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The Earth Rocked!

Disastrous Earthquakes in Austria and Italy.

Hundreds of Houses Wrecked by Floods in Hungary.

The Japan-China Treaty of Peace Said to Have Been Signed.

Exaggerated Reports of Bismarck's Illness—Empress of Germany Prostrated by the Grippe—Bogus Proclamation Issued by Secret Societies in China.

THE EMPRESS HAS THE GRIPPE. BERLIN, April 15.—The Empress is confined to her sleeping apartments with an attack of influenza.

LENZ WAS SHOT. LONDON, April 15.—The Daily News correspondent in Armenia says that the American bicyclist, Frank Lenz, who disappeared last summer in the neighborhood of Delibaba, a notoriously lawless district, was shot on the road between Dahar and Kourtal.

HUNDREDS OF HOUSES WRECKED. VIENNA, April 15.—Rains and snow floods have caused the rising of the River Danube to such an extent as to inundate the Kuert district and other parts of the city of Presburg, Hungary. The volume of water was so great as to wreck hundreds of houses.

PROBABLY BOGUS. LONDON, April 15.—A dispatch from Shanghai to a news agency here says a proclamation bearing the Emperor's name has been issued describing the empire as finished, asserting that he is unable to govern any longer, and that the officials he trusted are corrupt. The proclamation has caused great excitement, and there are signs of rebellion. The document is said to be the work of secret societies.

BISMARCK SERIOUSLY ILL. FRIEDRICHSDORF, April 15.—Prince Bismarck is seriously ill. His reception of the Conservative Electoral Union delegation, which was fixed for tomorrow, has been indefinitely postponed, and his physician, Dr. Schweninger, who is temporarily absent, has been summoned by wire to the ex-Chancellor's bedside.

Late dispatches from Friedrichsdorf give contradictory accounts of the Prince's condition. One received at 11:30 says that he is not seriously ill.

The last dispatch from Friedrichsdorf tonight says that the seriousness of Bismarck's illness has been grossly exaggerated.

MISS CAMERON'S LOSS. LONDON, April 15.—The Scotland Yard authorities, who have hitherto persistently denied any knowledge of the robbery of Miss Cameron, daughter of Consul Cameron, in the Victoria station last Thursday, have offered a reward of £250 for the detection of the thief. It is now stated that Miss Cameron, on arriving at the station, left unguarded a small box she was carrying. During the few seconds in which her attention was distracted from the box it disappeared, and it is now stated, it contained jewels valued at £2,000, and some French banknotes amounting to £200. It was originally given out that the box contained notes and drafts valued at £15,000, besides some very valuable jewelry.

THE PEACEMAKERS. LONDON, April 15.—Li Hung Chang is in constant communication by telegraph with Peking.

The conference is sitting at Shimonoseki today, and it is expected that today's session will result in the conclusion of peace.

LONDON, April 15.—The Times' correspondent in Shanghai says that Li Hung Chang's son-in-law telegraphs that the treaty of peace was signed in Shimonoseki today (April 16), and that the terms are:

1. The independence of Corea.
2. Japan's retention of the conquered places.
3. Japan's retention of the territory east of the Lia River.
4. Permanent cession of Formosa.
5. Indemnity of \$100,000,000.
6. An offensive and defensive alliance between China and Japan.

SEISMIC SHAKINGS.

Succession of Earthquakes in Southern Austria—A Number of Fatalities.

VIENNA, April 15.—Violent shocks of earthquake were experienced throughout Southern Austria last night, the manifestations beginning at midnight. At Laibach, 35 miles northeast of Trieste, 31 shocks were felt between midnight and 7:30 o'clock this morning. All of the churches, public buildings, business houses and residences in the town were damaged. Several persons were killed by falling walls, and a large number were more or less seriously injured.

At Velden ten shocks were felt, and at Trieste four. Shocks were also felt at Abbazia, Arco, Gorizia, Cilia and other places, in all of which many buildings were damaged. Light seismic vibrations were also felt in this city. Communication between Trieste and Laibach is suspended. In many of the districts between the two towns, as well as in the sections visited by the shocks, the people are camping out in the fields.

