

The Evening Times

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1908.

ANNEXATION OF THE CONGO TAKEN UP IN BELGIAN HOUSE

Considerable Discussion Over it but Nothing More Than Preliminary Work Done

Brussels, April 16.—The discussion of the question of the annexation of the Congo Independent State began in the Chamber of Deputies, which was called yesterday. Very little progress was made beyond the clearing up of preliminary matters.

THAT MUDDLE AT CITY HALL

It Now Transpires That Missing Street Railway Payments Were Made in 1902-03

In connection with the statement made by Ald. Kelly on Tuesday last that several payments made by the St. John Railway Company to the city, on the street cars, had not been credited, it is stated that the payments alluded to were made about 1902 or 1903.

WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENTS

At a meeting of the west side improvement committee of the board of works this morning, it was decided to complete the planing of the North Market wharf which was begun last year. It was decided also to put down new pilings at the Reid's Point wharf and to remove the steps there.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, April 16.—(Special).—Stock prices were generally firm to-day, steel and coal attracting most attention. Steel Pfd was one point down from yesterday's closing at 44, common being unchanged at 17. 3-4. Coal was 51 asked, 50 bid. Nova Scotia Steel continued to strengthen selling up to 55. Old Dominion was 17 1/2. 3-4. 3-4. Mexican 48, Dom. Textile Pfd 84, Lake of Woods 83.

PROHIBITION WORKS GREAT CHANGES IN SOUTHERN CITY

What is Shown by Reports Recently Gathered in Bristol Tenn.

Bristol, Tenn., April 16.—The police records of Bristol show that during January, February and March, 1907, when saloons existed in this town, there were 441 arrests for drunkenness. For the same period of 1908, with no saloons, there were 83 arrests for drunkenness. It is the consensus of opinion among business and professional men and ministers that the moral uplift has been proportionately gratifying as a result of the abolition of saloons.

CASES BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Several Cases Disposed of This Morning—Annual Medal for U. N. B.

Fredericton, N. B., April 15.—(Special).—Argument in the King vs. Kay ex parte Allen was concluded in the supreme court this morning and judgment was reserved. The King vs. Ebbett ex parte James C. Smith, Dunn shows cause against a rule nisi to quash an order of discharge. The King vs. Stevens ex parte Gallagher, was entered on the crown paper on motion of Chandler, K. C.

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FLOOD DANGERS NOT AS GREAT TO-DAY

Missouri River Has Now Reached its Maximum—The Damage Will Be \$600,000

Butte, Mont., April 16.—Late estimates of the loss occasioned by the bursting of the Hauser Lake dam, north of Helena, based upon reports received by the Miner, from various points in the flood district place the amount at about \$500,000 though this may be exceeded by \$100,000 when more detailed reports are had from the more remote sections.

TO-DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Cases of Morris, Baker and Cook Came Before Magistrate This Morning

William Smith, alias William Morris, a young West Indian negro, who was before Judge Ritchie this morning on a charge of stealing a silver watch valued at \$10 from A. Poyas, pleaded guilty, and was remanded. Morris, who arrived here yesterday from Halifax, intended going to Boston, but minus the necessary funds depended upon his ingenuity to raise sufficient money to pay his passage.

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ANOTHER STRIKE OF GOLD IN ALASKA

Miners Working on Notan Creek Have Already Washed Out \$30,000 From Bed-rock

Seattle, Wn., April 16.—A despatch from Fairbanks, Alaska, to the Post-Intelligencer says that word has been received there that two men who made the recent rich strike on Notan Creek in Koyukuk have already panned out \$30,000, and that they only took the pans from bed-rock, the gravel going to build up a big dump to be washed up in the spring. The slow rise of the river would indicate that the flood had practically spent its force and the copper smelters of the amalgamated at this point are not considered in any danger.

C.P.R. SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES THE RAILS

Defective Truck Caused Derailment—Track Piled With Wreckage But no one Hurt

Harland, N. B., April 16.—(Special).—A C.P.R. special train from Edmundston in charge of conductor W. D. Davis, went off the rails at Stikiney last night. The track splined with wreckage and the Woodstock and Meadville auxiliary crews are hard at work in order to permit the passing of the expresses without delay. No one was injured and the cause of the derailment was a defective truck under a B. & A. car.

