

The Evening Times

LAST EDITION

THE WEATHER

Fresh to strong northwest winds, tonight becoming colder with snow flurries. Friday, northwest winds, fair and decidedly cold.

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ONE CENT

HORDES OF DISEASE GERMS HOVERING OVER LANSING

Epidemic of Strange Malady in Michigan Town Ascribed to "Flight of Bacilli Over the City" - Serious Conditions Were Prevalent Yesterday.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 9.—A special to the Free Press from Lansing, Mich., says: Whether from the flight of bacilli over the city, from deleterious matter in the city water, or from some other unknown cause, Lansing was seized by a strange malady some time during Tuesday night, Saturday being suddenly stricken with extreme nausea, accompanied by acute intestinal troubles. From midnight until morning all were suffering from the forenoon on for physicians were incessant. Whole families were stricken. Two boys were found lying in the street, too ill to make further progress. The disease, which most physicians attribute to atmospheric conditions, yielded readily to treatment. Fifteen city teachers and hundreds of pupils were absent from school. All the stores were short of help. Secretary Schumway, of the state board of health, expecting that something was wrong with the city water supply, took steps to have it analyzed, but it was not completed today. It was learned later that outside of the water works zone the disease was quite as prevalent. Among several old and feeble or very young persons serious conditions have developed, but the management, thus throwing from consequence of the strange epidemic.

THROWN OUT OF WORK BY STRIKE

Five Hundred Laborers in Michigan Central Tunnel Will Work no More This Winter.

WINDSOR, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Because 18 or 20 derick engineers struck yesterday, 500 men employed in the Michigan Central tunnel will be thrown out of work for the remainder of the winter. The men declare their wages have been cut from 30 cents an hour, and they will not resume work until the old schedule of wages is restored.

EMPRESS WILL TAKE 1,000 AWAY

Empress of Britain Tomorrow Will Have 1,000 Passengers for Liverpool via Halifax.

The royal mail steamer Empress of Britain, which sails tomorrow for Liverpool via Halifax will take away approximately 1,000 passengers. There will be about 80 saloon, 120 second cabin and 800 steerage passengers. It is expected the steamer will get away about 6.30 p. m. A large number of the passengers are already in the city and the balance will arrive tomorrow on the regular Montreal train and one or two specials. The overseas mail and passengers will go on the Empress of Britain.

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH

William S. Sheehan's Body Found Floating in Halifax Harbor.

HALIFAX, Jan. 9.—(Special)—William S. Sheehan was around town last evening with friends and the balance of his body was floating in the harbor. He was a cooper by trade, aged forty-two years, unmarried. He no doubt, wandered down a wharf and fell overboard.

THEY PROBABLY ESCAPED

Nothing has as yet been heard here of any disaster to St. John vessels as a result of yesterday's storm.

YOUNG PEOPLES ASSEMBLY

In Keith Rooms Tonight The young people's assembly held the second of their series of dances tonight at Keith's assembly rooms. The rooms have been prettily furnished and Harrison's orchestra will supply music. The chairman are Mesdames W. Malcolm Mackay, L. R. Harrison, George E. Smith, Geo. West Jones, J. Douglas Hazen, and H. B. Schofield.

POLICE COURT

Only two cases were recorded on the docket sheet at the police court this morning. Felix Holland, who took French leave of the chain gang, and was captured by the west end police, yesterday afternoon, and placed in jail on a charge of escaping from custody was remanded.

DIED OF PARALYSIS

WELLESLEY, Mass., Jan. 9.—Frederick L. Cutting, for ten years insurance commissioner of Massachusetts, died of paralysis at his home in Wellesley Hills last night, aged 66.

DIED OF PARALYSIS

Frederick Day aged 34, and Ira Day, aged 21, were this morning placed under arrest by C. P. R. Policemen Joseph Walsh, on suspicion of stealing grain from the C. P. R. cars at Sand Point, and they are now lodged in the cells at the central police station.

DIED OF PARALYSIS

There is but little change in the condition of George V. McInerney today, save for the fact that he is rather weaker than he was yesterday.

CROWN CASE FINISHED IN THE DAVID TRIAL

Rapid Progress Made This Morning and Solicitor-General Jones Rested His Case At Noon, With Permission To Call One Witness Later.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 9.—(Special)—Rapid progress was made with the crown's case in the David murder trial here this morning. Three witnesses for the crown were examined and at twelve o'clock Solicitor-General Jones announced that he would rest his case reserving the right to call Dr. Griffin of Woodstock later.

