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A COLD WAVE.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 15.—The cold wave shows no sign of moderating. Reports from 24 points over Texas at seven o'clock tonight show the thermometer readings from 11 above at

Texarkana to 29 above at Houston. Zero weather is expected over northern Texas generally tonight. Severe sufferings reported from the cattle country to the Northwest of Dallas and Fort Worth.

MANCHURIAN QUESTION.

Japan Would Fight to Stop Russian Occupation.

PEKIN, Dec. 15.—The Manchurian question has reached a stage which best informed observers consider to be a crisis in Chinese history.

The Chinese government is beset between Russia on the one hand and Great Britain, the United States and Japan on the other. The government is helpless and will yield to that faction able to bring the strongest pressure to bear.

Prince Ching is distinctly more friendly to Great Britain than was Li Hung Chang. The British, American and Japanese representatives here have separately visited Prince Ching and insisted they be shown any treaty before it is signed. Prince Ching has submitted to them the draft of a treaty practically identical to the treaty already published. Prince Ching is now pressing Russia for more definite terms, the present form of the treaty being as vague in its important points as virtually to leave Russia a free hand.

The Japanese minister has taken a strong stand in the matter and has notified Prince Ching that Japan will require equivalent concession to all the advantages conceded to Russia in Manchuria.

The belief is general that Russia intends to ignore what she regards as mere formal objections on the part of the other powers. Japan would go to the length of war to stop the Russian occupation of Manchuria if she were assured of support, but she will not risk a repetition of the rebuff received after the China-Japanese war.

DAY BOATS TO BANGOR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Charles W. Morse, who has a controlling interest in the Boston and Bangor Steamship company, tonight confirmed a rumor contained in a despatch from Bangor, Me., that his company proposes to run day line boats between that city and Boston.

"Yes, that is true," Mr. Morse said. "Night boats have been running between those two cities for some time past. We have decided to run a day line as well. To accomplish this one boat is now being built at Bath, Me., about the size of the Rockland, one of the night boats, and the plans and specifications for two others are ready. It has not yet been fully decided where the two additional boats are to be built; possibly one in Bath, the other here in New York or in Boston."

HER LONG LOST FAMILY.

WHITMAN, Mass., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Alice Cook of Boston, who until a week ago supposed that she had not a relative save her own child living in the world, has traced the whereabouts of her father and sister, and only for the heavy storm of today she would have met her father, from whom she was separated when five months old, and who is at present residing at Weymouth, Mass. Her sister, who now, as Mrs. Charles Mansur, is living in Richmond, Me., was adopted years ago by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Leavitt of this town, and she has remained in total ignorance of the whereabouts of her sister until within a few days.

AT THE QUEEN'S CORONATION.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 15.—Mark Knipe, a well known shoe manufacturer of this city, died today after a short illness. He was born in England 73 years ago, and was the only man in New England who was present at the coronation of Queen Victoria. Upon coming to this country, he established woolen mills in Rochester, N. H., Brighton and Oxford, Me., and after spending twelve years in California returned and went into the shoe business. He was one of the most prominent orthopedists and taxidermists in New England.

BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A despatch to the Times from Valparaiso says that Chile has proposed to the Argentine Republic as a basis for the settlement of the difficulties between the countries, that Chile shall disavow all intention of treating the roads in the disputed territory as evidence of previous right of possession; that the Argentine officials shall withdraw from doubtful territory and that paths to facilitate the work of the British commission shall be constructed at the joint expense of both countries.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Harry De Windt, the explorer, who is to attempt an overland trip from Paris to New York has completed the preparations for his expedition and will start for Siberia Dec. 19. The Russian government is actively assisting him and has telegraphed to the remote settlements in North Siberia to have reindeer and dogs in readiness for the use of the explorer. De Windt's companions on the journey will be Vicente De Clincham and George Harding.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—West strong winds and gales northwest, decidedly colder, snow furries; Tuesday, northwesterly winds, fair and cold. Maritime east, rain, turning to snow, northwesterly winds tonight and change to colder. Tuesday northwesterly gales and decidedly colder.

HORRIBLE AND BLASPHEMOUS.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—At the Old Bailey today the grand jury returned a true bill against Theodore Jackson and Laura Jackson. "Ann O'Connell De Bar." The recorder in charging the grand jury commented upon the horrible and blasphemous character of the evidence.

