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BY FLOOD AND STORM

Half of the Town of Chippewa Falls, Under Water, Which is Still Rising.

The Farmers Along the River Banks are Driven From Their Homes.

Texas and New York Suffering From Severe Snow and Windstorms.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 1.—The situation at Chippewa Falls is growing more serious every instant. A mammoth ice gorge has formed six miles down the river and backed into the city. An immense volume of water is coming from above, spreading over each side and inundating large portions of the town. To-day every merchant in the city is moving to places of safety. Water has filled the basement of business blocks almost the entire length of Bridge street and before evening it is expected the water will reach the court house, eight blocks from the river. There is great excitement. About fifty families on the south side were forced to leave their homes. They will be in want of relief in the immediate future. Some of the families have taken refuge in empty huts and are without food or warmth. Bridge Superintendent Callaghan, of the Central, was instructed to blast out the gorge, but he would not undertake the task. He said all the dynamite manufactory cannot budge it. It seems that all that can be done is to sit with hands down and watch the approach of the flood. The water this morning began to rise at the rate of a foot an hour. It looks as though the entire town will be inundated.

Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 1.—Owing to the flood there is a total suspension of railway traffic on the Washburn and Durand branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. Great damage has been done to farms along the Chippewa river. The farmers' families escaped to the railway track from the rising water and were rescued by train men. A great ice gorge, three miles long from Eau Claire and Durand, is extending for miles and cannot be broken. Unless it should give way no great damage is to be expected.

Fort Stevens, Wis., Dec. 1.—The water in the Wisconsin river at this point to-day is the highest it ever has in the history of the city. The two miles in the flooded districts had to carry all their goods into the upper stories. A dyke was built a number of years ago for the protection of a large part of the residence portion of the city, but this is in bad condition and threatens hundreds of families.

Poppa, Wis., Dec. 1.—Floods in the Chippewa bottoms are increasing in fury. The Chicago, Milwaukee & Chippewa Valley road is badly washed out, and covered with trees, logs and ice masses for miles. There will be no traffic for a week or ten days. The bridge over Smith slough on the Chicago, Burlington & Northern railroad is unsafe. A work train and a big crew of men are at work to-day on it. There are jams of logs and ice at Chippewa, at the Burlington bridge, at Chippewa Valley bridge and at the roads and landing at the head of West Newton's slough, about Alma. The water is at a standstill, but more trouble is feared unless the jams break. There are millions of feet of logs and forty crabs of lumber in the jams. All the hay in the meadows is lost and considerable stock is gone. Five families were rescued from upper stories and roofs in the flooded districts yesterday.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 1.—Dispatches from various points in Southern and Western Texas indicate that a severe storm, combined with a sleet and snow storm, has prevailed throughout the northern half of the State. Heavy snow fell to the depth of several inches west of there. Three inches of snow fell in Eagle Pass. This is unprecedented in that section of the country.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Dispatches from Northern New York show that a heavy snow storm prevailed throughout that section with freezing winds. At Mannsville, Jefferson county, snow has fallen to a depth of nearly two feet since Sunday night. At Oatridge the thermometer is nine degrees above zero.

FRIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

Twenty-Six Cars Scattered Along the Track.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 1.—A freight train of thirty cars, loaded with timber shingles, going west, got beyond control near the East Mullen tunnel on the Northern Pacific road, yesterday evening. Twenty-six cars were scattered along for a distance of eight miles, where the engine left the track. Edward Jarbeau, the head brakeman, was thrown down an embankment with several cars and killed. Fireman Young jumped and received a broken collar broken and he also received other injuries. Engineer John Flynn's leg was broken and he also received other injuries. Conductor John McBean's thigh was broken, his back wrenched and shoulder thrown out of joint. It was the worst wreck ever known to the Northern Pacific railway in point of damage to the track and rolling stock.

HIS FIFTH TERM.

President Diaz Again Entrusted With Mexico's Affairs.

