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WEATHER—High 4, and 4. W. winds, unsettled tomorrow.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1904.

KUROPATKIN IS SUPREME.

He is now Commander-in-Chief of All the Forces in the Far East—Another Great Battle is Imminent—The Japs are said to be Ready to Attack the Russians Immediately.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—The text of a telegram received from the Far East... Kurapatkin is now Commander-in-Chief of all the land forces in the East as follows...

While Kurapatkin takes particular pains in turning over the supreme command of the land forces to Kurapatkin to inform the soldiers and the world of the marks of imperial confidence reposed in him and to announce that he will remain as vicerey, the order is considered as virtually his farewell address...

Rigorous Measures. Tokio, Oct. 26.—9.30 a. m.—Attempts to escape, assaults upon guards and various instances of refractory conduct on the part of Russian prisoners of war under confinement in Japan, have led to the formulation of a series of regulations which will henceforth be enforced as follows...

New Russian Loan. London, Oct. 26.—A Russian loan of \$70,000,000, according to the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, has virtually been arranged. The first portion of this loan, \$70,000,000, it is expected, will be issued in London...

A Battle Imminent. Mukden, Oct. 26.—There was no incident of importance yesterday. Both armies are resting and preparing to resume the slaughter. There is a rumor among the Chinese at Mukden, that the Japanese are ready to attack...

HER BULKHEAD SAVED HER. Foo Chow, Oct. 26.—The steamer Kishang, which struck a floating mine north of Alcock Island last night, had a narrow escape from total destruction. The explosion tore a great hole in the port bow, carrying away the forecastle deck and nine plates. The ship was saved forward by a collision bulkhead which held secure and enabled her to reach Wei Hai Wei today, where she now lies.

ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDE? Nova Scotia Found Shot Through the Head in a Barn in Medicine Hat. Medicine Hat, Oct. 26.—(Special)—There was a case of accidental shooting or attempted suicide yesterday. Russell Crowe, aged twenty-two years was found in a stable shot through the head. The bullet had entered over his eye and passed out through the back of his head. Crowe came here from Nova Scotia one year ago and was employed as a grocer's delivery man. He is still alive but is unconscious with little chance for his recovery.

ANOTHER LINE IS NOW PLANNED. Houston, Tex., Oct. 26.—Edwin G. Steger, president of the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans railway has just returned from France where he has been for three months arranging for the financing of what will be the first true railway north and south in America. It is to run from Duluth Minn., via Kansas City to Galveston Texas with subordinate lines 3,000 miles in all. The road is to be completed in five years. The contract with the French syndicate is for an investment of \$78,000,000. Construction will begin within sixty days, according to Mr. Steger.

UNEXPECTED RECORD MADE. Train Running 75 Miles an Hour Went off the Track. Laredo, Tex., Oct. 25.—Word has just reached this city that the special which left over the line of the National Mexican, R. R., bearing James Speyer, of the banking firm of Speyer & Co., of New York, while running at a high rate of speed was dived between Sanchez and LaFaria, about 25 miles south of here. Both coaches comprising the special left the track. The engine, however, remained on the rails. Conductor Sharkey was injured. A special train has just reached this city bearing the members of the party, who started with Mr. Speyer early in the evening. Mr. Speyer is uninjured. One of the party, J. F. Davis, of New York, received painful cuts about the face, but is otherwise unharmed. The wreck, it is said, was the result of the condition of the roadbed, the high speed (75 miles an hour), at which the train was going at the time, it having been the intention of the R. R. officials to endeavor to establish a new record between here and Mexico city.

DEAD AMONG DOLL FRIENDS. Dwarf Passed His Life as a Child. Two Years in Play as a Child. Ansonia, Conn., Oct. 26.—Nursing his doll, three feet and three inches tall, died at the age of 42 at his home in Bridge street this city last night. Welsh practically remained a child in his actions during his whole life, and his bedroom, which he used as a playroom, was filled with dolls, jumping jacks, rattles and such like. When away from his toys he would become homesick. On such occasions he would cry for his favorite colored dolls until some member of the family procured them for him. He would wear only blue clothes, because his father was a soldier. He seldom went out of doors, and when he did he would not go out of sight of his home. He had an enormous head for his size, and enjoyed good health until a few weeks ago when he contracted a cold. His father and mother were both robust people. When P. T. Barnum was alive he made frequent visits to Welsh's home for the purpose of influencing his parents to allow him to travel with the circus at a salary of \$25 a week, but although the members of the family always worked in the mills, they refused the offer.

