the Excitement Following an Alarm.  
NEW YORK, March 19.—Battalion Chief William McCarthy, of the Brooklyn Fire Department had been feeling "a little out of sorts" for so long a time that he yielded to the wife's persuasion yesterday and prepared his resignation after 28 years in the service. He was waiting at headquarters last evening to have his resignation, counter-signed by his deputy chief, when an alarm sounded. This did not mean a call for McCarthy, for it was out of his district, but the going and the uneasy hours worked on him, his straitened up, tired and fell dead with his resignation in his hand. McCarthy had many medals for bravery. He leaves six children besides his widow.

COMMISSION TO STUDY CONDITIONS IN LIBERIA  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—Members of the government commission to investigate the conditions in Liberia were named today. They are Robert C. Ogden, of New York, W. Morgan Shuster, formerly collector of customs for the Philippines and Emmet J. Scott, private secretary to Booker T. Washington. The commission will be summoned to Washington shortly to acquaint themselves with the work in hand, their respective correspondence in the State Department bearing on Liberia, when they will proceed to Europe taking steamer there for Moravia the Liberian capital.

BANKS DYNAMITED AND TOWN TERRORIZED  
NEWARK, Mar. 19.—A despatch from Bald Knob, Ark., says that two bank buildings were dynamited and the town of Bald Knob terrorized by a small band of men. Citizens who ventured from their houses were met by a fusillade of bullets and in the running fight which followed one citizen was wounded. The robbers escaped. Posses are in pursuit.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Mar. 19.—Bishop George D. Gillispie of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of western Michigan, died today.