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CHICAGO'S BAD RECORD.

Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria Spread
—145 Cases in One Day.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—All epidemic records for a period of twenty-four hours, as far back as the typhoid plague of 1893, were broken yesterday when 190 cases of scarlet fever and 45 cases of diphtheria, a total of 145, were reported to the Chicago health department. The highest cases were reported twenty cases of scarlet fever.

The increase of diphtheria was considered alarming. In the weekly bulletin issued by the health department, strong emphasis is laid on the importance of regular medical inspection of the schools. It includes an assertion that the inspection made possible by the emergency appropriation of \$15,000 should end the present conditions within a fortnight.

The epidemic showed slight signs of abatement today, there being only 82 cases reported. Reports from the suburbs are also reassuring.

McINNES CLAIMS
LIBERALS WILL WIN

McDonald Makes Good Impression in
Socialist Stronghold—A Hope-
ful Outlook.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28.—One of the most vigorous and most effective speeches by the Liberal leader, Mr. MacDonald, during his whole tour, was delivered at Phoenix last night in the stronghold of the Socialists. Mr. MacDonald reviewed his attitude on the labor questions and showed that the Conservatives were unfriendly to workers.

W. V. B. McInnes returned to Vancouver today after a tour of the interior. The Liberals will hold a big rally here tomorrow at which Mr. McInnes will be the chief speaker. He is convinced that the Liberals will carry the province on February 2nd.

THE GERMAN ELECTION.

Believed That Kaiser Will Lose His
Own Pretext.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—According to a statement made yesterday by a prominent socialist, it is now certain the first electoral district of Berlin, in which the palace is situated, will return a socialist to the Reichstag. Inquiries in other political quarters confirm this probability. The other five city districts are regarded as likely to remain socialist, as heretofore.

It is pointed out by a former deputy that, although other bills before the Reichstag fall to the ground with dissolution, discussion of the budget must be continued by the new Reichstag. It follows that the colonial question must again come up, either directly or over the question of the projected independent colonial department. The principal argument of the government on the day of dissolution was that the Reichstag did not have the right to vote in opposition to the opinion of military authorities and that it is impossible, or, at least, inadvisable, to reduce the German forces in southwest Africa at the present time. The Germans now persistently cite several instances where the military authorities in the past made the most serious errors in their calculations in military matters.

FUEL DEPARTMENT
FOR WINNIPEG

Board of Control Establish New Or-
ganisation to Deal With
Situation.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—The Board of Control has established a fuel department, under the joint management of Frank Kerr, license and relief inspector, and Harper Wilson, coal and wood inspector. Applications for wood from those parties who cannot secure a supply from dealers are received at the city relief department and Mr. Wilson attends to the delivery of fuel ordered by such persons.

SIX GALICIANS FREEZE
TO DEATH ON THE PRAIRIE

Startling Report Comes From St. Boniface—Party of
Galicians Left Stalled C. N. R. Train—Body of
Woman, With Living Child in Her Arms, and the
Body of a Man, Have Been Found

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)

WINNIPEG, Jan. 28.—News reached the St. Boniface police today that on Saturday night last a terrible calamity took place on the prairies in Southern Manitoba. A party of Galicians were on a C. N. R. train bound for a settlement near Starbuck, Man. According to the information the train became snowbound

whereupon the Galicians left the train, thinking they had no more than a mile to walk to reach their homes. Apparently they misjudged the distance, and five men and a woman are believed to have been frozen to death. The body of a Galician woman, with a child in her arms still living, and the body of a man have been found. The search is being made for the missing men.

NEW TORPEDO
DRIVEN BY STEAM

Hudson Maxim Describes the Power-
ful and Rapid Projectile
Invented by Him.

(New York Herald.)

Driving a self-propelled torpedo by steam generated in the burning of high explosives carried within the torpedo in concentrated form. Hudson Maxim has concluded experiments from which he asserts that the range of naval torpedoes will be doubled and naval warfare revolutionized.

To meet the demand that torpedoes must have effective action equal to the gunfire to which the attacking torpedo boat would be subjected, Mr. Maxim burns motorite, a new explosive, to generate steam at a high pressure, and by this means the regulation naval torpedo is tripled in efficiency over the use of compressed air, the motive power now generally used.

In his home, No. 98 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, Mr. Maxim told of his latest invention:

"In spite of the wonderful things that have been expected of the automobile torpedo as an auxiliary arm in naval warfare," said Mr. Maxim, "disappointment has been the result when it has been relied upon. The cause of this failure and disappointment is because the deadly quick firing gun has been developed to such a degree of perfection and such great range that when the torpedo boat of an enemy comes to the attack, it is long before it can get anywhere near enough to be within torpedo distance of a battleship, it is met with a storm of projectiles from quick firing guns, which fly toward it with frightful accuracy, and the range of these projectiles is so much greater than that of the automobile torpedo that the torpedo boat is destroyed in not much more time than is necessary to make this statement."

"Every effort has been put forth by manufacturers to remedy the defect of shortness in the range of torpedoes. The air flask has been increased in thickness and strength, and made of the finest steel in the world, in order to sustain the enormous pressure of the maximum quantity of compressed air. A pressure of 2,250 pounds to the square inch is today employed. To get the maximum efficiency from the compressed air it is heated to increase its expansive power before it goes into the engine. With all of these expedients the range of the automobile torpedo is so far short of the range of guns to which it must be opposed that the torpedo boat is absolutely at the mercy of the gun fire before it is able to get within two miles of striking distance."

"Now as to my invention, I have been at work during the last eight years in the development of a completely new system of propelling automobile torpedoes. I have already expended in this work \$75,000. Four different apparatus have been made and tested. Every difficulty that has been met and surmounted, and within a year the finished torpedo will be shown."

"In outward appearance no different from the regulation Whitehead torpedo, is the torpedo a self-combustive, material called motorite, similar in composition to smokeless powder, is employed to furnish the motive power for driving the torpedo through the water, instead of compressed air, now in use. This dispenses with the use of heavy air flasks and the latter is replaced with a light casing in which the motorite is burned in the presence of the water to produce steam which drives the torpedo engine."

"Motorite, as made for the last experiment with a torpedo, consists of solid bars seven inches in diameter and four feet six inches long. These bars of motorite are varnished and then forced into long steel tubes. The varnished surface of the rod is securely sealed to the tube by means of a cement, thus preventing ignition between the tube and the outer surface of the bar of motorite and insuring its ignition only on its exposed surface."

"One of these steel cylinders containing the motorite is charged into the torpedo, with one end of the cylinder open to the combustion chamber. When the torpedo is launched the exposed end of the bar will be automatically ignited. A pump, which forms a part of the mechanism of the torpedo will force water into the combustion chamber, to be instantly converted into steam by mixing with the flame of the motorite. The steam and products of combustion combined will drive a turbine engine."

"The combustion being confined to the one exposed end of the bar of motorite, the burning area remains constant; consequently, the pressure in the combustion chamber remains constant, and as the rate of combustion is governed by the pressure the bar of motorite burns at a uniform rate throughout its length. Hence, the steam and products of combustion combined are delivered to the turbine in a uniform flow and under a uniform pressure."

"One pound of motorite evaporates two pounds of water and produces a pressure of 30 pounds to the square inch. The rate of combustion under this pressure is about a foot a minute, but this rate can be varied for the same pressure by varying the hardness of the motorite."

THE CANADA CUP.

Agreement Arranged With Regard to
Next Year's Cup Race.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—An agreement has been arranged between the Rochester Yacht Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club with reference to next year's Canada Cup race. Amelius Jarvis has just returned from Rochester, where he had a conference with the Rochester Club regarding the eligibility of salt water yachts to compete in the trial races for the Canada's Cup. The contention of the Royal Canadian Club has been that the race is confined entirely to fresh water yachts, whereas the Rochester Yacht Club has contended that so long as the owner was a member of their club, no matter where the boat came from, it filled the conditions. After a long argument on the subject the Rochester Yacht Club consented to take the Royal Canadian's interpretation, provided the Royal Canadian would join in an application to the original donors of the cup to alter the wording, and also to alter several other clauses of the deed to coincide with present conditions.

Mr. Jarvis said he heard that the Rochester Yacht Club were likely to give their order this year to the Rochester Manufacturing company, of Bridgeport, Conn., which would be the first time that the famous Nat. Herreshoff will have designed a

CITIES IN PERIL
OF GREAT FLOOD

Ohio and Allegheny on Rampage and
Many Points Are
Menaced.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 28.—The rivers are again at flood stage and the water is rising at the rate of 2 1/2 inches an hour. Reports from the "up-river" points however, indicate that the flood will not reach serious proportions, and the stage may exceed 22 feet. The Allegheny river is falling at the head waters, but the Monongahela is still rising at all points.

Brownsville has 24 feet of water on the banks and is rising two inches an hour. Half the houses in West Elizabeth and West Elizabeth are also partly inundated. Many of the residents remained up all night preparing to leave their homes should the flood reach them.

At McKeesport the high water has forced the suspension of operations at two steelworks rendering several thousand men idle. The Monongahela river is rising seven inches an hour and if the river continues a number of miles of the Victoria Tube Works will have to close down.

Pavetta City is surrounded by water. The houses have left their homes. California and Roanoke are partly submerged and scores of families have left their homes. Nearly every house in Allegheny is flooded and all the residents are living in the upper stories. All the coal mines in the valley have been shut down, involving 10,000 miners.

DISAPPOINTED LOVER
MURDERS THE GIRL

Walked Into Dining-Room and Sends
Bullet Into her Lung and
Heart.

FAIRDALE, N. D., Jan. 22.—A cold blooded murder was committed here Sunday evening when Otto Weberg shot and instantly killed Miss Anna Ingelrud, a waitress in a local hotel. The victim was a young girl, eighteen years of age, and the murderer only a few years older than his lover. Of late his attentions were not received with favor, and last summer he threatened to kill her, buying a revolver at that time which was later taken away from him, and the girl left town for safety.

Last Friday she returned and resumed her former position, and the murderer at once laid plans for her death. Realizing that he could not secure another revolver, he helped himself to a 25-20 Winchester, which he found in the market, where he was employed. Taking a jackrabbit with him to make it appear as though he was just returning from a hunting trip, he walked boldly through the hotel office and into the dining-room, and although there were a number of persons in the room, his action did not cause suspicion. Without uttering a word he dropped the rabbit, raised the gun and fired, the bullet piercing the girl's lungs and heart. He then ran from the building and sought a hiding place, but was soon found and placed under arrest.

IOWA TOWN IS
SEAT OF FEUD

Property Destroyed and Stock Poisoned
by Fighting Factions.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 25.—A regular Kentucky feud exists in Pilot, Cedar county, according to August Patek of this city, an insurance adjuster, who has just returned from an attempt to fathom some of the mysterious happenings there. Stock is being poisoned, property destroyed and many other such methods of factional fighting have appeared.

The feud, known throughout the county as the Howard-Wright feud, started several years ago over the location of a schoolhouse in the village. The two factions hated each other with a vengeance almost without parallel. The stock of the different factions was found dead in the creek beds were covered with kerosene and with it, held in solution, carbolic acid. From drinking this poisoned water the stock died.

"The town has only one main street. There are two general stores, where the feud has been on and the other faction the other. No Wright would dare go into the Howard store, and no Howard factiousist would enter the store across the street."

"So far no deaths have resulted from the feud, but many lawless acts have been traced to it. Every newcomer in the village or the neighborhood—for the feud extends for miles around—joins one or the other of the factions, usually the one whose store he first enters on coming to town."

ROOT LEAVES OTTAWA
GOES TO MONTREAL

Secretary of State a Conquering Hero
—Does Not Feel a Stranger
in Canada.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Hon. Elhu Root, United States Secretary of State, addressed the Canadian Club, whose guest he was at luncheon yesterday. Among those present were Earl Grey, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. W. S. Fielding and others. Mr. Root made an important speech which was punctuated throughout with applause. He said:

"I thank you for your most cordial and friendly greeting. I beg you to believe that I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me by the presence at this luncheon table of the Governor-General and the Premier of Canada. Another kindly greeting has been received by me since I took my seat at the table from a gentleman who, for reasons which you will readily appreciate, was unable to obtain a seat in the room. I will take the liberty of reading it to you. It is a telegraphic message from Washington yesterday and repeated to me—

"Hon. Elhu Root,

"Jamaica is profoundly grateful to your excellency for expression of sympathy and for the very practical aid given by Admiral Davis and the entire particular service squadron of the United States Government."

(signed)

"Governor Sweetnam."

The reading of the telegram evoked loud applause.

"I don't feel at all like a stranger here," continued Mr. Root. "Partly, perhaps, because in your climate blood has to be thicker than water." (Laughter and applause.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed a vote of thanks.

Hon. Mr. Root and Miss Root left for Montreal, where they will be the guests of Lord Strathcona. In consequence of the illness of Lady Victoria Grenfell, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Grey, the skating party which was to have been held yesterday afternoon was abandoned. Lady Grenfell has telephoned it was because of this that Mr. Root and party left yesterday instead of today. Canada's public men all speak highly of Mr. Root. He has without doubt made many warm friends while here.

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