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THE KING'S GIFT.

King Edward Presents a Pennsylvania Fire Company With a Dog from Royal Kennels.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—A despatch to the World from York, Pa., says:—The Royal Fire Co., No. 4, of this city has been honored by King Edward of England by the present of a handsome greyhound from the royal kennels at Windsor. They greyhound arrived in a large box covered with the labels of foreign and U. S. transportation companies. The dog comes in response to a request which was forwarded to His Majesty several months ago and which was signed by Congressman D. P. Lefan and other members of the fire company.

STREET RAILWAY AND C. P. R.

Work has not yet been started on the Fairville branch of the street railway, but will be proceeded with as soon as possible. The recent delay was necessary until an agreement could be reached with the C. P. R. The car line must cross the railway track just above the turn to the bridge and to do this an understanding with the railway was necessary. For this the management of the street railway decided to wait until Mr. McNicoll came to St. John.

PAY DAY.

This was pay day at City Hall and Chamberlain Sandall paid out the following amounts:

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| Water and sewerage | \$2,524.89 |
| Street department | 1,964.26 |
| Total | \$4,509.15 |

St. John, N. B., Oct. 23, 1903.

Boys' Reefers

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TO KEEP OUT SMALLPOX.
Provincial Government Urged to Take Action.

City Board of Health Has No Power and No Funds to do Proper Work.

The board of health are to meet the attorney general this afternoon at 4 o'clock to take action to prevent the bringing of smallpox from infected towns in Maine into New Brunswick. The board of health not having the power itself, will impress upon the attorney general the immediate need of the government taking adequate steps to prevent the inroad of the disease.

The jurisdiction of the St. John board of health does not go beyond the limits of the county, and even if the board felt inclined to take the matter into its own hands it would find itself greatly handicapped by lack of funds. A prominent member of the board, says this morning that the health authorities of the city have been so limited in the appropriations allowed them as to find themselves at different times manifestly prepared to cope with the unsanitary conditions in the city.

For some months past New Brunswick has been practically open to the uninterrupted inroads of smallpox from infected sections in Maine. The official whose duty it is to examine persons travelling from the United States into New Brunswick resigned his position some months ago, and during the period when the smallpox was at its height in Maine there was no official at the border to prevent its extending to this province. The board of health this afternoon will urge the government to fill this vacancy without delay.

The smallpox situation in Bangor, though not so alarming as at first reported, is yet serious enough to warrant the government to take immediate measures to prevent its passing into this province. Vaccination is being carried out compulsorily in Bangor and several thousands have already been inoculated. An isolation hospital is being prepared there for the reception of the infected.

Many people have already left Bangor to escape the disease. Yesterday the Boston express brought a number of the refugees to St. John, and some passed through on their way to Nova Scotia. It is not known that any came in today, but in all probability among the large passenger list were a number from Bangor.

It is just two years ago today when the first case of the smallpox epidemic of 1901 broke out in St. John. The sailor Barton came here infected with the disease the first of October and died October 31. On October 23, Miss George Deboe, of 234 City road, near the epidemic hospital, was found to be suffering from the disease. Before she died, October 25, ten other cases had been reported to the board of health and the epidemic, which lasted until along in February, was well under way.

In all, that winter, 102 persons in the city were stricken with the disease, of whom 23 died.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.
American Market Shows Conflicting Influence at Work—Wheat Estimate is Too Large

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Special telegraph reports on the business situation to the International Mercantile Agency, from correspondents throughout the United States are summarized as follows:

Advice from the leading trade centers explain the presence of conflicting influences. Relatively, the larger number of unfavorable reports are as to the industrial situation and outlook. Good judges believe that the effort to hold the price of finished steel through the spring will not succeed. Authorities admit that pig-iron makers will have to increase the extent of the movement to restrict the output. Pig-iron giving in exchange for coke overhangs the market. Soft coal prices are being held up only through combinations. Present plans contemplate the laying off of nearly 50,000 railway employees this winter.

The Trust Company and National Bank disasters at Baltimore and Pittsburgh were caused by special conditions and at both cities it is believed that the weakness of the financial situation has been eliminated.

At Minneapolis spring wheat receipts tend to confirm the belief that the government report of the size of the spring wheat crop was too large. International Mercantile Agency advices point to about 160,000,000 bushels of wheat from this year's domestic crop of wheat available for export, whereas European continental estimates are that importing countries will need 120,000,000 bushels.

The general business outlook in the southwest, except in Texas is bright, New Orleans anticipating a heavy winter and spring trade. Texas trade prospects are tied up in the cotton price which will be somewhat under-estimated.

NEAR DEATH ON ROTTEN POLE.
Narrow Escape of Thomas Fleming, City Employee.

Thomas Fleming, a fireman in the employ of the safety board, was severely injured on Paradise Row this morning. The accident was due to the condition of one of the fire alarm poles, which was thoroughly rotten from top to bottom, so rotten that it could be crushed with the hand.

