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THE WEATHER...Increasing S.W. winds, cloudy with same temperature tomorrow

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GEN. KUROKI IS NOT DEAD.

U. S. Officer Says He was With Him Long After He Was Supposed to be Killed ---Japanese Vessels Damaged in Collision.

San Francisco, Dec. 17:—Captain P. C. March, of the general staff of the United States army, one of the officers selected by the department to accompany the Japanese army in the field for the purpose of taking military observations, has returned by the liner Mongolia. Captain March brings absolute refutation of the report that General Kuroki was killed by a Russian shell. General Kuroki is said to have been killed on Oct. 15. All the reports agreed as to the date and I am glad to say are mistaken rumors. I was with General Kuroki on that day and every day until I left the front Oct. 30, when I started for home. Although exposed on numerous occasions, he sustained no hurt, and is one of the healthiest men I ever saw. General Kuroki is particularly keen and energetic. He inspires his officers and men with his own enthusiasm and his death would be a serious loss."

Capt. March admires the Japanese infantry and brought away with him a wholesome respect for them.

"Any nation on earth," he declares, "that undertook to whip Japan, would have its hands full."

Tokio, Dec. 17:—The house of representatives today almost unanimously passed the budget as revised.

To Protect Hospitals

Tokio, Dec. 17:—General Stoessel has opened negotiations with the Japanese forces surrounding Port Arthur providing for the protecting of the hospitals of the city. He has furnished General Nogi with a map showing the positions of the different hospitals.

Ships in Collision.

Moji, Japan, Dec. 17:—The Japanese transport Manshu and the hospital ship Rohilla were in collision today off Shimonoseki. Both were damaged. The Rohilla was beached and the sick and wounded soldiers were safely landed.

WILL HAVE MORE SHIPS.

C. P. R. to Make Additions to Their Atlantic Fleet --- Three Fast Steamers.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Contracts have been practically completed by the C. P. R., for the construction of three additional vessels for the Atlantic fleet. The Fairfield, Shipbuilding Co., of Glasgow, are likely to build the vessels which are to have a sea speed of eighteen knots.

WEST SIDE SQUABBLE.

The case of the west end hackmen created quite a lively scene at the police court this morning.

Sergeant Ross entered a report on the books yesterday charging Robt. Austin, Daniel Fullerton, Wm. Buckley, John Pollock and Eben Joice with leaving their carriages without a driver either on the seat or at the horses' heads, while awaiting employment at the west side floats, and obstructing the passenger gate while soliciting passengers, and refusing to move when ordered by the gate keeper to do so.

Among the witnesses examined were gate-keeper Frank Theal, Wm. W. Donohoe, Sergt. Ross, Daniel Fullerton, and Fred Fullerton. The evidence was contradictory.

J. B. M. Baxter appeared for the hackmen, and there was a warm discussion between him and Mr. Theal.

The case was adjourned for further hearing.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Last evening the Myrkle-Harder Co. presented "A Fisherman's Daughter" to a very large and appreciative audience. The senic effects are fine, and the play abounds in pathos and humour.

Mr. Harder, as Billy Drake, created no end of merriment, and his appearance was the signal for every one to laugh. The same play will be presented tonight, and a good house is sure. This afternoon "My Jim" was played.

TODAY'S STOCK MARKET.

(Received by E. E. Beck, & Co., over their private wire.)

Speculative sentiment has very materially bettered by yesterday's substantial upward movement in prices and the general opinion this morning favors some further improvement and a strong market. Short covering was in evidence yesterday and more of it is expected today but the dominant influence in the upward movement was the offerings of large amounts of call money at 2½ per cent, and the conviction that the banking interests are again favorable to market improvement. London sends higher prices and the bank statement today is expected to be more favorable than otherwise. Any attempt to carry the market forward too far will meet opposition from banking interests which are now more interested in bringing about a restoration of confidence than in merely establishing lower level of prices. Attention, however, is now being directed to the favorable features of the general situation and the foundations are being laid for a bull market of importance early in the New Year. A further advance in ACP is indicated and the stock is tipped to cross 90 today.

Town Topics.

BANK STATEMENT.

Reserves, increase	$5,161,920
Other than U. S. increase	5,160,450
Loans decrease	22,031,700
Specie decrease	822,500
Legal tender increase	523,300
Deposits decrease	21,922,500
Circulation increase	246,400

Statement very good, better than expected.