City of Mexico, Dec. 1.—General Diaz will take the oath of office to-day as president of the republic for the fifth consecutive term. The ceremony will be witnessed by a brilliant assembly of foreign diplomats and distinguished people. President Diaz is in robust health and his programme for the ensuing four years is substantially the same as the policy he has pursued during this term. He will, if he lives, show at the end of his term, which concludes the century, several railways crossing Mexico from sea to sea, gigantic fort works and hundreds of new factories. The government will stick to the silver standard, it being, in the opinion of the administration the best adapted to Mexico and affording at the present rate of exchange an immense protection to home industry, while at the same time securing its exports of gold at a premium, which operates as a bounty to the tropical planters. It is believed General Diaz will go around the world during the coming year as the affairs of Mexico are in a prosperous condition.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES.

The Mail Thinks That Premier Laurier Should be Knighted.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—Lawyer John Shelton and Surveyor Johnson, of Toronto, who were supposed to have been frozen to death in the Seine river district, are safe. Mr. Vaughan arrived in the city today and states that the two men were seen by Indians three or four days ago.

There is no truth in the reported death of immigrants at Edmonton from small-pox.

A man named Anderson, in charge of a train load of cattle reaching here on Wednesday evening, has been missing since and it is feared perished in the snow storm of Thursday.

Anthony Craddock's residence at Portage la Prairie was gutted by fire to-day.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—The Mail editorially approves of the suggestion that Premier Laurier should be knighted.

The Mail's Ottawa correspondent says: "It is as good as settled that Hon. David Mills will succeed Sir Donald A. Smith as High Commissioner in London, as soon as the questions now under discussion have been disposed of."

Arthur Tomates was charged at the police court to-day with challenging Robert Berrier to fight a duel with pistols. Both are Cuban cigar makers. The challenge arose out of an assault for which Berrier was fined \$2.

The World's Montreal correspondent says a story reaches ecclesiastical circles that the Earl of Drollet is to be made a Knight of St. Gregory.

Quebec, Nov. 30.—A married woman named Gagnon is dead at Levis as the result of drinking some acid used by her husband for finishing marble work in mistake for medicine. She had been married only three months.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—The body of a man named Boncher, of Malone, N.Y., was found on the St. L. & A. tracks near Huntington, Que., this morning. He had evidently been stealing a ride on a freight train, and falling off had been killed.

Windsor, Nov. 30.—The unusual spectacle of a mayor standing in the prisoner's dock at the police court like a common felon was witnessed to-day, when Mayor D. W. Mason stood up to answer to a charge of having assaulted Alderman Sheppard on Tuesday night. He was fined \$100 and sent to prison for twenty days' imprisonment at hard labor.

BRITAIN'S DONATION.

London, Nov. 30.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon in an editorial thanking the city of Glasgow for its early subscription for relief of Armenians and announcing that another ap- proach for £100,000 will shortly be made by Mr. Gladstone and the Duke of Argyll, concludes: "It is only right to add that the unceasing exertions of Sir Philip Cunliffe, British Ambassador at Constantinople, and his consular staff, have alone enabled the American missionaries to pursue their labors of mercy unimpeded."

A BIG CONTRACT.

Twenty-Five Million for a Hudson River Bridge.

New York, Dec. 1.—Secretary Swan of the New York and New Jersey Bridge Company said to-day: "The New York and New Jersey construction company have to-day made a contract with the Union Bridge company of this city for the building of a bridge over the Hudson river, the cost not to exceed \$25,000,000. The Union Bridge company agrees to give bonds of \$10,000,000 for the faithful performance of the contract. We will soon be ready to offer financiers' bonds for the construction of a bridge over the Hudson river, approaches thereto and stations."

RATES GO UP.

Combination Formed by Atlantic Steamship Companies.

London, Nov. 30.—The American line steamship company has issued a circular list of the revised rates of fare of that company. The winter rates are not altered. The summer rates will be advanced from £17 to £20, children half fare, and the age limit is reduced from 12 to 3 years. Reductions on general tickets are discontinued. The other trans-Atlantic companies will adopt the same rates and regulations.

New York, Nov. 30.—To-morrow the agreement entered into last month in London by all the great trans-Atlantic steamship companies goes into effect, and as a consequence rates will be advanced from £10 to £15 in the next 24 hours. All the lines are parties to the contract and advance in rates, the abolition of commissions paid to agencies and the lengthening of summer season helps to divide an extra million dollars or two between them. In past years the summer season included only May, June and July; but now it is proposed to extend it so as to include April, May, August and September. When the 40 per cent reduction allowed to passengers buying excursion tickets is abolished it was formerly possible for a passenger to buy an excursion ticket to Europe on American lines for \$120. Now the lowest rate obtainable is \$150.