Mr. Fleming was with the men who are installing the new alarm system and went to the top of a 30 ft. pole on the corner of Paradise Row and Wall street for the purpose of affixing a guy rope. It appears that those in charge of the work knew that the pole was in a bad condition and intended removing it.

Mr. Fleming was at the top of the pole working when the pole through the crossarms, to which the wires are fastened, tore out of the cross-arms. The latter were just as badly decayed as was the pole itself.

The tearing away of these pins left the pole without the support from the wires, and it snapped off at the base. Mr. Fleming in the meantime was holding fast to the top. The pole fell on Paradise Row and in falling struck a street railway guy wire. The shock broke Mr. Fleming's hold and threw him to the ground. He struck on the sidewalk, while the pole, clearing itself from the guy, landed a few feet away from him.

Mr. Fleming was carried into Wade's drug store where Dr. Morris, Berryman and Bishop attended him. It was found that while he was severely bruised no bones were fractured nor was his flesh injured. He has been injured in the back, shoulder and wrist, and perhaps internally, although as yet this is not known. He was driven to his home on Queen street and will be confined to the house for some time. Mr. Fleming belongs to Halifax, but during the past season has been working with the Carleton Electric Co.

Persons who were at the scene of the accident are indignant that the pole should ever have been allowed to climb the pole in those charge knew that it was in such a condition.

FAMOUS HISTORIAN DEAD.
Wm. Lecky, Parliamentarian and Author of Many Notable Works, Died Last Night.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Rt. Hon. W. Lecky, the historian, died here of heart disease tonight.

Mr. Lecky took a strong interest in the discussion of the contemporary public questions. In politics he had been a liberal until the time when Mr. Gladstone adopted his home rule policy, and he then became a liberal-unionist, of a somewhat extreme type. He was elected to the house of commons for Dublin University, 1896, and in 1897 was called to the privy council, though he did not take office.

William Edward Hartpole Lecky, LL. D., D. C. L., was born in the neighborhood of Dublin, March 28, 1818, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated B. A., in 1839, and M. A., in 1843.

Devoting himself to literature he soon gained distinction as an author. His acknowledged works are: "The Leaders of Public Opinion in Ireland, published anonymously in 1861, and re-published in 1871-2; History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Ritualism in Europe (two volumes), 1865, fifth edition, 1872; History of European Morals, from Augustus to Charlemagne, 1869; and a History of England, in the Eighteenth Century, vol. I and II, 1878, volume III, and IV, 1883, volumes V and VI, 1887, volume VII, and VIII, completing the work in 1890. All these works have been translated into German, and some of them into other languages. Mr. Lecky has received the honorary degree of D. D. from his own University of Dublin, and from the University of St. Andrews; and the degree of D. C. L. from the University of Oxford. He has contributed occasionally, but not frequently, to periodical literature, and since the division in the liberal party in 1858, he has both written and spoken in support of the "Unionist" cause.

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BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 23.—By the shutdown of the Amalgamated Copper Co., a pay-roll of over \$50,000 a day is cut off from Butte. Representatives of the Amalgamated Copper Company declare that by the decision rendered by Judge Clancy yesterday, the Amalgamated Copper Company is practically wiped out of existence and cannot do business in Montana. The decision in effect brands the Amalgamated as an outlaw. Its stockholders are prevented from receiving dividends, they say, although \$3,000,000 is tied up and awaiting distribution to the stockholders. The Amalgamated people claim that they are barred from conducting their own business, and have ordered the suspension of operations in Montana. All the mines and smelters of the company have been ordered closed and fifteen thousand workmen are thrown out of work. How long the shut-down will continue is a matter of doubt. It may take nine or ten months before the company can get a hearing before the supreme court.

IT WAS NOT A MURDER.
(St. Louis Times).

They were loading one of the big steamers in the Sunny South when suddenly loud voices were heard. "Cut 'im! Cut 'im!" one voice said. "Cut 'im again!" yelled another. "Now turn him over and throw him in the hold!" cried a gruff voice. At this juncture a passenger who had overheard the trouble but was unable to see who was going on rushed up to the captain. "Captain! Captain!" he shouted, "they are butchering a man down there. I heard them holler 'Cut 'im. Cut 'im!' 'Cut 'im!' one voice said. "Don't be alarmed, my friend," said the captain. "They are only putting a bale of cotton in the hold."

ALARMING REPORTS UNFOUNDED.
Japanese Authorities Deny That War is Imminent—But Their Warships Are Ready.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard says, that the American, Russian and British gun-boats are preparing to go into the waters of the Yellow Sea. Similar preparations on the part of the Japanese gun-boats were stopped by telegraphic orders from Tokio.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Japanese legation reiterates today that there is no slightest foundation for the reports of the imminence of a Russo-Japanese war. Official communications received from Tokio during the past few days contain nothing to indicate the probability of an outbreak of hostilities, nor even that a hitch had occurred in the negotiations.

