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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1905.

THE WEATHER. More snow predicted for tomorrow.

ONE CENT.

GRAND DUKE SERGIUS ASSASSINATED.

While driving at Moscow the Czar's Uncle was Blown to Pieces by a Bomb thrown Beneath his Carriage---The Assassins Arrested---Great Sensation in Russia---Understood he was Condemned to Death by Revolutionary Party.

SAYS KUROPATKIN WAS RESPONSIBLE.

General Gripenberg Blames Him for Serious Russian Reverses --- Could Have Smashed Oyama but Kuropatkin's Orders Kept Him Back --- A Startling Statement from Russian General.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.--The Associated Press has received a despatch from Moscow stating that the Grand Duke Sergius while driving in his carriage to the Kremlin at Moscow today was assassinated by a bomb which was thrown beneath his carriage. The carriage was blown to pieces. The assassins were arrested. One of them was dangerously wounded. Several students who were in the vicinity were taken into custody.

London, Feb. 17.--A despatch to Reuters from St. Petersburg, says a telephone message has been received there from Moscow announcing that an explosion has occurred at the Kremlin, where Grand Duke Sergius has been residing, and that it is rumored that the Grand Duke was killed. The despatch adds that no confirmation of the report has been obtained and that the population of Moscow is greatly excited.

According to another report a bomb was thrown beneath Grand Duke Sergius' carriage and the latter with Grand Duke was blown to pieces. The Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Russian Emperor and formerly governor General of Moscow, is understood to have been condemned to death by the revolutionary party in December last. The governor-generalship of Moscow was abolished early in the year and the Grand Duke according to despatches from Moscow January 4, kept closely to the walls of the Kremlin. He was shot in the military district. Later in January however, it was announced that the Grand Duke had sought refuge in one of the palaces of the Kremlin. He has been classed as the most reactionary member of the Imperial family as the head of what is referred to as the war party and has been stigmatized by the liberals as Russia's evil genius.

The Grand Duke was born in 1857 and was married in 1884 to Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-Darmstadt. They have no children.

Another Account. London, Feb. 17.--Another despatch to the Reuters Telegram from St. Petersburg says that a later telephone message from Moscow states that the Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated when driving towards the Kremlin and near the court of justice. His carriage was followed by another vehicle, containing two men. A bomb was thrown beneath the Grand Duke's carriage. There was violent explosion the carriage was shattered and the Grand Duke was killed. The assassins were arrested. One of them was wounded dangerously. Several students have been taken into custody.

No Zemsky Zabor. St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.--The Associated Press is in a position to announce positively that after a long consultation which he held yesterday at Zbarskoe Zelo with the committee of ministers headed by its president, M. Witte on the advisability of summing a zemsky zabor. His Majesty arrived at no definite decision.

Witte Still in Office. St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.--M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, replying today to a question regarding the reports circulated yesterday to the effect that he had resigned, said to the Associated Press was not anxious to remain in office.

Brutal Bouligan. St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.--Minister of the Interior Bouligan, has ordered all governors of provinces not to leave their posts at present. The

COUNTERFEIT BILLS.

Description of a Bogus Five That Has Been in Circulation.

The circulation of counterfeit Five dollar Bank of Montreal bills, which sometimes go for as high as ten cents throughout Cape Breton and the eastern part of Nova Scotia, has naturally caused a general interest, owing to the fact that one of the counterfeiters has been detected by Miller Baroff, the Bank of Montreal here.

TURBINE LINE TO AUSTRALIA.

Canada to be Connected With the Antipodes by Turbine Steamers of 18 Knots Speed.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.--(Special).--P. P. Evans of the Union Steamship company which is seeking subsidy for a line of Canadian-Australian turbine steamers has arrived here from the Mosau en route to England. The steamers will be of 6,000 tons and will be on the route by September if the subsidy is procured. They will have a speed of 18 knots.

A MYSTERY CLEARED.

Body of a Military Officer Who Disappeared Found on Beach--Suggests Suicide.

London, Feb. 17.--The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Major Harry Pakenham while on his honeymoon at Folkestone last week has been partially cleared by the discovery of his body on the sea shore near there this morning. Major Pakenham was a son of Gen. Ralph Pakenham and his mother was a daughter of Wm. Clarke of New York. He married February, 7th in London, Miss Markham, sister of the Lady Anne Sney, and was staying with his bride at a hotel in Folkestone. Three days after the marriage Major Pakenham went out for a stroll telling his wife he would not be long. The next day his overcoat was found in the harbor and a note in a pocket near there this morning. Major Pakenham contracted enteric fever during the South African war.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Annual Session of Kings County District Division.

The King's county district division of the Sons of Temperance, held its annual session yesterday afternoon, at Lower Millstream, with Britannia Division, and elected the following officers for the current year:-- Wm. Kerr--D. W. P. Miss Annie Chapman--D. W. A. H. A. Corbett--D. Scribe. Z. Gausson--D. Trust. Rev. C. W. Currie--D. Chap. A. E. McLeod--D. Con. Thos. Paterson--D. Sent. Mrs. G. W. Weyman--D. S. Y. P. W. The officers were duly installed by the G. W. P., H. C. Tilley, assisted by the G. Scribe, Edward A. Everett, who acted as G. Scribe. In the evening an excellent public temperance meeting was held and addresses were delivered by Jacob I. Keirstead, P. G. W. A.; Edward A. Everett, G. Scribe, H. C. Tilley, G. W. P.; Rev. C. W. Currie, D. Chap. and C. W. Weyman, D. P. W. P. H. A. Everett acted as chairman of the public meeting.

THE COUNTRY MARKET.

