

Berlin En Fete.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—All over the empire the people joined enthusiastically today in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the marriage of the Kaiser with the Empress Augusta Victoria. In spite of the strong opposition to the Kaiser's militaristic policies which undoubtedly exists, there is at the bottom of every German heart, even that of the most radical Socialists, not a little admiration of the Kaiser, who, after all is a typical German and whose patriotism and honesty of purpose all recognize and respect. The capital had put on its gayest attire, and large crowds thronged the streets which were most elaborately decorated with flags and bunting. The imperial couple observed the day in the midst of a quiet family party. The ambassador called during the afternoon and presented messages of felicitation in behalf of the sovereigns and powers they represent. Despite the expressed desire of the Kaiser that no personal gifts be made there were many presents received at the palace from German municipalities, societies and individuals in all walks of life. The suggestion of the Kaiser that funds intended to buy presents for the imperial couple should be used instead for the establishment of hospitals, asylums and kindred institutions met with a widespread response from municipalities and individuals. Reports received from many sources indicate that more than one hundred such public institutions, representing endowments of nearly 100,000,000 marks were dedicated today in commemoration of the imperial silver wedding.

Eight Year Chase for Murderer.

PATIENT DETECTIVES—SUCCESSFUL AT LAST.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The call says today that local detectives believe they have located the murderer of John Stinson, a wealthy mining man, who disappeared from this city in 1898. At that time the body of an unknown man was found floating in the Stowe Lake, and was buried as a pauper. A few months ago it was discovered that the body found in the lake was that of Stinson, and also that his deposit box with a local trust company was empty, although it was known to have contained a large sum of money and other valuables at the time of its owner's disappearance. Since then detectives have been at work ferreting out the mystery in connection with Stinson's death. Now the news has been received here yesterday that Mrs. Frank W. Sawyer, of Boston, a niece of Stinson, arrived at her mother's, Mrs. Sarah Connor, of Portland, Maine, with the news that detectives hired by her to investigate the death of her uncle had located \$75,000 worth of bonds belonging to Stinson in San Francisco, and are now closely watching the man who has them in his possession. This man, says Mrs. Sawyer, was an old companion of Stinson in the mine, and worked with him for forty years. "He became suddenly wealthy after uncle's death," she said in an interview last night. "Our detectives are watching every

move of that man, and his arrest will be accomplished shortly."

Portland, Me., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Sarah Connor, who claims to have evidence that her brother, John Stinson, was murdered in 1898, claims that the man at the time of his death was believed to have had property valued at between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000. Stinson went to California to hunt gold in '49, and made a fortune. Afterwards he became a mining operator and promoter.

Studying Ballooning.

A London despatch of the 23rd says France and the United States up to the present time have been taking a deeper interest in the subject of aerial navigation than has Great Britain. But recently, however, English army officers have been making up to the subject of the importance of the problems involved and Laflin's Plain, Aldershot, is the scene almost daily of experimental flights by man raising kites under the superintendence of Mr. Cody, the inventor of the kite. The British army authorities who have been inspecting the kites have expressed satisfaction with them. They have been subjected to very severe tests in all kinds of weather. They are now part of the experimental equipment of the balloon section of the Royal Engineers at Aldershot. The immense usefulness of the kite in war time in the way of reconnaissance is apparent to all. To raise the man-bearing kite large ordnance kites are employed, being sent up on thin wire and checked at certain intervals until a sufficient number of kites to raise the man-bearer have been sent up. From the latter stretches along the ground a hundred yards of piano wire to the reel, and as the air begins to carry the weight this becomes taut and gradually more and more wire is paid out until the desired height is attained. In one case this amounted to 20,000 feet, a record in ascents. The position of the operator in the air is sloping, like a man lying full length on an ordinary roof. The more wind, of course, the easier the manipulation.

Health of King Edward.

A London despatch of the 23rd, says: Notwithstanding repeated denials rumors of an almost alarming nature continue in circulation regarding the condition of King Edward. It is asserted that the real reason of the king not going to Denmark for the funeral of his aged father-in-law was not so much that he desired to be in London for the opening of parliament as on account of his health. For some time past this has been by no means a satisfactory condition, and gives his medical advisers and his family continued anxiety. His Majesty has been several times lately urged to take a complete rest at all public work, but this he resolutely declines to do. Notwithstanding that it is some months since his accident, the king still continues to display great lameness when walking, and relies very considerably on the aid of a strong stick, which was presented to him several years ago by Lord Rothschild.

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The attendance at the market yesterday was very small, both inside and outside. The weather conditions of the roads prevented people from coming in. There was scarcely any change in the prices from last week.

