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THE EASTERN STAR OIL COMPANY AND ITS PROMISED DIVIDENDS

Reported Interview With Secretary Robinson, In Which He Denies Statements Made in the Advertisements of Pike & Company, the New York Brokers, in Eastern Papers—Some Discrepancies.

The Canadian public has just now before it a number of oil well propositions, and would-be investors are naturally anxious for information about each one. Those who are thinking of taking stock in the Eastern Star may find the despatch printed below interesting reading. The despatch is taken from The New York Commercial:

Los Angeles, April 23.—(Special.)—Interviews with a representative of the Eastern Star Oil Company, concerning the advertisements of the company's property and prospects, indicate that it is scarcely possible that the innocent investor will become suddenly and miraculously rich from investments in the company's stock. To say nothing about the improbability of an income of 1500 per cent. a year, it is now considered doubtful if the flow of oil will warrant the promised 2 per cent. per month, altho it is solemnly asserted that the company has accumulated oil enough to pay the first monthly assessment of 2 per cent., due, according to program, on May 1.

R. D. Robinson, the secretary and treasurer of the Eastern Star Oil Company, was recently interviewed by The San Francisco Examiner. Apparently, he is by no means as sure of the glittering prospects of the company as are its eastern representatives, L. E. Pike & Co., who inserted the advertisements in newspapers of New York and other eastern cities. The interview with Mr. Robinson was, in part, as follows:

Merely Has an Option.

"Mr. Robinson, careful enquiry shows conclusively that the Eastern Star Company does not own in fee simple an acre in the Kern River field. Your company obtained an option on 20 acres, well situated, there, and is at present making payments under a contract of purchase, with the consideration fixed at $70,000. You get the well-sounding total 660 by adding to the 20 a 640-acre tract you do not own, and probably never will own—a tract on which you have a mere option, that has thus far cost you next to nothing—a tract far from 'the heart' of the field. Do you deny the accuracy of this statement?"

"Well, no," answered the secretary and treasurer, after a little thought. "You seem to have it about right."

"How far is the 640-acre tract from the 20-acre piece?"

"Three Miles."

"Why have you advertised the 640-acre tract as yours when you do not own it, and why have you publicly represented it as in 'the heart' of the Kern River district, when it is remote from 'the heart' of the district?"

The little financier was not at all disconcerted.

Robinson Warns Pike.

"The corporation disavows responsibility for the advertisements. Pike & Co. did the advertising. The published matter was inaccurate, and I've kept the wires hot telling Pike that he ought to be more careful."

"But have you told stock-buyers of the inaccuracies, as you call them?"

"No. To have done that wouldn't have been quite right by Pike. We'll take care of the stock-buyers to their satisfaction."

It came out that the tract near Newhall was not very seriously regarded even by the optimistic Mr. Robinson.

"That 'rich Kramer district,' isn't it in the desert, 105 miles from Bakersfield?"

"I guess it is," said Robinson, looking a bit uncomfortable.

"Not considered worth talking about, is it?"

"I hope," said Robinson, "that you'll keep in mind what I said about those advertisements. Pike was a little careless. He had no need to be, for we're all right, but he was careless. I've spent lots of money wiring him to be more accurate."

Robinson's Admissions.

"In The Boston Traveler of March 30 is an advertisement setting forth that your company has five wells on its Kern holding. That isn't true, is it?" Robinson was asked.

"No," he answered. "But we have one well there, and are drilling others."

"Aside from the output of this well, what other source of income has your company at present?"

"We have an interest in some wells in Vermont-avenue, Los Angeles."

"They are small yielders, aren't they?"

"Yes."

"Couldn't go far toward paying the promised dividends, could they?"

"Not very far, no."

"Have you any other present source of income?"

"No, but we'll have more wells in Kern soon. We're drilling steadily."

Dividends With No Oil.

"When Pike & Co. advertised that your corporation could pay the present 2 per cent. monthly dividends for years to come, if it never struck another well, you hadn't struck oil at all in Kern, had you?"

"No."

"And you could not have paid the promised dividends under any circumstances whatever, could you?"

"Now, there you go again," said Robinson. "I've told you we're not responsible for Pike's inaccuracies."

"Pike & Co. were and are your commissioned agents, however. Is that so?"

"Yes, that's so."

"And you knew they were flooding the east with advertisements filled with misstatements?"

"Yes, but we kept telling Pike he ought to be more careful."

No Promise to Pay 24 Per Cent.

"How, with such resources as you mention, do you expect to pay 24 per cent. per annum in dividends?"

"We haven't promised to do anything like that. We've said dividends at the rate of 2 per cent. per month, but we haven't said for how many months we would be able to keep it up. That is a matter to be determined by future operations."

"We can declare a dividend on May 2, as advertised, for we have been accumulating oil in Los Angeles. After that things will take their course, as in other companies."

WEARY OF INGLORIOUS SKULKING.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Tribune's London correspondent writes: While no military expert ventures to mention any date when the military operations will cease in South Africa, meagre depatches describing the surrender of burners in small bands, and the capture of cattle and ammunition, are accepted as evidence that the Boers cannot offer an effective resistance, and that they are weary of inglorious skulking.

The suggestion made by the military journals that the Boers remaining in the field should be treated as brigands rather than belligerents revives the idea current eight months ago, when Lord Roberts was censured for making war upon the guerillas in too amiable a spirit. Lord Kitchener was expected to stamp out the opposition with ruthless and wanton energy, and did nothing of the sort.

Equally futile is the expectation he will suppress brigandage with an iron hand and not allow the Boers the credit for making war in the only practical way open to them.

MANITOBA IS IN A PRETTY MESS OVER THE RAILWAY LEGISLATION

All Sorts of Dire Predictions Are Made by an Ottawa Correspondent, Who Has Inside Information From Ministers Whom He is Not Allowed to Name.

Winnipeg, April 28.—(Special.)—An Ottawa despatch, published here last night, says: Manitoba has been got into a pretty mess over this precious railway business, and if she is not ruined in the long run it will be a wonder. In connection with the new phases of the proposed legislation, which developed in committee yesterday, I interviewed a number of Cabinet Ministers. They talked with perfect freedom, on the stipulation that their names should not be used, as it might get them into personal wrangles, which they did not invite. I discovered that practically the entire Cabinet, including Mr. Sifton, regard the bargain as the greatest freak that has been perpetrated in Canada for many years. They are laughing at Manitoba's stupidity in being gold-bricked in the manner she has been, and they say she will very soon find out to her cost that she has been made the victim of a confidence game that will teach her a lesson for life. The fact is, said one of the Ministers, who perhaps, after Laurier, is the most prominent member of the Cabinet, it is the greatest joke I ever heard of. It means ruin to the province. Every financial man and shrewd railway man I have talked it over with is laughing at the province, and they all agree that it will ruin the province. When I mentioned the control of rates, the Minister laughed heartily, and said: "The control of rates; I dare say, Manitoba thinks she is getting that, but, as you see by the new clause proposed by Mr. Lash, we have taken precious good care not to let such control pass out of our own hands. Do you think we are foolish enough to abdicate in favor of Manitoba?" Opponents of the railway deal are now demanding that the Manitoba Government should ask the withdrawal of the legislation at Ottawa, as it is not what the Manitoba Legislature asked for. The Provincial Government appears satisfied with the developments at Ottawa.

TWO MILLION LABOR UNIONISTS PLAN TO FIGHT MORGAN COMBINE

Meeting Held in Pittsburg Preliminary to Mammoth Convention in Chicago About July 1—President Gompers Thinks the American Federation of Labor Strong Enough to Do the Trick.

Pittsburg, April 28.—With the idea of forming one big labor union with 2,000,000 members by consolidating all the unions in the United States, a preliminary meeting was held in Knights of Labor Hall here recently.

The object is to put labor in a position to resist attacks by combinations of capital like J. P. Morgan's billion-dollar steel trust. It is proposed to form the big union at a convention to be held in Chicago about July 1.

Among the Pittsburg leaders who attended to-day's meeting were National President L. R. Thomas of the Pattern Makers, National President Simon Burns of the Window-Glass Workers, National President John Kunzler of the Flint-Glass Workers, National President T. J. Shaffer of the Iron and Steel Workers, and Secretary J. W. Pryle of the Structural Iron Workers.

Under Way as Secret Movement.

President Thomas, in opening the meeting, said that for some time there had been under way a secret movement to bring all the trades unions together and that, while it started with the object of merely amalgamating the allied metal trades, it had now gone further, and artisan and ordinary laborer had come to the conclusion that nothing in the way of organization was impossible. The example for consolidation, he said, had been furnished by J. Pierpont Morgan.

Mr. Thomas said delegates representing 206,000 trades unionists—machinists, iron moulders, boiler makers, ship builders, electrical workers, blacksmiths, patternmakers, coremakers, brass finishers, metal polishers and stove mongers—had already been chosen to the Chicago convention.

He added that recently the building trades had been organized in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Buffalo, Rochester, New York, Detroit, San Francisco, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Scranton and Hartford. He said these trades were essential to the movement. Labor, Mr. Thomas declared, could be brought under one head that would, if present plans prove successful, be operated on the same principle as the combines.

Shaffer Favors Restriction.

National President Shaffer said he favored one big organization with one federal head, but he did not think it should go outside of the industries controlled by the United States Steel Corporation. He said the workingmen had just as much right to organize as the manufacturers to combine, and for their personal protection, as well as for the protection of their fellowman, they should become identified with the organization.

President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, General Master Workman John N. Parsons of the Knights of Labor, and all the heads of the other great labor organizations in the United States and Canada, will be invited to the Chicago convention.

President Gompers' Statement.

Washington, April 28.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor gave out the following statement regarding the Pittsburg project for the organization of a Central Labor Council:

It seems to me that it is useless to attempt the formation of a new general organization of labor, for, as a matter of fact, never in the history of labor has there been such a union of the workers as there is to-day under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. Anything that the organized workers can do can be done most effectually thru the already equipped American Federation of Labor. It is simply a question whether the members and organization will it so.

100,000 MACHINISTS MAY STRIKE.

Movement on Foot to Obtain a Nine-Hour Working Day After May 20.

New York, April 28.—One hundred thousand machinists thruout the United States may strike on May 20, for a nine-hour working day.

Notice to all machinery manufacturers in the country was sent out by the International Association of Machinists yesterday, to the effect that 150,000 machinists will demand a nine-hour work day on May 1. The employers will be given until May 20 to make known their intentions.

An arbitration agreement exists between the National Metal Trades Association of Employers and the International Association of Machinists, referring all grievances to a permanent Board of Arbitration.

The Metal Trades Association of Employers has nearly sixty thousand workmen, and it is believed that there will be no strike among these.

More than ninety thousand other union and non-union machinists have no arbitration agreements with their employers, and strikes are expected in all shops and factories in which the demand for a nine-hour day is not granted.

ENGLISH FORM ATLANTIC UNION TO DRAW ANGLO-SAXONS CLOSER

Plan Taking Shape to Extend Social Courtesies Between Great Britain and America—Lords, Deans and Commoners in the Council—Duke of York May be President.

London, April 28.—The scheme proposed a year ago for bringing Anglo-Saxons of different countries into closer social relationship has taken shape in the formation of what is known as the Atlantic Union, which Englishmen are told has already been introduced into two or three American cities. The prospectus, which has just been issued, leaves the presidency blank, but it is expected that the name of the Duke of Cornwall and York will be inserted.

Prominent Members.

The names of the members of the council include Lords Aberdare of Duffryn, Ashley, Brassey, Coleridge, Duncannon, Kinnaird, Monkswell and Rosemead; Deans Reynolds, Hole and Farrar; various professors and a number of members of the House of Commons. It is somewhat surprising to read in the circular issued by the Committee of Five, of which Sir Walter Besant is a member, such phrases as this: "Those to whom their own people look to for leading and for guidance."

It must be said, however, that the spirit of the movement is most hospitable and the aims are most laudable. The union seeks by mutual entertaining to make the personal domestic life and ideas and points of view of each country known to the other.

To Overcome a Reproach.

The subject is set forth in this way: "It has long been a matter for concern with those who desire not only to maintain friendly relations with the people of our colonies and the Americans, but also to cultivate personal friendships with them, that so many visitors from the United States and the colonies come over every year, stay for a time in London, travel about the country and go away without having made the acquaintance of a single English family and without having entered a single English home. Some of them bring letters of introduction, which open certain houses to them. Some are of such distinction that all doors are open to them. The greater number, however, carry no such letters and are not known on this side of the Atlantic. They stay at hotels, go to places of amusement and drive thru streets and squares where every door is closed to them. They go away without any knowledge of English life, except that which can be gained from the outside. The Atlantic Union will be an attempt to meet and overcome this reproach.

Arrangements Made.

Several English members of the union have already announced their desire to entertain Americans at their country houses during the coming summer. The officers have already organized a series of visits for Americans to typical institutions. For example, during the present week the union entertained such a party at Cambridge, Prof. Browning conducting them thru the university. On Monday the members of Parliament who are in the union will escort a similar party thru the House of Commons. On May 5, American visitors will be chaperoned thru the literary shrines of Fleet-street by the secretary of the Union.

SIXTH SMALLPOX PATIENT

Walter Davidson, Brother of Marion Davidson, Taken to the Pest House Yesterday.

CASE, HOWEVER, IS A MILD ONE.

The Late Dr. Little's House is Under Quarantine—Mrs. Little is Not Sick.

Another case of smallpox developed in the city yesterday. The patient is Walter Davidson, aged 15 years, brother of Marion Davidson, who is also in the pest house, suffering from the dread disease. The Davidson home, at 127 Robert-street, is under quarantine regulations, and yesterday morning Medical Health Officer Dr. Sheard on visiting the house discovered that the child had developed the disease. He was removed to the hospital. The new case is reported to be a mild one. There are now six smallpox patients in the pest house.

The house of the late Dr. Little is quarantined, but a brother of the deceased wishes it stated that Mrs. Little has not contracted the disease. He also declares that the late Dr. Little's life insurance policy was not cancelled, and further states that the deceased had been vaccinated years ago.

VICTORIA COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

Lady Minto Addresses a Personal Letter to a Number of Prominent People.

The following is a copy of a letter which Lady Minto has addressed personally to a number of the prominent people of Canada:

"During the extended tour made last autumn by His Excellency the Governor-General and myself, the urgent need of cottage hospitals in many localities was pressed upon our attention.

"In every community hospital treatment is often required to prevent suffering and permanent injury to health, and, indeed, as a means of saving life. In districts where the population is distant from large hospital centres, cottage hospitals are evidently necessary. Those to be built and to bear the name Queen Victoria Cottage Hospitals would be a lasting and worthy commemoration of our late beloved Queen, whose name has always been connected with efforts to relieve suffering.

"I have already received an anonymous donation of $2000.

"I am sure you will recognize the twofold merits of the effort, and of the fund, which are to help communities to help themselves, and to create memorials worthy of our late beloved Queen.

"I shall be so much obliged if you will kindly give me your interest in this matter, and shall be grateful for any contribution to the fund which you may be disposed to give.

"Believe me, yours truly,

"(Signed) Mary Minto."

POLITICS AND LIQUOR LICENSES.

Gilt is knocked off Hon. J. R. Stratton's circular ordering "no politics" in the administration of the license law in this disclosure of an ugly fact by The St. Catharines Star: The circular reads very nicely; it is well written, and the circulation cleverly planned. It is being sent out now when nearly all the licenses in the province have already been granted, and those that have not been have practically been decided upon. It is a good blind to make innocent people and the temperance faction believe that the Ontario Government wouldn't do anything bad or attempt to influence votes by licenses, but the worldlings know the license manipulators better. If the party bosses don't control the licenses how does Hon. Mr. Stratton account for the decision of the Reform Committee at Niagara Falls to issue a new license there? The circular is on a par with all of the G. W. Ross bluffs.

TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS.
Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c.

ROYALTY REDUCED.

Canadian Government Decides to Make it Only Five Per Cent. on Yukon Gold.

Washington, April 28.—Consul-General Bittinger, at Montreal, reports to the State Department that the Canadian Government has decided to reduce the royalty on gold mined in the Yukon from 10 to 5 per cent. The rush to the Yukon and Alaskan gold fields for the season has begun, and will be continued, says the Consul-General. Already over a thousand claims have been recorded near Clear Creek, a branch of the Stewart River which runs into the Yukon, where important new finds are reported.

Spring's Progress.

After weeks of hard fighting, the dwindling remnants of last winter's rude hordes have been completely dislodged and driven northward. Now that the reign of vernal weather is firmly established, lovers of the beautiful in personal decoration are trooping to Quinn's, 93 Yonge-street, for that reigning novelty, the King Edward bow, now selling at 25c and 35c. The color effect in these articles vies with spring's violets, tulips and daffodils.

Patents.—Fetherstonhaugh & Co., King-street West, Toronto, also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.

NAVIGATION MEN.

Mr. Stephen J. Murphy, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Niagara River Line.

PAPAL SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Cardinal Rampolla, After Fourteen Years' Service, Gives Up His Post.

Rome, April 28.—The Patra states that Cardinal Rampolla has resigned the office of Papal Secretary of State and that he will be succeeded by Cardinal Ferrata, Prefect of the Congregation of Indulgences and Sacred Relics.

Has Held Office for Fourteen Years.

Cardinal Rampolla was Nuncio at Madrid when he was appointed in 1887 by Leo XIII. Secretary of State to succeed Cardinal Jacobini. He was previously Charge d'Affaires at Madrid, then Secretary of the Propaganda for Oriental Affairs and next Secretary of the Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs. He is a Sicilian by birth.

MEMBERS INVITED TO QUEBEC.

Quebec Harbor Commissioners Ask Legislators to Ancient Capital.

Ottawa, April 28.—(Special.)—An invitation has been extended by the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec to members of Parliament to visit the Ancient Capital on Saturday, May 11. A special train will be run from Ottawa to Quebec on that date, and it is expected that many of the M.P.'s will take in the trip.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Arrears of Taxes.

The statutory charge of six per cent. will be saved by paying arrears of taxes not later than May 1.

Hanlan's Point and Island Park, 40-minute ferry service, Saturday and Sunday.

Marvels of Beauty.

We have flowers beautiful to look upon and pleasant to the sense of smell—choice buds and rare blossoms. Dunlop, 5 King W., 445 Yonge St.

Cook's Turkish & steam baths, 204 King w., cures colds, coughs and rheumatism.

Cure a Cold in a Few Hours.

Dr. Evans' Laxative Grip Capsules; no buzzing, no griping; money refunded if they fail. 25c. Bingham's Pharmacy. 135

Perfection Smoking Mixture, guaranteed cool. One trial will convince you of its merits. Alive Bollard.

A MURDER AT WHITEMOUTH

T. W. Blenk and Adolph Redka, Immigrant Farmers, Had a Long-Standing Feud.

CLAIM OF SELF-DEFENCE MADE.

Redka Chased Blenk With an Ax, and the Latter Shot His Pursuer Dead.

Winnipeg, April 28.—(Special.)—A murder took place yesterday at Whitemouth, 60 miles east of Winnipeg. The principals in the affair are foreign immigrants, J. W. Blenk and Adolph Redka, farmers, have been on bad terms for some time. Blenk was crossing Redka's property, when the latter attacked him with an ax. Blenk, in defence, shot him dead, and then took the train for Winnipeg and surrendered to the authorities.

Butcher Dropped Dead.

Lewis MacBeth, a butcher, dropped dead last night.

A case of smallpox was taken from a C.P.R. train at Revelstoke.

SMALLPOX IN CLEVELAND

Nearly Six Hundred Cases Reported and the Settlement Conditions Are Appalling.

VIRULENT "BLACK" TYPE APPEARS.

People Have Walked the Streets for Days With Disease Plainly Indicated.

Cleveland, April 28.—Cleveland is becoming alarmed over the smallpox situation. The authorities up to this time, as well as the newspapers, have been suppressing the facts about the steady march of the disease, but now that fifty cases a week are reported to the Health Department, not to speak of the many that are not reported, Mayor Tom Johnson has decided that the Health Department must begin a strong crusade against the contagion.

The fact that black smallpox has developed this week, causing death within a few hours, has intensified the situation.

The health authorities declined to say to-day how many cases of smallpox there are in Cleveland now but from all reports there must be 500 or 600. Dr. George H. Somerville, who practises in the district inhabited by the large Polish population, used the word "appalling" in describing the conditions in the settlement. Smallpox appeared in this city over two years ago, and has been gradually increasng in violence ever since. The great trouble has been the lax quarantine measures. People have walked the streets for days with the disease plainly indicated in their faces. The condition is by no means confined to the poorer districts, but has even entered the home of the aristocrat on the famous Euclid-avenue. A physician said to-day that if other cities had established protective measures against Cleveland, the local authorities would soon have stamped out the disease.

MISSING PRIEST'S BODY FOUND.

Remains of Rev. Mr. Joly of St. Emilie Recovered From the Lake—Supposed Suicide.

Montreal, April 28.—(Special.)—The body of the missing priest, Rev. Mr. Joly, of Ste. Emilie Parish, has been found in the lake near where he disappeared, and it looks like a case of suicide.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Governor-General's Body Guard band, concert, Armouries, 8 p.m.

Service of praise, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

Grand Opera House, "Fool's Revenge," 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, Robert Mantell, 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "Mr. Barnes of New York," 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

WEARING DOWN THE BOERS

Lord Kitchener Keeps Up the Dogged Pursuit, But Finds the Enemy at Times Active.

TWO TRAINS WERE DERAILED.

And 25 Prince of Wales Light Horsemen Were Captured—Plumer Makes a Good Haul.

London, April 29.—Lord Kitchener continues the process of wearing down the Boers, who, however, are very active in the Kroonstadt district, where they recently derailed two trains and also captured, after a severe fight, 25 men of the Prince of Wales' Light Horse, whom they stripped of their horses and accoutrements and then liberated.

Col. Plumer's force captured a small laager of 45 men, including the notorious Transvaal State Engineer, Munnick, who planned the destruction of the Johannesburg mines in the spring of last year, and his father, who was formerly landrost at Boksburg.

Mr. Cummings, who is visiting Durban on behalf of the Canadian Government, is favorably impressed with the trading possibilities between Canada and Natal.

Cape Town, April 28.—The Boer invaders have appeared again in the Richmond district of Cape Colony. Among the prisoners captured in a fight at Honeynest Kloof, which resulted in a complete defeat for the Boers, was a cousin of Mr. Sauer, the former Commissioner of Public Works.

The Treason Court is sitting at Dordrecht for the trial of minor cases of Cape rebels. Only one out of a batch of 50 cases was defended. All those convicted were disfranchised for five years.

At a meeting of the Diamond Fields branches of the South African League today, at which Cecil Rhodes and Gen. Brabant were present, it was resolved to urge on the Home Government the importance of making English the medium of instruction in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. It was asserted that this was for the best interests of the Dutch-speaking colonists. Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, replied that this subject was receiving his earnest consideration.

PRICE OF DIAMONDS TO GO UP.

Cecil Rhodes on His Way to London Now to Regulate Market Value.

London, April 28.—There really seems some reason to expect an early advance in diamonds. This has not yet been decided upon, but five firms in London which control the market and are themselves controlled by the De Beers Mining Company of South Africa think it probable that the price of diamonds would have been much higher but for the war.

Every year a representative of the De Beers Mining Company comes to London and gives a report as to the state of the mines, and then the price is settled. Cecil Rhodes is now coming here for this purpose, and when he arrives the price of diamonds will advance. America takes nearly half of the supply, and the remainder is distributed between England and the Continent.

GERMANS KILLED BY CANNIBALS.

Millionaire and His Secretary Murdered and the Latter Eaten.

Sydney, N.S.W., April 28.—Herr Mercke, a German millionaire, who was cruising in his yacht, and Herr Caro, his private secretary, were recently murdered by natives of the island of New Britain, off the northeast coast of Pappau. Herr Caro's body was eaten.

Murder Will Be Avenged.

Berlin, April 29.—Emperor William has ordered Capt. Passchew of the German second-class cruiser Hansa to command a punitive expedition from China to avenge the murder of Herr Mercke.

Rich Man Killed Himself.

Buffalo, April 28.—George H. Fernald of New York, a stock broker, 56 years old, shot and killed himself at the home of his brother William in West Seneca to-day. He gave up his business in New York six months ago, because of nervous prostration, and made his home with his brother. His illness caused him to become despondent. He is said to have been worth $100,000.

FATAL FALL FROM WINDOW

John J. Aikenhead Drops From the Second Storey of His Father's Residence.

DIED FROM CONCUSSION OF BRAIN.

Was a Young Man Who Had Come Home to Recuperate—Sincere Sympathy Expressed.

Mr. John J. Aikenhead, son of Mr. James Aikenhead, the well-known hardware dealer, died yesterday afternoon in the Emergency Hospital. His death was due to concussion of the brain, caused by a severe scalp wound sustained on Saturday afternoon by falling from a window at the home of his father at 179 McCaul-street.

Deceased arrived in the city about three weeks ago from Salamanca, N. Y., where for several years he had conducted a hardware store. He came here for the purpose of improving his health, and went to live with his father, accompanied by his wife and child. During the past several days, it is said, he exhibited signs of growing worse.

On Saturday, it is said, when arrangements had been completed for his removal to a retreat, Mr. Aikenhead, on learning of it, intimated that he would not go. Shortly before the arrival of the carriage that was to convey him from his father's home he accidentally fell out of a window in the second story of the building. No person saw him fall, and when he was found there was no apparent signs of serious injury.

Later in the day he was removed to a retreat, and yesterday morning his condition became serious. About 2 p.m. he was taken to the hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries about an hour later.

Deceased was 36 years of age. His end is particularly sad. Mr. Aikenhead has the sincere sympathy of his many friends in the city.

CABINET OF RAILROAD MEN

Heads of All the Principal Departments of the Southern Pacific Will Advise.

PRESIDENT HAYS' RADICAL MOVE.

E. H. Fitzhugh, Formerly of Toronto, is Slated for a Position of Great Importance.

San Francisco, April 28.—It is stated in railroad circles that President Hays of the Southern Pacific is about to establish a radical change in the management of the system. He will form a cabinet of advisers, to be composed of the heads of practically all the principal departments of the road, with the single exception of the law department. The object of this cabinet arrangement is to centralize the authority and responsibility. President Hays will by this means have a firmer grasp on the details of operation of the vast system, and all orders will be issued directly by him after consideration by the cabinet.

It is understood that the cabinet will have no authority to interfere with the president in any way, but the members will, in reality, be advisers to the president, who will be responsible only to the Board of Directors. It is also stated that H. E. Huntington will not accept re-election to the vice-presidency, but that he will continue to be a member of the cabinet.

E. H. Fitzhugh, formerly of the Central Vermont, will, it is said, have a position of great importance, the under the new scheme his coming will not mean the displacement of any of the present heads of departments.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W.

SEALER KITE IS SAFE,

But the Virginia Lake Has a Belt of Ice 20 Feet Thick.

St. John's, Nfld., April 28.—The sealing steamer Kite, for whose safety some fear had been felt, reached port to-day with 10,000 seals, almost a full load. The ice belt surrounding the Virginia Lake, the only steamer now out, is 20 feet thick.

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c

SPARK FROM PIPE CAUSED DEATH OF WILLIAM ARCHER, A PARALYTIC

Aged 85, He Was Left Alone in the House, His Clothes Caught Fire and He Was Powerless to Extinguish the Flames—His Granddaughter Was Severely Burned.

William J. Archer, aged 85 years, was so terribly burned in a fire which occurred at his home, 97 Brunswick-avenue, on Saturday night, that he died shortly afterwards in the Emergency Hospital. Mr. Archer lived with his granddaughter, Mrs. Jennie Warner, and of late had not been able to get about, owing to paralysis, from which he had long been a sufferer.

About 8 o'clock Mrs. Warner returned from doing some shopping, and on entering the house heard cries for help. Going into the dining room the grandfather was found lying on the floor enveloped in flames. Attempts were made by Mrs. Warner to extinguish the flames, and in so doing had her hands badly burned.

Dr. E. Hooper was called in, and, after temporarily dressing the injuries, accompanied the unfortunate man to the hospital. There everything possible was done for him, but, despite all aid, he continued to grow worse until death ended his sufferings at 12.30 yesterday morning. Mr. Archer was terribly burned about the head, face, arms and back.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark out of a pipe which the old man was smoking at the time. His clothing was ignited, and in trying to extinguish the blaze he evidently fell helpless to the floor. The firemen of the College-street section were summoned, but the fire had been put out before their arrival. The damage to the building and contents was trifling.

Coroner Johnson issued a warrant for an inquest to be held to-morrow afternoon at the hospital.

Deceased had lived in Toronto for many years, and was well known in the northwestern part of the city. He was a stonemason, and worked at his trade until stricken with paralysis. His only surviving relative is his granddaughter, with whom he lived.

NEW STEEL COMPANY.

International Steel, Iron and Pipe Co., Including English and Canadian Interests.

New York, April 28.—Word comes from Philadelphia that the new steel company, to include English and Canadian interests, which has been rather indefinitely hinted at in the papers for several months past, is organizing under the name of the International Steel Iron & Pipe Co. It is to have a capital of $50,000,000, of which $10,000,000 will be preferred stock and $40,000,000 common.

It is proposed to build steel mills on both sides of the "Soo" Canal to have a capacity of 600,000 tons. A Philadelphia interest is quoted as saying some of the stock has been underwritten. A. R. Harvey, the English promotor, is said to be interested.

POPE TO JOURNALISTS.

Spoke at Length on the Anti-Christian Spirit Prevailing in Many Countries.

London, April 28.—A special from Rome says the Pope in receiving a deputation of French and Belgian journalists spoke at length upon the anti-Christian spirit prevailing in many countries, against which he hoped Christian journalists would effectively battle. He profoundly regretted, His Holiness said, that many papers, conspicuous for their intellectual strength, were so dissociated from religious ideals, and he prayed they would awaken to their responsibility to God and humanity in this respect.

KRUGER MAY COME IN JUNE.

London, April 28.—A despatch from Amsterdam announces that Mr. Kruger will start for the United States at the beginning of June.

Monuments.

The McIntosh Granite & Marble Company, Limited, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street. Tel. 4249. Terminal Yonge-street car route. 146

BIRTHS.

CLEGHORN—On Wednesday, April 24, at 353 Olivier-avenue, Montreal, the wife of James Cleghorn, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MELVILLE—PILSWORTH—At St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, April 27th, by Rev. A. J. Broughall, Captain R. M. Melville, R.N.R., to Anna Pilsworth, youngest daughter of the late Captain R. B. Pilsworth. 71

DEATHS.

AIKENHEAD—Suddenly, on Sunday, April 28, from the result of an accident, John Joseph, youngest son of James Aikenhead, in his 36th year.

Funeral from the residence of his father, 179 McCaul-street, on Tuesday, the 30th, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CHARLTON—At his father's residence, 416 Sumach-street, on Saturday night, April 27, 1901, Albert Earl, only son of Albert and Lillia Charlton, aged 2 years and 7 months.

Funeral private.

KNOWLES—At the residence of her parents, 654 Yonge-street, on Sunday, April 28, 1901, Emma Isabel, infant daughter of Peter and Jessie Knowles, aged 2 months.

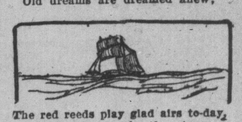
AFTER DR. RAINSFORD.

New York Herald: A clever woman suggests that the best name for the proposed woman's hotel would be "At the Sign of the Rib." Not by Adam site, growls a disappointed real estate speculator, who failed to place his lots with the building committee. And he was pot following the Rev. Dr. Rainsford's lead, either.

WHEN APRIL NODS AT MAY.

A sheen is on the meadow,
A charm is in the glen;
Soft shadows pass across the grass
And ne'er return again.

A sail gleams on the billow,
Old dreams are dreamed anew;



The red reeds play glad airs to-day,
And hearts are beating true.

A gleam is on the willow,
And Willie's on the shed—
He slips anon and tumbles down,
And lands upon his head.

It is Time for a Change.

The unfolding of springtime shows the traces of winter, and especially upon hat-wear. This is the changing time; a new suit mocks a faded and battered hat, and the hat renewal is the least expensive portion of all others. If you want a new-style hat or one to match your suit, if you go direct to the enormous stock carried by Dineen, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets, you will be suited, and save money, as they have built their reputation on good quality and low prices.

Fair and Mild.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, April 28.—(8 p.m.)—The weather continues fine and extremely mild from the lower lakes to the Maritime Provinces, especially in the Ottawa Valley, where the temperature today rose to 80 degrees in the shade. In the Lake Superior district it is cool and showery, whilst in Manitoba and the Territories it is fine and turning milder again.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48—58; Calgary, 20—64; Qu'Appelle, 28—50; Winnipeg, 28—52; Port Arthur, 36—44; Parry Sound, 36—70; Toronto, 36—72; Ottawa, 40—80; Quebec, 40—76; Halifax, 32—62.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes—Fair; not much change in temperature.

Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper and Lower St. Lawrence Valleys—Fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Gulf—Fair and very mild.

Maritime—Moderate winds; fine and very mild.

Lake Superior—Fair to cloudy and comparatively cool; a few scattered showers.

Manitoba—Fair; higher temperature.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

April 27.	At.	From.
Menominee	New York	London
Campania	Liverpool	New York
Pretoria	Hamburg	New York
April 28.		
Britannic	Father Point	London
Montenegro	Father Point	London
Rhyniand	Liverpool	Philadelphia
Bavic	Liverpool	New York
Georgian	Liverpool	New York
La Bretagne	New York	Havre
Potsdam	New York	Rotterdam
Trave	Gibraltar	New York