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THE WEATHER Fresh westerly winds, fair and cool today and Friday.

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CONGO HORRORS TO BE EXPOSED

Atrocities to Be Brought to Light in Court of Law FEARFUL TALES Man Flayed Alive, Woman Bound on Ant Hill to Be Devoured by Insects—Exposure by Lieutenant of Company.

Brussels, Oct. 14.—The atrocities perpetrated by King Leopold of Belgium through his representatives in the Congo Free State are to be exposed at last in a court of law.

The torturing and maiming of defenseless native men, women and children, which have excited the indignation, but never the active interference, of the civilized world, will be bared, and it is hoped, proved by Lieutenant Emil Dorepaha, a naval officer, who, in utter disgust, has given up his contract as an official in the Congo to come home and reveal to his countrymen the horrors that he has witnessed with his own eyes.

Leutenant Dorepaha has been for two years in the employ of the Societe Anonyme Belge in the Congo. He managed to endure the sight of a native man flayed alive because he had failed to bring in a full load of rubber to the Belgian officials. But when the lieutenant beheld a woman bound and devoured by the insects, he gave up his commission and returned to this country.

Driven Into the Open The company, alleging breach of contract, refused to pay his back salary or to reimburse him his expenses. The lieutenant admits breaking his contract, but sets up the defence that the company breaks the law and by that act invalidates the contract. He is now suing the company, and there is to be a court of hearing at which the atrocities of the Congo will be brought home to King Leopold and laid bare as they have never been before.

In his presentation of facts the lieutenant is prepared to give the official record of what he saw, and it is declared that his revelations will stagger humanity. "Needless to say," leaders of the anti-Congo movement all over the world will support Lieut. Dorepaha.

The most recent movement against the atrocities has been headed in England by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, E. D. Morel, secretary of the Congo Reform Association, who are planning a series of mass meetings throughout the United Kingdom for the purpose of arousing the public to an understanding of, and a protest against the situation in Africa.

THREE NEW NAMES ON DIRECTORATE OF UNION PACIFIC Salt Lake City, Oct. 14.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific railroad, a board of directors was elected which contains three names as follows:

JACOB SCHIFF, J. H. ROKEFELLER, W. W. ROCKEFELLER, W. D. COMBES, E. H. HARRISON. The place of E. H. Harrison is filled by DeForest, seventy-four per cent of the stock was represented at the meeting.

The new directors, whose selection had been forecast, are all in accord with the Harrison interests. Toledo, Oct. 12.—Jay Gould, the youngest son of George J. Gould and was elected a member of the board of directors of the Washash Railroad at the annual meeting of the stock and debenture bondholders here.

Young Gould succeeds Judge William B. Sanders of Cleveland, who declined reelection. All the other members of the old board, including President A. Delano, were re-elected. Seventy-nine per cent of the stock and bonds were voted.

The report on gross earnings for the first week in October show a gain of \$95,188. Reports also show an increase gain from July 1 to October 7 of \$218,307.

NEW C. P. R. LINE TO BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 14.—(Special)—The new main line of the Canadian Pacific railway to Northern Alberta, which will connect Winnipeg with Edmonton, will be completed this week. It will tap the Calgary and Edmonton road at Wetsaskiwin

FOUND IN DEATH ON GRAVE

Unknown Man Discovered by Visitors to Cemetery—Alderman Injured by Bomb in Saloon—Jury Disagree

Markham, Ont., Oct. 14.—(Special)—Some visitors from Toronto, on going to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church cemetery to see the graves of relatives were startled to find a man lying on one of the graves apparently dead. The police were notified, and a doctor called. The latter found that the man had been dead for some time.

Investigation led to identification as John Watson, about sixty years of age, who had been working in and about Malvern and Agincourt, for the past twenty years. Death was found to be due to acute pneumonia. He had no known relatives.

