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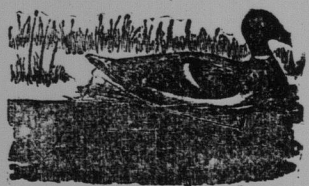
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THE EXHIBITION OPENS MOST AUSPICIOUSLY.

Large Crowds, Glorious Weather and Hustling Activity Mark the First Day of the Big Show.

The exhibition buildings and grounds were scenes of intense activity this morning, the large square being filled with teams delivering goods and fittings and the buildings resounding with the sound of saws and hammers as the finishing touches were being put on the scores of booths and stands. In the offices of the management every member of the staff was overwhelmed with work, filling out exhibitor's cards, tallying entries, handling the correspondence just arrived by mail, and answering questions of every sort and kind.

Machinery Hall is filling up and carriages and sleighs are pouring into the drill hall in a steady stream. In Agricultural Hall, the stock yards and all other sections of the big square are filling up with a rush, and by this afternoon and evening little will remain to be done to complete all things.

And there is just as much bustle among the tents and other canvas structures that go to make up the side way. The latest arrivals consist of some black boxes and two large moose which are on exhibition just inside the Carmarthen street gate. And he and his troupe of lions had a rehearsal this morning, when the animals faced Morton Harrison's music without the slightest symptom of fear. There is no doubt this feature of the exhibition will prove one of its greatest drawing cards. The element of danger appeals to the masses with a force almost beyond belief.

The management has done a wise thing in entrusting the management of the dining hall to the ladies of Trinity church, Sussex, their presence being a guarantee of first class service. Lunch counters are being set up in various parts of the building, so that the needs of the hungry can be readily satisfied, and at moderate tolls. J. D. Turner has an oyster and lunch stand on the grounds near the exit from the main building, the same stand that he has occupied at a long series of exhibitions.

Mr. Taylor's staff is largely engaged in putting up more flags on the exterior of the several buildings, this part of the work having been temporarily suspended owing to rain last night, until the sun peeped through the clouds this morning. The grounds are rapidly drying up and the trotting track has been once more scraped and rolled to put it in proper condition for use this afternoon.

In addition to the post office, parcel check room, telegraph and express offices, a public telephone has been established in the annex, hard by the passage way from the main building. This new feature will be a great convenience to the patrons of the exhibition.

Related exhibits are coming in every hour and are being rushed into position as rapidly as possible. One of the most attractive displays on the first floor of the annex is that along and in front of the western wall, where J. H. Carnall & Son have a large exhibit of their taxidermy work. A novelty in the centre of this floor is a pattern of an iron column weighing 11,000 pounds, cast by the St. John Foundry Company, of Brunswick street. Nearby, Mr. Willett, of Westfield, has a showing of his ball-bearing washers.

Manis are received and despatched from the exhibition twice daily. The post office is situated to the right of the main entrance, a very short distance inside the door. The colors of the prize cards are: 1st prize, red; 2nd prize, blue; 3rd prize, white; highly commended, green. The poultry show is a good one, and in the matter of quality surpasses that of two years ago, while in numbers it will press the figures of last exhibition pretty hard. The permanent coops, which were not finished for the previous occasion, are now completed. Every one was required to meet the demand, and Supt. Jack feels quite happy over the outlook. St. John has come well to the front with its birds. This morning the carriage of Mr. Phillips, the confectioner, while standing in the yard, was crashed into by a runaway express team, with the result that its two hind wheels were carried away and some other damage sustained.

At noon visitors and residents of the city began to pass through the tent-tunnels in goodly numbers and indications point to a large attendance this afternoon and evening, particularly to-night when there will be a magnificent display of fireworks, including many novel and brilliant light and color effects, the whole to conclude with a realistic illustration of the bombardment of Port Arthur. As the display will doubtless be seen to the very best possible advantage, reserved seats can be procured in the grand stand which directly faces the line of firing and commands a capital view of the entire spectacle. Mr. Hand's reputation is too well known in St. John to require any booming by the press.

This afternoon the parade ground and the Amusement Hall will present the first of the season's attractions, when music, horse exercises and judo, long, moving pictures, the performing

Losses on Both Sides Heavy--Czar is Sending Another Army to Help Kuropatkin--Alexieff Still Holds His Job.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 19.—A dispatch has been received from Gen. Kuropatkin, announcing that General Rennenkampf and General Samsonoff are conducting important reconnaissance, which have resulted in heavy fighting and many casualties. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 19. Acting on the advice of his military advisers, Emperor Nicholas has decided to form a second Manchurian army. It will be formed of the corps now being sent to the Far East, with Lieut. General Linewich probably in command, Gen. Kuropatkin becoming chief of both armies probably without the title of commander-in-chief. It is this impending re-organization which seems to have led to confusion among the reports about here of Kuropatkin's supersession of Viceroy Alexieff as commander-in-chief of the army on the latter's resignation, but the Associated Press is assured that the above is the true situation. Alexieff will continue to be in command, but the Associated Press is informed that Gen. Kuropatkin will virtually be in complete, untrammelled command of the army.

