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THE WEATHER

Today and on Saturday moderate to fresh west to southwest winds fair, not much change in temperature.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1907.

THIRTY BODIES TAKEN FROM DARR MINE DURING NIGHT

Gradually the Tale of the Latest Awful Horror in the Pennsylvania Coal Belt is Being Told--Believed That 200 Men Are Imprisoned in Mine.

JACOBS CREEK, Pa., Dec. 20--Of the 200 or more miners who were made prisoners in the Darr mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company yesterday by a terrific explosion, the bodies of thirty this morning in the main entrance, where they were laid during the night by the rescuers, until they can be brought to the surface. Some of the bodies are dismembered and mangled, and all are distorted by the agonies of violent death, and disfigured and begrimed by the concussion and the smoke and dust of the explosion.

The Pittsburgh Coal Company has arranged to provide for all of the victims. A large number of coffins were ordered from Pittsburgh last night. The blacksmith shop of the mine has been converted into a temporary morgue and undertakers are being brought here from surrounding towns to promptly care for the bodies as they are brought out.

JAPANESE DIPLOMACY WAS TOO MUCH FOR MR. LEMIEUX

Canada's Proposals Are Politely Turned Down by Japanese Government, and Minister of Labor's Long Trip Was Practically Without Result.

TOKIO, Dec. 20--Negotiations between Canadian Minister of Labor Lemieux and the Japanese government, which have been delayed by a high fever, will be concluded in the next few days.

It is understood that Minister Lemieux has finally agreed to accept Japan's assurance that she will undertake the self-imposed task of limiting immigration to Canada. The exact method of limitation will be left entirely in the hands of the Japanese government. It is stated that the high commissioner over the desire of the Canadian government to secure a definite promise, in writing, outlining the undertakings. This was positively declined by Japan, because it would entail a sacrifice of treaty rights.

Minister Lemieux also desired to secure from the Japanese government a note giving the exact number of laborers that the government proposed to allow to emigrate to Canada. This was also refused. There is reason to believe that the Japanese government is not prepared to accept the United States, the Japanese government declining to surrender any right contained in its treaty of alliance with Great Britain, where Canada became a party.

ROMANCE BEGUN IN FINLAND ENDS IN HAPPY WEDDING HERE

Interesting Nuptial Event in U. S. Immigration Office at West Side--John Jokai Married His Beloved After Nine Years of Waiting.

A romance begun in Finland some nine years ago was brought to a happy culmination at the American Immigration Bureau on the west side yesterday morning when Alexander Helin, Helsinki became the blushing bride of John Jokai, an American Finn who had prospered in the land of Uncle Sam.

The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. G. F. Scott, rector of St. Jude's Anglican church, and after the ceremony the happy couple left for the groom's abode in Michigan. According to competent authority the worthy John Jokai, decided that he would go abroad in the world to seek his fortune and decided to try his luck in the land of the stars and stripes. As already intimated he was not mistaken in his calculations, and, as years rolled on becoming more and more convinced that his life would not be complete without a helpmate.

AN ENQUIRY INTO GLACE BAY AFFAIRS

Financial Matters Since the Town's Incorporation Are To Be Thoroughly Investigated

SYDNEY, Dec. 20 (Special)--One of the most important of the affairs of this municipality is to be found in a report upon excellent authority, that an investigation into the financial affairs of the town of Glace Bay will shortly take place. This rumor has been rife for some time past and it is understood the coal company and the parties who will act for an enquiry.

POLICE COURT

Several Board of Health Cases Brought Up This Morning.

Several board of health cases came up in the police court this morning, but, owing to the non-appearance of the defendants, the cases were postponed to a later morning at eleven o'clock, and in the meantime warrants will be issued against some of those reported.

THE ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Pleasant Exercises Carried Out This Morning--Presentation of the Medals.

The closing exercises of the High School, as announced exclusively in yesterday's Times, were carried out today before a large gathering that completely filled the assembly hall in the High School building.

The programme was exceedingly interesting and brought forth hearty applause, and at its closing Principal W. J. S. Myles, who presided, thanked all for their presence at the exercises.

The Lieutenant-Governor's silver medal was presented to Miss Isabel Lingley by Ald. Bullock. The Treasurer, gold medal for highest standing in grade VIII, was presented by Supt. Briggs. In the course of a brief address he said, while seasonal trainees are not given the same attention as the curriculum he now looked for music to be added.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Public Schools Closed Today--Medals Presented.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 20 (Special)--The public schools of the city concluded a successful term of work at one o'clock today and closed for the Christmas holidays. Public examinations were held this morning, and attracted a large number of visitors. Santa Claus figured prominently in the exercises in the primary grades, while in the other departments pupils were examined on subjects taught during the term. The pupils of the high school were mustered in the assembly hall at twelve o'clock to witness the presentation of Governor Tweedie's medal to Miss Mildred Wallace, who made the best showing in the other departments examination. The presentation was made by Dr. Atherton, chairman of the school board, and Chancellor Jones also made a few remarks. Led by Principal Foster, the pupils gave three rousing cheers for their honor.