Ingersoll, Ont., Oct. 14.—(Special)—The police of Ingersoll and district are investigating a peculiar affair which took place last night in the bar of the Kirwin House. Ald. James Buchanan was in the bar with others, and was lighting a cigar when, according to some, a bomb or some other explosive, was thrown at him. Whatever it was, it exploded with terrific force, tearing away two of Buchanan's fingers, his right hand, and otherwise injuring him.

He was unconscious for some time. The police are looking for a stranger who appeared at the door about the time the explosion took place.

North Bay, Ont., Oct. 14.—(Special)—After being out two hours, the jury in the case of Saul Gouin, on trial for the murder of Carrie Russell, near Cobalt last November, reported disagreement, ten standing for acquittal, one for manslaughter, and one for murder. They were discharged, and the case is to be retried at a later date.

PICKS ROOSEVELT AS PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED TAFT Spokane, Wash., Oct. 14.—John P. St. John, former governor of Kansas, who has come to Spokane to begin the fight for prohibition in the state of Washington, made two predictions in the course of an interview.

"Nothing except his death will prevent the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt to succeed President Taft, and if he is not elected no other Republican can be elected in any of the states where there is a legalized saloon within the boundaries of this commonwealth. Spokane will be 'dry' in five years hence there will not be a Republican in any of the states where there is a legalized saloon within the boundaries of this commonwealth. Roosevelt is the sharpest politician in the United States. Roosevelt knew Taft, believed him to be an honest man, and so do I, but he knew that Taft is a putty man, soft putty at that. Roosevelt helped to elect Taft. He knew that his administration would be a failure.

"Roosevelt went off to Africa. He is not mixed up in any of the questions before the people today. In the course of eighteen months he will return, covered with rime, hides, elephant tusks and ivory. The howl and yell element in politics will raise the cry for Roosevelt. The country will go 'wild' over him. Nothing except his death will prevent his nomination to succeed Taft, and if he is not elected it will be because no Republican could win."

SHE JUGGLED WITH MILLIONS, NOW IS A BANKRUPT London, Oct. 14.—In the court of bankruptcy this week was written an unromantic closing chapter of the wonderful romance of Violet Gordon Charlesworth. Two years ago this terrific young woman, after deftly dodging the slanders of stock brokers and tradesmen in London through mysterious rumors of a huge fortune that was coming to her, disappeared. A wrecked automobile was found at the edge of a cliff in Wales and Miss Charlesworth was reported dead.

Soon after the missing heiress was seen in Scotland and was arrested. Today before being adjudged a bankrupt she declared her failure was due to "unlimited extravagance."

During her brief career Miss Charlesworth juggled with millions, mansions and manors as children play with marbles.

DONOVAN AND MADDOX RIVALS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TODAY

DISCOUNT RATE GOES TO FOUR P. C.

Bank of England Announces Increase This Morning—Little Effect on Stock Exchange as Increase Was Anticipated

London, Oct. 14.—The depletion of the reserve, the continued foreign gold requirements and the gradual hoarding of private discount rates had the anticipated effect on the Bank of England discount rate, which was put up to four per cent this morning. It had been three per cent. The amount of reserve is nearly \$5,000,000 below last week, while the demands for the metal abroad, especially from Egypt and Argentina, show no signs of abatement.

The high rate however is also directed against Germany and America. A large amount of American finance paper already has been placed here and it is anticipated that the United States will soon be in a position to withdraw gold to the further disturbance of the London money market.

In Germany speculation made money extremely tight, and an expansion of German demands for gold is looked for. In some quarters there is doubt if the four per cent rate will attract sufficient gold to build up the reserve as well as to meet future demands from Europe and America, so the market would not be surprised if a higher rate is imposed.

Today's advance was so confidently anticipated that it had little effect on the stock exchange, where the feeling was rather one of relief. When the suspense was over, operators marked up consols 1/4. On the other hand American securities, which opened well over parity, decreased a quarter to half a point from the best on the higher bank rate.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased \$268,000; circulation, decreased \$249,000; bullion, decreased £1,068,408; other securities, increased £471,000; other deposits, increased £21,000; public deposits, increased £387,000; government securities, increased £4,000. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 44.09 per cent; last week it was 45.21 per cent.