The country market is well supplied today. The retail prices are as follows:--turkey, 22c-24c; duck, 15c-18c; chickens, 50c-55c; goose, \$1.40-\$1.75; mutton, 20c; venison, 15c; veal, 8c-14c; western beef, 18c; lamb and mutton, 7c-14c; pork, 12c; dried beef, 10c; hams and bacon, 15c-18c; carrots, beets, and parsnips, 80c; cabbage, 6c-15c; squash, 8; potatoes, 20c; tomatoes, 30c; cucumbers, 20c; mushrooms, 45c; per can; tub butter, 15c-20c; henney eggs, 25c.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

Two hundred cattle arrived yesterday from Chicago, for shipment on the Corinthian.

Seventeen cars of cattle from Montreal, are expected to reach here this afternoon, from Montreal, over the C. P. R. and twenty carloads are on their way over the I. C. R. to St. John, and will reach the west end in a day or two. Business will be rushing at its terminus for a few days.

THE BATTLE OF JAN. 26TH.

The battle of Jan. 26, was continued until the evening. We did not surrender an inch of ground. My

I. O. F. CELEBRATION.

Court Rockwood, I. O. F. will celebrate its 11th anniversary by attending Divine service in Calvin Presbyterian church, corner of Wellington Row and Carlton street, on Sunday evening the 19th inst.

VETERAN MINER'S END.

Accidentally Killed in a Nevada Mine--Was Once Wealthy But Died Poor.

Reno, Nev. 17.--Col. P. W. Keyes, the pioneer mining man of Comstock, has been found dead at the bottom of the Dump of the Mammoth Mine at Six Mile Canyon, near Virginia City. Keyes had been at work in the mine and was riding an ore cart to the dump when he lost control of it and rolled over the precipice to his death. Keyes died a comparatively poor man, though at one time the late John W. Mackay offered him \$75,000 for his interest in one mine near Virginia City.

NIGHT'S CARNIVAL.

Everything is in readiness for tonight's big carnival at the Victoria rink. The advance sale has been very heavy and in order to avoid the crush at the doors, tickets have been placed at the principal stations and drug stores, throughout the city. Grandstand seats may be reserved at the rink. Special arrangements have been made for additional cars to run direct to the rink. Patrons of cars will do well to see that they take the direct car.

THE GENTLE SOUTH.

Negro, Charged With Assault, Shot to Pieces by Texas Mob --- Other Negroes in Danger.

Smithville, Tex., Feb. 17.--A negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Powell Liffany has been captured and shot to pieces by a mob. He was identified as the man wanted since made a full confession. He was captured three miles from here. In his confession the negro implicated three others, and it is also said that there are three women involved in the crime. Two other persons have been arrested and the third is now being sought.

BAD INDIANS CAPTURED.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 17.--The Yaqui Indians, who killed two Chicago men and recently attacked a mining party, near Cochise, are in custody. They were taken by Gen. Torrey and the American government will be advised of their capture. There are ten prisoners and all will be hanged. Two of the captives have confessed.

SOLD FOR A MILLION.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 17.--The Hazel Kirk Coal Mine, and the Hazel Kirk Gas Coal Company, owned by P. M. Kirk, of Cleveland, have been sold to Kuhn Bros., of Pittsburg, for, it is said, the sum of \$1,000,000.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER.

The Times new reporter has received from a solicited friend a sample of a new remedy for cold feet. Not being accompanied by a testimonial, and having been removed from the original package, it is held for further reference. The testimonial should be accompanied by a photograph.

Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamsey Jones, has asked for a conference with the civic reform league. He is satisfied that if they many to

form a ticket of clever and able men he can name one of them.

The ferry committee will have an at home in the cabins of the ferry steamer Wun Lung between five and six o'clock tomorrow evening. It is believed that an entirely new color has been added to the ferry collection, and the event will therefore be one of great public interest.

Several Halifax gentlemen are in the city, but will go home in the spring, when the trains are running into that city again.

The following official correspondence passed over the wires today:-- The Mayor, St. John.

Halifax, Feb. 17.--Streets blocked with snow. Traffic paralyzed. What shall we do?

Crosby, St. John, Feb. 17.--Same here. Council also paralyzed. Don't know. White.

RUSSIANS REPULSED.

Tokio, Feb. 17.--The following official announcement was made here today: "On Thursday the enemy's artillery bombarded our positions in front of Snaikopao, Hancheapao, Mongtapao and that vicinity. Today at five in the morning the officer in command of our scouts encountered and repulsed a detachment of the enemy's infantry about one hundred strong near Pinnulapao. The enemy had come forward since Wednesday and retreated north to Lashanfang, ten miles north west of Chikaisai."

RUSSIANS BROKE FAITH.

New York, Feb. 17.--A Washington despatch to the Sun says:--The government of the United States has called upon the Russian government for an explanation of a serious breach of international good faith on the part of officers of the Russian cruiser Lena, which sought refuge in the harbor of San Francisco last September. The Lena was dismantled and sent to the Mare Island navy yard while her officers were paroled for the period of the war and her crew placed under the surveillance of government officials.

HAMPED BY KUROPATKIN.

I might easily have followed up our positions and move up the army but I was tied down by the commander-in-chief's orders and his refusal to send reinforcements. How anxious I awaited a reply on both subjects. Just think of what victory meant. Complete victory was in our grasp. The loss of thousands of lives was not dreadful before such a result.

IN HIS OWN WORDS.

"I am glad to give an account of the battle of my army the telegram I have been being far from the truth. Kuropatkin of course authorized the advance but he imposed the condition that it should not go beyond Heikoutai and Sandepas. My plan was to capture Heikoutai and thence outflank Sandepas.

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