

News Summary

The Charlottetown market house was burned down on Wednesday; loss \$10,000, insurance \$5,500.

The United States House of Representatives has voted to appropriate half a million dollars to enforce anti-trust laws.

Sixty-three persons were frozen to death in Hungary during the last three days. Wolves are devastating the sheep folds and have devoured three shepherds.

The statement that the C. P. R. will inaugurate cargo service on the St. Lawrence route next spring is denied in most explicit terms.

It is the intention of Hon. James Costigan to present to parliament next session a resolution reaffirming Canada's sympathy with the Irish cause.

The Grand Trunk gives notice in the Canada Gazette of an application to parliament for charter for the road running from North Bay, or Gravenhurst, to Port Simpson, on the Pacific coast.

Mr. F. C. Robbins who has resided for a few years in St. John, being in charge here of the Canada Cycle and Motor Company, has removed to Yarmouth and resumed charge of the Yarmouth Cycle Company which he established there some years ago.

It is said that at the next session legislation will be introduced whereby special pensions will be provided for those Canadians who have been totally disabled in South Africa. These men are not provided for in the ordinary Canadian pension act; a pension for them will have to be provided by special act of parliament.

§ Rhodes, Curry & Company, Amherst, have just received a contract from the C. P. R. to build 100 refrigerator cars, 10 first-class coaches and 300 flat cars, and are now completing the last 300 of a 1,100 order for box cars, also two first-class coaches for the D. A. R., and 70 30-ton box cars for the I. C. R.

Four thousand persons are reported to be destitute and starving as a result of the crop failure in Finland. The Anglo-American church at St. Petersburg has undertaken to feed and clothe the school children of four Finnish parishes. The conditions are worse than those of 1867, when 100,000 persons died.

The arrest of 19 Japanese in Vancouver has created a rather painful feeling, as it is thought likely to create an unpleasant understanding in Japan. The act under which the Japs were arrested has been disallowed and the authorities here are at a loss to account for the delay in promulgating it at Victoria.

The Halifax Presbyterian College Board on Friday decided to relieve Dr. Gordon from duty at Pine Hill College in March. Queens wanted him to enter on the duties of principal at once, and the board's action is a compromise, allowing him to go in two months instead of four, when the Halifax session would end. The name of the donor of the second check for \$1,000 to found a bursary at Pine Hill was announced Friday as that of Miss Jessie Fraser, sister of Dr. Pollock's late wife.

Sir William Mulock returned to Toronto from Hot Springs, Va. Sir William is in splendid health and reports Sir Wilfrid's condition greatly improved. The postmaster general emphatically denies that the premier has any organic trouble and asserts that upon the return of Sir Wilfrid to Ottawa he will be able to attend to all his duties. Sir Wilfrid will spend the next few days at St. Augustine, Fla., and will return to Ottawa January 1.

Telegrams from all parts of Europe record severe cold weather and snow, the temperature being several degrees below freezing point. The Dutch canals are frozen over and the harbor at Copenhagen is packed with ice, and many ships are ice bound. Heavy falls of snow are being experienced in the Alps, and some villages are isolated. The bora (the dry wind which sweeps across the Atlantic from the Julian Alps) is blowing with great violence. Trains are delayed in Austria and the streets of Vienna are dangerous for pedestrians.

A peculiar gunning accident occurred at St. David Ridge, six miles from St. Stephen on Thursday. Lloyd Budd, son of Osborn Budd, aged twenty-two was out gunning and came to a brook that had to be crossed on a narrow log. In crossing he used the gun as a cane to maintain his balance, letting the butt of it strike on the ice. At one place the butt went through the ice in such a way that the ice struck the hammer of the gun and discharged it, the bullet entering the young man's right arm. He was taken to the Chipman Memorial Hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the arm at the shoulder.



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SPECTACLES IN GERMANY.

(London Chronicle.)

The German Emperor has entered upon a new phase of his development, if we are to believe the statement that he was lately seen reading the newspaper in a railway train with the help of a pince-nez. Nor is this to be wondered at, when we remember the lament once made by the Emperor himself, who, speaking of his school days at Cassel, remarked that out of a class of twenty, 'no fewer than eighteen of his fellow pupils wore spectacles, while two of these, with their glasses on, could not even see the length of the table.' As compared with other nations, the Germans may be described as a spectacle-wearing people, and there can be no doubt that the main cause of their defective sight is the peculiar character of their type which is most trying to the eyes. The present Emperor, no less than Bismarck, has always protested, on patriotic grounds, against the substitution of the Roman for the Teutonic, or black-letter, character in print, and both have had to suffer equally for their Chauvinism.

A REMINDER OF A TRAGEDY.

(Leslie's Weekly.)

In his book, 'All the Russans,' Henry Hornan gives an interesting description of the bedroom of the Czar Alexander II, which is kept exactly as it was on the morning he left it. He was brought back an hour after he left it, bleeding to death from injuries inflicted by the assassin's bomb. As the room was, so it remains. The half smoked cigarette lies upon the ash tray in a glass tube. A little revolver lies before the mirror. Upon each of the tables and upon several chairs is a loosely folded clean handkerchief, for it was the Czar's wish to have one of these always within reach of his hand. There lie all his toilet articles—a few plain bottles and brushes. It is all modest beyond belief, and the brushes are half worn.

"Do you drink coffee," asked the doctor of an aged patient.
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