BACK AFTER HUNTING TRIP, TO SHOOT DEER NEAR HOME Engaging in an unseasonable hunt for big game and spending a week in search of something worth while, failing to secure anything which would justify his returning home satisfied with the result of his endeavors, but on his way back, the object of his wandering almost at his very door, was the experience of Fred A. Dykeman.

The Dykeman, top a trip last week through the upper counties of the province, but the heavy rains prevented him from hunting. He was compelled to return practically empty handed.

But good things were in store for him for yesterday morning near his home in Renforth, he shot a fine deer. Mr. Dykeman's experience will show that it is not necessary to travel far from home in order to get game.

ARM CUT OFF, BOY WALKS THREE MILES FOR HELP Hamilton, Ont. Oct. 14.—(Special)—Henry Bailey, a boy run over by a Grand Trunk train three miles from this city, and had an arm cut off. Leaving the amputated limb lying beside the track, he walked all the way to the city and to the hospital. He will recover.

TAFT AND DIAZ TO MEET TOMORROW El Paso, Tex., Oct. 14.—The Mexican authorities issued orders yesterday closing every saloon in Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso from tomorrow noon, five hours before the arrival of President Diaz, until Sunday morning, ten hours after he leaves.

This is done, it was explained, as a precautionary measure for the protection of Presidents Taft and Diaz during their meeting here. The federal authorities in Ciudad Juarez also issued an order forbidding the discharge of fireworks of any character and forbidding crowds to stand close to the reviewing stands.

DETROIT DESPERATE

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 14.—Chilly weather again greeted Pittsburgh and Detroit as they prepared for what may be the last game of the world's championship series at Bennett Park today. Both teams arrived in good shape from Pittsburgh in the National League's train. A heavy frost greeted them as they emerged from the cars but the bright sunshine warmed the air a bit and conditions for the game promise to be better than any that have been played in this city.

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It is also said as the game started tickets were offered at below cost, seats selling as low as 75 cents. Speculators are reported to have lost \$100,000. The men will be given a hearing today.

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STORM VICTIMS NOW NUMBER 15

MATADOR IS KILLED IN RING BY BULL

Famous Fighter of El Toro, Tossed Aloft by Bull's Horns and Picked Up Dead—Someone Blundered

San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Oct. 14.—Harper E. Lee, a professional bull-fighter, was killed here yesterday afternoon by a bull, in the presence of several thousand persons who flocked to the Plaza de Toro to celebrate the feast of St. Columba, one of the biggest holidays of the Mexican year.

Lee, an idol of the populace was a native of Texas and was a college graduate. Civil engineering was chosen by him as his supposed forte, and when he received his diploma he came to the City of Mexico and was employed in 1902 by the Mexican National Railroad.

He failed and cast about for something else. He decided to try bull-fighting. He went to Spain, where the bull-fighters are trained, and soon became a successful matador. He was not then a professional.

Leaving Spain, the American came to Guatemala as an amateur bull-fighter, and won renown. Next he visited the Argentine Republic, and gave many exhibitions of skill and courage. Then he duplicated his wonderful performances in Brazil.

Lee afterward came to Mexico and settled in Guadalajara. He so distinguished himself in the bull ring that the State of Ahuacatlan, Mexico, voted that he be invited to give a public exhibition. He was entertained lavishly, and his professional career began. That was last June.

Going to the City of Mexico he made the Spanish and Mexican matadors look like wallflowers. Managers offered him \$1,000 for a single performance.

Yesterday's fight was to have been his last before his departure for the United States. He entered the ring amid wild cheers, and nearly crazed the spectators by his skill, slaying a bull in remarkably short time. The second bull was brought down from Ottawa, to suspend several of the bull's horns and picked up dead.

There is deep grief in Mexico over Lee's death, because of his great popularity. President Diaz is said to have been his close friend, having witnessed many of his exhibitions.

