

DOES GERMANY WANT WAR WITH BRITAIN?

The Aim of German Fleet Increase.

Britain May Do as Japan Did With Russia.

Suffragists Ring Door Bells and Spout.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—The government's naval programme embracing an estimate of expenditures of more than \$100,000,000 annually for ten years, passed to the second reading in the Reichstag yesterday, only the Socialists and Poles opposing it.

Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, while asserting that the upper classes alone demanded fresh armaments for which the masses were compelled to pay, pointed out the dangers of continued increases in sea power.

North Sea Agreement. London, Jan. 30.—The British Government which has been kept fully informed as to the tenor of the German proposals for the maintenance of the territorial status quo in the North Sea, has given its full assent thereto.

Suffragists Rang Door Bells. London, Jan. 30.—Having failed to reach King Edward yesterday during the ceremonies of the opening of Parliament, and as the House of Commons is effectively barred against them, the Women Suffragists of England to-day adopted a new method of protesting against the fact that His Majesty in his speech from the throne made no mention of their demands to be permitted to vote.

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MONTREAL FIRE.

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THE HERUDO OFFICIALS OR LEECH.

CANDY POISONING CASE MAY BE CARRIED FURTHER.

Karr Sentenced to Three Months and Others Implicated May be Prosecuted.

Beamsville, Jan. 30.—(Special)—Police Magistrate Riggan gave his decision this morning in the poisoning case which was tried last week, and which created a great deal of interest.

A COLD ONE, But It Will Bring on the Welcome Ice Harvest.

A CLOSE CALL.

REPORTERS WAKE WOMAN FROM HER DEATH SLUMBER.

Tardy Notice of Marriage, Inquisitive City Editors and Empty Laudanum Bottle Figure in Near-Tragedy.

New York, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Gussie B. D'Amron Sears, of 124 West 65th street, was arraigned before Magistrate Barlow in the West Side court to-day on the charge of attempted suicide.

This afternoon she had recovered sufficiently to be arraigned before the magistrate. Mrs. Sears denied any intention of committing suicide, and said that she had simply taken an overdose of the drug.

Four years ago Mrs. Sears was separated by a decree of divorce from her first husband, Robert C. D'Amron, now in this city, whom she had married in 1897 at the age of seventeen.

FATALLY BURNED.

Railroad Man Caught in Fire While Asleep.

Buffalo, Jan. 30.—John P. Anderson, of Bradford, Pa., was fatally burned in a fire that broke out in the Boston block in Niagara, near midnight last night.

Anderson was asleep in one of the upper rooms when the fire started. He tried to arise, was overcome by smoke and fell to the floor.

He was found terribly burned about the face, neck and hands by Fireman Eggel, of Engine Company 13. Anderson was removed to Emergency Hospital. Little chance was held out for his recovery at a late hour last night.

At the time the fire broke out there were many occupants of the building asleep. Some rushed into the cold in their bare feet and in transparent attire when the cry of fire was raised.

GOOD MAN GONE.

Death of a Provincial Public Official of Belleville.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 30.—(Special)—Death took place at nine o'clock last night of R. C. Hulme, city street surveyor and manager of the waterworks, a position he has held for many years.

He was one of the best known citizens. He was born in England, 72 years ago. He sustained a stroke of apoplexy on Tuesday morning, causing his death. He was Lieut.-Col. of the Fifteenth Regiment at one time. A prominent Mason and member of the Sons of England.

He leaves one daughter at home and three sons, Capt. Herbert Hulme, of Vancouver; Glenoe, of Yukon, and Stanley, of Montreal. His death has caused a gloom over the entire city, as the deceased was very popular.

BOX CARS

Pushed Some Flat Cars Over An Embankment.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 30.—(Special)—Early this morning a G. T. R. freight train started out from Woodstock station west. Three flat cars were directly behind the engine, then some heavy loaded box cars.

When considerable speed had been attained the brakes were suddenly applied. The momentum secured by the heavy box cars shoved them up against the flat cars, raised them up and toppled them down a fifty-foot embankment, where they were smashed to kindling wood.

No person was injured, but the track was blocked for several hours.

N. G. I. BRIDGE.

Its Charter Extended by the Railway Committee.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 30.—(Special)—The time for the construction of the Niagara Grand Island bridge was extended at the Railway Committee meeting to-day. This was done to keep the charter alive. The act provides that work must begin within two years after the act of the United States Congress has been passed or an order of the United States executive has been passed approving of the construction and operation of the work.

It must be completed five years after the commencement.

Estate in the United Kingdom valued at £1,040,049 has been left by Baron Knop, of Moscow, merchant and manufacturer.

BOOKSELLER PASSES AWAY.

One of St. Catharines' Leading Citizens.

Boy Nearly Killed With a Swinging Door.

Disappearance of a St. Catharines' Girl.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 30.—(Special)—D. W. Bixby, for forty years one of St. Catharines' leading business men, and one of its oldest booksellers, passed away after a few days' illness last night. He was an American by birth, but came here in the early sixties, and had since resided here. He was about 75 years of age.

An accident which came nearly being attended with fatal results occurred at the General Post Office about 6 o'clock last evening, when Alex. Martin, the little eight-year-old son of Sidney Martin, of the Star-Journal staff, having just left the general delivery, where he had been inquiring for mail matter, was about to pass through the door to the street when he was struck in the face by the swinging door, which had just been released by a gentleman leaving the office.

The sudden and unaccountable disappearance of Martha Thompson, aged about 16 years, employed as a domestic in the family of Mr. A. S. Woodruff, Ontario street, has caused quite a sensation in this city. She disappeared about two weeks ago, and has not been heard of since, either by her mother, her girl friends, or the Woodruff family, from whom she asked permission to leave the house for a couple of hours on the day of her disappearance.

Efforts have been made to ascertain her whereabouts, but to no purpose. The girl's mother, who is employed at the General and Marine Hospital, is heartbroken, and unable to explain the cause of her daughter's strange action. She was of a very quiet disposition.

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One of the gang produced a revolver, which he flourished in the air. But Wilson was one too many for them. He ran out into the road, and making a feint as if to draw a revolver from his own pocket, told the three "to dust, or he would make it warm for them." They did not lose any time in getting away, running in all directions. Mr. Wilson was able to proceed home without further interruption.

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THE MAN IN OVERALLS

The new Warden suits me all right.

I hope the landlord won't put the bailiffs into the Con. Club.

Sir Wilfrid seems to have a majority in the House of something better than two to one.

I don't think the Thaw jury will have much trouble in arriving at a verdict that he is crazy.

We are all waiting for those street railway extensions. But Whitney's Hydro-electric power scheme may feel offended and object.

That Joe Jardine scare was a false alarm.

Is the Spectator trying to break up the street railwaymen's union?

Now who would have thought that the financial stringency would postpone John Patterson's railway sine die?

If anybody has \$10,000 he would like to give away the Y. M. C. A. directors would like to make his acquaintance.

When the city buys the face of the mountain that will put a new face upon it.

Mayor Stewart, I believe, will postpone that trip around the world. The Executive has cancelled it for him.

I don't know what my friend, Mr. Adam Brown thinks about it, but I feel ashamed every time I think of the excuses made by the city for not providing that children's shelter.

But you never hear of a fireman being rewarded or complimented for doing some plucky act. You would have to be doing it all the time.

Do you know of any children near you that would be all the better of a pair of new boots? You would never miss a pair.

Have you seen this year's leap year valentine?

It would be awful if they were to seize Charlie Peebles for the Con. Club rent. I think I would bail him out myself.

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LAST DAYS OF GREATEST SALE

Ever Attempted—The Right House a Veritable Mine of Bargain Offerings.

Now is the time to buy for months ahead. The saving chances during these last days of the tremendous January sales at The Right House are truly wonderful.

Don't delay a moment longer. Take every need straight to The Right House tomorrow. You will find the greatest saving opportunities you ever heard of on just the things you need for now and spring.

To have carpets made, laid and lined free, you must buy to-morrow and have them laid before Feb. 11th. As this is a saving of 12 to 14c on every yard you buy, in addition to the splendid reductions, everyone with a floor to cover should take advantage of this saving to-morrow. The Right House report that many people are buying now for spring in order to share the savings.

NEW ARRIVALS.

Green corn on the cob in large cans, Bass' and Labatt's ale and porter in nips, oyster cocktails, U-all-no after-dinner Mints, Miss Euler's Saratoga chips, Quebec cream cheese, brose meal, old-fashioned buckwheat flour, entire wheat flour, Bath Oliver crackers, Matzoh wafers.—Bair & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

WATCH RECOVERED.

One Snatched From Miss Gillies Found on Roach.

The police are gradually getting to the bottom of the Alfred Roach case, London. One of the four watches found on Roach has been identified as the one stolen from Miss Fannie Gillies, of Stanley Mills & Co., last August. Miss Gillies was walking at the corner of Jackson and Caroline streets, when a man she described as being short, rushed out, snatched the watch and disappeared.

The watch had been presented to her by the people of the store, and bore an inscription which made identification easy. Mrs. Edmund Peacock, London, was robbed in exactly the same way by a man of the same description. Alfred Roach, in whom both watches were found, is a tall young fellow of seventeen years. The London police say he wore a cap pulled close over his head, and had a stooping position, which might account for his being described as short. He has pleaded guilty of theft in London. He is a brother of Frank Roach against whom several charges of incendiarism were laid here a few years ago.

Roach is suspected of being the man who did some stealing at the Y. M. C. A. here not very long ago.

HAMMILL LOSES

Appeal in Personal Injury Case Has Failed.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—(Special)—The Divisional Court gave judgment this morning, dismissing the appeal of Robert Hammill from the decision of Chief Justice Falconbridge, in appellant's action against Messrs. Nicholson & Riley, contractors for the construction of the Brantford & Hamilton Railway. Hammill, a lad of 16 years, found some cartridges, and in playing with them caused an explosion, which cost him an eye and two fingers. The jury at this trial assessed damages at \$300, but counsel for defendant succeeded in getting a non-suit, on the ground that plaintiff was a trespasser and wholly responsible for the accident.

Genuine Amber Cigar Holders.

The beauty and quality of our amber cigar holders is seen at a glance. Nothing to equal these goods in this country. You should see our large stock at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

Bail was applied for this morning for Albert New and William Edmondstone, before Judge Monck, and was granted, being fixed at \$1,000 and two sureties of \$500 each in each case. Daniel McBrice secured bail of \$200, personal, and two sureties of \$100 each.

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WATER FOR PEOPLE ON THE MOUNTAIN.

SUING FOR \$10,000.

Walter Howell Issues Writ Against Street Railway.

Acting for Mr. Walter Howell, the well-known druggist, Kerr & Thomson has issued a writ against the Hamilton Street Railway for \$10,000 damages for injuries received while riding as a passenger on one of the company's cars. Mr. Howell was in the accident at the corner of King street and Ferguson avenue on Nov. 12 last, when an east-bound car ran into the side of a freight train. He had his leg broken, and was laid up until a few days ago. He also alleges that his business suffered by reason of his absence.

Michael Washington is out for the scalp of Wing Lee, to the extent of \$1,000 damages for false arrest and malicious prosecution. Some man entered the laundry of Lee between Christmas and New Year's and put two of the Chinese out of business. Wing went to the police office and had a warrant made out for the arrest of the party. The police went to Washington's house and routed him out of bed and put him in the cell over night. At the court the next morning the Chinese said that Washington was not the man.

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They Will Likely Get It This Year.

Estimate on Improvements at Hospital.

Are Citizens Abusing Outdoor Privilege?

The Fire and Water Sub-committee appointed to deal with the application of east end Mountain residents for a water supply after discussing the proposition made by the property owners last night instructed City Engineer Barrow to prepare plans and make a report on what it would cost the city to build the entire plant and own it itself. Another meeting will be held shortly to deal definitely with the matter.

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