A WORD FOR CANADA.

The Dominion Has Been Neglected by the Government, Says the St. James Gazette.

Mr. Chamberlain Has Made Many Promises, but "What Has He Done?"

Berlin Workmen Pledge Their Support to the Hamburg Strikers.

London, Dec. 1.—The St. James Gazette to-day devotes a leading editorial to the discussion of Canadian interests as affected by the prospects of tariff revision in the United States, and urges the government to do something for Canada, which, it says, is infinitely more important than Guiana and South Africa. Continuing, the St. James Gazette says: "It would be well before it is too late for the government and parliament to consider whether the Dominion receives the attention it deserves. The consolidation of the Empire is an absolute necessity, yet nothing is doing to accomplish what Mr. Chamberlain long ago promised. What has he done? and what is he going to do for Canada?" Continuing, the St. James Gazette points out Canada's temptations and refers to the alleged boast of the Anglo-phobe American papers that she has no chance even of a customs union until Canada joins the United States.

TROUBLE IN INDIA

Is Drawing to a Close, the Conditions Having Improved.

Some Questions Regarding Secret Treaties to be Asked in Hungarian Diet.

London, Dec. 2.—A Times dispatch from Calcutta says: It was thought in some quarters that the viceroy's recent speeches betrayed unwarranted optimism regarding the famine outlook; but the impression is growing that he was right. Indications exist of the formation of another cold weather storm at Baluchistan. If this moves eastward, which usually happens, further rain may fall in the Punjab and in the north-western provinces. Prices have begun to fall in most provinces, though they are still much above the normal. Agricultural operations in Madras and Bombay are proceeding actively. The rainfall has been abundant in nearly all the districts and the difficulty of obtaining fodder for plough cattle has been reduced to a minimum.

In the lower house of the Hungarian diet to-day Herr Polony gave notice of the following interpellation: "Why was there no mention of the foreign situation in the speech from the throne? Has the Premier any knowledge of the existence of a treaty between Germany and Russia up to 1890? Are there indications pointing to a disturbance of peace? Was the treaty communicated to the foreign office? Why did the government not submit the treaty to the house? Does the government consider the treaty permissible in view of the Austro-German alliance, and has the government obtained assurance that Germany has not concluded a similar treaty with Russia since 1890?"

A Brussels dispatch says: "The Count of Flanders, the brother of King Leopold, and his son, Prince Albert, were the objects of a hostile demonstration on their arrival yesterday at Dolhain, on the German frontier, where they went on a shooting tour. The peasants of the neighborhood objected to Prussian beaters accompanying the royal party and some lively exhibitions of popular disapproval followed."

Charles Cushman, the only brother of the late Charlotte Cushman, the great American actress and dramatic leader, died on Monday, 78 years of age.

An Alexandrian dispatch says: "The court of appeals today issued a decision in the famous case of the Caisse Egyptienne de Depot, the Government and condemned the latter to repay the funds advanced by the Caisse for the purpose of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola."

Sir John Monson, the newly appointed British ambassador to succeed the Marquis of Dufferin, and who was formerly the British ambassador at Vienna, has arrived at Paris.

The subscription for the second portion of the Spanish internal loan exceeded 345,000,000 piestres.

A dispatch received here from Woodstock announces that fire has broken out in the palace of Blenheim. The flames were first discovered in the saloon.

The Evening Dispatch published a dispatch from Madrid saying that in spite of official denials persistent rumors are circulating in the Spanish capital of the expectation of a cabinet crisis.

The minister of foreign affairs, Baron Von Biebertstein, replying to-day in the Reichstag to the criticism of Count Von Helfferich, Agrarian leader, said the official statistics showed that the balance of trade against Germany had been considerably reduced since the conclusion of recent commercial treaties.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Mr. G. L. King to be Given Mr. McClellan's Seat in the Senate.

Ottawa, Dec. 1. (Special).—J. G. McGee, clerk of the privy council, leaves to-night or to-morrow for New Brunswick to swear in Senator McClellan as Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.