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SCHOONER FLORENCE R. HEWSON IS ABANDONED, WATERLOGGED

Rigging Carried Away and Crew Taken to Boats—Picked up by Steamer and Taken to Key West, Florida.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 14.—Mrs. Pheme Thompson Finner and her infant daughter died here yesterday from injuries received during the storm. This, with the loss of the crew of twelve of the tug Sybil, wrecked at Nahia Honda and of Timeskeeper Murphy, drowned at Marathon, brings the total death list to fifteen.

The British steamer Pieterma arrived here yesterday bringing the crew of the schooner Florence R. Hewson, which was so badly wrecked by the storm that it was abandoned when she became waterlogged. The Hewson encountered the storm off Havana about twenty-five miles. Her decks were swept clean and her rigging carried away. Finally, when all hope of saving the vessel was gone, the crew embarked in small boats managing to keep afloat until picked up by the Pieterma.

The Pieterma was anchored when she encountered the gale off Marathon. Two of her anchors were carried away and she otherwise damaged. Both crews escaped but had harrowing stories of hardships suffered.

Additional details from the Florida Keys tell of great damage to the Key West extension railroad. Martial law still prevails here but it is reported the United States regulars will relieve the state militia which has been patrolling the storm swept areas.

Scores of workmen are working day after day clearing the debris and it is expected that by the end of the week most of the damage done to electric light plants and phone systems will have been repaired. The large cigar factories, too, are making arrangements for temporary quarters and hope to be in operation by the end of the week.

BORDEN LIBEL CASE

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BANKS HAVE MANY MILLIONS IDLE MONEY

(Montreal Star) Although the banks have put the rate on call loans up to 4 1/2 per cent, the advance was more or less manufactured and is scarcely a harbinger of tight money. The truth is that the Canadian banks have many millions of idle money on hand, and although business is expanding and demands are increasing, loans will have to go up several millions yet before the hardening of the money market becomes real. In the States a similar condition prevails and the higher rate now prevailing in Wall street is merely the result of a concerted effort on the part of the banks to secure a little profit out of a very unprofitable loaning season. At least that is the view some papers are taking in commenting on the rise.

The crop movement affords the surface excuse for the rise there as it does here. In the States the banks have \$300,000,000 of so-called "Aldrich money," to fall back on; here we have the Fielding emergency currency.

In Europe the situation is less clear than in America. The advances in the German and English bank rates were based on circumstances that made the rise genuine and more or less urgent.

DINNER AND WATCH FOR MATT HENSON

New York, Oct. 14.—A committee of negro citizens of New York have completed arrangements for a banquet in honor of Matthew Henson, who accompanied Commander Peary to the North Pole. The affair will be held at the Tuxedo, Fifth-ninth street and Madison avenue, on October 19. A gold watch and chain will be presented to Henson.

THE ANTILLES NOT IN DANGEROUS POSITION

New Orleans, La., Oct. 14.—A wireless message received here last night from the steamship Antilles, grounded off the Bahama Islands, states that the position of the vessel is not dangerous and reiterates that all on board are safe and well.

NEW ICE BREAKER TURNED OVER TO MARINE DEPARTMENT

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 14.—(Special)—The new icebreaking steamer Earl Grey, built by Vickers Sons & Maxim for service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, was formally handed over last evening by J. C. Ferguson, of Barrow-in-Furness, representing the builders to A. Lord, local agent, representing the minister of marine. The ceremony took place on board the steamer. The Earl Grey arrived here on September 23 but overhauling was necessary before making the transfer. The new steamer is pronounced to be admirably adapted for the service. She is more than 7,000 horse power and is up to date equipment.

CROP REVIEW

Washington, Oct. 14.—In its review of the foreign crop conditions, the crop report issued by the United States bureau of statistics today states that the results of the harvest this year came well up to expectations in Canada. The situation is somewhat mixed. Russia, Hungary and the Balkans States experienced considerable disappointment in the actual yields, while in France and even more in Germany, where only moderate returns were looked for, the harvest much surpassed the hopes entertained a month ago.