As has been therefore stated on high authority, the stories of Alexieff's interference with Kuropatkin are entirely without foundation. On the contrary Alexieff has always shown the utmost appreciation of the peculiar delicacy of his position as Kuropatkin's 'subordinate officer,' studiously avoiding even the semblance of interference with the operations of the Manchurian army.

The Associated Press is authorized to again deny absolutely the story that Rear Admiral Prince Outomsky was court-martialed. It is positively stated that he has never been under arrest at Port Arthur and that there has never been a question of his trial by court martial. He has simply been superseded by Rear Admiral Voden in the temporary command of the Port Arthur squadron, which Outomsky took over when the Rear Admiral Voden left. This does not necessarily mean that the admiral is dissatisfied with Rear Admiral Outomsky. On the contrary his shortcomings are recognized, leading to the decision to put Rear Admiral Voden in command.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 19.—The latest dispatches received here at the war office leave the situation at the front practically unchanged. There is no truth in the report cable to the Express of London, from Tokyo, that a battle is progressing at Mukden. There is nothing yet to show that Field Marshal Oyama has begun to move in force. The reported fighting between the Japanese and Major-General Mitenko's Cosacks probably refers to the sharp skirmish south of the city, the news of which has already been cabled by the Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 19.—From Gen. Kuropatkin's telegram, which was despatched at six o'clock yesterday evening it appears that Gen. Rennenkampf had recovered from his wound and had resumed command of his troops. The reconnaissance disclosed a further increase in the Japanese forces.

MORE OUTSIDE LABOR

City Workmen Protest Against Employment of Strangers Instead of Local Men at Exhibition

There was a whole bunch of trouble at the exhibition grounds this morning when some five or six men from the vicinity of Sussex and Hampton went out to work as laborers at the exhibition grounds. As soon as the men went out to work they were met by a number of city men employed and from a number who had put in an appearance and did not get work.

The city men object to men being brought here from outside places and given employment in preference to men who live here, have families to support and contribute to the civic treasury in taxes, etc. They think that as the rate payers have to contribute to the support of the exhibition that this thing should not be done and claim that there are many good men available here, and that there was not the least necessity of sending to Kings county. It is further claimed that some local men who applied for positions on the exhibition staff did not secure work, and also that Chief Clark has a list of men who applied for positions as special policemen, many of whom he could not take on, as his force was limited.

Those who object to this morning call attention to the fact that the I. C. R. sent men here to repair the Wall street bridge, but that it was no time before the government was forced to send them back to where they belonged and have the work finished by local men in much less time than it was first said it could be.

If the exhibition management do not change their plans the labor union will be asked to take a hand. It is expected that the men will be reported by the police and asked to take out a license.

POLICE REPORTS. There were no arrests in the city on Sunday. Officer Gossin has reported Frederick McNally for ill-behaving behaviour in the City Hall, West Side.

\$165,000 FIRE AT HALIFAX. Waterfront Swept by Another Disastrous Blaze. Fire Was Thought to be Out When It Started Again and Raged All Night. (Special to the Star.) HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 19.—Another waterfront fire broke out here this morning at one o'clock in Pickford & Black's warehouse and spread to adjoining buildings. It destroyed the eastern end of the warehouses of Pickford & Black and Black Bros. and Forham's sail loft.

It was after four o'clock this morning when it was thought that the fire was practically out and confined to the wooden warehouse, owned by Pickford & Black and Black Bros. Spectators had left for their homes and firemen had begun to get together some of their hose.

Suddenly flames broke out in the rear of Black Bros. fine brick warehouse. The wooden warehouse had been laid low and not a vestige of it remained except some twisted embers. The fire soon spread. The interior of the brick warehouse was a cauldron of flames. The sailors and the military were called out and they worked well. The military brought with them their fire apparatus and worked, and one of their engines from the lower end of Pickford & Black's wharf. The sailors also rendered valuable service.

The fire continued to gain, but the men prevented it from spreading to the wooden buildings south of Black Bros. warehouses and to the wooden buildings north of the Pickford & Black buildings. A supreme effort was made to prevent the fire extending further than Black Bros. brick warehouse and to confine it within the brick walls. The firemen put up a stiff

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts — Moderate to fresh north winds, fine and cooler today and on Tuesday. Synopsis — Fine, cooler weather is indicated. Winds to American ports, moderate to fresh northwest to northeast, and to Banks, moderate to fresh northwest to north. Highest temperature during past 24 hours, 60. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours, 55. Temperature at noon, 60.

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