George L. King, who was elected for Ontario, but who retired for Hon. Mr. Blair, will succeed Mr. McClellan in the senate.

Hon. Messrs. Foster and Caron are in Cornwall fighting in the campaign.

Hon. Mr. Tarte returned home last night. He is delighted with his trip to the west. He has been away about six weeks.

J. Clarke, clerk of the works at Regina, has been dismissed by Mr. Tarte.

The report that Hon. Mr. Smart, of Brandon, is to succeed Mr. Burgess as deputy minister of the interior is denied.

A number of useless temporary employees of the railways, postoffice and agriculture departments have been laid off.

The finance department has run out of new one-dollar bills, hence the dirty ones at present in circulation cannot be called in. It will be a month before a supply of new ones will be available.

Two lads named Clarke and Paton were drowned in the Rideau canal while skating to-day. A zealous effort was made by a companion to rescue them.

AT IT AGAIN.

Conservatives Trying to Keep the School Question in Politics.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—A big meeting is to be held here on Wednesday, when the first gun of the anti-school settlement campaign will be fired. The rally will be held under the auspices of the Club Cartier, the Conservative organization, and the chief speakers will be Sir Adolphe Paton (Conservative), Mr. Bergeron, M.P. (Conservative), Mr. Monk M.P. (Conservative), Mr. Dupont M.P. (Conservative), and Hon. Joseph Royal (Conservative). Similar meetings will be held throughout the province by the Conservative clubs.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—At vesper in St. Mary's church last evening, Archbishop Langevin preached to a large congregation, including many Protestants, a sermon on the school question. The Archbishop spoke along the same lines as at St. Boniface the previous Sunday, repudiating the school settlement as unjust to his people, and appealing to Catholics to make further sacrifices for their schools. Father Obermeyer, of the church of the Immaculate Conception, addressed his congregation on the same subject and in the same strain.

WHITE WANTS A SEAT

Mr. Hodgins, M. P. for Carleton Asked to Resign in Favor of the Ex-Speaker.

Report That Speaker Edgar is to be Made Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Discussion as to Whether or not Mr. Laurier Will Accept Knighthood.

Ottawa, Dec. 2. (Special).—An effort is being made by the opposition to get Mr. Hodgins to retire from the representation of Carleton county in the commons to give a seat to Ex-Speaker White, so as to strengthen their forces. Mr. White is also very anxious to return to political life.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—It is learned on reliable authority that Speaker J. D. Edgar will be the next lieutenant-governor of Ontario. Lieut.-Gov. Kirkpatrick's term expires next week.

Will Hon. Wilfrid Laurier accept a knighthood? That is the question that is now interesting politicians. Several of his colleagues, it is said, are urging him not to accept, while others say that the refusal would be boorish in the extreme. The slurs of a lack of loyalty and of a feuding antagonistic to Great Britain, which have been thrown at the Liberal party, would be answered by Laurier's acceptance. The chances are that after New Year's Day it will be "Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

Some anxiety is felt regarding Surveyor Ogilvie's long delay in reaching Chippewa from Alaska through the route which he undertook to explore to the coast. Last year he had to turn back, finding some twelve feet of snow and unmeasurable cold against him. Word of his arrival is daily awaited.

The controller of inland revenue has notified the Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance of a decision in favor of the petition for the closing of a brewery at Nepeawa by withholding the Dominion license. Hon. Mr. Joly has decided not only to refuse to renew the license but also to decline in future to grant brewery licenses in any local option town.

The high commissioner has sent a report regarding valuable information regarding shipments of poultry to England.

Dr. McPhail, professor of bacteriology at Bishop's college, has been authorized by the minister of marine and fisheries to proceed to England to complete his researches in the famous pathological laboratory of London in regard to the matter of the blackening of lobsters. Mr. Davies is satisfied with Dr. McPhail's discovery as to the causes of the blackening, and his country before announcing it to the public has thought it well to encourage Dr. McPhail to further prosecute his researches.