At the first shock in Venice, the guests left the hotels and went to the squares, and the inhabitants deserted their houses and took refuge in the available open spaces. Many of the guests, with a large number of residents, left the city by early trains this morning, fearing a recurrence of the shocks.

Violent shocks were also experienced at Bologna, Ferrara and Treviso, in each of which towns great damage was done to buildings.

In Treviso the entire audience rushed from a theater into the street at the first shock. Many were hurt in the panic, but no one was killed. Shocks have been generally felt throughout the north of Italy.

VIENNA, April 15.—All the clocks in the city stopped at 11:20 o'clock this morning. Persons arriving at the railroad stations report deaths and damage

to property in many towns besides those already mentioned. They say that along the railroad lines they saw thousands camping in the fields. The trains were rocked by the shocks. Some say that the rolling motion was as noticeable as on a ship at sea.

At Trieste the harbor was agitated as if by a storm, and several boats carrying persons to the shipping were capsized. Six persons were drowned. Slight shocks have been felt throughout the day.

Late Canadian News.

Ottawa Ladies' Newspaper Venture a Success—New Site for St. Andrew's Church, Windsor.

Kingston harbor is clear of ice. The formal opening of the Canadian Horse Show at Toronto will take place on Thursday.

The civil service examination usually held in May has been dispensed with for the current year.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Windsor, has chosen a site for its new church at the corner of Victoria avenue and Park street.

The steamer Numidian, which arrived at Halifax on Sunday from Liverpool, brought 70 orphan boys, destined for Western Canada.

Albert Warren, aged 19, serving a term in the Central Prison, died on Monday morning of consumption. He was sent from St. Thomas.

David Wallace, of Walkerton, has identified as his brother the man who was killed on the railway between Guelph and Elora last week.

Jacob Bock, an old and highly esteemed resident of Port Elgin, committed suicide by hanging himself Monday morning while in a state of temporary insanity.

Hamilton Beach is defunct, according to the postoffice directory, and heretofore the whole of the Beach from the Waterworks to the canal will be known to the postoffice as Elsinore Park.

Ex-Ald. Cowanlock, Toronto, has caused a writ to be served on the city of Toronto, in a suit in which he seeks to invalidate the agreement between the corporation and the street railway company.

Gezette: Joseph Valin, district judge of the provisional judicial district of Nipissing, to be a local master, Leonard Lutton, of St. Thomas, M.D., to be an associate coroner for the county of Elgin.

The case of Mrs. Mack, charged with selling bogus 2-cent United States stamps in Hamilton, is to be dropped in that city and prosecuted in Buffalo. The bay at Hamilton is clear of ice, and the Toronto steamers will resume their trips on Saturday.

Mr. Alex. Wilkie, chief bookkeeper and cashier for W. D. Matthews & Co., grain merchants, corner of Front and Scott streets, Hamilton, is reported out of town, and it is rumored that an examination is being made of his books and accounts.

The ladies who published the Ottawa Evening Journal on Saturday cleared \$500 or \$600 by the operation, the money going into the free library fund. The office boy was the only person of the male persuasion who assisted in the production of Saturday's edition.

Mrs. E. McDougall, Nine Mile Creek, P. E. I., was fatally burned on Sunday night. A lamp fell on the stove, burst and set the woman's clothing on fire.

On Monday afternoon John Harvey, messenger for the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, Penbrooke, while on his way to Beatty's sash factory got caught in the belting of the machinery and was killed almost instantly.

Considerable anxiety is caused among the many prominent friends of J. L. Rothley, secretary-treasurer of the Standard Drain Pipe Company, of St. John's, Que., by the latter's continued and mysterious absence. He went to Montreal a week ago last Saturday with some friends, whom he left about 8 in the evening and disappeared. His accounts appear to be all straight.