W. H. Goadby & Co.

Miller—Was that you wife I saw you with yesterday?

Miller.—I am that woman's husband.

"THE OWL" MUST GO.

Moncton Police Chief Gets After Automatic Gambling Machines.

Moncton, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Chief Tingley, is waging war against the slot machine called "The Owl", which has been set up in half a dozen or more saloons, hotels, and pool rooms. The machine is objected to on the ground that it is a gambling institution. "The Owl" plays altogether for cash, and like its namesake, does business principally at night. Some days ago the chief of police notified the proprietors of places where the machine is installed that the owl would be given until today to go out of town. The owners of the invention decided to avoid trouble. Accordingly this is moving day with the obnoxious machine.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson goes to Ottawa tonight.

A Russian Pole, who left home to escape military service, arrived here last night in a stranded condition. He wanted to land in New York, where he had friends, but landed in Halifax instead. The man sought shelter in the I. C. R. round house.

LATE POPE'S SERVANT DEAD.

Rome, Dec. 17:—Pio Centra, the faithful attendant of the late Pope Pius XIII died here to-day of apoplexy, thus fulfilling his own prediction that he would soon follow his master. Centra, who was one of the most picturesque figures of the pontificate lived entirely for Pope Leo, sleeping practically in the same room and enjoying the entire confidence of the late Pope.

TOOK A HIGH DIVE.

A humorous incident happened on Waterloo street yesterday afternoon. Some men passing up the street noticed a cat up on the crosstrees of a telephone pole. A young man, who was driving a furniture van, happened along and offered to bring the animal down. He went up but here a hitch occurred, as he did not want to tackle the job of descending and holding the cat at the same time. He called to the men below to get a piece of canvas out of the wagon, which was done. Then while the men held the canvas outstretched the young man compelled the cat to do a high dive, which was carried out successfully. The feline lost no time in disappearing down an adjacent alleyway, while the men went away satisfied that they had done a good deed.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The performance of the King of the Opium Ring, presented at the Opera House last night, by the Dailey company, was fairly well attended. The play is full of sensations and excitement and is well worth seeing. The work of Geo. Robinson, Homer Mullaney and Chas. Barringer, stands out prominent. The comedy work of T. F. O'Malley, Jack Young and Florence Hartley, was very clever. This bill is being repeated at the matinee this afternoon, and this evening will witness the final production. On Monday evening, Chas. S. Booth, the new leading man of the company, will open in McKee Rankin's California romance, The Danites.

"I have a premonition" hoarsely whispered she, pulling out her first gray hair.

"Premonition of what?" growled her husband.

"A premonition that I shall dye tonight."

HORRIBLE DISASTER.

Steamer Glen Island Burned Near New York --- Nine Persons Drowned---Others Have Thrilling Experiences.

New York, Dec. 17:—Nine persons including two passengers lost their lives to-day in the burning of the steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven. The steamer drifted aground on Captains Island in Long Island Sound and was burned to the water's edge.

The vessel left her pier in North River at nine o'clock last night with ten or twelve passengers and a heavy cargo. The fire was discovered before midnight off Execution Point, on the Sound. How it started is not known but suddenly the whole vessel seemed to become filled with smoke and the electric lights were extinguished. Boats were hurriedly lowered and all but two passengers and seven members of the crew escaped. One of the lost passengers was a man and the other a woman, residents of New York, whose names have not yet been learned.

A tug which sighted the Glen Island afire dashed to the scene and picked up the passengers and crew from the small boats. There were placed aboard the steamer Erastus Corning and brought back to New York. The Glen Island belonged to the Starin Transportation line.

The Glen Island was running up the Sound at her usual speed when the fire was discovered. It is believed to have started in a dynamo located below and near the center of the vessel. The passengers were nearly all in the berths when the vessel suddenly became filled with stifling smoke and the lights went out. Captain McAllister sent men through the cabin and the passengers were quickly aroused. Owing to the fact that considerable ice was banked along shore it was not possible to reach safety in that direction and the vessel drifted toward Captain's Island. Efforts to check the spread of the flames were without avail and the life boats were prepared. With life boats about them the passengers were quickly transferred to small boats. Eight persons got into one and fifteen into another. So heavily laden was the second boat that it threatened every moment to capsize. The life boats hung about the burning steamer in the hope of picking up some of the missing and in a few minutes the tug Bully appeared, towing some barges. The tow line was instantly cut and the tug ran as close as possible to the burning steamer, but none of the missing passengers or crew were seen. The people in the boats were taken aboard and later transferred to the steamer Erastus Corning, and arrived in this city shortly before 7 o'clock this morning. Beyond their having suffered severely from the cold and nervous shock none were injured. The Glen Island which was commanded by Captain McAllister who was the last person to leave the wreck, was constructed from the ruins of the City of Richmond. The latter, curiously enough also was burned. After having been rebuilt the steamer was christened William C. Egerton and later renamed Glen Island.

R. C. CHURCH DESTROYED.

St. Michael's Church Belleville, Burned This Morning--- Loss 75,000.

Belleville, Dec. 17.—(Special)—St. Michael's church, the only Roman Catholic church in this city was this morning destroyed by fire and the Roman Catholics are heart-broken. The fire was discovered about 1.15 and when the firemen got there, the entire interior was a mass of flames which were bursting out of the windows and doors. A few minutes later, the roof fell in. Only the massive stone walls are standing. The loss is $75,000, and insurance on the interior decoration, $20,000.

THE GAYNOR GREENE CASE.

London, Dec. 17:—The privy council which yesterday began hearing the appeal of the United States against the decision of the Justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaynor adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments today. Judgment will be rendered Dec. 19.

LIMA, A LIVE CITY.

South America isn't so bad a region, according to Alberto de la Torre Bueno, who in Castelle's magazine calls Lima, the one which most highly recommends itself to rich and poor.

Living is cheap, and there are finer public statues in the squares than New York has. That of Bolivar weighs eleven tons.

Race course, tennis clubs, theatres — all fine and really popular, not exclusive. Spanish communities are essentially democratic.

There is a stone bridge 300 years old and good as ever. It is at least finished and the Williamsburg bridge in this city is not.

The slaughter house and its stockyards, the telegraph lines and post office are owned and conducted by the government. The income goes to the national treasury. Taxes needn't worry any one.

"My memory annoys me greatly," remarked the newly elected candidate.

"Oh, John, is it failing?" asked his wife.

"No, indeed. That's just the trouble. I can't help remembering all my ante-election promises."

TURKEYS SCARCE.

Merchants Say They Will Be High --- Fancy Poultry and Beef.

The prospects for a plentiful supply of turkeys for the Christmas trade this year are very slim. It seems to be the general opinion among the merchants in the market that turkeys will be scarce and high. There were very few in the market this morning, and one dealer said that he did not expect there would be many until Tuesday or Wednesday. Some of the principal dealers are importing a large lot of fancy poultry of different kinds and expect to receive it about the first of next week.

Messrs. Kane and McGrath, said they would have three cars of Ontario beef here in time for the holiday trade, and they expected that a large number of people would have to content themselves with a beef or something of the kind instead of poultry.

The different stall holders are getting their stands trimmed and in a few days it is expected the building will wear its usual holiday appearance. Christmas buyers are advised to get out early and secure choice selections as it is probable that the supply will not equal demands.

THE ALTERNATIVE.

Wilton Lackaye's success in Wm. A. Brady's production of the dramatized version of Frank Norris's famous novel, The Pit, has brought a flood of manuscripts of plays from all parts of the U. S. By special appointment the other evening, when Mr. Lackaye was playing in the Century theatre, St. Louis, Mo., a dramatist understood to read his play to the star and several of the leading Spanish communities are essentially democratic. After he had read the manuscript he remarked that he knew nothing so terrible as reading a piece before a critical audience.

"I know one thing much more terrible" said Lackaye.

"What can that be?" asked the dramatist.

"To be obliged to sit and hear it," answered the actor.

Hicks—You cannot deny that Wickliff is a man of ideas.

Wicks—Oh, no; but he is a good deal like Simpson, the jeweller. Simpson does not make his own rings, but gets them of other people, and yet you would probably call Simpson a man of rings.

SCHOORER WRECKED.

The Harry Troop a Total Loss Near Shelburne --- Crew Saved.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—(Special)—News was received here this morning that the schooner Harry Troop, Captain Hayden, hence for Shelburne, has been totally wrecked near Shelburne light. The crew was saved, but the captain was badly injured.

KILLAM TO GET PLUM.

Reported That He Will Succeed Hon. A. G. Blair.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson arrived at noon today. There will be a meeting of the cabinet on Monday, when it is probable that the chairmanship of the railway commission will be settled. Justice Killam of the Supreme Court will likely be the man.

"NOBODY'S FRIENDS"

A Unique Club, Which Has Existed in London For Over a Hundred Years.

"Nobody's Friends" consoled themselves for the coldness of the world by dining snugly together the other night, as they have done three times yearly for the past one hundred and four years.

Probably "Nobody's Friends" are the most extraordinary of all those semi-private clubs in which the sociable yet privacy-loving male Briton takes delight. They include the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and six or seven other bishops, the Lord Chief Justice and five or six other Justices, and Mr. Arthur Balfour. They ate their centenary banquet in the year 1900.

The origin of "Nobody's Friends" is the last thing that its name would suggest. In the last quarter of the eighteenth century flourished the celebrated William Stevens, hosier, theologian and treasurer of Queer Anne's bounty. In his youth he was apprenticed to a stocking merchant, in Old Broad Street, and such was the diversity of his talents that in the end he not only became senior partner in the business, but won fame among theologians by his famous essay in defence of the Thirty-nine Articles.

In 1800 he published a brochure signed "Am," which is Hebrew for "nobody," and the club founded in his honor about that time took the title which thus for an unbroken century has perpetuated the name of W. Stevens long after Stevens and the works that he did would otherwise have been forgotten.

The spirit inspiring the club in these days is the union of Church and State.

On the Rialto. Inquisitor—I suppose it pleases you greatly when the papers say nice things about your acting?

Hamlet Dane—Yes, sir, yes—but it is dosed unpleasant to read the nice things

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

Fredericton, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Urbain Haines, an old resident of the parish of Douglas, died very suddenly, Thursday night, from heart failure. He was taken sick about midnight and died before medical aid arrived. He was seventy-nine years old, and leaves a widow, two daughters and one son.

Turkeys sold in the local market this morning for twenty-five cents a pound, the highest price ever obtained here.

Alex. Gibson Sr, hale and hearty at eighty-five, has joined the Marysville Curling club and has signified his intention of playing in a number of matches this winter. Dr. J. R. Inch, chief Supt. of education, joined the Fredericton Curling club last evening.

The thermometer registered five degrees below zero last night.

Sentry Braithwaite, the famous hunter and guide, returned today from a three months' trip to the Miramichi woods. He reports having had the most successful hunting season in his fifty years experience. He had a narrow escape from death a few weeks ago. A tree, which he had felled struck him on the left side rendering him almost helpless. He was compelled to lie out all night in the snow, and next day managed to work his way back to camp a distance of eight miles. He had not yet recovered from the effects of the accident.

Col. Cunard of St. John, who has been a resident of this city for some months is dangerous-

WILL MAKE A BIG CHANGE.

The American Ice Company Plan Extensive Re-organization Which They Think Will Produce Profits of a Million a Year.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Tribune this morning says; "A plan for the reorganization of the American Ice Company has been practically completed. It was learned from excellent sources yesterday, and will probably be made public within the next ten days. The present capitalization of the company is $25,000,000 common stock, of which $23,871,100 has been issued, and $15,000,000 six percent cumulative preferred stock, of which $14,920,200 is outstanding. Dividends at the rate of 6 percent yearly were paid on the pfd. stock, from the organization of the company until April 1902, since when no payments have been made. The accumulated dividends on the pfd. now aggregate 15 percent.

Under the new plan there will be issued $20,000,000 capital stock, all of one class. Of this $20,000,000, $15,000,000 will go to the holders of the present preferred stock, the exchange being made share for share and the remaining $5,000,000 to the old common shareholders, who will get one share of new stock for each five shares of their present holdings. There is also according to the present purpose of the committee, to be an issue of five percent bonds to go to the present preferred bond stockholds. The earnings of the American Ice Company applicable to the dividends in 1904, have been about $400,000 or less than one half the sum required for the payment of apparent dividends on the preferred stock. It is expected that next year these figures will be larger, owing to economies introduced by the new management, but it is understood that the earnings applicable for dividends will probably even be greater than from $700,000 to $1,000,000 a year.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Montreal Men Arrested for Election Conspiracy in St. Antoine.

Montreal, Dec. 17:—(Special!—The six men arrested at the federal elections charged with conspiracy to telegraph votes and commit other corrupt acts in St. Antoine Division were, this morning, committed for trial by Judge Desnoyers. The men were arrested at the instance of H. B. Ames, M. P., elect who was the conservative candidate against Peter Lyail, liberal.

GREEKS ON WARPATH.

Sanguinary Conflicts Culminate in Five Hour Battle.

Constantinople, Dec. 17: — The massacre by Greeks of wedding party near Monastir, Nov. 29, thirteen persons being killed and five wounded, has led to a number of sanguinary conflicts between Bulgarian and Greek bands which culminated Thursday last in a stubborn battle lasting five hours. A Greek band of twenty-eight men and a body of Bulgarians met near the village of Sarakinevo and the Greeks left twenty-four men killed. Many assasinations of Bulgarians by Albanians have been reported in the Uskub district. The local authorities as usual have taken no action in the matter.

POLICEMAN A SUICIDE.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17:—Mounted policemen Frederick Schultz of the 6th precinct was found dead lying in the road on Kensington Ave. early this morning. His horse was standing near the body. There was a bullet hole back of Schultz's right ear. Suicide is hinted at as Schultz has within the past few days been brought before his superiors charged with various offences.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Moderate, variable winds; fair. Sunday, increasing southeast winds; cloudy with about the same temperature.

Synopsis—The weather has become more settled along the American coast, but a very pronounced disturbance is moving rapidly from the west. To Banks, moderate northwesterly winds. To American ports, moderate variable today, increasing southeast on Sunday.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

December 17, 1904.

Highest temperature during past 24 hours	20
Lowest temperature during past 24 house	10
Temperature at noon	20
Humidity at noon	61

Barometer readings at noon

sea level and 32 deg fah. 30.14 ins.

Wind at noon. Direction. N. W.

Velocity 16 miles per hour.

Fair.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

Point Lepreaux, Dec. 17.—9 a. m. — Wind north west, strong, clear. Therm. 15.

The tug of war between six teams at the City Hall, west end, to take place next Tuesday night, is attracting a good deal of attention, with the Algerine, now champions, the favourites at 2 to 1. The contest will be hotly contested. All the teams are putting in great practice for the great contest. First prize, is

CANADIANS HONOR DIAZ.

They Present a Congratulatory Address to Mexican President.

City of Mexico, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A large body of Canadians residing in Mexico who were introduced by Sir William Mulock of Canada, were presented to President Diaz yesterday. A congratulatory address on his re-election to the presidency, and also impressed upon the president the importance of extended trade relations between Mexico and Canada. President Diaz, responding to the address, expressed his gratitude for the kind Canadian feeling said he had had numerous conference with Sir William Mulock regarding the extension of trade between the two countries and had been very much impressed by the importance of the subject. He also hoped for the establishment of direct steamship lines on both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED.

Fell From Tug Leader in the Falls This Morning.

George Cale, a young Englishman employed by N. C. Scott, on the tug Leader, was drowned in the falls this morning.

The Leader was towing the tug Hercules up through the falls about nine o'clock, and when about under the suspension bridge, the Hercules came in contact with the Leader. The jar threw Cale, who was standing on the rail of the Leader, off into the water. The mate appeared just in time to see the feet of the young man go under water.

Cale, was of English birth, and was only married last June. He was 25 years of age.

Mr. Scott is much grieved over the unfortunate occurrence.

An eye witness tells the following story of the affair.

The tug Leader, was towing the Hercules up through the falls to be laid up. When near the pitch of the falls the latter steamer collided with the Leader, Young Cale, who was standing aft in the Leader, fell off. At the time, the tide was running swiftly and his companions threw the life buoy to him which he tried to grasp but the undercurrent carried him far away from the tugs. "I could see Cale, for some time battling for life. He was a strong swimmer but the cold water soon overcame him. The men on the tugs did all they could for their unfortunate companion, but it was impossible to reach him."

The managing owner of the Tug Leader says that Cale was a model young fellow, beloved by all who knew him. Much sympathy is expressed by his many friends in this city and Fredericton.

CONSOLIDATED BOND ISSUE.

Ottawa, Dec. 17:—(Special)— A proclamation was issued today bringing into force the act of last session which sanctioned the consolidation of the Temiscouata Railway Co.'s bond issue. This was to be done when the consent of two thirds of the bond-holders was received.

TO STOP TREATING.

Ottawa, Dec. 17:—(Special—The Men's Associations of the city are arranging to start an anti-treating Ottawa.