Rear Admiral Lambertson, Admiral Dewey's chief of staff, at the battle of Manila Bay, was retired from the navy at Washington on the 24th, after 45 years of active service. He was born in Pennsylvania and graduated from the naval academy in 1865.

In a statement issued to the Association Press at Indianapolis, Vice-president Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America declares there will be no strike of miners on April 1st, saying the operators will restore the reduction accepted by the miners two years ago and perhaps more.

This being Ash Wednesday, the blessing and distribution of the ashes took place in St. Dunstan's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Very Rev. Dr. Morrison, V. G., officiating, assisted by Rev. Dr. B. G. McDonald and Rev. Father Gaudet. High Mass was then celebrated by Very Rev. Dr. Morrison.

A bad smash up occurred on the I. C. R. at New Mills, N. B., yesterday morning. The east bound Maritime express crashed into the rear of a special freight, derailed four cars and demolishing four more. The engineer and fireman of the Maritime express were slightly hurt, but no one else was injured. The line was tied up for several hours.

The N. Y. Times says: The Singer Manufacturing Company filed plans yesterday for a structure which will be higher than all existing skyscrapers by from 300 to 300 feet, and will be about fifty feet higher than the Washington monument. With the exception of the Eiffel Tower the Singer building will be the loftiest structure in the world.

At a special meeting in Montreal yesterday the stockholders of the Dominion Copper Co. are to take action to decrease the number of shares of the company from 5,000,000 to 500,000 and to make a corresponding increase in the par value of each share raising it from \$1 to \$10. It is understood that this action is preliminary to issuing new capital for the development of the company's property upon a large scale.

Many Cornwallis, N. S., farmers are buying up and laying in store hay for next year's winter season, thinking that the yield of the present season will be light owing to the injuries received by the roots of the grasses which have been killed during the greater part of this winter. Hay has thus been exposed to any frosts which have occurred. Hay is bringing ten dollars per ton at present, but will probably bring more with the approach of spring.

Earl Minto and Lord Kitchener both express complete satisfaction with the decision of John Morley, Indian Secretary, on the question of the administration of the Indian Army. Under this decision Lord Kitchener is enabled to carry out his scheme of Army reform unhampered by the dual control existing under the old system under which the military department was only answerable to the Viceroy. At the same time the civil authority is fully upheld. So says a Calcutta despatch of the 26th.

That Madame Albani still retains in a surprising degree the freshness of her voice, was illustrated in the opening concert of her farewell tour of Canada given at the Academy Hall on Friday night last. The event proved a brilliant success. The house was crowded to the doors with a delighted and enthusiastic audience that cheered every selection on the programme. Madame Albani's last encore, Home, Sweet Home, brought tears to the eyes of many. The supporting company was one of the best that Albani has ever brought over.

A somewhat sensational trial was completed before Justice C. E. Casey, at Amherst, N. S., on Monday evening the 26th inst. The members and their lady friends filled the hall and overflowed into the adjoining rooms. After a very interesting musical and literary programme had been disposed of, dancing was participated in for a few hours. Card tables for which were arranged in one of the adjoining rooms, and were liberally patronized. Refreshments were served during the evening and all present enjoyed themselves exceedingly well. The chapters were Mrs. J. B. McDonald, Mrs. Judge Blanchard, Mrs. Dr. Conroy, Mrs. Dr. Kelly and Mrs. D. D. Ryan.

C. M. B. A. A Concert and Social reunion was held by Branch 216, C. M. B. A., Charlottetown, in the Branch Hall, Queen Street, on Monday evening the 26th inst. The members and their lady friends filled the hall and overflowed into the adjoining rooms. After a very interesting musical and literary programme had been disposed of, dancing was participated in for a few hours. Card tables for which were arranged in one of the adjoining rooms, and were liberally patronized. Refreshments were served during the evening and all present enjoyed themselves exceedingly well. The chapters were Mrs. J. B. McDonald, Mrs. Judge Blanchard, Mrs. Dr. Conroy, Mrs. Dr. Kelly and Mrs. D. D. Ryan.

"To talk of a 'duty' ocean highway sounds absurd, but the expression is perfectly accurate," states a London writer. "Everyone who is familiar with ships knows that, no matter how carefully the decks may be washed in the morning, a great quantity of dust will collect by nightfall. You say, 'But the tons of coal a day, partly accounts for such a deposit.' True, but the records of sailing vessels show that the latter collect more dust than a steamer. On a recent voyage of a sailing vessel—a journey which lasted sixty-seven days—twenty-four barrels of dust were swept from the decks. The captain was a man of scientific tastes and made careful observations, but could not solve the mystery. Some, no doubt, comes from the wear and tear on the sails and rigging, but that accounts for only a small portion. To add to the mystery, bits of cork, wood and vegetable fibre are frequently found in this sea dust. Where does it come from?"

