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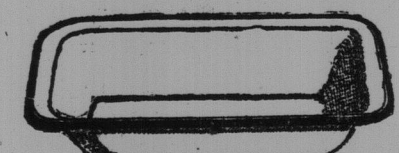VOL. 5. NO. 148.   ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1905.   EIGHT PAGES.   ONE CENT

FATAL RACE WAR IN MONTREAL.

Two Men Fatally, Many Seriously Injured.

Russians and Italians in C. P. R. Shops Fight Bloody Battle With Shovels and Pickaxes.

(Special to the Star.)

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.—Two men were fatally injured, and several seriously hurt this morning in a riot between Russian and Italian workmen at the Canadian Pacific Angus shops. The feud, which owed its existence to resentment on the part of Italians at the presence of Russian workmen, came to a head this morning in the absence of the foreman and a battle ensued, gangs of two nationalities using pickaxes and shovels as weapons. The fight was finally stopped and the most seriously injured hurried to the general hospital where they lie in a critical condition.

POLICE COURT

Magistrate Will Make an Example of Disorderly Gang in Opera House Last Night.

William Castello and William Golding, two young men of about 16 years, were before the police magistrate this morning to answer a charge of being drunk and creating a disturbance in the Opera House last evening. They pleaded not guilty. The evidence showed that there was considerable disturbance in the gallery last night, caused by a gang of young men who were under the influence of liquor. Frequently toward the end of the play swearing and blackguarding were heard from the gallery and the officers went up to find a posse of youngsters trying to get one of their drunken friends out. This young man was William Castello. William Golding was arrested among the gang also for swearing and calling ungentlemanly names.

Police Magistrate Ritchie said that he had been waiting anxiously for a chance to put a stop to these disturbances, which have been entirely too frequent of late. The penalty, he said, was fifty dollars and he wanted the whole gang in court so he could punish them all. Castello and Golding were remanded and an effort will be made to arrest the others who were in the gang.

John McNulty was before the police magistrate this morning charged with frequenting the house of Miss Alice O'Brien, of Sheffield street. Officer Baxter said that McNulty has been paying especial attention to Miss O'Brien, who is a lady of color, and he arrested him in her home on Wednesday night. He said that the genial Alice has a license to sell beer, as do most of the houses of that nature. McNulty was remanded.

FIRE MAKES 1,000 HOMELESS

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 25.—Fire early today destroyed more than 75 buildings in the southern portion of the city. A high wind prevailed and the water supply failed. There are 1,000 people homeless, including many visitors. The estimated loss is placed at a $1,500,000. The fire burned for more than eight hours.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Michael Maher took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late residence on Golding street. The service at the Cathedral was conducted by the Rev. Father Carleton. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The Boston and Montreal trains were one hour and a half late today. The C. P. R. west is not badly affected by the storm.

NOTICE.

The adjourned meeting of citizens desiring to become members of the proposed "Citizens' League" will be held at the Board of Trade rooms, Prince William street, on Monday, 27th inst., at 8 p. m.

THOS. F. WHITE,
Secretary of Committee.

By order of the Common Council of the City of Saint John

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a bill will be presented to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick at its next ensuing session for enactment to remove any doubts that may exist as to the Courtenay Bay on the eastern side of the City of Saint John being a part of the harbor of the City of Saint John and to make it clear that said Courtenay Bay is a part of said harbor and to vest all of said bay south of a line running northeastwardly from the southern line of the lands of Cornwall and York Cotton Mills Company, Limited, to the east side of said bay and south of said lands that is not now vested in said City if not at present so vested. Dated 25th day of February, A. D. 1905.

HERBERT E. WARDROPER,
Common Clerk of the City of Saint John.

CRIPPLED TRAMP BURNED TO DEATH IN SHEDIAC JAIL.

Set Fire to Building Himself --- All Known of the Victim is That His Name Was Mitchell.

(Special to the Star.)

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 25.—A bad fire occurred at Shediac early this morning. A telephone message to the Times this morning reports that the fire started about 12 o'clock last night. The town hall and lock-up, building were completely destroyed, and a prisoner who was put in the lock-up last night lost his life.