ANTI-POVERTY SOUP

Works Well in Switzerland—How the Poor Are clothed and Fed.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A report has been received at the Department of State from Consul Eugene German, stationed at Zurich, Switzerland, showing the novel plan by which food and clothing are furnished to poor children in that country.

Public soup houses are established at which workmen as well as poor travelers can obtain food nearly at cost. The price for a portion of soup, enough to feed two persons, is fixed at 2 cents, and a special rate of 1½ cents is made for school children. Children who are too poor to buy inform the teacher immediately, and when the children sit "at the soup," in 1893-94 some 13,190 children were supplied with food and clothing in this way, the cost of supplies being about \$1,400. The results have been good.

A SHIPWRECKED CREW.

LONDON, April 15.—The British bark Indian Chief has arrived at Dover with the crew of the Bremen steamer George, which was sunk by colliding with the Indian Chief in the channel. The steamer's crew were picked up by the bark and safely landed.

TO MAKE BEEF CHEAPER.

WASHINGTON, Ont., April 15.—Dr. Salmon, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, has recommended the admission of Mexican cattle into the United States under stringent regulations, calculated to insure a rigid inspection of all cattle admitted. The suggestion is to be acted upon.

NIAGARA'S BIG DYNAMO.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 15.—For the first time since it was put in the dynamo in the power house was run at its fullest speed. This important event took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the monster machine performed its work with perfect satisfaction. Not a hitch occurred. The machine makes 220 revolutions to the minute.

"Here comes the carriage, Maud! Fancy having to go and pay calls in such weather! It's enough to give one's death of cold! Worst than that, mother! Everybody's sure to be in!"

There are altogether over 112,000,000 women in India.

Easter Flowers.

We will have a very choice collection of plants and cut flowers that will be nice for Easter, namely: Roses Carnations Lily of the Valley, Violets, Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths Spireas and everything in the way of plants suitable for this festive occasion. We make a specialty of church decoration. GREENWAY, florist, 218 Dundas street, Greenhouse, London West.

Cut Down.

The Rate of Taxation Reduced to 20 9-10 Mills on the Dollar.

A Slice of \$15,200 Taken Off the Estimates.

Regular Meeting of the City Council—Street Railway Petitions—Grants to the Various Charities.

The City Council held a regular meeting last night, the length of which was excused by its importance. Ald. J. W. Jones, the finance minister, held the knife which was applied by the council firmly and judiciously to the estimates, until they were whittled down to a tax basis of 20 9-10 mills on the dollar—a rate lower than was expected, in view of the contingencies they had to face.

The cuts came off No. 2 committee (\$5,000), the Board of Education (\$5,500), including the Dominion Day celebration grant, No. 3 committee (\$3,500), and the Free Library Board (\$1,200)—in all, \$15,200.

The council was called to order about 8 o'clock, and communications were taken up.

COMPLAINING OF THE FIRE EQUIPMENT.

R. M. McLean, secretary of the Fire Underwriters' Association, who was expressing satisfaction with the proposed fire equipment improvements, but reminding the council that there were several things yet left undone. The association wanted a second fire department corps appointed and also increased waterworks facilities. Referred to No. 3 committee.

APPLICANTS FOR THE USE OF QUEEN'S PARK were received from Michael Powell, jun., for the Labor Day demonstration on May 9, and from E. Sutton for the Grocers' Picnic on July 24. The first petition was granted if the Fair Board is willing. It is close to the date of the exhibition. The grocers' request was granted.

STREET RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

J. B. McKillop presented a petition signed by the Electric Railway Association, asking that the tracks be laid on Simcoe street where Horton street was named in the agreement. No. 1.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.

Charles R. Tison—Asking that the grant for band concerts be given to the London Musical Society Band. No. 2.

London and Petrolia Barrel Company—For electric lights on Simcoe street, between Adelaide and Rectory streets. No. 3.

Edward Foster, James Campbell, E. J. Bird, Archie Mohr, John Stuart, John J. W. G. A. Fitzsimmons—For position as firemen. No. 3.