MONCKTON BOY LOSES A FOOT. By an Accident at the North Crossing Albert Gunn is Maimed for Life. Moncton, Oct. 26.—(Special)—The five year old son of Albert Gunn, an I. C. R. fireman, had his left foot taken off by a train this morning. The lad was on the way when the train started and he jumped off, one foot falling on the rail. It was crushed badly and amputation was necessary. The lad was taken to the hospital. The accident occurred at the north crossing.

ATE RAW BEEF; THEN HE DIED. Eighty Five Pounds of Beef Followed by Sundries, Too Much for Gourmand. Dubuque, Ia., Oct. 25.—"Phil" Meloy, who posed as a world's champion eater, is dead, and an autopsy performed on his body has developed the fact that his last feast of eating eighty-five pounds of raw beef, followed by three cases of salmon and four apple pies, caused his death. On a wage of \$100 he ate this feast and collecting the money went to his home and to bed. Several pieces of beef gathered in this throat and strangled him to death. Meloy had records of eating 180 raw oysters in twenty minutes, followed by five large porthouse steaks; eating everything that was set before him in a single restaurant in a few hours, and many other feats which would do credit to twenty ordinary men. His last feat was the result of a challenge to any man in the world to eat against him for a wager of \$500. He had no takers and then accepted the bet of \$100 that he could eat 85 pounds of raw beef in 20 hours, up here, as they can't be in two or three places at once. Another thing that should be remedied in the lights. They are simply no good. Although there is one right across the street, you would hardly know it, it is so poor. Asked if he had any idea as to who the robber was, he replied—"No, I don't know, but I have an idea who it was. These things have been going on for years, and it is about time something was done about it. One night, a few years ago, I heard a noise at the door and went down, and I found a man, trying to get in. He ran when he saw me, and I chased him down the street, but he could not catch him. Mr. Baskin is not the only one who thinks that better police protection should be provided. A number of people whom the reporter talked with, expressed themselves very strongly against the way things are run over there. Work was commenced today on the frame work of the new city warehouse at the McLeod wharf. It will be one of the largest in the port, 380 feet long, and 70 feet in width. It will be occupied by the Donaldson Line. Schooner Leonard Parker arrived in port this morning from Fort Halifax, C. B., with 800 tons of coal and J. B. Gibbons & Co.

"ARM AND PREPARE."

This the Message to Oppressed Finlanders From Man Now Charged With Conspiracy Against Russia. Abo, Finland, Oct. 26.—The trial of former Senator Schaumann, father of Eugene Waldemar Schaumann, the assassin of the late Governor-General Bobrikoff, arrested on July 2, on suspicion of having had a knowledge of his son's crime, is arousing great popular interest. The indictment charges him with conspiracy against the government. When his house was searched June 17, the day after Bobrikoff's assassination. Police inspector Molodkin found plans for a general uprising and training of the whole population, together with appeals exhorting the people to prepare for any eventuality. Schaumann in his reply does not deny the authorship of the plans, but contests the revolutionary interpretation given to them. He pleaded not guilty. The case was adjourned until Nov. 9.

THE WORLD ON MR. BLAIR Expresses Opinion That His Opposition Requires no Re-statement.

NOMINATION DAY. Mr. Robinson's Election Conceded in Northumberland—The Outlook Bright All Over the Province—Rival Candidates Will Face Each Other Tomorrow.

FOUR DAYS IN A CLOSET. The Terrible Experience of a Woman in New York.

