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## WINTER PORT SHOWS BIG GAIN IN OUTWARD BUSINESS

More Cargo and Passengers Carried Eastward Than Last Year and Westward Business Was About the Same—No Fatal Accidents.

The winter port season, which closes with the sailing of the Lake Erie for Liverpool tomorrow, has been on the whole a fairly successful one in spite of various adverse influences. That the country has not yet fully recovered from the recent financial depression is shown by the fact that imports have not made the gains that should be expected in a rapidly growing country. The inward cargoes landed at St. John will probably compare very favorably with those of last year, but the inward business has not been as large as it was two years ago. On the other hand the steamers on their voyage eastward have had a much better year than last. All the lines report good outward business and some of them say that there has been a marked increase in the shipments to the old country.

In the passenger business conditions have been reversed. The inward passenger lists have been heavier than last year, but the eastbound traffic has been lighter. While a greater volume of cargo has been handled freight rates have been rather low and the profits of the season may not show much improvement for the owners. The ship laborers also have found that the rate of tonnage does not compare so favorably with last year as it has been in the past. The cattle walk on board and the grain is handled with very little manual labor, so neither of these classes of cargo are regarded with special favor by the longshoremen. One thing for which the laborers have cause to be thankful, however, is that there has not been a single death on the steamers this year and five serious accidents. This record is unique in the history of the port. The previous season had an unusually heavy crop of fatalities.

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## PARIS IN DREAD OF THE MAY DAY STRIKE

Thousands of Troops Massed in Dangerous Districts—Tourists Leave Capital—Training Electricians

PARIS, April 29.—Tomorrow is May Day—the day on which the National Federation of Labor unions has urged laborers throughout the country to join in a one day's strike in demonstration of the strength of organized labor and of its protest against present conditions.

The police have issued an order prohibiting all parades in Paris tomorrow and much uneasiness has manifested itself in the city regarding the possibilities of the day. The leaders of the syndicate movement disclaim any intention to inaugurate a revolution on May Day, declaring that it will be devoted solely to a demonstration of the solidarity of labor. They assert that the cessation of work will be general, but that the trouble could arise only from irresponsible agitators to every important port will return to work the next day. Nevertheless, the Government has taken measures to concentrate many thousands of troops in the city and the city has scattered ships with wireless apparatus to every important port in the country, where they will maintain communication with the Eiffel Tower wireless station belonging to the navy which can be depended on. Today a number of English and American tourists are in the city. They disclaim fear, but think the occasion a good one for a week end elsewhere. The Government is training 400 military engineers at Versailles and more elsewhere for the operation of electric lighting machinery, to take the place of possible strikers.

## CASE AGAINST C.P.R. WAS DISMISSED

Magistrate Does Not Find the Finn Was Insane  
Nor Was He Landed in Canada—Question of Costs is Still to be Settled.

In the police court this morning Magistrate Ritchie dismissed the case preferred against the C. P. R. by the Dominion Immigration Department. The charge laid was that of landing an insane Russian Finn immigrant in Canada.

In reviewing the case the magistrate read the section of the law relating to such cases, and said the evidence went to show that this foreigner was examined by the C. P. R. physician and the Board of Trade physician at Liverpool and passed examination. He occupied a room with nine other passengers on the voyage out to St. John while en route for a couple of days nothing else was noticeable in his manner. The question was asked if the man did not have an epileptic fit while in Liverpool but there was no evidence to show that he had. On arrival here the man, by some mistake, was placed in the section arranged for those intending to go to Canada while he intended to go to the United States. He became violent and besides breaking things he assaulted a couple of officials, was placed in the Provincial Hospital and finally deported on the steamer on which he arrived. He was not an epileptic on board the ship and nothing wrong was noticeable until he came in line for inspection. In the question of landing in Canada His Honor said that the Government bears all the expenses of the trial. H. McAlpine for the prosecution, said that Mr. Taylor should be satisfied with a judgment in his favor. His Honor said he would consider the matter of costs.

## TERRIFIC TORNADES' SWEEP LARGE AREAS IN THE WEST

KERR COMMITTED FOR TRIAL TODAY  
On the Charge of Stealing Electricity

Several Witnesses Heard—One Tells How Chapin Went Out of Town—Prisoner Released on Bail.

The preliminary hearing into the charge of fraudulently consuming electricity preferred against Charles H. Kerr, the manager of the Bijou Theatre, by the St. John Railway Company was concluded this morning. Kerr was committed for trial and admitted to \$1,000 bail.

George Stanton was the first witness and said he had been working for the Oulmetoscope Company in the Bijou Theatre building for five months. He was the shipper and repairer of films. He had often been in the room where the films were tested, and as a general rule the films were all tested. There was no change made in the wiring while he was there as far as he knew. The defendant was there swept the floor, ran the machine and would have to do with the fixing up of the wires. He was the operator, piano player and a ticket seller in the theatre. He did not see Chapin Saturday. He took a buggy from the theatre. He drove from the corner of Carlton and Coburg streets with witness. They drove out of town. Witness declined to say where, but at all events they drove back to town, and then drove away again. He saw Chapin again on Monday and he knew that Chapin left for the States. In addition to himself, Chapin and Kerr there were a singer, piano player and a ticket seller in the theatre. Witness said he purchased the ticket for Chapin, and it was his money, but he did not know just where he got that particular money, any portion of it or all of it that was (Continued on Page 7.)

