

THRILLING STORY OF HARDSHIP IN DELIVERING NORTHERN MAIL

Two Young Brothers Reach Fort Vermilion After a Terrible Trip.

FEET OF DOGS FREEZE AND TRAVEL IS IMPEDED

Older Brother Saves Life of Younger when both are Badly Frozen.

Bulletin Special.

Peace River Crossing, Feb. 17.—Through the freezing of the feet of the dogs in the train which left here with the mail for Fort Vermilion on January 22, the delivery of mail to its destination was delayed nearly two weeks and the lives of the two young men, brothers of 17 and 20 years of age, who had charge, gravely imperiled. With the arrival here last night of the mail from Fort Vermilion, the story of the hardships suffered by the two boys on the trip to the far northern post and the life of the younger was saved by the elder, became known.

The mail left here on January 22 in charge of the two brothers. They were equipped with a good dog team and carried 800 pounds of mail. When about 100 miles out they were overtaken by the severe cold weather of January. After passing the Battle river the cold became so intense that the dogs' feet began to freeze and travel became slow. Dog food and provisions were running short, so that when fully 30 miles from their next supply cache the young men were entirely out of provisions. The younger of the two brothers volunteered to strike ahead, get the provisions, and return to meet the outfit. This he did. He made the cache all right, but on the return journey, not meeting his brother as soon as he had expected, he was compelled to camp out at night.

Hands and Feet Frozen. Having no axe or blanket with him his hands and feet were badly frozen. He managed to start a fire with what small sticks he could break over his knee. Putting in the night, however, as the weather had become so cold that the fire would not burn, he struck out next morning and travelled until he met his brother with the mail. The younger brother's feet became so painful that the elder was compelled to unload four sacks of mail and place him on the dog sled. This he did, notwithstanding the fact that his own feet and hands had been badly frozen. On the 23rd of the month, after being 21 days on the trip, the brothers reached Vermilion.

Father Takes Return Trip. The father of the two boys who is the regular courier, started on the return trip to this place with another son on February 1st, and arrived here last night, sixteen days overdue with only two dogs left of his train, the others having dropped by the way. They had no food for the dogs or themselves for two days before reaching this place.

The courier reports that when within 15 miles of this place they had come across evidence of a struggle to the death between a pack of wolves and a bear in his winter quarters on the bank of the river and he succeeded in getting him out of his den and on to the ice. From the amount of blood stains and the fur lying around it was evident that brute had put a good fight before being killed.

THE RICH MAN'S BURDEN. "Most Millionaire's Wives Not Happy," Says Carnegie.

New York, Feb. 16.—"Don't refuse a man simply because he is a millionaire," declared Mr. Carnegie. "They have too many luxuries, and have no mental resources to fall back upon. It would rather be born poor than a millionaire, and I have had some experience in both directions. I want to say that the only right a man has to wealth lies in his acquiring it by some useful labor. The great trouble with the wealth of today is that the sons of millionaires do not realize the very necessity of being of use to the community."

KING'S CLASS COACH BURNED. Vehicle 200 Years Old Has Been Destroyed.

London, Feb. 15.—The antique glass coach belonging to the King and the carriage owned by the Queen, both of which were to have been used in the Coronation procession next June, were destroyed by a fire in the shop of the coach-builders last night. The coach was very valuable. It was the so-called Acorn coach, and was 200 years old. It was made of English ash, and weighed three tons. It was at the carriage shop for the purpose of being varnished.

SAY WILL NOT RESULT IN WAR

RUSSIA'S LATEST MOVE DOES NOT MEAN CONFLICT WITH CHINA.

Washington, Feb. 16.—That war will not result from the latest move of the Russian government in its confident belief in diplomatic circles here, for it is generally understood that the Chinese are totally unprepared for such a move as Russia at this juncture. It is expected that China will appeal to the powers for fair play. At the same time it does not appear that the "open door" doctrine is involved in this affair, for presumably Russia would not attempt to curtail any right of trade in the affected provinces of Mongolia and Turkestan now enjoyed by citizens of foreign countries.

EDMONTON'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE, HE SAYS

R. J. Daley, Publicity Commissioner for Alberta, at Winnipeg, Declares That Central Alberta Has Been Kept Prominently Before the Eyes of Prospective Immigrants—Says Exhibit at Chicago Was Splendid Advertising.

R. J. Daley, publicity commissioner for the province of Alberta, at Winnipeg, was in the city Friday to consult with the publicity branch of the department of agriculture concerning the campaign being conducted this year, in what is expected to be the greatest immigration year in Alberta's history.