New York, Oct. 25.—After a fruitless search which began last Saturday and had been taken up by the police of the five boroughs of Greater New York, Mrs. Singer, 20 years old, has been found locked in a closet with less than a block of her neighbors. She had been imprisoned four days without food or water. While her name was absent for a few moments last Saturday Mrs. Singer who had been ill for some time suddenly arose, threw on a wrap and fled from the house in a delirium of fever. Seeking refuge from ignorant neighbors, she hurried down the stairs into an unused building in the rear of a mission and closed the door. A spring lock snapped behind her and she was a prisoner.

At lull intervals the woman screamed and pounded on the door, but the neighbors paid little attention to the sounds until they contemplated interestingly four days. Then a woman who happened nearby discovered the source and rescued the unfortunate patient. Mr. Singer who had searched the city continuously for a trace of his wife, advised, just as she was found. She recognized him at once, and, it is believed, will recover.

THE SHIP OF A VIKING. Valuable Discovery Recently Made Near a Port in Norway.

Christiania, Oct. 25.—The old Viking ship which was recently discovered near Tromsø proved to be of great archaeological interest. Although not as large as it had been expected, it will be impossible to transport the vessel intact to this city, but it will be taken apart and put together here. The vessel, which has evidently belonged to some great sea king, is richly ornamented and contains a number of interesting articles, among which are a horn and some splendid woven tapestries, reminding very much of those depicted in the sagas. The ship, which was found in a bog, has many articles and a richly ornamented four-wheeled carriage all of which were in the high state of culture of the Norwegian Vikings. Nearly everything even the tapestries, is well preserved, though Prof. Gustafson of this city, who has charge of the work of digging out the ship, is of the opinion that the vessel was built before the time of Harold Haarfagre, that is to say, more than 11 centuries ago.

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A VERDICT OF GUILTY.

Jury Find That Mrs. William Deo of Ontario Murdered Her Husband. Ingersoll, Ont., Oct. 26.—(Special). The adjourned inquest was held at Ingersoll last night, on the body of Wm. Deo. The jury, after considering the evidence for half an hour returned the following verdict: "We the jury, empaneled to enquire into the death of Wm. Deo find that Mrs. William Deo, (neé Deo), on October 10th, 1904, at her home, in the county of Oxford did feloniously willfully and with malice aforethought kill and murder her husband, by administering strychnine as a poison, to the peace of our Lord the King."

POLITICAL INFLUENCE. Has no Place in the Management of Railways in Australia.

Replying to a statement that Australian government railways are not a success, a Canadian who worked there for years writes follows to the Winnipeg Telegram:—"I happen to know a good deal about Australian and its railways. I was in that country for eleven years and six months, and worked on the Victorian system for six years. Before Confederation into the Commonwealth each colony—West Australia, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland—owned and operated its own system, as they still continue to do. Each has its board of three commissioners, in whom the railway is vested, to be managed on commercial principles for the benefit of the people, free from every kind of political influence. The board members are members of parliament with the premier and governor thrown in, cannot get a seat on any committee, and are not eligible for office. Vacancies of all kinds on the railways are filled by competitive examination. Candidates must first furnish references as to respectability, education, medical fitness and character. Mr. Blair's explanation as to his fitness for the particular work or position he seeks, all being in the hands of the board, is simply done with the hope that it may influence voters in other constituencies. The province stands to return a majority of opposition members."

Toronto World's View.

Toronto, Oct. 26.—(Special)—The World, this morning, says editorially after quoting Mr. Blair's views as expressed in parliament. "Mr. Blair has never recanted any of these opinions. He has just reaffirmed them on the occasion of his resignation. Spies are, therefore, not necessary to define his position, although they might emphasize it and round the selectors of some things that might else be forgotten. Mr. Blair is an unrepentant populist."

Robinson is Sure.

There is no change in the political situation in Northern Ontario, so far as the settling of the trouble between the Morrison-Loggie factions. A. Blair has been in the city for the past day or so, in conversation with a purely personal grounds. Now Loggie had the lever and Morrison's friends, believe that one good turn deserves another. That the two factions can be reconciled is outside the pale of possibility and Robinson's election is assured.

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RUSSIA HAS APOLOGIZED.

Will Make Full Reparation as Soon as the Official Report is Received—The Journal de St. Petersburg has Opened a Subscription For the Families of the British Fishermen.