THE YORK LOAN CASE

Argument on the Status of Class C Shareholders Was Concluded Yesterday.

TORONTO, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Conclusion of the argument on the status of Class C shareholders of the York Loan was adjourned sine die yesterday afternoon. This afternoon the official referee will hear the argument on the claims of borrowing shareholders.

SEARCHING FOR 'BLACK-HANDERS'

Cleveland Said To Be a Centre of So-called Black Hand Operations.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 9.—That Cleveland is a centre of so-called "black hand" operations is the declaration made last night by 18 detectives from several important cities in the United States now here searching the city for members of that organization. Chief Phillips, of Baltimore, who is in charge of the operation, John Scialata, wanted in Baltimore on a charge of dynamiting, has seven men with him, and officers from Buffalo, Syracuse, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, New York, and Wheeling, are assisting the Baltimore official. The wholesale manufacturer of explosives, it is learned, has been conducted in Cleveland by Black-hand men. The police claim to have received information showing that several hundred dangerous Italians have lately found asylum here. Throughout the secret service, it is said, it is learned that letters demanding large sums of money have been received by local wealthy Italians. Arrests are expected within a few days.

HE WANTED A BATH

Moncton Lunatic Chases Woman Out of Her Own Home and Takes Possession of Her Bathroom.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 9.—(Special)—Lottie Gould, evidently insane, took possession of Ezra Taylor's house here this morning, chasing out Mrs. Taylor, and proceeding to take a bath. Later he left showing that several hundred dangerous Italians have lately found asylum here. Throughout the secret service, it is said, it is learned that letters demanding large sums of money have been received by local wealthy Italians. Arrests are expected within a few days.

EXCHEQUER COURT GRANTS \$

Peter Ryan and Wife Damages to This Amount.

SUSSEX, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Word was received here by wire this morning from Ottawa, that the exchequer court had given a verdict in favor of S. Peter Ryan and wife, plaintiffs in an action against the I. C. R. The court awarded the petitioners \$800 damages and costs. The action was brought on account of injuries received by Mrs. Ryan while alighting from a car at Norton in the summer of 1905. Fowler and Jonah supplanted the action.

NEW BRIDGE OVER REVERSING FALLS

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The question of re-building the suspension bridge over the St. John falls was discussed by the government this morning. It was decided to have plans prepared for a suspension bridge, a cantilever bridge and an arch bridge, together with an estimate of the cost of each, and adopt whichever was believed to be the most suitable.

WAGB DISPUTE CLOSES SHIPBUILDING YARDS

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 9.—(Special)—According to a report received at the labor temple here, the shipbuilding yard at Collingwood is closed down owing to a dispute as to wages. The report states that the Collingwood Shipbuilding company on Monday last proposed a reduction of about 15 per cent on the wages of 142 employees, mostly riveters, boiler plate workers, and other workers generally. The men refused to accept the reduction and struck, and the next day the works were closed down by the management, thus throwing from three hundred to three hundred and fifty men out of work. An effort is being made to settle the dispute.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the annual meeting of the St. John Iron and Hardware Association, which was held in their rooms on Monday evening January 6, the following officers were elected for the present year:

President, W. S. Fisher; vice-president, M. F. Irwin; secretary-treasurer, Fred C. Owens; directors, W. H. Thorne, Thomas McArthur and M. E. Agar.

GOVT ENGINEER HERE

U. Valliquet, assistant engineer of the public works department, Ottawa, arrives in the city on the Atlantic express today. It is understood that Mr. Valliquet is here for the purpose of looking into the question of the government building the extension to the South Rodney wharf, as asked for by the recent civic delegation to Ottawa.

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night. Windfalls are much appreciated this season. Every little bit helps. It is now certain that the elections will be held before the session unless the session is postponed. The Premier is quite emphatic on this point this morning.

A LARGE "CHASER"

SUSSEX, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The large quantity of confiscated liquor recently poured into the creek had a serious effect upon the usually placid stream. It has overflowed its banks, thrown great cakes of ice promiscuously over the meadows, and compelled the people to wade when they walked about the streets. The Scott Act inspector says he expects something of the sort from the quality of the "booze" usually disposed of in this town, but he had no idea so large a "chaser" would be required.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE FROM STORMS IN THE FAR EAST

Hundreds of Crafts Wrecked, More Than One Thousand Buildings Flooded and Many People Drowned—Big Industry For Hamilton—A Fast Line Project.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 9.—(Special)—News of storms in the far east in which many lives were lost was brought by the steamer Tremont, which arrived here yesterday. Nine steamers were stranded on the Hokkaido coast and lost. The Hoshi went down with twenty men, but the crews of other vessels were saved. Forty sailing craft were lost with many men. From Sapporo news was received that 688 fishing boats were wrecked and more than one thousand buildings were flooded, many people being drowned. The American schooner Dolores, from Yokohama for Guaymas, with coal, founded in the storm, her crew being saved.