Thousands of Accidents Leave Trail of Dead and Injured—Blizzard Raging on the Great Lakes—Passenger Steamer Sunk.

CHICAGO, April 29.—The storm which seems to be co-existent over almost the entire country apparently has broken all records in the number and variety of freakish atmospheric disturbances.

In the middle west there have been most spectacular happenings among thousands of accidents which death and ruin on every hand. A score or more lives were claimed as toll and property of immense value was destroyed by the wind and rain which swept a large portion of the south. A blizzard is raging on the Great Lakes and snow plows are out in the northern part of the States. Little improvement in conditions is expected during the next 24 hours.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 29.—Between 25 and 30 persons dead in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas and scores of injured were the toll last night of a series of tornadoes in those states. The storms which wrought this havoc appear to have been little routiered than the big disturbances which simultaneously were sweeping through the north. Although more fatal to life than the northern storm, these southern tornadoes each covered only a small area of a few acres or at most a few square miles.

During the night telegraph wires went down all over the south with the exception of the South Atlantic States. On both sides of the Mississippi for hundreds of miles it was a gusty threatening night with here and there a puff of wind which knocked trees over and which isolated many sections of the south for hours from communication with the neighboring communities.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 29.—Several persons are reported killed in last night's tornado near Franklin Inn and the town of Hillboro, a few miles from here is said to have been blown away.

Much property damage was done in this city and throughout the state. Communication by both telegraph and telephone is all but suspended. (Continued on Page Seven.)

## SEIGE OF TABRIZ RAISED TODAY BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

TABRIZ, Persia, April 29.—The advance guard of the Russian expedition under General Sharshy, that left Junfa on the frontier a few days ago to relieve the beleaguered city, entered the gates this morning. It brought supplies for the starving people. Its progress was hampered but not seriously.

## LATE SHIPPING

Entered today.  
Str. Louisville, 1182, Marsters, Louisville.  
Str. Alma Willey, 492, Hatfield, Boston.  
Str. Wanda, 272, McClellan, New York.  
Str. Helmer March, 1249, Thorne, New York.  
Str. Sobu, West Indies and Denmark.  
Coastwise—Westport III, Westport; Mildred K, Westport; Bay Queen, Brighton; Sarah, Meteham; Lennie and Edna, Grand Harbor; Union, River Hebert.  
Clears.  
Str. Wm. L. Ebbins, 229, Dixon, Vineyard Haven I. O.  
Str. Victoria, 6744, Outram, Liverpool via Halifax.  
Str. Louisville, 1182, Marsters, Louisville.  
Coastwise—Westport III, Westport; Hattie, Port George; Effie Maud, St. Martins; Str. Clare, Yarmouth; Day Queen, Belliveau.

The Mauretania mails left New York today and are due here at noon tomorrow.

Bishop Pinkham of Calgary arrived in the city today and will leave on the Lake Erie on a visit to the old country.

The legislature has prorogued, but Walter H. Irving is still at the old stand, selling the choicest jewelry at the easiest prices imaginable. Call at 57 King St., but don't come through the skylight.

Wm. Farrel of Vancouver, accompanied by his wife and children, passed through the city today to join the Victorian at Halifax. Mr. Farrel is manager of the Vancouver Telephone Company and has also considerable banking interests. He will spend the next six months in Europe on a vacation.

## FEARFUL OUTRAGE OF BLACK HAND SOCIETY

Eight Burned to Death in Incendary Fire  
Five Children Among Victims—Fire Set in Oil Soaked Hallways When Demand for \$1,000 Was Refused.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Eight persons five of them children, were burned to death and fourteen others were injured, some of them fatally, in an incendary fire in a five story tenement house at 37 Spring street occupied by twenty Italian families, early today. The blaze followed a demand by members of a so-called Black Hand Society for the payment of \$1,000 blackmail. It spread through the building with startling rapidity as the hallways were soaked with kerosene oil by the blackmailers.

In a panic which followed the alarm the tenants fought their way down the stairs, while babies were thrown from windows into the arms of policemen on the sidewalk. Of the injured, six, of whom three are children are not expected to recover. Jacob Bruck, the proprietor of a grocery store on the main floor of the building, received on April 18, a letter reading: "We demand \$1,000 or death. Bring it in Mott street. Petrosino as dead, but the Black Hand lives. (Signed) Black Hand Society." On Monday last Bruck received another letter written in a similar strain. He turned both letters over to the police. The alarm was spread by the firing of a volley of revolver shots from the window of the burning building. Policemen who responded, burst into the main door, found the hallway saturated and blazing fiercely. Two half emptied cans of kerosene were on the stairs. The frightened tenants fled to the roof or through the fire escape in the rear which were clogged with obstructions. Men and women were fighting for a way down the escapes when the police went up and aided them and entering the rooms, brought out several unconscious persons. In the scramble, several tenants were injured by falling from the escapes and the police had to club the men to save the women and children.