Helmuth & Ivey—To repeal the by-law granting exemption to John Watson, but not to take effect this year. No. 3.

John Chevrons—For an electric light corner Marmora and Nelson streets. No. 3.

A number of unimportant communications were referred to the right committee.

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

Chairman Powell presented this report. Several petitions for street watering and a number of unimportant recommendations made. All these clauses passed readily. In the last one the committee stated that if No. 2 committee made a proportionate reduction in their estimates they (No. 3) would also make the following cut in expenses:

Addition to No. 1 fire hall for truck by building only one story. \$1,500

Reduction of hose 500 feet. 450

Fire alarm boxes. 400

Repairs in No. 2 fire hall. 250

Aerial truck. 500

Total reduction. \$3,500

Ald. O'Meara wanted no reduction in the matter of alarm boxes and hose, but wanted the aerial truck and the erection of a building canceled.

The clause was laid over until the consideration of the entire estimates.

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

The report of the board of works, presented by Ald. Wm. Heaman, was brief and business-like. The clause recommending that the city engineer and two members of the committee be sent as a delegation to gather information respecting street pavements was carried.

There was a wrangle over the following clause: "That the tender of Geo. Heaman to furnish a combined water and dump cart for use of the caretaker in Queen's Park for the sum of \$90 be accepted, being the lowest."

Ald. Garratt asked if tenders had been advertised for.

Ald. Heaman said that they had not gone to that delay and expense, but the engineer had secured prices from several builders, and the next lowest was \$150.

Ald. Garratt wanted the clause referred back, but the council voted to pass it.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Ald. Jones presented the report of the finance committee. The clause granting \$100 towards the colored citizens' jubilee was passed. The assessment roll at a cost of \$1,400 was approved. The grant of \$150 to the London Rowing Club for a bridge at the forks was referred to No. 1 with power to ascertain the solicitor's opinion as to the city's responsibility in case of damage to or on the bridge. The petition of P. J. McNe for remission of taxes on a cabman's outfit was granted, and that of A. B. Imrie, for the remission of all expenses incurred in the recent Boys' Brigade, was also granted. J. Pennicott's fine of \$10 for selling cigarettes to minors was not remitted, as the penalty was under a Provincial statute.

THE ESTIMATES.

The report here reached the estimates, clause 11 reading: "Your committee

begs to recommend that the school board and your No. 3 and No. 2 committees be requested to reduce their estimates each by \$5,000 or more, to reduce the rate below 21 mills."

Ald. Jones explained that the school board had already consented to the \$5,000 cut.

Ald. Jones also changed the clause so that No. 3 was asked to make a reduction of only \$3,500. He proposed that the Free Library estimates be reduced by \$1,200 and the School Board an extra \$500 (the demonstration grant). With \$5,000 off No. 2 committee, this would enable them to strike the rate at 20 9-10 mills on the dollar. He thought that No. 2 could make even a second cut of \$5,000. The sidewalks and streets of London were among the best in the country. He thought a great deal of money was wasted in this work. It was not the fault of the committee, but of poor workmanship.

Ald. Parnell vigorously defended No. 2, and compared its estimated expenditures this year with those of last, to the advantage of the present committee. The streets of the city, he claimed, were disgraceful. He thought No. 3 could safely make the cut of \$5,000.

Ald. Jones replied that there was a balance in favor of the board of works last year of \$4,367 compared with this year's estimates.

Ald. O'Meara contended that there was \$6,000 of useless expenditure in No. 3 committee's estimates. They should not be bulldozed by the Underwriters' Association. He moved that No. 3's estimate be reduced by \$5,000. Lost.

Ald. O'Meara then moved that No. 2 and No. 3 reduce in equal amounts, so as to bring the rate to 20 1-2 mills No. 2 second.

THE RATE STRUCK.

The clause of the report as amended by Ald. Jones was then passed.

Ald. Jones then moved that the rate be 20 9-10 mills.

Ald. O'Meara moved that it be reduced to 20 1-2.

Ald. O'Meara's amendment was lost, the mover, Ald. John Heaman, Callahan and Dreaney voting ye.

