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REPORT OF THOUSAND LIVES LOST ON THE CANTON RIVER

Steamer Akema Which Reached Victoria, B. C., Last Night Brings Tidings of Awful Loss of Life as Result of Fire on a Fleet of Chinese Flower Boats

Victoria, B. C., March 6.—(Special)—A steamer Akema, which reached Victoria, B. C., last night, brings tidings of a fearful loss of life on the Canton River, owing to a fire on a fleet of Chinese flower boats.

EARL GREY WAS A MINER ONCE

His Excellency Says He Got a Prospector's License in South Africa But That Was All He Did Get.

Montreal, March 6.—(Special)—The annual convention of the Canadian Mining Institute closed last night with a banquet at the Windsor. The principal speaker at the dinner was His Excellency Earl Grey, who made a humorous speech, in which he claimed to be a miner himself, as many years ago he had taken out a prospector's license in South Africa, which was about all he ever got out of active mining.

ALDERMEN WILL ISSUE PAMPHLET

Council Members Will Inform Citizens How Public Money Has Been Used.

A pamphlet is being prepared by a committee from the common council, giving a digest of the financial work of the various city departments during the past year. The document is expected by some of the aldermen to prove effective in convincing the citizens to resolve them to office. The chamberlain's report will be sent out of the printer's hands at the same time and it is desired by the aldermen that the public should be informed as to the judicious use to which their money was put last year.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, March 6.—Prices moved irregularly in the open market today, which were on a small scale.

ARRESTED IN MONCTON FOR THEFT IN FERNIE

Herbert G. Lockhart Was Arrested Last Night Charged With Stealing \$900 from the Fire Relief Fund of Fernie, B. C.

Moncton, March 6.—(Special)—Charged with the theft of \$900 from the Fernie fire relief fund, Herbert G. Lockhart was arrested here last night on the strength of information received from the Fernie police. Lockhart, who belongs to this city, has been traced from Fernie, since leaving that place, his last move being from Toronto, which city he left en route on Saturday night. The Fernie police have been notified of his arrest here and word from them is awaited as to their action in the matter.

SETTLEMENT OF THE SERBIAN TROUBLE RESTS WITH RUSSIA

The Attitude of the Czar's Government Will Go Far Towards Bringing the Dispute to a Finality

Berlin, March 6.—The situation between Austria-Hungary and Serbia arising from the efforts of the latter country to secure compensation for the annexation by the dual monarchy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, was today acknowledged to be quieting. There is, however, this advantage, the issues are more clearly defined than before. It can be said with authority that everything now depends upon the position Russia takes in the matter. The situation stands as follows: Serbia has undoubtedly renounced all direct demands, both territorial and economic, but at the same time she charged Russia to place these demands before an international conference. Austria-Hungary is prepared to grant favorable commercial and economic compensation to Serbia if Serbia consents to negotiate direct, but should a conference be called to deal with these questions, Austria-Hungary with the support of Germany, would oppose any concessions. Austria-Hungary and Germany consider that a conference should be called only to ratify agreements already made and they do not recognize the right of the powers in any way to interfere in the questions concerning two independent nations. It is affirmed also that Turkey is inclined to hold a similar view. The Porte fears that if such a conference were held, Austria-Hungary would demand territorial compensation from Turkey. The provisional commercial agreement between Austria-Hungary and Serbia expires, March 31, and Austria-Hungary is willing to make the new agreement more advantageous if Serbia will abstain from seeking foreign intervention and settle the question alone. Up to the present time Russia has not intimated whether or not she will accept the Serbian mandate to approach the powers. Although there is no serious anxiety regarding the eventual peaceful outcome of this controversy, a certain disquieting tension was evidenced today in official circles. Count Forgach, the Austro-Hungarian minister at Belgrade, has been instructed to inform the Serbian government that owing to the attitude maintained by Serbia for the last month, the government of the dual monarchy, to its regret, has not been in a position to submit a renewal of the commercial treaty with Serbia, which expires March 31, for parliamentary sanction. The Austro-Hungarian government, Count Forgach, is instructed to add, expresses the confident hope, that Serbia, who is generally understood, has in accordance with the advice of the powers, decided to change her policy with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina, will notify Vienna of this view resolution as well as of her intention to maintain peaceful and neighborly relations with Austria-Hungary. As soon as this notification is received, Austria-Hungary will be prepared to negotiate the questions of trade intercourse pending between the two countries.

SEPPELI AND AROSHA ARE SENTENCED TO DIE TAY 4TH

Judge Landry This Morning Imposed the Extreme Sentence on Men Convicted of Edward Green's Murder

Andover, N. B., March 6.—(Special)—"I go die like a good little boy. Pray for me every body in this court room. I die for nothing. Pray for me. Good bye every body. They kill me who done nothing."

LIVELY BIDDING AT AUCTIONS TODAY

Large Crowd Assembled at Chubb's Corner and a Number of Properties Were Offered for Sale

The crowd that gathered on "change" Chubb's corner today, to attend the auction sales was the largest seen for some time. Quite a number of properties were offered for sale, and the bidding at times was quite spirited.