The fire was discovered at midnight, but had then made such headway that it was impossible to stay its progress. A fierce storm raged but the firemen and citizens turned out to battle with the flames. It was realized at once that the building could not be saved and such a start had the flames that nothing could be saved, not even the unfortunate man, who was locked up in it. The high wind carried burning embers and sparks in all directions and for some time a general conflagration was feared.

The name of the unfortunate, who lost his life, was Mitchell, a crippled tramp, who had been about town for a few days begging. The unfortunate man was locked up last night in a state of intoxication and it is supposed that he set fire to the building a few hours later.

When taken in charge he was found in a house begging and on being taken to the lock-up and securing a bottle of liquor was found on him.

As soon as possible after the fire died down the charred remains were taken from the ruins and an inquest will be held.

The deceased was about thirty-five or forty years of age and it is not known where he belonged.

The firemen lost a lot of their equipment, including coats, hats and hose reel, and the town council also lost everything that was stored in the building. The loss to the town will be between $3,000 and $4,000.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY ROUTED; ANOTHER PACIFIC FLEET.

NEW CHWANG, Feb. 25, 10 a. m., via Tien Tsin. — Announced that a cavalry detachment of 300 Russians was routed at Liuchiawpu, 14 miles southwest of Hainmingtun, on the evening of Feb. 26. The Russians are scattered in the direction of Hainmingtun.

New Chwang is full of rumors of an impending battle upon the Hun river. The unusually warm weather will probably lead to active military operations.

RUSSIAN SCOUTING PARTIES.

NEW CHWANG, Feb. 24, via Tien Tsin, Feb. 25. — About 300 Russians were again reported at a small village north of Niu Chiatun on the night of February 23, crossing the Liao River.

This morning foreigners residing here were warned not to venture on the west bank of the Liao River, also of the activity of scouting parties on this side.

Russian agents clothed as Chinese are very numerous.

LOOK OUT, EVERYBODY.

DOVER, England, Feb. 25. — The third Russian Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff, passed here heading westward.

GERMAN STEAMER SEIZED.

TOKIO, Feb. 25. — The German steamer Saverus, bound for Vladivostok, with a cargo of Cardiff coals, was seized yesterday.

REIGN OF TERROR EXISTS IN RUSSIA---STRIKES ARE SPREADING.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—The reports today from Poland and from the Caucasus are very disquieting. Owing the lack of direct telegraphic communication with many places in the Caucasus, verification of the countless rumors afloat is impossible, but it is positively known that almost a reign of terror exists in the territory between the Caspian and Black Seas. Private vengeances have glutted the streets of Baku, Batoum and Tiflis with dead Armenians and Mussulmans. The reports, however, of the capture of Russian garrisons and of the firing of the Black Sea fleet on Poti, etc., are not confirmed. In Poland, the strike situation is once more assuming a critical stage and it is feared the authorities may be forced to adopt violent measures. The railroad strike situation in southern Russia, is also more menacing. Traffic on half a dozen roads has been stopped, causing still further difficulties in the transportation of grain and coal and bringing business to a standstill. Over 150,000 carloads of grain await movement in the Volga district and several hundred thousand tons of coal for the iron and steel manufactures cannot be budged from the Donetsky collieries. Added to this is the dangerous agra-

rian movement among the peasants of some of the southern provinces, as the result of the circulation of the report that the emperor on March 4th, will issue a manifesto providing for a general division of lands which has been the dream of the peasants ever since their emancipation.

WARSAW, Feb. 25.—Contrary to expectations the Vienna railway strike has not ended. The engineers and firemen and the mechanics employed in the machine shops at Warsaw and Ibrow are dissatisfied with the terms offered and are refusing to accept them. A number of strikers today prevented a resumption of the traffic service which had been arranged to commence at noon.