SIX MEN NOW IN JURY BOX

Half of the Complement Secured in Thaw Trial—Another 100 Talesmen Were Summoned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—With half of the jury that will try Harry K. Thaw on a charge of murdering Stanford White secured, the trial was resumed this morning with 100 extra talesmen summoned. Out of this number and another 100 or ordered to report tomorrow morning, an attempt will be made to secure the other six jurors necessary for the trial. There are still plenty of preemptory challenges to both sides and it is even possible that some of the men who have been sworn in as jury may be excused before the actual hearing of evidence begins. The venire having been exhausted there was no eight session last night. Both District Attorney Jerome and Mr. Littleton, Thaw's chief counsel are doing all consistent with their duty to carry out justice. Dwellings in the city are being conducted rapidly. The defense has so far used eleven of its thirty preemptory challenges and the prosecution which has the same number has used but eight. That many more will be used seems probable. When court opened this morning there were three men in the box in addition to the six sworn jurors who had been subject for cause but who are still passed to preemptory challenge.

MACBETH CASE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Suit of Allan R. MacBeth Against Eastern S. S. Company Resumed This Morning

The circuit court case of Allan R. MacBeth against the Eastern Steamship Company to recover \$5,000 damages for injuries received aboard the defendant company's steamer St. Croix in July 1906, was resumed in the court house at ten o'clock this morning, before Mr. Justice Landry.

WOULD CHANGE NAME OF I. C. R.

Charlottetown Board of Trade Would Call It the Interprovincial Railway.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 9.—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the Charlottetown board of trade last night, a resolution was passed supporting the petition recently moved by J. J. Hughes, M. P., at Ottawa, re changing the name of the I. C. R. to the Interprovincial Railway and asking that the ferry service across the straits, winter and summer, be owned and managed by the railway department.

SOME CLASS TO THIS SPEEDING

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Fourteen days and a few hours from Tokio and Ottawa is a record which has never yet been equalled. When Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Canada's envoy to Japan left the Ottawa about midnight by overseas limousine, he was accompanied by his wife, Mr. Lemieux left Tokio the day after Christmas. He will be in Ottawa in good time to take his seat in the house of commons tomorrow and if need be to make a full statement of what he has accomplished. However, it will be necessary for him to report first to his colleagues and afterwards to the house.

TO SEE THE BEST IN THE OLD WORLD

MONTREAL, Jan. 9.—(Special)—George W. Stephens, chairman of the Montreal board of harbor commissioners, accompanied by E. W. Cowie, harbor engineer, leave for St. John, N. B. this evening when they will sail for Europe on a trip which will extend until May, during the absence of Mr. Stephens. The board of harbor commissioners will have visited practically every European port of importance for the purpose of inspecting their facilities with a view to introducing the best of them in the equipment of the port of Montreal.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Ivy May Cunningham took place this afternoon from her father's residence, 47 Douglas avenue. Service was conducted by Rev. P. McKim, and interment was in Fernhill.

COURT WYGOODY I. O. F.

Last evening P. H. C. R. D. G. Lingley, assisted by E. J. Todd as high marshal and a guard of honor of Royal Foresters, installed the following officers in Compensation Court Wygoody:—C. R. Mrs. E. L. Belyea; P. C. R. Mrs. I. G. Willis; V. G. R. Mrs. G. G. Melvin; R. S. Mrs. R. J. Powers; F. S. Mrs. J. G. Zeffner; Treas. S. W. Mrs. Perry; Ora. Mrs. J. Patrin; S. W. Mrs. E. J. Ally; J. W. Mrs. A. L. Lemon; S. B. Mrs. M. Henderson; J. B. Mrs. J. G. Cox; Trustee, Mrs. Henderson; Mrs. Reed; M. Com. Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Leonard. After the initiation and installation ceremonies were completed speeches were made by the installing officers and chief guard and refreshments were served to the large number of visitors present.

TO BE APPOINTED JUDGE

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—(Special)—Catherine Lebow, K. C., who represented the province of Quebec before the insurance commission, is to be appointed circuit court judge in Montreal in succession to the late Judge Champagne.

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The Bank of Montreal clerks have challenged the clerks of the Bank of New Brunswick to a game of hockey in the Glacier rink to be played on Saturday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock.