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A CLEAN UP SALE

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Our big TRADE EXTENSION SALE of last week created such a move among the sizes of our Men's and Boys' Suits, Men's Pants, Hats, Underwear, Shirts, etc., that we have decided to clear the balance out at unheard of prices as long as they last.

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CONFESSES THE MURDER OF A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL.

Henry Becker, Under Arrest on Suspicion of Killing Amelia Staffeldt, Admits His Crime—He First Said a Companion Was the Guilty One.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Becker, the man arrested on suspicion of murdering sixteen year old Amelia Staffeldt, today made a full confession of his crime. His first statement in which he said he saw a companion assault the girl was subsequently retracted.

Today he was taken to the scene of the crime and was identified by Miss Emily Simonson, as one of the men who was seen at the pump in her yard on the day of the murder, also told of picking up in the Simonson yard the handkerchief which was later found on him.

Becker was then asked about the second man that he had been talking about in connection with the case, and for the first time admitted that he had seen a man before he was about to go into the Simonson yard and after that the two washed their hands together at the pump. The stranger then disappeared.

Becker was taken back to jail, and during the ride from Simons to Long Island, he told detectives, it is alleged, the most important and shocking part of the story. He said that he would feel better if he told the whole truth. He described how he had been sleeping in the fields and saw the girl enter the lot in search of candelabra.

"I went up to her," it is asserted he said, "and tried to get up a flirtation, but she told me to go away. I can't remember, somehow, just all that happened, but I know I took hold of her, then I hit her in the back of the head with a stone. After that I struck her once or twice with a knife."

"After washing his hands at the pump he said he went toward Corona as fast as possible, and there, near a railroad crossing, threw off his outside shirt, which was stained, tore it up and threw it into the bushes. He said a man in Flushing had given him two shirts a week ago.

A policeman named Williams reported several days ago that he had given two shirts to a young tramp bearing Becker's description. There are many features in Becker's story that he could not explain in a way to conform with the evidence the police have. He will be arraigned in Flushing Wednesday and at the same time unless something develops to change the entire complexion of the case, he will be formally charged with murder in the first degree.

MEAT PACKERS REFUSE TO PAY FOR DISEASED CATTLE

Commission Men Demand Their Money and Chicago Prices Will go Away Up.

CHICAGO, May 27.—Meat prices in Chicago may jump skyward this week. The packers notified the commission firms that beginning today they would no longer stand the loss on diseased cattle and in order to protect themselves they had found it necessary to refuse payment on "cows stiffs" until it had passed the government inspectors.

During the latter part of last week thousands of letters and telegrams were sent out by the commission men to their customers notifying them of the action that had been taken by the packers and advising them to withhold all shipments of cattle to the big markets controlled by the trust until the difficulty is adjusted. This is expected to cut the meat supply tremendously before the week is over, and prices are expected to go up correspondingly.

Commission men declare it is the intention of the packers to enforce the rule with regard to "cow stiffs" now in the hope that similar action may be taken with reference to their purchases of sheep and hogs.

Some of the leading commission firms and shippers have communicated with the secretary of agriculture at Washington with regard to the action on the part of the packers and it is said assurances have been given that an attempt to delay payments on live stock by packers would result in the withdrawal of the inspection services.

DOG ROBS POLICEMAN, BUT ESCAPES ARREST

Resisting His Regulation of Street Traffic, Animal Seizes Ballon and Bolts.

PARIS, May 25.—"Toutou," "Ki-Ki," "Noble," or whatever name he permits himself to be called, is only a dog, and therefore not always discriminating. When on duty "protecting the boss," atop the big truck, he barks at the policeman just as furiously as he would at a bearded man who entered his own home uninvited. Furthermore, he makes a bountiful feast of the "boss's" remaining sovereign and he the loyal, vigilant army guard, all frontiers at once against a myriad of supposed foes.

He was alert as usual yesterday afternoon when the truck was being driven through the Rue Royale. He saw a crowd of people and an endless stream of vehicles passing, and barked away as many of them as he could count. He knew as little as he cared about street traffic regulations, and when a policeman held up a baton and the truck came to a stop he did not understand that it was all as peaceful as the Hague intentions. It so happened that the policeman stood quite near the truck, and the gallant guardian thereof consequently stood as near the policeman as possible, a fact on which the latter did not count, when, with a snarl, he leaped forward, signalled the drivers to go ahead.

As he did so he turned his back on the truck, and the dog, seeing the baton and bolted. Then it was that the guardian of the law bolted after the dog of the truck and the driver of the truck bolted after both. The baton was eventually restored to its owner, but the dog having treated it as a limb of his worst enemy. The dog was not arrested.

