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JOHN W. ADDISON, 44 Germain St. (Tel. 1074) P. S.—Wringers repaired at short notice.

MONTECAL, April 2.—The degree of doctor of divinity is to be conferred by the Presbyterian college on Rev. A. J. Mowatt, formerly of St. John, N. B., now of Montreal, and Rev. Wm. Tait of Nova Scotia.

QUEBEC, April 2.—The late Senator Paquet left an estate valued at a million and a half.

HOUSE PROROGUED.

Clause Abolishing Beer Licenses Was Withdrawn from License Bill.

FREDRICKTON, N. B., April 2.—The house met this morning at 10.30. The amendment to the liquor license act was committed and agreed to. The first section of the bill makes the term of the license commissioners three years, another section abolishes the bottlers license. The clause abolishing the beer license was withdrawn.

GERMANY AND ITALY.

BERLIN, April 2.—The Lokai Anzeiger understands that the conference between the imperial chancellor, Count Von Buelow, and Signor Zanardelli, the Italian premier, at Verona, was intended to remove the false impression created by insinuations in the French press regarding the relations between Italy and Germany.

COLOSSAL SWINDLING.

LONDON, March 3.—Two men were charged in a London police court yesterday with defrauding Barclay & Co., Ltd., of some £23,000 by means of forged documents purporting to represent large shipments of gold ore which never existed.

A BIG COMBINE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 2.—A new combine was practically launched yesterday. It embraces all the leading manufacturers of the glass lamps, glass lamp shades and glass electrical fixtures.

RUSSIA'S TROUBLE.

LONDON, April 2.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times takes a serious view of the Russian political situation, believing that the first symptoms of far-reaching revolutionary movements are confined by the reports of sanguinary disturbances in Riazan.

A MILLION FOR POWDER.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Work has been resumed at the naval station at Iona Island, where the government is building an important powder magazine. Seventy-five new men have been put to work, making the number of men employed there 255.

BUENOS AYREAN ALL RIGHT.

GLASGOW, April 2.—The Allan line steamer Buenos Ayrean, which passed Torry Island, on the north coast of Ireland, this morning, signalled that she was short of coal, but that the ship was all right.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

LONDON, April 2.—Andrew Carnegie has endowed a post graduate scholarship for original metallurgical research, which is placed at the disposal of the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain, without restriction as to nationality or sex.

SOUTH AFRICA.

NEWCASTLE, Natal, April 2.—The Boers derailed and wrecked a train near Mount Prospect.

HON. MR. TARTE

Says He Hopes St. John Will Get the Winter Mail Service.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 2.—Clergue's Canadian Loyds' bill was up before the committee of banking and commerce this morning. The insurance companies protested without avail against the bill to incorporate the company so as to allow them to do a wrecking business.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

The British house of commons adjourned yesterday to April 13.

According to a Constantinople correspondent the Ottoman government, owing to fears arising from Italy's attitude toward Tripoli, has despatched 2000 troops thither.

The university of St. Andrews, Scotland, has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Professor Alexander Agassiz of Harvard university.

A quarrel over an election argument occurred among the horsemen at Overland park, Denver, last night. Pistols were drawn, and in a row that followed one man was killed and another fatally injured.

A London cable says that Luke Hides has been commended to paint a full length state portrait of King Edward in his royal robes. It will be the official portrait.

The Spanish minister of war, General Weyler, has ordered the exclusion of nuns from military hospitals until the budget shall have provided funds permitting them to return.

Dobby Carte, the theatrical manager and composer, died in London today. He had been an invalid a long time, but he nevertheless closely attended to the business of the theatre.

At Niagara Falls, N. Y., today the body of David Holden, a former employe of the Niagara Falls Power Co., was found in the penstock of the wheel pit. He was a brother of the Rev. John Holden of Hamilton, Ont.

WILL HAVE A BULL FIGHT.

NEW YORK, April 2.—H. F. McGarvey, president of the Pan-American Association, who has just returned from Mexico, said last night that he would be fighting at the Pan-American Exposition, with the blood and cruelty left out. He explained: "The Mexican government is sending up an exhibit of the streets of Mexico to be one of the features of the exhibition. There will be given realistic exhibitions of bull fighting, with the cruelty left out. The bulls will have full swing, and the toradors will give exhibitions of horsemanship and dodging in keeping clear of their horns. Instead of running a blade into the bull at the point of the horn, when the animal usually is killed, the fighter will place a rosette on his hide on the spot where he would naturally strike the bull. The Mexicans will reach Buffalo on April 22nd."

BOSTON'S DOG SHOW.

BOSTON, April 2.—Today at Mechanics' building the annual Boston dog show began. The benches are fully as well occupied as at any prior assemblage of canines, and in addition there are an unusual number of prize winners from Philadelphia and New York shows. The judging today was chiefly in classes that are not particularly popular just at present, but even in these the competition for the most part was keen. Dr. Lougest of Boston, however, as usual, talking everything offered for bloodhounds, 13 prizes in all. Fox terriers and cocker spaniels had the biggest list of entries in the types judged, and the total number of classes passed upon was nearly one hundred.