The foreign office here also reiterates that its information is opposed to the alarmist reports.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 23.—The conference between Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, and Foreign Minister Komura has been postponed until after the conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, which is to take place tomorrow.

The Russian viceroy of the Far East, Admiral Alexieff, expected to go to St. Petersburg early in November, which may delay the start of the war.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Heretofore the underwriters of Lloyds have taken an optimistic view of the situation in the Far East. Since yesterday, however, the insurance rates to the Far East have been raised, and it is declared within three months, have been doubled.

DOWIE'S HOST DESERTING.
150 Start for Home—Say They Have Colds Caught While Working Too Hard.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—At least 150 members of Dowie's "army" left today on a special train of five coaches over the West Shore road for Zion City, Ill. According to Deacon Newcombe, the Zionites were bound for Zion because others wished to come to New York. "As many as leave will be replaced by new recruits," said the deacon. Many of the party were suffering from colds brought on by exposure in the work of house to house visitation and the many changes from the heated atmosphere of the Garden to the piercing air.

While his lieutenants were looking after the excursionists at Weehawken, Dowie was left almost alone to conduct the early morning service at the Garden.

During his address he said that he had received about fifty letters during his stay here, all of which either threatened him with murder or kidnapping. Some of them were signed "Committee." He said he was not afraid. He announced that he expected two hundred more of his followers to arrive here on Monday with a fresh supply of provisions.

Nothing was said about a feeling of discouragement among those going away being responsible for their leaving. Members of the "Host" were informed the day before by the railway companies that their tickets would have to be used during the early part of next week. It had been understood, it is said, that the tickets were good for two weeks, but now it is said that most of them have to return several days sooner, or lose their transportation.

TWO SIDES TO HIS PRAYER.
(London Telegraph).

In response to several earnest requests from parliamentarians, Rev. Dr. Goodman included in his morning service a petition for a cessation of the copious rains that had been deluging the lands.

The next day's post brought him the following indignant protest:

"Rev. and Dear Sir,—I was both surprised and pained yesterday to hear you pray that the rain might stop. There hasn't been a drop too much for my cucumber patch. If it stops now my crop will be a failure, and I shall consider you partly responsible for it. When it comes to managing the weather, I don't think you have any right to butt in. Yours truly,
R. R. CHUCKSLEY."

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG—At her residence, 97 Moore street, on Oct. 22nd, Elizabeth, beloved wife of William Armstrong, aged 42 years and 8 months, leaving a husband, two sons, a daughter, and a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral from her late residence on Sunday afternoon, the 25th inst., at 2.15 p. m.

NELSON'S SHIP NEARLY SUNK.
The Old Victory Had a Narrow Escape from Destruction—Battle-ship Ran Amuck.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Oct. 23.—Nelson's old flag-ship, the Victory, was nearly sunk in Portsmouth harbor this morning by the battleship Neptune. The battleship, which was some minor craft, was also damaged.

The Neptune, which was being towed into Portsmouth preparatory to being taken to the Thames to be broken up, broke adrift and ran amuck. After desperate efforts the Neptune was secured by the Hero, but not before the former had knocked a six-foot hole in the Victory's port quarter. The Victory's lower decks were flooded and she began to settle, her crew standing at quarters. By the arrival of tugs, the old flag-ship to be kept afloat until she was docked.

GRAND VIZIER FLED FROM SHAH'S POISON.
Amazing Story of Intrigue at the Persian Court is Related at Brussels.

Letters from some of the Belgian officials employed in the Persian customs finance department bring an amazing story today concerning the recent removal from office of the Persian Grand Vizier, Mirza Asghar Khan. It appears that some weeks ago the governor of the province of Ratch received a golden cup containing poisoned coffee, which the shah sends to officials he wishes to banish from the world.

The governor drank it and, of course, died afterward.

It was discovered that the golden cup had been sent, not by the shah, but by an unknown person.

The Grand Vizier was accused of being the sender and of having planned the death of the governor, whose growing influence made him jealous; whereupon the shah dismissed the Grand Vizier.

The latter, expecting also soon to receive the fatal golden cup, in his turn asked and obtained leave to go on a pilgrimage some miles from Teheran and fled to the coast, whence he sailed for Europe, and must now be in Vienna or Paris.

His guilt is doubted by many who believe him to be the victim of hateful calumnies of fanatics, who were irritated at his having introduced European ideas and officials into Persia.

Since the Vizier's flight the shah has constituted a sort of cabinet, in which the most important post has been entrusted to M. Naus, the Belgian director of customs.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23.—James Hackett, the St. Louis national league pitcher, has lost the sight of his left eye from typhoid fever, contracted while hunting recently, and the attending physician fears that the other eye is affected and that it may be permanently impaired. The accident will mean Hackett's retirement from the game.

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