A BOY AND A PISTOL; THE SAME OLD STORY

MONCTON, May 27.—Newton Wilbur aged 15 years, last night found an old revolver lying in the back yard. He began experimenting with the weapon, to find out whether it was any good unfortunately he kept it pointed at one of his feet. He found that the weapon was in pretty good working order, for as he pulled the trigger there was a report and the bullet entered his right foot. The revolver was 32 caliber.

HINDUS SEEK JAPANESE AID AGAINST BRITAIN

LAHORE, British India, May 27.—These who have been rapidly to the unrest in India to the victory of the Japanese over the Russians find confirmation of the belief in documents found in the possession of a Hindu lawyer and a companion arrested here in connection with the recent riot at Bawalpindi. The documents show that the men taken into custody were on their way to Tokio to solicit intervention in behalf of a native revolt against British rule.

St. George's basket ball club will give a concert in City Hall, West End, tomorrow evening.

HALIFAX TIED UP BY LONGSHORE STRIKE

Having Taste of What St. John Has Often Gone Through

Plant Line Steamer Lyt & Idle at the Wharf—Men Want Flood Agreement for Five Cent Increase.

HALIFAX, May 27.—The longshoremen's strike is now on in real earnest and the men are about on Water street determined that if the five cent increase is not given them they will turn to some other branch of labor for a livelihood. For the moment the number of men giving up employment is not very large, probably 200 or 300, as there are only a few cargo steamers in port and they are not large ones. The Plant Line steamer, arrived last night from Boston and was to have sailed today for Charlottetown, but she is held up because of lack of labor to discharge her. Mr. Chipman offered to give the increased wage to the steamer men, but they are not willing to abide by the general action as to subsequent wages but the men asked for an agreement by which the Plant Line would undertake to give the increase unconditionally. Mr. Chipman did not feel at liberty to make such an agreement, and so matters stood at that, the steamer is unloaded so as to get away for Charlottetown and keep up with her schedule, and was willing to abide by the general action as to subsequent wages but the men asked for an agreement by which the Plant Line would undertake to give the increase unconditionally.

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ANOTHER REBELLION HAS BROKEN OUT IN CHINA.

WILD BEASTS AT LARGE, BUT CAPTIVE STILL

Most Wonderful Zoological Garden in World is Opened by Famous Nautilus.

HAMBURG, May 25.—Herr Carl Hagenbeck's wonderful Zoological Gardens at Stellingen, near Hamburg, of which much has been heard during three years of construction, were officially opened recently.

Though entirely a private enterprise this "Zoo" contains the largest collection of wild animals ever seen in one place of the kind, and the design is unique. The important attractions brought to the opening inspection of the complete spectacle a distinguished gathering of Germans and the directors of the old-fashioned "Zoo's" throughout Europe.

It is the daring arrangement of the animals—held in the open air in a captivity of which there is no visible indication to ordinary observers—that makes the great impression. This more scientific and humane treatment is the outcome of fresh ideas conceived by Mr. Hagenbeck in his observation of the old-fashioned "Zoo's" throughout the world.

Imagine a park of twenty-six acres. You enter by a shaded avenue. Suddenly a panoramic view of over 600 members of the animal kingdom bursts upon the vision. They are disposed in lakes and plain and mountain range; no houses, no restraining bars or wire cages. On the spacious lake immediately in front of the waterfalls and a natural home. On a mound just beyond many hoofed animals, such as zebras and buffaloes sport. Farther away a range of artificial mountains, displaying eight peaks, are inhabited by mountain beasts, who roam at will so it seems, but they are safely confined in their definite quarters by a series of hidden ditches, twenty feet wide, and twelve feet deep.

The most daring idea in the park is perhaps the immense structure formed of boulders resembling a tremendous iceberg. At the base is a basin for seals, sea lions, penguins, cormorants, and seagulls. Above are the polar bears. Visitors may mount from one side to the top, obtaining a grand view of the entire "Zoo" and toboggan down the other side to the plain.

"My idea," Herr Hagenbeck said, "has been to erect a 'Zoo' in a perfectly natural manner. Surely animals in the open air are of more educational value, than when housed and held behind iron bars. It has been the ambition of my life to build a 'Zoo' after my own ideas; here I have accomplished it. You see here thirty-five lions, from 2 months to 3 years old; seven Bengal tigers, twenty-four elephants, six bears, four Indian rhinoceroses, two hippopotami and deer, numerous reptiles and birds. I do not exaggerate when I say that these animals represent a value of \$250,000."

VEUVIUS SENDS OUT POISONOUS GASES

Fluore Opened in the Side of the Mountain—One Man Suffocated.