POLICE COURT.

Harry Gitchall poured forth a tale of woe this morning which was calculated to soften the hardest heart, but it did not work in the police court. He was arrested on Saturday morning for being drunk and begging from house to house on Main street and endeavored to explain his conduct to the magistrate. He said that he had come from Prince Edward Island on Thursday and was going to his home in Houlton, Maine. He was turned back at McAdam and reached St. John on Friday. While in the I. C. R. depot on Friday two newsmen went through his pockets and took from him \$9.00 in cash and a ticket for Houlton. He is a cripple and was unable to defend himself. Then he continued drinking, which conduct he had been engaged in before the robbery, and was also begging money on Main street, but did not meet with much success. Gitchall was sentenced to eight dollars or two months. Associated with him on the bench were Mary Jane Toner, drunk on St. James street; Richard Fitzgerald, King square; Daniel Donohue, St. John street; William Harding, Sheffield street, and John Price, Sheffield street. These all admitted to being drunk and all were fined eight dollars or two months. Two other drunks released on deposit failed to show up and their deposits were forfeited.

WASHOUTS ON THE C. P. R.

Trains From Montreal and Boston Cancelled.

The exceptionally heavy rains of the past few days in this province, Quebec and the State of Maine have placed the railway people in a somewhat sorry plight. The principal sufferers are the C. P. R., Maine Central and Bangor and Arcootook roads. The Engine 713, in charge of Engineer Rosby, Fireman J. Patton, both of Farnham, Quebec, and Pilot Estey left Brownville at eight o'clock last evening and ran into a washout one mile west of Brownville. The locomotive was dinged, Rosby and Estey were severely scorched by the escaping steam, although not seriously, while Fireman Patton was killed.

All available men were at once put to work repairing the road and about two o'clock this morning a special with a large gang left St. John for the scene of the trouble. Supt. Osborne and Engineer Barber went on in the train. General Superintendent Osborne stated, before going out this morning, that from reports received he thought the line would be cleared in a few days. The express from Montreal, which should have arrived at noon today, has been held at Megantic. The express from Boston to St. John will run only to that point.

There is some talk of the C. P. R. trains running over the I. C. R. to Quebec, but this has not as yet been decided on.

TROUBLE IN ST. PHILIP'S.

The trustees of St. Philip's church are I. T. Richardson, C. E. Brackett, Philip Bushfan and John Jackson. Some years ago an agreement was entered into between these trustees and the school board whereby the latter were to pay the sum of \$75 per annum for the use of the room over the church as a schoolroom. This amount was to be expended in repairs and whatever was left over was to be devoted to charity. St. Philip's church being given the preference. For quite a few years the trustees have paid to the church \$25 annually, and at the same time have submitted reports showing the expenditure. During the past two years no money has been paid to the church from this fund, nor has any report been submitted. The matter has become one of burning interest to the congregation, and last night after the regular service Rued McIntyre asked permission to put a question. Upon his request being granted, he asked what had become of this money, why it was not paid to the church, and why no reports were sent in. Another member of the congregation also asked the same question, and Rev. J. O. Morley replied that he had repeatedly begged the trustees to submit a report, but as yet nothing had been done. After some discussion the congregation appointed Rev. J. O. Morley and Rued McIntyre a committee with power to act in the matter and secure what information they could in regard to the missing cash.

ICE RAN OUT.

The ice on Eel river and from Woodstock to Springhill, about five miles from Fredericton, ran out this morning, carrying with it about 8,000,000 feet of lumber. This is piled up at Springhill and will probably be a total loss.

THE TURKISH BATHS.

There were twenty-eight patrons of the Turkish baths on Chipman's Hill Saturday evening. The proprietor would remind his patrons that the service would be better if they distributed their visits over other evenings of the week, with not so many to take the baths on any one evening.

Dan Littlejohn, the pugilist, left this afternoon for Halifax, where he will meet Foley, the local champion, in a four round contest next Monday. Littlejohn will also be a contestant in a preliminary bout in an exhibition tomorrow night.