## PLUCKY MILLINERS PREVENT BAD FIRE

Two of Wilcox Bros.' Staff Put Out the Blaze, at Considerable Risk to Themselves.

Only the heroic actions of two young milliners in Wilcox Bros. millinery work room, Market Square, prevented a serious blaze about noon today. Two ladies were preparing their mid-day lunch when in some manner a number of paper bags behind the stove became ignited. The young women started in to put out the blaze, and despite the fact that one lady's skirts caught fire she and her companion with the aid of a broom and some water stuck to their task of beating out the flames. There was considerable smoke caused by the burning material and some person sent in an alarm from box 6. There was no work on the firemen on their arrival and the damage done only amounts to a few dollars.

The young lady's skirt which caught on fire was extinguished before any injury was done here, but after she had aided in beating out the blaze she was naturally in a highly nervous condition. A number of customers who were in the millinery display room looking over the latest creations in hats speak very highly of the manner in which the young milliners stuck to their post and put out the fire.

## CHATHAM CIVIC BOARDS WERE ARRANGED

CHATHAM, N. B., April 29.—The organization meeting of the new council was held last evening and the personnel of the boards arranged for the year. The first named will be chairman, Pinnace, Loggie, Cassidy, Haley, public works, Wyse, Gallivan, Loggie, Haley, Williams, Carvell, Cassidy, Tweedie; by-laws, Haley, Loggie, Park, Wyse and two citizens R. A. Lawlor and Andrew Brown; fire, Carvell, Haley, Tweedie; light, water and sewerage, Cassidy, Tweedie, Haley, Loggie, Williams; police, Carvell, Carvell, Wyse, Gallivan, Tweedie. There was a locking of horns over the police committee, as the more pronounced Sect Act members favored another slate. But Aid. Gallivan carried his through by a vote of 5 to 3.

Thomas W. Horaman found a pocket book in Logan's alley yesterday and handed it over to the police.

## FOUR CHILDREN WERE BURNED TO DEATH

Terrible Tragedy in Cape Breton.  
Parents Overcome by Smoke and Could Not Go to Their Rescue—Others Saved by Boy's Heroism.

GLACE BAY, N. S., April 29.—At three o'clock this morning one of the worst fires in the history of the town occurred. The alarm came in from Steeleshill, Dominion, No. 4, and when the firemen arrived they found the dwelling of Stephen McAskill enveloped in flames and four of the occupants, children ranging from 12 to 5 years of age, burned to a crisp. The fire is supposed to have started in the kitchen and was well advanced before the occupants of the dwelling awoke. When the father and mother, who were sleeping in the lower part of the house, were aroused, they were so overpowered with smoke that they were unable to go to the aid of the children upstairs.

It is regarded as probable that all the remaining members of the family would have been destroyed were it not for the presence of mind of a twelve-year-old boy, who was sleeping upstairs, and who broke the window and placed two of the children beyond danger, and jumped for his life. The young hero is severely cut and hurt, but will recover. The mother and father are naturally heartbroken over the loss of their children, and friends are doing all they can to comfort them in their bereavement.

## ORDER IS RESTORED AND MISSIONARIES SAFE

BOSTON, April 29.—A cablegram announcing that order has been restored in Hadjin and Adana in Asia Minor, was received from Rev. W. W. Peet, treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Constantinople, in this city today. The cablegram lifted a great weight from the shoulders of the Board's officials, inasmuch as the situation in Adana and Hadjin had been considered most perilous for the past two weeks. According to the despatch all the missionaries and the mission are safe.

## COURT MARTIAL MAY PRONOUNCE DEATH SENTENCE ON SULTAN

LONDON, April 29.—A local news agency today publishes a despatch from Saloniki, saying it has been officially announced there that Abdul Hamid the deposed Sultan of Turkey, is to be tried before a constitutional court martial, and that it is generally believed that sentence of death will be passed on him.

## CHAFFEUR KILLED

And Passengers Injured—Tried to Cross in Front of a Train.

PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—William Adams, a chauffeur for the Berdell Taxicab Company was instantly killed and two occupants of the vehicle were seriously injured at three o'clock this morning by being struck by a train on the Reading Railway. The accident occurred at the Ninth street and Girard avenue crossing of the railroad. The gate tender at the crossing was lowering the gates and the taxicab endeavored to cross ahead of the train.

## BOYLE'S TRIAL POSTPONED.

MORCHER, Pa., April 29.—The trial of James H. Boyle, charged with abducting Billy White, was today postponed until May 5th and Mrs. Boyle's trial was set for the day following.

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