London, Oct. 26.—The Russian reply to Great Britain's note on the subject of the North Sea tragedy has been received by the British government. It expresses deep regret at the occurrence and promises full reparation as soon as an official report is received from Vice-admiral Rojestvensky. The reply was received by Ambassador Denksdorff during the night, and was forwarded to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne in the shape of a formal letter in which the ambassador writing on cabled instructions from St. Petersburg gave the above assurances, adding that while the Russian government at the time of the occurrence in the North Sea it feels so certain it was an error that it wishes at once to express its regret and assure the British government that full compensation will be made as soon as the details are received. A reply in identical language is expected to be handed to ambassador Hardinge at St. Petersburg today.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—The semi-official Journal de St. Petersburg has opened a subscription for the families of the British fishermen killed by the guns of the second Pacific squadron. The paper opens the list with a contribution of \$25. The first harsh note sounded by the press in connection with the affair is found in the Russian, which declares today that the British government, knowing the serious problem of self preservation confronting the Russian fleet, should have taken the precaution of warning the traveler fleet against getting in the way of the warships. The Russ adds that it has reason to believe "certain other vessels" suffered with the fishing fleet, about whose fate nothing was said in England.

Caustic Comment.

Tokio, Oct. 26.—The Nichi in commenting on the sinking of the trawler Crane in the North sea by the Russian second Pacific squadron, says that the action is beyond the capacity of comprehension of the ordinary sane mind. "The vessels attached" the paper continues, were harmless fishing boats belonging to a neutral power, and to indulge in such a flagrant violation of international usage, is only possible with one holding nothing in common with civilized people. One certainly no better roaded, equipped, regularly of train service, splendidly equipped, and the vitality of people exists than there is in Australia. The only trouble in that country is the break of game, which, like everything else, can be made uniform in time. I spent four hours one day in 1887 trying to make the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the working of the South Australian railways see the advisability of having a third rail, and run on both gauges from Hamlet Bridge to Adelaide, the same as the Toronto, Grey & Bruce ran from Weston Junction to Queen street, Toronto, over the Grand Trunk railway. The commission did not at once adopt my suggestion, and I think the Board of Railway Commissioners did, after I left there. I have only to earn the interest on the cost of construction, the small percentage of the fare, and the operating expenses. There are no dividends on watered stock for calloused shareholders, and consequently the Australian today pay their railway employees the highest wages in the world, and at the same time give the cheapest passenger and freight service to their people."

THE FISHING FLEET.

London, Oct. 26.—All the steam trawlers, including the Gull, from Dogger Bank, are now back at Hull. There are no additions to the casualty list which is confined to the crew of the Crane. The three stranded trawlers, which were brought to Hull today, having just left the hospital ship, left graphic stories, amply confirming previous reports of the affair, but appear unable to say positively whether they were cruisers or warships which fired upon them though they believe they were battleships.

BUGLARS AT WORK IN A WEST SIDE GROCERY STORE.

A Nocturnal Visit Paid to W. D. Baskin's Establishment and Cash and Cigars Stolen—The Need of Better Police Protection and More Street Lights Clearly Shown.

W. D. Baskin's store, on the corner of King and Ludlow streets, west end, was broken into last night, and a small amount of change that was in the cash drawer, and some cigars, were stolen. A Times reporter called on Mr. Baskin this morning, and was shown the shaped hole had been cut in the wooden panel at the bottom of the door, and a piece about 18 by 10 inches taken out. Mr. Baskin lives over the store, but he says he heard no noise during the night, and knew nothing about it until he opened the store this morning. The burglar used either an auger or a brace and bit, boring about 40 or 50 holes until the piece could be knocked out with a slight tap. Jas. Lewan, engineer of No. 6, which is just across the street, told the reporter that he was going home about 11 o'clock, and everything was quiet then. He thinks it must have been early in the morning when the burglary occurred. Mr. Baskin feels that the west end should have better police protection. "Why," he said, "I haven't seen a policeman up around here for weeks. I don't say it's the fault of the policeman, for I think we should have more than two of them here, when you consider the ground they have to cover. As a rule they are always around Sand Point, and Union street, and it leaves us without protection."

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