Another member of the newspaper fraternity has succumbed to the charms of Cupid. In this instance the courageous scribe is H. J. Anderson, who will on Wednesday lead to the altar Miss Emma Maxwell of Portland street. After a honeymoon trip to the United States the happy couple will reside on Garden street.

Sch. Viola, at Vineyard Haven, having effected temporary repairs at Vineyard Haven, shipped her rudder Friday with the assistance of a diver and is expected here in the course of a day or two to make permanent repairs.

EDISON DOUBTS

That Marconi Received a Wireless Message Across the Ocean.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A special to the Herald from Orange, N. J., says: Thomas A. Edison doubts the reliability and accuracy of the published statements that Marconi has received a wireless message across the ocean. The celebrated inventor was seen in Liverpool park this evening.

"I doubt this story," said Mr. Edison. "I don't believe it. Do you think Marconi was deceived because the letter which it is alleged he received was the one which he had instructed should be sent him?"

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Edison. "I don't believe he was deceived, but I doubt the story. That letter 'S,' with the three dots is a very simple one, but I have been fooled myself. Until the published reports are verified I shall doubt the accuracy of the account."

SPT. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 15.—Regarding the disinclination of Edison, Greely, Bradford and other electrical authorities to credit the report that he had really accomplished the feat of sending a wireless message over the ocean, Marconi said that he knew the electricians would not give credence to the accomplishment, but despite their opinion insisted that he had not been deceived and asserted again that the signal had really been received from his station in Cornwall.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, Dec. 15.—General J. Franklin Bell has been exceedingly active in Bacangus province, where he intends, by every means available, to stamp out the insurrection. There are daily small fights between the insurgents and the men of General Bell's command, in which the former are almost invariably routed. Lieut. Hennessy of the 8th infantry, together with one American scout and six Filipinos, captured an insurgent major with 42 men, 20 rifles and \$50 rounds of ammunition, without the loss of a man. The insurgent general, Torres, who was found guilty by a military commission of ordering the assassination of an American corporal and sentenced to be hanged, but whose sentence was disapproved by General Chaffee, broke down when he was released. He said it was just that his life be spared because he was innocent of the crime imputed to him.

STORM STILL CONTINUES.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 15.—Another storm, which began late last night, is sweeping over Southern Wyoming, and a railway blockade is imminent. Trains going over Sherman Hill are preceded by a rotary snow plow and a wedge blow and are in readiness for an emergency. The air is warm and heavy plow and are in readiness for an emergency. The air is warm and heavy plow and are in readiness for an emergency.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 15.—Two men were killed and another was severely injured at Delray, a suburb of Detroit, early today by a Lake Shore passenger train. The dead are Charles Desrosier, 42, Corral, Fred Weisner, Delray, 41, Ernest Henselman, leg broken, head cut. The men who are on their way to work, were walking on the railroad track. It was very foggy and they neither saw nor heard the approaching train. Desrosier was instantly killed and Weisner died from his injuries very soon after he was picked up.

MISSING SCHOONER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The steamer S. Wilhelm, lumber laden, from Manitowish, came into port, vessel and cargo covered with a heavy coating of ice. Captain Roache reported that in the heavy seas off Racine, the schooner Galatea, which she had in tow, broke loose late Saturday night, and after a search for several hours he had been forced to run for shelter. The schooner, he said, was so loaded down with the ice that her decks were almost even with the water. Tugs were at once despatched in search of the missing schooner, but at a late hour no reports of her have been received.

FOUR LIVES LOST.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—A storm which for severity and destructiveness has not been equalled in this section for 25 years visited eastern and central Pennsylvania last night, causing almost unprecedented damage and resulting in the loss of at least four human lives. The havoc in the coal regions is enormous, and the loss to railroad and mining companies will amount to millions of dollars. The Schuylkill, Lehigh, Susquehanna and Juniata rivers have risen as high as 15 feet above their levels and all of their tributaries have overflowed, inundating the surrounding country in more than a dozen counties.

CAN SATISFY NOBODY.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Few of the London papers comment on the findings of the Schley Court inquiry. The Standard says the court's report can satisfy nobody. "If we may venture to advise the American people," says the Standard, "we should advise them either to drop the dispute altogether or to court-martial Admiral Schley." The Chronicle commends Admiral Dewey's gallant loyalty to his comrade, but does not think his judgment upset the authority of the main report.

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