ANNEXATION RESOLUTION TURNED DOWN BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Canada and Great Britain Has Explored British Opinion on Bennett's and Clark's Moves in That They Were Both Dictated by Political Expediency.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs has voted 9 to 1 against the resolution of Representative Bennett, of New York, which suggested that negotiations for the annexation of Canada be opened with Great Britain.

METHODISTS PROPOSE TO RAISE \$1,500,000

Western Committee on Methodist Missions, Church Extension and Foreigners Are Guests of J. A. M. Aitken at Winnipeg to Discuss Question.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—The Western committee on Methodist missions, church extension and foreigners are guests of J. A. M. Aitken, at Winnipeg to discuss the question of raising \$1,500,000 during the next five years for the needs of the church in the home and foreign field.

CAMROSE WILL HAVE SIX TRAINS A DAY

By June Next Branch Lines of G.T.P. and C.N.R. Are Expected to be in Operation—C.P.R. Will Also Operate Through First-Class Service.

Camrose, Feb. 15.—That there will be six passenger trains a day into Camrose next June is the official information received here today. The G.T.P. proposes a double day service for Camrose. A morning express will run right through to Edmonton connecting at Toleda with the through train from Edmonton to Winnipeg. It will return from Edmonton in the evening.

MAN BUYS 15,500 STOVES.

Kansas Will Protect His Apple Trees From Frost With Them.

Kansas City, Feb. 16.—To heat a square mile of orchard with oil stoves sounds impossible, but that is what W. H. Underwood, of Hutchinson, Kan., says he will do next spring.

CHILDREN LEFT ALONE ARE BURNED TO DEATH

HURRICANE SWEEPS THE GERMAN COASTS.

St. Cyrild De Lislet, Que., Feb. 17.—Two children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Langlois were burned to death when their home was destroyed yesterday. The father was at work and Mrs. Langlois went to a neighbor, leaving the children aged two and four years, respectively, alone in the house.

MAY BE EXTRA SENATE SESSION

LEADERS IN UNITED STATES UP-PEER HOUSE NOT SANGUINE OF TARIFF MEASURE.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Canadian reciprocity measure will be considered by the Senate committee on finance at a special session to be held on Saturday. It is not likely that the bill will be disposed of in the committee in one day, although all its members are agreed that action shall not be delayed unnecessarily.

BATTLEFORD HAS BIG SALE OF TOWNSITE

Sudden Rush For Lots Has Taken Place As Result of Announcements of Construction Work by the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern.

Battleford, Sask., February 15.—The sale of lots here by the town is brisk. Today's sales are one hundred and forty-three lots for the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars.

EDMONTON STANDS SIXTH IN DOMINION

In Bank Clearings This Week Only Surpassed by Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Ottawa.

The feature of this week's bank clearings is the phenomenal increase in the city of Edmonton. The total of \$3,309,534 the Alberta city stands sixth in the Dominion, being only surpassed by Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Ottawa.

NOT CURED BY SURGERY.

New York State Parole Board Denies Reformation of Criminal.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Inconvinced that Edward E. Grimmel, a third-term convict in Clinton Prison has been cured of his criminal tendencies by surgery, the State Parole Board has refused to parole him, although Governor White, before retiring from office, gave the word that by commencing his sentence, Grimmel's skull was fractured.

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WANT OUTLET ON THE HUDSON BAY

SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT PRESENTS FAR REACHING PROPOSALS TO HOUSE.

Regina, Feb. 15.—Arising out of a resolution moved by Mr. Haultain in the Legislature this afternoon urging upon the Government the advisability of taking steps to secure the water powers and coal areas of the province, one of the most memorable debates in the history of the province took place today.

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RAISES PRICE OF CANADA'S WHEAT

THIS IS EFFECT OF TARIFF AGREEMENT SAYS MASTER OF GRANGE.

Concord, N.H., Feb. 17.—In support of his contention that the proposed reciprocity agreement will reduce the price of American wheat and increase the price of Canadian wheat, former Governor Naham J. Bacheider, master of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, today issued a statement in which he compared the wheat movement in the markets of Chicago and Winnipeg as an answer to recent statements by James J. Hill.

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Advertisement for 'THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GENUINE'.

Advertisement for 'BEWARE OF IMITATIONS SOLD ON THE MERITS OF'.

Advertisement for 'City' and 'Dress Shop'.

Advertisement for 'N'S DOLLAR SPECIALS'.

Advertisement for 'WILSON'S'.

Advertisement for 'H. GRAYDON'.