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Robert Fulton, stroke in the famous Paris crew died at St. John, N. B. on Thursday last, aged 61 years.

Dr. Tyerman, who was elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature for Prince Albert, in consequence of the return of those presiding officers, who had been elected to all, has resigned his seat. Should think he would.

The Citizens' Bank and the Southern Bank of Georgia at Savannah were formally merged on Friday under the name of the Citizens' & Southern Bank. The combined institution has the largest capitalization of any bank between Baltimore and New Orleans.

An unconfirmed despatch has reached the Imperial government reporting that five British officers and a company of five troops were killed by fanatic near Sokoto in Northern Nigeria. The despatch, which came from Lagos, Africa, reports that a punitive expedition has been sent out.

A tragic scene was enacted at Belmont cemetery Montreal the other day. Joseph Charland, of the firm of Maroon & Charland, traders, aged 29 years, was the chief mourner at his mother's funeral. Just as the coffin was lowered into the grave he fell to the ground and almost into the grave of the dead, and was brought back by the undertaker who had brought his mother's body for burial.

The dividing line between Saskatchewan and Alberta runs down the main street of Lloydminster. Consequently half lies in one Province and half in the other. The towns are now anxious to have the line entirely, and the majority favor Saskatchewan. The government will be asked to give expression to their wish.

At a horse trot held on the ice near Victoria Park on Saturday afternoon, P. S. Brown's Lady Mac, a valuable sulky being pulled up close struck her hind legs. She fell backwards striking the toe with such force that her skull was fractured. She died almost immediately. In her fall she narrowly missed crushing the driver.

As a result of increasing trade between America and Denmark a new steamship service between the two countries has been established by the Compagnie d'Inde, which operates a direct service between Philadelphia, Rotterdam and Copenhagen, via the vessel to leave for Copenhagen on Friday, and will be followed by the Patria about the middle of March.

What must be nearly the last of the national encampment of the Mexican war veterans began at the National Hotel in Washington on Friday, when about 100 celebrated and best old men assembled to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the battle of Buena Vista. Out of an army of 100,000 there are only 3,700 left. Many of them are bedridden, many are blind, some are crippled, and all are very old and many very poor. A bill now before Congress to have their pensions increased. The present convention is almost entirely in the nature of a reunion as there is little business to transact.

A Halifax despatch of the 26th says: A bad accident took place at the residence of Mr. William Appleby, Blue Bell Lane, in this city, on Saturday afternoon, when his daughter Gertrude, aged three years was burned so badly that she died in a few hours. The little one was playing with kindling, and the flames from them ignited her clothing, and before anything could be done, her face, hands, arms, and other parts of her body were badly burned. Dr. Hawkins was summoned to relieve the sufferings of the child while life remained. She was removed to the Hospital where she died four hours after.

The Montreal Street Railway Company has been allowed to increase its capital from \$7,000,000 to \$18,000,000. The value of the shares will be increased from \$50 to \$100, and the stock which now represents 140,000 shares will be reduced to 70,000. The company has purchased a terminus from the city at Bonaventure, \$400,000, and will have about \$6,000,000 for the scheme of extensions. They will build all round the Island and down to St. Vincent de Paul. In two years' time they expect to have at least 750 cars running daily on their city and suburban systems.

The Canadian Government has purchased \$25,000 worth of wheat, flour which will be shipped to Japan for the relief of the famine in that country. The wheat is of the kingdom where the rice crop, the staple crop of the people, proved a total failure. The flour was largely purchased in Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie. But part of it was milled in British Columbia, from Alberta wheat. It will be sent forward in white cotton sacks each holding 49 pounds and enclosed in a bag of coarse jute. The sides of both bags bear this inscription in Japanese characters, "Canadian wheat flour for special use of the Northerners famine suffering people. Gifts of the Canadian government."

A fire broke out in a building of the Standard Oil Co. on Queen Street, West, Toronto, on the 22nd, caused damage to the contents and building over \$8,500. Sixty employees escaped unharm. Thirty men and fifteen girls were crowded together at the sewing machines in the kitchen when a man rushed down by the central staircase from the top of the flat and shouted that the building was on fire. One of the men hurried to the south end and opened the door when he was beaten back by the flames that leaped forth from a closet beneath the staircase, and a panic ensued. The fire was quickly extinguished. The Central staircase provided means of escape.

Pathetic in the extreme is the story of the last journey and death of George Ross McKay, formerly of New Glasgow, N. S., who worked for six months as a man on the transcontinental survey party at Grand Lake, Victoria. Two hundred miles from Ottawa in the wilds of Northern Quebec. Becoming very ill, Mr. McKay desired to return to Ottawa and in company with his twenty year old son, William McKay, two Indians and several other men, he set out on the trip. A hand sleigh was the sole means of conveyance. So weak was McKay's condition however, that only twelve miles of the way had been travelled when he died, on February 6th. The sorrowful and continued their journey. Not until the 16th, was the railway line reached.