NAPLES, May 27.—At Boscorecane on the southern declivity of Mount Vesuvius, a dense suddenly opened yesterday, from which a flow of poisonous gases continued. A peasant who happened to approach the fissure, was killed and nine others who rushed to his rescue and fell asphyxiated, were saved with difficulty. The gas from the eruption rises to the height of five or six feet and carbide has been posted in the vicinity to prevent persons going within the danger zone.

HAMBURG-AMERICAN CO. TO START NEW SERVICE

LIVERPOOL, May 27.—The Hamburg-American Steamship Company has definitely decided to establish a line between Liverpool and New York. Other developments are expected to follow this move. Herr Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American line has appointed the Messrs. MacIver, Liverpool, shipowners, as the company's agents.

This firm has for a long time been connected with the Cunard line. The move of the Hamburg-American line is considered to be an offset to the competition of the White Star line at Southampton and may have an important bearing on the plans of the Cunard Company.

HAMBURG, May 27.—The appointment of MacIver & Co., the Liverpool shipowners, as agents of the Hamburg-American Steam Packet Company at that port has led to a misunderstanding of the aims of the German company there. Director Ballin of the Hamburg-American line today stated that this company had no intention of establishing a direct service between Liverpool and New York.

Peasants, in Revolt, Have Murdered Many Officials—Disaffection is Spreading and Conditions are Serious—Britain Sends Gunboat.

SWAZLOW, Province of Kwantung, China, May 27.—A rebellion has broken out at Wong Tung in the Taping district of the Chinese Prefecture. All the civil and military officials at Wong Tung have been assassinated and their remains buried.

The local revolutionists who were joined by several of neighboring provinces, concentrated for their attack on the officials without being molested by the populace.

The military commander here has mustered the station guards and started for the scene of the outbreak. Steps are being taken by the local police to prevent excesses here.

The Chinese bankers have organized a steam launch patrol of the coast to prevent piratical attacks on the part of marauders from seaward.

China, or Tsinchun, is a marine district of China comprising parts of the provinces of Kwang Tung and Fukien on the south west coast. It is inhabited by a hardy and industrious people who furnish the majority of the men who form the crews of the Chinese imperial international navies.

According to advices received by German Cable Company from Shanghai disturbances have also broken out at Pakhoi and Tsium. There as well as at Lenchow it is apparently serious.

BERLIN, May 27.—According to dispatches received here from Shanghai and Hong Kong, native rioters have destroyed the German mission station at Lien Chow, near Pakhoi. The missionaries escaped. The German gunboat Altair re-inforced by 25 marines from the gunboat Tsing Tau has left Hong Kong for Pakhoi and it is expected that a British gunboat will also be sent to that port.

PREPARING PLANS FOR A NEW CANAL SYSTEM

Engineers Figuring on the Means of Expending \$10,000,000 on Canals Required for Iron Industry.

CHICAGO, May 27.—Engineers working in the interest of New York, Chicago, Indiana and Indianapolis capitalists are completing plans for an extended line of canals from Indiana harbor to a point between Gary and Michigan City. The first survey provides for waterways fifty miles long to cost \$10,000,000. The system is held necessary to the development of the steel and iron industries.

The main channel will be 200 feet wide with lateral canals 25 feet in width. The system is to have a uniform depth of 24 feet.

Turning basins, 800 feet in diameter will be dug at intervals of 2 miles. It is estimated that it will take ten years to complete the work.

THOMAS E. KENNY IN A CRITICAL CONDITION

MONTREAL, May 27.—Thomas E. Kenny, of the Royal Bank, had a slight relapse again yesterday. Today he seems to have regained the lost ground, but the frequent relapses are causing grave anxiety.

The G. T. R. traffic earnings, May 15 to 21, for 1917, were \$88,569 and in 1916 were \$72,291, an increase of \$16,278.

Little Lillian Crookshanks, three years old, strayed away from her Golding street home, Saturday, and was found by the police in the east side ferry house and taken back home.

Joseph Rogers, John McGloan, Fred Sullivan, James Thomas and Glover Bennett and Joseph Doody have been reported by the police as being members of a disorderly crowd.

The funeral of the late Charles R. Ritchie took place at 2:30 this afternoon from his late residence, Adelaide street, Rev. D. Hutchinson officiated, and interment was in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of the late Miss Mary McLaughlin took place to the Cathedral at 2:30 this afternoon from her late residence, Erin street. Rev. Father Lockery read the burial service, and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

FOR SALE HEAP—One Top Buggy, also single seat harness. Apply, 77 St. Patrick Street 27-54