NIZAM AS SULTAN IS NOW THE BOSS

He Has Formed a New Persian Cabinet With Himself As Premier.

TEHRAN, Dec. 20--Another quick change in the situation at the Persian capital has been brought about by the intervention of the press, who with the promise that a satisfactory solution of the crisis will be found, have induced the opposing factions to disperse a second time. Consequently Artillery Major has been vacated and the disorderly villagers have returned to their homes. The battle on Artillery Square, however, are left standing to be ready for use in case of a sudden recall to arms.

NO LIBEL ACTION HAS BEEN ENTERED AS YET

John Kerr, Acting for W. A. Quinton, Has Not Decided What To Do--Mr. Clark Will Not Apologize or Retract.

The master of Alfred A. Clark, of Manawanish Road who made charges at the opposition convention in Keith's Assembly rooms on December 18th, against W. A. Quinton, of the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases, which charges Mr. Quinton terms slanderous and demands an apology therefor, stands as it did yesterday.

MR. LONDON EXPLAINS

George W. London, who, on Wednesday of this week, was dismissed from the police force, called at the Times office today and stated that he was in the house at Clara McGuigan when Archibald McLeod was there, and while in the kitchen McLeod had given him ten dollars. Five of this he gave to the McGuigan woman, at McLeod's request, to get change and then went out of the house. He came back later, when McLeod handed him two dollars, directing him to give one to Clara McGuigan, which he did. London then took him out of the house and let him go, giving him back the six dollars which he (London) still retained. McLeod complained to him of having left money at the house kept by Amelia Francis, and at Martin's boarding house, but, as McLeod was under the influence of liquor at the time, London advised him to go home.

MEETING CANCELLED

OUTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20 (Special)--The meeting of the cabinet called for today has been cancelled on account of so many ministers leaving the city. Hon. L. E. Browder left this morning for Montreal, and will attend the funeral of Mr. Tarte tomorrow morning; from there he will go to Nicolet to speak for the liberal candidate. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding leave this afternoon to be present at the funeral of Mr. Tarte. Hon. George P. Graham has gone to Centre Point to take part in the political contest there and Hon. Sidney Fisher has gone to Stansford to attend the liberal convention and select a candidate in place of the late Mr. Lovell.

OUR WILLIAMS

Sir--What's the matter with our Williams? One is William the Silent. Another cries 'Fire! Fire!' and invokes the services of the chief engineer. The public mention is minding its Ps and Qs.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Robertson took place this afternoon from her late home, Wentworth street, at 2:30 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. H. D. Marr. Interment was in Fernhill.

ABANDONED AT SEA

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 20 (Special)--The brigantine Aquila has been abandoned at sea and her crew taken off by the Anchor Line steamer Italia, bound from New York for Naples. The Aquila left Shelburne on Nov. 30th, her last port of call. She was caught in the terrible storm of Dec. 1st, and 2nd and later in the hurricane of the 8th. She was owned by Jos. Reed & Co. of Summerside and commanded by Captain Basil Kelly of Summerside. Five of her crew are islanders.

CREW OF BRIGANTINE AQUILA LEFT HER AND WERE TAKEN OFF BY AN ANCHOR LINER.

The Aquila was quite plentiful in the market this morning at eighteen cents per pound. Mrs. Carrie Robinson who has been in New York taking a Bible training course returned home today. A soldier arrested last night for drunkenness was handed over to the military authorities this morning. The hockeyists are well pleased with the schedule drawn up by the New Brunswick League at St. John yesterday.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

JUST ENJOYING THEMSELVES. You know that we are about to have an election? "Oh!" said the citizen. "I beg your pardon. I thought it was a fight." "Right your grandmother!" scoffed Mr. Binks. "This is a political scam." The crowd melted away and left the reporter to enjoy his pastime. Their voices rose again, but everybody knew that no blood would flow. They were just having a good time.

POST OFFICE BUSINESS IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

Postmaster Hanington Reports That More Christmas Mail Has Been Handled Through the Post Office This Year Than Ever Before.

The officials in the post office have been kept very busy during the past few days, and they will probably be rushed with letters and parcels until after Christmas. Yesterday the largest mail that ever left this city was forwarded to New York to go to Great Britain on the steamer Lusitania. There were 130 pounds of letters and 300 pounds of newspapers. The largest consignment ever sent out before was 105 pounds of letters, two years ago. The number of parcels handled is greatly in excess of previous years, being fully 50 per cent greater than ever before, according to Postmaster Hanington. The reason for the great increase in the British mails is said to be on account of the always increasing population of old country people in Canada.

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