LIABILITIES \$70,654; ASSETS \$250.

BOSTON, April 2.—Frank W. Parker of Boston, who says he has no occupation, today filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are \$70,654, and of this amount \$64,590 is in notes which he endorsed on account of the Lewiston Mills Co. of Lewiston, Me., which corporation is insolvent. The notes were made in 1893 and 1894; hence the claims are outlawed. The secured claims against Mr. Parker personally amount to \$4,215, and the unsecured to \$1,839.42. He has \$250 assets. The Biddeford National bank holds a note of \$10,000, and the National Shoe and Leather bank of Auburn, Me., holds one for \$12,500.

TEN THOUSAND FOR MISSIONS.

NEW YORK, April 2.—At the offices of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society the following statement has been given out: The Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, D. D., general secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, has been informed by Mr. and Mrs. George C. Thomas that they will each contribute the sum of \$10,000 toward work in the Philippines in such manner as may be decided by them in conference with him, after they receive the recommendations of Bishop Graves, who has been cabled in Shanghai respecting the matter.

BUT HE TOOK THE OATH.

Aguinaldo Professed to be in Great Trouble of Mind but Took His Medicine.

MANILA, April 2.—Constancia Probele, daughter of the former chief of the Katipunan Society, and who is president of the Women's Peace League, has been permitted a long interview with Aguinaldo. She reports having found him in a quandary, professedly desirous of peace, yet reluctant to abandon the idea of Filipino independence.

"He seemed unable to make up his mind regarding the oath of allegiance to the United States," she says. "because he had sworn eternal fidelity to the Filipino flag and had been elected leader of the revolution. He showed a disinclination to assist in ending the insurrection, though he bowed somewhat to public sentiment. He wanted a conference in order to ascertain the wishes of the Filipino people, and suggested that a convention, consisting half of insurgents and half of pacifiers should decide the matter." I told him that ninety per cent of the population were in favor of peace, and he responded:

"Even so, my lot is yet with those upholding the cause of the insurgents. With their consent I would quit, but otherwise, how can I? By the trickery of the Americans I was captured. Now that I am a prisoner I must consider what is best. Liberty is sweet, but those who I deserted would hate me. If paroled I would respect my word, but sometimes I think exile and imprisonment would be preferable." When Aguinaldo arrived here he was asked to see Mabini. On being told that Mabini was in Guam, he wished to consult with Chief Justice Arellano, General Trias and Salas, the secretary of the interior in the so called Filipino government, who surrendered with General Otlet. They urged him to reflect upon the ruin already wrought and the we and destruction which a continuance of the war would entail, and they advised him to accept American clemency. Others did the same. Aguinaldo stubbornly held out, but allowed himself to be persuaded. Senorita Probele says that Aguinaldo shows a distrust of the educated Filipinos, and is largely guided by the prejudices of the lower classes. His wife, mother and sister visit him daily.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

LONDON, April 2.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking, March 29, describes an interview with Li Hung Chang, in which the famous statesman admitted that his policy was based upon a conviction that Russia was the only power which China need fear.

"He acknowledged the existence of various secret Russo-Chinese agreements," says Dr. Morrison, "and declared himself convinced that China must and would ultimately sign the Manchurian convention. He asserted the opinion that he is almost inclined to resent the possibility of intervention by other powers. The ministers of all the powers except Russia have been instructed to present forthwith to the Chinese plenipotentiaries the punishment list which was agreed upon before Russia secured on this point. The list is so moderate that there is little doubt the Chinese will comply."

BERLIN, April 2.—Discussing the refusal of China to sign the Manchurian convention the Lokai Anzeiger says: "China cannot expect more than the moral support of the European powers."

LONDON, April 2.—"The Chinese expect that all that the Manchurian convention will be ratified in the course of the next five days," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, writing Monday. "The southern viceroys and governors are incensed and threaten rebellion if the court yields. The northern Chinese are more ignorant and indifferent. The Tartar general at Feng Tien, Manchuria, has issued a proclamation assuring the people that the Russian occupation is only temporary. The Chinese troops at Feng Tien are wearing Russian badges, and the town is occupied by a strong Russian force."

BERLIN, April 2.—The Cologne Gazette today publishes a despatch from Peking announcing that a French force was entrained April 1, bound for Ching Tsin Fu, 75 miles southwest of Pao Ting Fu, 75 miles southwest of Pao of Christians.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, April 2.—Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales from the eastward, turning unsettled with rain this evening and tonight; Thursday, stormy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Eastern states and northern New York.—Rain or snow tonight, followed by clearing in south portion Wednesday; Thursday fair, east gales, shifting to northwest. Western New York.—Snow tonight; Thursday fair, except snow near the lakes; brisk to high east or north winds.

SACKVILLE.

SACKVILLE, April 2.—Word has been received that Fred W. Sprague, son of Rev. Dr. Sprague, died in Calgary early this morning. Dr. Sprague reached Calgary on Saturday and will return with the remains. The deceased was in his thirtieth year. He took his B. A. degree at Mt. Allison in 1893 and spent his last year at Harvard.

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