LOOKS LIKE A WIN FOR THE LIBERALS

In Alberta Election Campaign 23 Liberals and 8 Conservatives Have Been Nominated

Edmonton, Alta., March 6.—(Special)—With the first week of the provincial election campaign drawing to a close, twenty-three Liberals and eight Conservatives have been nominated. In Calgary both sides have representatives selected. There are also two social candidates, Howell and O'Brien. In Edmonton, the Conservatives concede one seat to the Liberals. In Stratford the election of Premier Rutherford is a mere matter of form, as the premier's only opponent will be Rice Sheppard, an independent, who is not strong.

WANT TO MAKE SURE OF FINE WEATHER

Members of U. S. House Discuss Proposal to Change Date of President's Inauguration

Washington, March 6.—A constitutional amendment to provide for a change in the date of the inauguration of the president of the United States, was the principal subject discussed by the few members here today. It was claimed that the difficulty involved in securing the ratification of such an amendment would not be so great as in a case where there was any controversy involved. It was even suggested that congress pass a resolution during the special session requiring the various state legislatures to ratify an amendment to the constitution which would provide a date for the inauguration on which the weather would likely be more pleasant than the fall of March has been found to be.

SAYS WAR TALK IS MOST ABSURD

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 6.—"As far as any war between the United States and Japan is concerned, all such talk is now prepared for what seems to be an inevitable conflict. It is rebuilding its army, getting its army into shape and concentrating its forces in Siberia. Russia will not be satisfied until it has another try in the field with Japan."

TO BUILD MONUMENT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Cleveland, O., March 6.—The little plot of land in Collingwood upon which stands the ruins of the schoolhouse which burned a year ago and sufficed the lives of 170 children, will be purchased by the state and will be held forever as a memorial to the school children.

WILL NOT CHANGE RATES

Cincinnati, O., March 6.—At a meeting yesterday of freight agents of seven railroads to establish a rate on export grain from points west of the Mississippi and to Atlantic ports, to meet competition with lake and rail lines, it was decided to adopt the same rates which were in effect last season.

DEATH AWAITS ROOSEVELT IN THE AFRICAN JUNGLE

Sensational Chicago Professor Rushes Into Print Again—Says President Plans to Go Where Few White Men Have Dared to Venture

Chicago, March 6.—Theodore Roosevelt will never return to the United States alive if he carries out his announced intention of exploring the dark regions of Africa in quest of big game.

MONUMENT TO FEVER VICTIMS

Ancient Order of Hibernians Will Erect a Memorial at Grosse Ile, Quebec

Concord, Ont., March 6.—(Special)—Fallon, Brothers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for the erection of a monument at Grosse Ile, Quebec, to the memory of Irish immigrants who perished there of fever half a century ago. The monument will be 50 feet high and will be built of Canadian granite.

PANIC FOLLOWED FIRE IN SCHOOL

Buffalo, March 6.—Six young girls were badly burned in a fire which broke out in the Buffalo Parochial School here today.

YOUNG GIRL INVOLVED IN A FORGERY CASE

St. Louis, Mo., March 6.—Miss Hildegarde Hallett, daughter of Mr. M. Dwight Fortner, who is accused of forging the endorsement to a \$42,000 check placed in his hands by F. A. Storr, was taken in charge early this morning by chief of detectives.

SHOT HIMSELF WHEN HE FOUND FORTUNE GONE

St. Louis, Mo., March 6.—Carlos Espinosa Saldaña, of Lima, Peru, was found dead here today in a room, following the receipt of letters and telegrams telling of the loss of his father's fortune in South America. Saldaña, who was 33 years old, was formerly a student at Columbia University.

ANNEXITY BILL PASSES THE CUBAN SENATE

Havana, March 6.—The general amnesty bill which was among the first measures which was intended to signalize the restoration of the republic, passed the senate today. The measure provides for the release of practically all prisoners sentenced since January 28, except those guilty of murder, homicide in the commission of robbery, or crimes of exceptional atrocity.

PROMINENT POLITICIAN DIES OF HEART DISEASE

Burlington, Iowa, March 6.—Joseph Willard Barba, general solicitor of the Burlington Railroad system and state leader of the Republican standpatters, died today of heart disease while on a hunting trip at Wapello.

TITLES FOR THE WRIGHTS

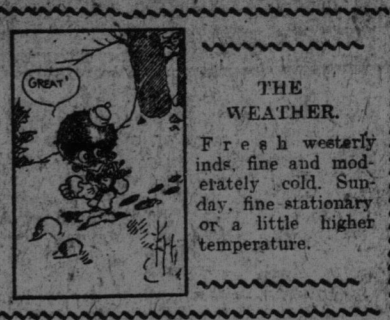
Munich, March 6.—The technical high school of Munich has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of technical science on Wilbur and Orville Wright the American aeronauts in recognition of their practical solution of the problem of aerial flight.

SUCCESSFUL SERVICES

The special evangelistic services in the Victoria street Baptist church during the past week have borne good results. Rev. B. Beatty has been conducting the services. There will be a number baptised tomorrow after the morning service.

VALUABLE PROPERTY OF GILMAN BROS. AND BURDEN ON THE POKIOK RIVER HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF TO A NEW YORK SYNDICATE

Fredericton, N. B., March 6.—(Special)—It is announced today that the lumbering and milling property on the Pokiook River, belonging to Gilman Bros. and Burden, has been disposed of to a New York syndicate.



THE WEATHER. For a 24 hour forecast, see the weather page.