MOSCOW, Feb. 25.—The employes of the municipal council are threatening to strike in order to show their sympathy with Prince Galatzin, prefect of Moscow, whom the imperial government has censured for having sanctioned resolutions adopted by the municipal council and provincial zemstvo, demanding liberal constitutional reforms. The employes regard the prince as their special advocate. If the strike occurs, it will be the first purely political strike.

CIVIC PETITIONS.

The committee which was appointed at the citizens' meeting on Tuesday evening last to circulate petitions for a change in the mode of civic elections in the city forms of petition. Each voter who favors a change is requested to call at the nearest or any drug store and sign two papers. One is addressed to the common council and the other to the legislature.

Signatures may be made in lead pencil. The petitions will be closed on Monday morning, 6th March.

Manifests were received at the custom house for 96 cars of flour and corn, 1 car of oil cake, 2 cars of pork products, 1 car of lumber for shipment to the English market.

The water department people are going to try to thaw out the frozen service pipes by electricity. They expected to commence today.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

TO LET—Flat five rooms, patent closet $6.50 per month. Family of two preferred. Also flat with modern improvements in new house. Apply 192 Queen street.

FOR SALE—Freehold property—Choice of three new houses, two self-contained flats on easy terms. Enquire of I. A. GRIFFITHS, 268 Duke Street, West St. John.

TO LET—Middle flat new house, six rooms, with modern improvements. Grained throughout. 264 Duke Street, Apply I. A. GRIFFITH.

TO LET—Self-contained house No. 40 Exmouth street, can be seen every Tuesday, 3 to 5. For particulars apply to M. McNAUGHTON, No. 13 Garden street.

WANTED—A good sized boy, between 14 and 16 years of age to learn the upholstery trade. Apply to MANCHESTER, ROBERTSON, ALLISON, Market Square.

C. P. R. EXPRESS RAN INTO SAW MILL.

Peculiar Accident on the St. Stephen Branch.

Last Night's Train Ran On a Siding and Smashed a Corner Off of Haley's Mill.

(Special to the Star.)

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Feb. 25.—The night rain on the C. P. R. coming in here at about 10.30 last evening met with a serious accident in the lower end of the yard where Haley & Sons' large wood manufacturing plant is situated.

A spur track leaves a bend on the main line and runs to the mill, and the switch to this spur had been left open. The night express entered the open switch at a good speed and before the air brakes could work, the engine struck a flat car on the siding and drove it though a corner of the mill. A valuable planing machine was demolished and the building considerably damaged.

Very fortunately the passenger cars remained on the track and no person received injuries of any kind. The locomotive was damaged so as to be of no use this morning and the outgoing passenger train was held here until a locomotive could be sent in from Watt Junction.

The train was in charge of Conductor George Smith and Engineer Jas. Boyd, but no part of the blame is attached to them. The damage to Haley & Sons will probably amount to $800.

WONDERFUL BOY EVANGELIST

Eleven Years Old, He Made 20,000 Converts in England—Believes He is Inspired.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Tribune says: "Among the passengers upon the White Star liner Baltic which reached port yesterday was Lonnie Lawrence Dennis, the child evangelist. He is 11 years old and according to his mother, can remember incidents which happened when he was nine months old. The boy is a mulatto and his mother a dark skinned negress. The boy has made a tour of the Holy Land and preached in England, Ireland and Scotland. He is to lecture here on the Holy Land. "I have had a most successful campaign in England," said he. "The result has been 20,000 converts for God. In London I preached at Leonard Beavers' American tent at Holloway. We had 4,000 a night." The boy described his work and in reply to a question said: "Yes, I believe that I am inspired. I preached in Wales. The Welsh are emotional and excitable, and at present an appeal is being made rather to their emotions than to their intelligence. I do not think the results will be as lasting as they would be if an appeal were made to their intellect. Understand me, I do not doubt but that God's power is being felt." The boy declared that he received a divine call to preach the gospel at the age of 2 years.

SOLDIERS MAY HELP.

(Special to the Star.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 25—General Sir Charles Parsons has offered services of the military to the premier of the province to assist in raising the snow blockade on the railways. He has not yet received a reply.