Using the Mails to Defraud.

Charged with using the mail to defraud, John S. White, president of the Imperial Trustee company of Jersey City and Clyde Colt and Robert G. Ruxton, brokers of New York, were up for hearing on Saturday in New York before United States Commissioner Shields. It is alleged that Colt and Ruxton sent out thousands of circulars setting forth that they represented clients with millions of idle capital to invest in first class securities. When visited by representatives of various concerns, it is alleged the brokers proposed to handle the securities offered, provided they were guaranteed by the Imperial Trustee company. White charged some range from \$2000 to \$5,000 for guaranteeing the securities, and it is alleged that the three men divided the "graft."

The Hanover Bank of Boston, a small concern, was also involved in the scheme, the exposure of which caused the bank to close its doors.

Trouble at Peking.

Peking, Feb. 26.—The guards around the forbidden city have been doubled since Saturday afternoon, and all the gates are especially guarded. The police, who have been carrying out a strict watch over the city, are now armed with rifles. All the officials that are accessible either refuse any information or profess ignorance of the reasons for the precautions that have been taken, and as a result many rumors are afloat. The Chinese minister at Tokyo, a few days ago telegraphed to the government warning it against several revolutionary students who are departing from Japan for China. Two packages of dynamite have been found in the street outside the gate leading to the palace. One report finding evidence that there is a quarrel afoot within the palace between the partition of the Empress Dowager and those of the Emperor, over the selection of an heir to the throne.

Castro Warlike.

Willemstad, Caracas, Feb. 26.—Advices received here from Venezuela are to the effect that President Castro says he will humble France, break up the Monroe Doctrine, clear out the French from Venezuela and then start on Americans, Englishmen, and Germans, who he declares are worse than the Chinese. He is a country of foreigners. He is a big fighter against Americans, who he says are after his country. The populace is yearning for an American protectorate and the better class of Venezuelans are reported as saying that the situation demands the immediate intervention by the United States for the sake of humanity.

DIED.

At Selkirk Station, on the 12th inst. Alexander J. McDonald, leaving a mother and one sister to mourn. May his soul rest in peace.

At Kelly's Cross, on the 20th, Mrs. Owen McMahon, aged 91 years. May, her soul rest in peace.

On February 27th, 1906, at the residence of his brother, Mr. Joseph Smith, of Portage, John Smith, Esq., formerly of Georgetown, at the advanced age of 86 years. May his soul rest in peace.

After an illness of several months, at East Providence, R. I., on the 13th inst. John McKenna, in the 31st year of his age. Deceased was the son of Peter and Mary A. McKenna, of St. Theresa's. May his soul rest in peace.

The February term of the Supreme Court opened at Georgetown yesterday, his Honor Judge Hodgson, Master of the Rolls presiding.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company gives notice that it will apply for legislation annulling their act of 1903 by authorizing the company to issue debenture stock to the amount of \$25,000,000, instead of preference stock to the amount of \$20,000,000, as now provided.

A bad fatality occurred at Port Hope, Ont., on Monday when Mr. James Southport of the seed and grain firm of H. Southport & Sons, lost his life while superintending the loading of a car at their elevator. A stoppage having occurred in one of the chutes, the deceased attempted to remove the obstruction by the discharging bin, but losing his balance he fell into the large body of wheat and was quickly engulfed by the suction. His brother H. Southport, jun., made a desperate but unsuccessful effort to rescue him and narrowly escaped a similar fate. When recovered the body was buried in over six feet of wheat. Medical aid was summoned and every effort made to resuscitate the man, but without success.

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| Butter, (fresh) | 0.24 to 0.26 |
| Butter (tub) | 0.20 to 0.22 |
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| Ducks (per pair) | 0.80 to 1.00 |
| Eggs, per doz. | 0.17 to 0.18 |
| Fowls (per pr) | 0.75 to 1.00 |
| Chickens (per pair) | 0.80 to 1.00 |
| Flour (per cwt.) | 2.40 to 2.50 |
| Hides | 90. to 0.08 |
| Hay, per 100 lbs. | 35. to 0.40 |
| Mutton, per lb (carcass) | 0.04 to 0.07 |
| Oatmeal (per cwt) | 2.50 to 0.00 |
| Potatoes (buyers price) | 0.19 to 0.20 |
| Pork | 0.08 to 0.10 |
| Sheep pelts | 0.75 to 1.00 |
| Turkeys (per lb) | 0.10 to 0.12 |
| Geese | 0.00 to 0.10 |
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