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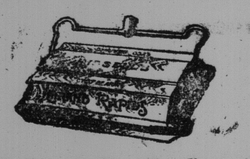

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FAR EAST ON EVE OF WAR.

Japanese Minister Preparing to Leave St. Petersburg

Russia Threatens to Seize Pekin in Case of War — Japan Has Worked for Peace

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The Japanese minister, M. Kurino, is making preliminary preparations for his departure from St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6—The Russian reply has been handed to the Japanese government by Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio.

JAPAN CONCILIATORY.

PARIS, July 6.—M. Motono, the Japanese minister here, has in the course of an interview, spoken as follows:

"Contrary to the truth there has been attributed to Japan an unbending attitude, while, as a matter of fact, Japan has not ceased to be pacific and conciliatory. I know we are accused of cherishing war-like designs and wishing for war at all costs, and there has been talk of an ultimatum and a threatening note. All this is untrue. When it becomes possible to establish the responsibility in these matters by the publication of the documents showing the various phases of these complicated negotiations, it will be seen on which side were prudence and moderation. I can assure you that Japan has made great concessions. Each stage of the conflict has been marked by reiterated proofs of our good will.

M. Motone said further that he was not aware of the contents of Russia's answer, but that Japan awaited it with confidence."

RUSSIA THREATENS CHINA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A despatch to the Sun from Kong Kong says:

The Russian minister has informed the Chinese grand councillors that in the event of war Russia may be compelled to seize Tien Tsin and Pekin, and that if China favors Japan, she should consider the situation thoroughly before declaring her intentions. In consequence of this the Chinese ministers fear that Russia will attack China.

RUSSIA HAS SUBMARINES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A Russian officer who has lately returned from the Far East is quoted by the Moscow correspondent of the Times to the effect that the Russian Pacific squadron possesses at least two submarines. They were built on the Black Sea, were cast in sections and fitted together at Port Arthur, where they now are. The officer also states that the mouth of the Amur river is heavily mined, and that the river is equipped with light craft, each patrolling about 66 miles and carrying light artillery.

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 6.—Even the authorities here apparently are without information in regard to the general situation. They receive casual instructions, from which it is apparent that preparations are on the increase to repel a hostile attack, but no comprehensive steps have been taken nor has there been any special allotment of funds. The movement of troops toward Korea has been stopped. The public is greatly depressed by the uncertainty and banking and mercantile operations are at a stand still. If Vladivostok is blockaded the officers of the Ussuri railroad and the law courts will be transferred to Khabarovsk and the administrative office to Nikais Ussuri. The Oriental institute and other educational establishments will be closed. It is rumored that all strangers, whether Russia or foreign, will be requested to leave the precincts of the fortifications and the native residents will be required to provide quarters for 3,000 soldiers, with horses, with orders to mobilize the reserves being expected hourly.

The Vostochiny Viestnik hopes there will be no war. The other papers are silent.

THE CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN

Three Meetings Will Be Held in Different Sections of the City Monday Night.

The conservatives wil hold a rally in the Tabernacle Mission Hall, Haymarket Square, Monday evening. Arrangements have been made to have present, besides the candidate, Dr. J. W. Daniel, G. V. McInerney and J. D. Hazen, M. P. P.

The issues of the campaign will be fully discussed and residents in that section of the city will have a good opportunity to hear the conservative side of the campaign. The chair will be taken at eight o'clock.

There will also be on Monday evening a public meeting in the Temple of Honor Hall, North End, when the candidate, G. V. McInerney and Fred Sproule, of Hampton, will make addresses. Mr. Sproule is a well-known campaign orator and North End should not miss the opportunity of hearing him.

In Lower Cove on the same evening a big conservative meeting will be held. The Mariners' and Mechanics' Hall has been engaged for the occasion. Addresses will be made by J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., Dr. Daniel, Geo. V. McInerney and Daniel Mullin.

The chair will be taken at eight o'clock by James Lewis.

A WINTER NOTE.

(Judge).

Now, the saddest refrain
That e're shoots through our crown
Is this line full of pain
That our fancy can't drown:
"Oh, the snowflake we'll never see rising, and the coal we'll ne'er see coming down."

14 BELOW ZERO TODAY.

One of the Coldest of a Cold Winter.

Bitter All Over Province—38 Below at Chatham—35 Below at Moncton.