Application has been made to the department of marine and fisheries for a permit to enjoy the confidence of Emperor William and Prince Hohenzollern, and Baron von Biebertstein, the ex-chief of police. They are credited with bringing about the downfall of General Von Caprivi, the predecessor of the present imperial chancellor. They are also charged with being the instigators of the press war waged for a year past against Prince Hohenzollern, chancellor, and Baron Mareschal von Biebertstein, minister of foreign affairs. This charge has heretofore been supported to enjoy the confidence of Emperor William and Prince Hohenzollern, and Baron von Biebertstein, the ex-chief of police. They are credited with bringing about the downfall of General Von Caprivi, the predecessor of the present imperial chancellor. They are also charged with being the instigators of the press war waged for a year past against Prince Hohenzollern, chancellor, and Baron Mareschal von Biebertstein, minister of foreign affairs.

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SALISBURY INTERESTED.

In the case of the Beattys Arrested at Havana.

London, Dec. 2.—The Manchester Guardian says to-day: "Lord Salisbury, prime minister and secretary of state for foreign affairs, will make a very strong representation to the Spanish government with reference to the detention in Cuba by the authorities of Richard and John Beatty, residents of British Columbia, who were recently arrested at Havana, being in some way connected with the Cuban revolution."

ANOTHER MILLIONAIRE'S WILL.

Causes a Contest Which is Likely to Be Long Winded.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—A contest over the estate of the late Jacob Z. Davis, valued at \$3,000,000, was commenced to-day. The contestants are a niece and a nephew residing in the east. Davis left all his estate to two nieces of his wife. The contest has developed the fact that Davis was not the true name of the dead millionaire.

He changed his name from Dediker to Davis, because, as the contestants allege, he was an apprentice when he ran away to California, and changed his name to avoid legal proceedings.

GERMAN SENSATION

Journalists on Trial for Criticizing the Emperor's Speech.

High Officials Will Give Evidence and Probably Expose a Plot.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The trial of Herr Leckert, Baron von Lutetow, Herr Floetz, Herr Burger and Herr Foelner, journalists, charged with libelling Count Von Eulenberg, Baron Mareschal von Biebertstein and Prince Alexander von Hohenlohe, commenced to-day. The case arises from a two-fold version of the Czar's and Emperor William's toast at Breslau and the alleged libel contained in comments on the modified official version of the toast and assenting to the publication of the first version, which the critics construed as being unfriendly to Germany and due to the irresponsibility of the government and English influence. Herr Leckert refuses to divulge the name of the person who gave him the information on which he based his criticism, but it is believed to be a Berlin officer. The trial is causing a sensation among political men, as it is expected to reveal the working of the court circle, which is dominated by the foreign minister of the interior, Count Botho von Eulenberg, the latter's cousin and Rightshoff, the ex-chief of police. They are credited with bringing about the downfall of General Von Caprivi, the predecessor of the present imperial chancellor. They are also charged with being the instigators of the press war waged for a year past against Prince Hohenzollern, chancellor, and Baron Mareschal von Biebertstein, minister of foreign affairs.

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TORY ELECTION METHODS.

Exemption From Timber Dues as Payment for Indian Votes.

Southampton, Dec. 1.—The North Prince election trial was continued to-day. Several Indians living on the Indian reservation testified having received an offer of money, or to have received extra timber and exemptions from dues on condition that they would vote for Mr. McNeill, the Conservative candidate. John Crow, Indian agent, de- clared having taken any part in the election either on behalf of Mr. McNeill or any other candidate.

Southampton, Dec. 2.—The petition against the election of McNeill as a member of parliament for North Bruce was dismissed when the court met this morning by the consent of counsel. A cross-petition against Dr. Bonnar was also dismissed. No order as to costs was made in either instance. In the former trial Mall Clerk Dundas admitted giving \$20 to Charles Scott who loaned it to his brother to be spent in corrupting electors. The money was paid to the voters and part of it was spent in the polling booth. The charges, however, were dismissed, the judges holding that the agency was not proven.

CANADIANS IN LONDON.

Annual Dinner of the Canada Club This Evening.

London, Dec. 2.—The annual dinner of the Algonquin Club took place at the Albion Tavern this evening. Sixty guests were present and Sir Donald Smith, high commissioner, presided. The principal guests were Lord Selbourn, Lord Litchfield, Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian members of the Pacific Cable Commission, Mr. Richard Dobell, the Lieut-Governor of Ontario, Mr. George A. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Angers, former minister of agriculture, and Mr. Jones. There were the usual toasts and speeches.

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