Ald. Jones' motion fixing the rate at 20 9-10 mills was then carried, the above four, with Ald. Parnell added, voting nay.

In connection with the last clause of the report, Ald. Jones suggested the following grants to the various charities for the year: Women's Christian Association, \$200; Protestant Orphanage, \$200; Mount Hope Orphanage, \$150; Convalescent Home, \$100; Salvation Army Rescue, \$50; Salvation Army Shelter, \$100; Children's Aid Society, \$200—a total of \$1,000.

Ald. Parnell made a strong plea for the Protestant Orphan's Home and a grant of \$400. Ald. Garratt moved that this home get \$300 and the Children's Aid \$100. Both these amendments were lost.

Mr. T. R. Parker, president of the Children's Aid Society, presented its claims vigorously. He pointed out that the society could compel the city to erect a shelter at a cost of \$3,000 or \$4,000, but had endeavored to do without it. They could also compel the city to pay \$1 per week for the maintenance of homeless children, but they had not asked it. They had paid their own expenses. The Protestant Orphan's Home received children from the city free, but charged \$1 a week for outside children. The society had cared for nineteen children and rescued some from degraded parents and, perhaps, future lives of shame.

Ald. O'Meara, seconded by Ald. Callahan, moved that the Protestant Orphan's Home get \$350 and Mount Hope \$200. Carried.

Ald. Callahan moved that the \$150 be taken off the Salvation Army Shelter and Rescue, and divided between the Protestant and Catholic homes.

Adjutant Miller, superintendent of the Salvation Army Shelter, spoke on the good work done by the shelter, and urged the grant.

Ald. Jones suggested the following compromise, which was accepted: Women's Christian Association, \$200; Protestant Orphan's Home, \$350; Mount Hope Orphanage, \$200; Convalescent Home, \$100; Salvation Army Rescue, \$50; Salvation Army Shelter, \$100; Children's Aid Society, \$150—a total of \$1,150.

INQUIRIES.

Ald. Parnell asked when the electric railway agreement would come up.

Ald. Jones—The bylaw is being printed and will be considered as soon as it is ready.

Ald. Powell, replying to Ald. William Heaman, said the report on the market bazars would be ready shortly.

THE STREET WATERING INSPECTOR.

Under the head of motions, Ald. Wm. Heaman moved that Mr. A. Isaacs be appointed street watering inspector the same as last year.

Ald. Powell objected, and said an inspector was not required.

Ald. Heaman—The very man who is ordering Isaacs away has another man to put in his place. No. 3 has picked out James Grant for it.

Ald. Powell denied the charge. He thought the work should be done in the engineer's office.

The motion to reappoint Mr. Isaacs carried 10 to 7.

Ald. Armstrong—That the assessment commissioner prepare a report on the value of all exempt properties and salaries in the city. Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Ald. O'Meara—That the grant in aid of the London Rowing Club's bridge be reconsidered.

Ald. Brener—That at the next assessment the assessors place a value on all property exempt from taxation.

The council adjourned at 12:05 a.m. All the members were present, Mayor Little in the chair.

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KINGS COUNTY, N. S. LIBERALS.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 15.—Dr. B. F. Borden, M.P., was today chosen by the Liberals in convention as their candidate for the Dominion Commons in Kings county.

THE OIL SPURT.

OIL CITY, Pa., April 15.—The ruling price for oil was marked up again today 25 cents, opening at \$2. At the exchange the market opened at \$2 25; highest, \$2 35; lowest, \$2 13; closed \$2 35, sales and bid.

ANOTHER "JACK THE RIPPER."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—This city is shocked at the second murder of a young woman in the Emmanuel Baptist Church. On Friday he mutilated remains of Minnie Williams were found in the minister's room, and yesterday morning the body of Blanche Lamont was found in a small room in the steeple. The two girls had been friends. Theodore Durant, a young student, who was last seen with Miss Lamont near the church, is suspected, and has been arrested. The bodies were mutilated.

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