THE DRIFT DRIVE LEAVES TO-NIGHT

Crew of 45 Men Will Go Up River on the Tug Lillie Glasier

The St. John River Log Driving Company are preparing for the season's operations, and a crew of about 45 will start up river this evening on the tug Lillie Glasier. Quarters have been fitted up on the tug for living purposes. It had been expected that the crew would start from Fredericton. It is believed that the drift drive will be completed in about a week and a half million feet of logs to handle. The drift drive is for the purpose of catching logs which may be carried into the sea when it starts running out before the booms are set.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Hunter, widow of Roger Hunter, took place from her late home, Sydney street, at 2:30 this afternoon in Trinity church, where the burial service was read by Rev. R. A. Armstrong. Interment was in Fernhill.

FOOT BALL TO-MORROW

Tomorrow morning on the Victoria grounds, there will be a game of Association football between a team from the Allan line and a picked St. John team. The line up will be:

Smith's Team: Bell, Robinson, G. Foster, Gilbert, F. Rowe, Forward, Raymond, R. Roston, Cameron, A. Lother, E. Perry. There will be no admission fee.

THE WEATHER

Forecast—Northwest to north winds, winds decreasing tonight, fine and cold today and on Friday. Synopses.—The pronounced cold wave mentioned yesterday now extends from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces. To banks and American ports, northwest to north winds, decreasing tonight.

WANT A "LABOR SUNDAY"

New York, April 16.—The ministers of the 11,000 Presbyterian churches throughout the United States were today requested by the department of church and labor to observe Labor Sunday on Sunday, May 10th. The 28,000 local labor unions throughout the United States, allied with the American Federation, have been requested to co-operate in the observance of Labor Sunday. A special programme has been prepared which will be generally used by the Presbyterian churches.

AN EXHIBITION GRANT FOR ST. JOHN

Local Government Gives \$5000 to St. John Fair and \$2500 to Sussex

At a meeting of the provincial government in their rooms, Church street, this morning, it was decided to make the usual grant of \$5,000 to the St. John exhibition association as promised by the late government. It was decided also to make a grant of \$2,500 to the Sussex-Studholm Agricultural Society for an exhibition in Sussex.

OBJECTS TO THE WOODEN INDIAN

Poor Lo Will No Longer Be the Accredited Emblem of a Cigar Shop

Chicago, April 16.—A despatch to the Record Herald from Guthrie, Okla., says: Senator Landrum, the Cherokee Indian, introduced a bill yesterday prohibiting the use of Indian figures as cigar or tobacco signs. The bill is certain to pass both branches of the legislature and become law, and all peddlers of cigars and tobacco signs will be obliged to conform to the large Indian vote to hold the balance of power. The bill provides a fine of \$50 for each offence, and the proprietor of any person who uses an Indian figure on a matter for what purpose or who has such figures in his possession.

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TWO ST. JOHN WOMEN LOOKING FOR THEIR MISSING HUSBANDS

Mrs. Harry Cox and Mrs. Jack McInnis Have Pitiful Stories to Relate

Moncton, N. B., April 16.—(Special).—Mrs. Harry Cox, who writes from the Ottawa Hotel, King Street, St. John, wants the Moncton police to endeavor to find her missing husband, who left home some weeks ago, and has not since been heard from. Mrs. Cox thinks he came to Moncton to work on the new railway. She writes that she is sick, unable to work and wants her husband to come home.

RIVER SEASON OPENED TO-DAY

The Elaine and the Majestic Start on Their First Trip Up the Big Stream.

The inauguration of navigation on the St. John river for 1908 was attended with considerable stir at Indiantown today. The Star line steamer Majestic started for Gagetown at 12 o'clock with a good freight and 25 to 30 passengers. The steamer was in charge of Captain Chester W. McLean, with Mr. Flower as mate, George Burpee chief engineer, and Mr. McAlary second engineer.

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little reform himself. "What I want," said Hiram, "is a market inspector. Now I've got you see me grab a calkin an' throw it onto the small scales in the market, an' after I've seen another fellow weighin' some more butter on the same scale, an' then I brought along another calkin, an' then another fellow come along with a hunk o' maple sugar—how'd you like to see that butter 'n' just mix 'em in the market. I'm onto raise a holler fer a market inspector, ef we hafta get two inspectors. Hey, what?" "I don't remember to have observed," said the new reporter, "that you were appointed a justice of the peace by the government yesterday." "No," said Hiram. "I got away."