This morning people woke up to find intense zero weather prevailing. Early yesterday afternoon, the weather became very cold, thermometers in all parts of the city registering very near the zero mark. By nine o'clock last night the mercury had dropped to 4 below. As the night advanced the weather became more severe, and degree by degree the mercury dropped. Those who were out last night felt the bitterness of the cold snap. The weather gradually got colder and early this morning thermometers in parts of the city registered 20 below. The official thermometer at the Weather Bureau registered as the coldest this morning 14 below.

Only twice before this winter has the mercury dropped to 14 below. The first time was on the second of last month, when the thermometer registered 14.07 below. On the 4th, two days afterwards, the thermometer registered 14.05 below.

The following are the thermometer readings at outside places:

Toronto, 20 above.
Montreal, 6 below.
Quebec, 16 below.
Chatham, N. B., 38 below.
Boston, 16 above.
New York, 32 above.
Norton, N. B., 38 below.
Bloomfield, N. B., 36 below.

(Special to the Star).

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 6. — Last night was the coldest of the season. The thermometers at Fraser's observatory registered 35 below. Some thermometers read 38 below. At Dover it was 36 below and at Campbellton 36 below. At ten o'clock this morning it was still 22 below here.

A REMARKABLE CLOCK.

Made by a One-Armed Man with Simple Tools.

With a scroll saw, plane, a hammer and a common pocket-knife, Marvin Shearer, a one-armed cripple of Akron, Ohio, has made the most wonderful clock in the world. It is twelve feet four inches high, more than four feet wide, and almost three feet deep. It contains 4,161 pieces of wood of thirty-seven different kinds. There are 102 pictures in or on the clock, all of which Mr. Shearer painted. The motive power consists of a water pump having a capacity of 200 gallons per hour, a one-half horse electric motor and several other electrical appliances.

The clock weighs 850 pounds and is constructed in three sections. On the face of the top section are nine dials, seven of which give the time in three foreign cities and four American cities; one the local standard time, the other, the calendar dial, indicating all the changes of the moon, the month, day and date. The weather signals are translated by signal flags on a revolving staff directly in front of the calendar dial. Thermometers, barometers and hydrometers each tell its tale, and around the dials pieces of wood from each state, territory and foreign possession in the Union are arranged, decorated with the coat-of-arms of each.

On the other side of the clock dial can be seen every man-of-war in the United States navy.

GILLESPIE AGAIN.

Man of Oulton Case Notoriety Won't Support His Wife.

Thomas Gillespie, whose name figured prominently in the Oulton case, is again in trouble for failing to support his wife and family. A couple of months ago he was in court on the same charge and it was thought at that time that some arrangement would be reached whereby Mrs. Gillespie would be paid a certain amount each week. This has not been done, and Mrs. Gillespie alleges that in the last four and a half months her husband paid her only five or six dollars. She and her children have been living with her son-in-law and the two little boys are working.

Gillespie was to have appeared in court today but he did not show up and the case was postponed.

TO STUDY SMALLPOX.

BOSTON, Mass, Feb. 6.—To make a study of the diseases of the Philippines and to follow up the discoveries of Dr. W. T. Councilman, of the Harvard Medical school, in relation to the germ of smallpox, W. R. Brinckerhoff and E. E. Tyzzer, who have assisted Dr. Councilman, have been sent to the Philippines. Their expenses are being paid from a fund subscribed in recognition of Dr. Councilman's discovery. In regard to the expedition Dr. Councilman says:—

"The investigations on smallpox conducted in the Harvard Medical school have reached a point where further study of the life history of the parasite is necessary to more fully determine its relations to other protozoa and the mode of infection in man.

"The relation between smallpox and vaccinia will also be studied, and although the continuation of their recent studies is the main purpose of the expedition, the study of tropical dangers is not less important, for increasing communication between the United States and the tropics will necessarily result in the introduction of certain kinds of these diseases into this country. The knowledge gained in this study will be applicable to diseases in general."

A CHALLENGE.

Michael Welsh challenges Bart Duffy to a one mile race on the Fredericton rink next Friday night, as he is not satisfied with the result of the last race. If Mr. Duffy means business he is requested to answer at once.

STARVING AND SICK, SHE STOLE.

Pitiful Story of Montreal Girl in New York.

Just Out of Hospital, With No Money, Hunger Drove Her to Crime.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Herald this morning says: Frail and weakened by a long struggle against hunger, her body racked by serious ills, a young woman was a prisoner in Jefferson Market police court yesterday afternoon, charged with the theft of $15 and a pocket book containing a diamond ring valued at about $60. The policeman who arrested the young woman testified that he had been called into a tailoring shop on East 17th street, where the young woman had been detained.

For one day only the woman had been employed with fifty other girls in the tailoring shop. None of the other girls paid particular attention to the new comer, although they commented on her pale face. Nellie Cullen, one of the employés, returned from her luncheon at noon yesterday and as she entered the cloak room she laid her chatelaine bag, containing her money and a diamond ring, on a table near by. When she came out of the cloak room the bag was gone. The Schneider girl was arrested and it was said that the money was found hidden in her hair.

"I was very ill and very hungry," Miss Schneider said in court, her voice choking with sobs, "I have not been strong lately, having undergone two operations for appendicitis while in Bellevue hospital, and, unable to obtain employment, I could get very little to eat. I do not know what possessed me, but when I saw how much money there was in the book I took it. My home is in Montreal, where I have two brothers, but I have no father or mother."

CHINESE LABOR FOR TRANSVAAL MINES.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A Blue Book on South Africa, issued today, contains a pessimistic despatch from Lord Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa, to the colonial office, dated January 22, in which, referring to the Transvaal legislature's approval of the introduction of Chinese labor, he says he realizes the gravity of the action; but there is not the shadow of a doubt as to its wisdom.

The depression in business is increasing daily, the revenues are falling off, many people are out of work, and unless the situation soon changes a great exodus of whites is inevitable. Public opinion, he adds, is decisively in favor of imported labor.

RUNS OFF WITH ENGINE.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Seized with a strange desire to run an engine at midnight, Samuel Shaw, a plumber of this city, went to the New York, Susquehanna and Western roundhouse after twelve o'clock last night, and, mounting an engine, ran away with it while the engine driver, Spitzer, and the fireman, Fowler, were working about it.

Each thought the other had started it while it was speeding down the track, while Shaw tooted the whistle continually. The engine soon struck two box cars on a siding, throwing them from the track and blocking the way.

Shaw has been held in bail pending a hearing on Saturday. He has little to say, but cannot imagine how he came to commit such an act.

ROSE TO THE OCCASION.

(Chicago Tribune.)

"I'd like to show you my new elastic cement," said the soft-voiced man in the shiny black suit. "I make it myself, and I'll warrant it to mend anything that ever—"

"I don't need any," interrupted the man at the desk, "but if you will tell me the biggest lie about your cement I ever heard I'll buy a bottle of it, merely to encourage you."

"I wouldn't lie to sell a thousand barrels of it," protested the other. "But I'll tell you of one thing I really did with it. You have heard, I presume, of the frog that tried to swell itself up to the size of an ox. The skin of that frog, as you remember, was not equal to the strain, and it burst all to pieces. Sir, I happened to be on the spot, and I gathered up them carefully together with my cement, and made the creature as good as new—better, in fact, for it is a wiser frog. To prove to you that I am telling the absolute and exact truth, I will show you the frog, which I have here in my valise——"

"You needn't show it to me," said the man at the desk gloomily. "I'll take a bottle of your cement. Here's your money. Never mind the change. Good day."

SENT CHICKEN TO JAIL.

In the Bayonne, N. J., police court a chicken was remanded recently, by Recorder Lazarus, along with John Lyons, of East Twenty-second street, who is accused of being unable to explain satisfactorily how the bird came into his possession late at night. Court Clerk Hugh Mara made out the following commitment for the chicken:—

Name—. Leghorn.
Age—Doubtful.
Nativity—Centreville.
Occupation—Layer.
Offence—Clucking.
Disposition—Eventually to be fricasseed.
Found on Person—Feathers.
Nothing is said about bail for the feathered prisoner.

KILLED BY ROBBERS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Two unidentified robbers shot and fatally wounded Geo. Beakler, a conductor on the Western avenue electric line early today when he resisted their attempt to rob him. The attempted robbery occurred at the terminus of the line. The robbers escaped.

BARBARISM IN MAIN STATE.

Committees Which Arranged All Social Laws.

Maine Women Aroused at the Condition Existing in Their Own Fair State.

(Bangor News.)

Some of the foremost women of the state have started out on a difficult proposition. Scattered over the state are small colonies of people from whom decent, law-abiding, intelligent folk shrink. These colonies are growing larger, and in several instances, it is alleged new colonies have sprung up from older ones and in new places.

Families have been found colonized, the members of which have entirely disregarded the social code, the laws of decency and have drifted into a condition which does not allow them to grasp with any degree of cleanness or intelligence the idea of social purity or the common laws of nature.

Within a few miles of a Maine city is a colony of one family name. The members of the community, which is separated from the real social centers, are nearly always before the public eye by reason of some misdemeanor, special profligacy or disreputable incident. It is charged that the members of the community referred to have married and inter-married; that some of the husbands have dropped one wife for another without the usual form of marriage ceremony, the discarded wife being taken up by another member of the community, ending in several instances, it is alleged, the mistress of the former husband's father. The writer recalls a visit to the colony three years ago. The spectacle which was presented was of the kind or sort that decent people will not believe in a story and must be witnessed to be fully understood and appreciated.

Shacks of houses—some wood hovels are better, clustered in a basin of worthless land, the stench arising to a degree that can be determined from afar, men and women dressed in scanty, filthy, tattered garments; children half naked in summer, but a little better attired in winter; faces so besmeared with an accumulation of something that water might at one time have removed but to which water is and possibly always will be a stranger; greasy floors, horse stalls and sleeping rooms opening to each other—in some cases there being no doors on the hinges between the apartments; men and women, coarse of feature, coarser of language, ill-natured, scowling, ugly, insulting, obscene and you have a colony such as exists within the shadow of a city within almost signalling distance of the state capitol, and one which the purity loving women of Maine are trying to destroy—one which the busy men of Maine find no time to consider from any point of view.

Up in Somerset county in a locality similar to that which has been described, is still another colony, larger than the first and, if it be possible more filthy, more degenerate, more immoral and more contaminating. There two families have married and inter-married with the result that more than half a hundred miserable profligates, half imbeciles, cankerous social lepers have come into existence and are spreading over the surrounding country. This colony became such a load to the town where they lived for years that the town charter was surrendered because of the expense of maintaining the paupers.

The members of the colonies mentioned work very little, beg a very great deal and steal more or less, interspersing the programme with drunken debauches superinduced by hard cider and terminating in diluted alcohol in the form of "Split," making night hideous and day a fury.

Within the past few days representatives of the women who have been referred to have been in this city looking up data and arranging for the proposed campaign against threatened demoralization. It is proposed tht the colonies be taken to some remote spot within the borders of the state where the members of the colonies can be kept separate as in prison and there begin the slow, tedious, possibly unchristian work of destroying the families by natural process of nature. Not to abuse, to starve or kill the colonists, but to prevent further increase of the race or perhaps to create a new form or race extinction.

The scheme appears just a trifle inhuman to say the least, but what else can be done? How will the result desired be reached? That's the question. Can these half human creatures be made state paupers and then conveyed to some lonely Siberia without the hardships of that other Siberia and there kept from all the world and from each other until they have passed beyond the possibility of further contaminating civilization? Can this be done legally? The chances are against such proceedings from a legal standpoint, but the good women who are engaging in the work propose to push the matter even into the halls of the legislature.

OVERPLAYED THE GAME.

(From Answers).

Mr. Mountjoy meant to buy his wife a handsome lace scarf for a New Year's present; but he remembered previous occasions when he had attempted to buy this sort of thing, and he shuddered.

"I want you to buy a nice lace scarf for Amelia," he said to Mrs. M. at length. "Choose something nice—something you would get for yourself."

Mrs. Mountjoy, however, has her own ideas as to generosity in buying presents, and the purchase, when she made it, consisted of a very plain, ordinary-looking article indeed.

"H'm!" Mountjoy said, when he saw the scarf. "I don't know much about such things; but it is just what you would have chosen for yourself?"

"Just—exactly," she replied.

"Well, my dear, keep it. I meant it for you," he beamed.

And Mrs. Mountjoy went upstairs and pulled her own hair with rage.

THE WEATHER.

SATURDAY, Feb. 6, 1904.

Highest temperature, 0, lowest temperature, 14 below; temperature at noon, 0; barometer at noon, 30.20 inches; wind northeast, velocity four miles per hour. Snow.

Forecast:—Winds shifting to southeast, weather becoming milder, with snow near Bay of Fundy. Sunday, strong winds and gales from southward, with snow or rain.

Synopsis:—The disturbance now approaching the Great Lakes is likely to cause milder weather in the Maritime Provinces Sunday and Monday. It is turning much milder in Western Ontario, but continues cold elsewhere.

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