

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE TIMES YIELD RESULTS.

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ONE CENT.

NO WORD COMES OF NAVAL FIGHT.

Report That Fleets Had Met is Promptly Denied --- Printers on Strike in St. Petersburg---Neutrality Incident Regarded as Closed.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—The authority necessary to carry on negotiations with the power was ineffective if such negotiations led to reserves or divergences among the members of the cabinet. The purpose of the intended meeting was to remove every scruple in the mind of the foreign minister concerning the loyalty and support given him. The conference, however, was not held, and it is believed that there was no divergence of views and in consequence M. Delcasse gave as his final answer that he would remain.

Storm Over in Paris.

PARIS, April 24.—The foreign office and other government departments and the bourse were closed today in connection with the Easter holiday, which with the Easter adjournment of both branches of parliament and the departure of President Loubet and most of the ministers, except Foreign Minister Delcasse, to attend the unveiling of the Gambetta statue at Bordeaux, has resulted in a period of quietude at the government offices.

Oyama Will Wait.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—News from Manchuria indicates that Field Marshal Oyama's plans are to await the result of the naval battle, it being too risky for the Japanese army to undertake serious operations while the outcome of the sea fight is in the balance. Should Admiral Rojestvensky reach Vladivostok and Admiral Togo still be able to protect the Japanese lines of communication, the general belief at the war office is that the Japanese will forthwith attempt to cut off and invest Vladivostok and make of the place another Port Arthur.

Are Still Near Saigon.

SAIGON, April 24.—According to the latest news received here the Russian squadron was five miles from the coast. The vessels were steering northward.

Printers In It Now.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—The printers struck yesterday, announcing their intention of refusing to work Sunday and holidays. Only the Russ and Novoye Vremya managed to appear this morning.

A Cold Reception.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—The resolutions adopted by the congress of the representatives of the higher schools were received in a registered letter to the committee of ministers and have been returned unopened.

Demonstrations in a Theatre.

TRIPOLI, April 23.—During a big demonstration in the Gheria theatre here today, the electric lamps were extinguished and in the darkness thousands of revolutionary proclamations were showered upon the audience, who shouted "Down with autocracy" and sang the "Marseillaise."

Cheerful Japan.

TOKIO, April 24.—The annual cherry garden party was held in Hama Park today. The Emperor was slightly indisposed and was not present. The Empress, assisted by the imperial princess and princesses, was the hostess of 1,200 guests, including many foreigners.

Police Were on Deck.

UEFA, Eastern Russia, April 23.—At a meeting of local doctors, called ostensibly to discuss the cholera, was about to pass illegal resolutions, the doors of the hall in which they had assembled were burst open and the chief of police, under orders from the governor of the province, closed the hall.

Delcasse Will Stay.

PARIS, April 22.—Yielding to the personal solicitations and representations of Loubet and the leaders of the government, the President Loubet and the leaders of the government that his retirement would be a serious national peril at this time, Delcasse today advised Premier Rouvier that he would reconsider and withdraw his resignation as Foreign Minister. This was after strong assurances had been given M. Delcasse that the ministry was united in sympathy with and support of his foreign policy.

During the conferences today between the president and M. Rouvier, and M. Delcasse the latter said he would retain the portfolio of foreign affairs only in case the entire cabinet approved of his foreign policy which would carry out the

THEY CALL FOR RAIN. Lumbermen Say That Unless Warmer Showers Come Much of the Lumber Cut Must Be Hung Up.

The lumber outlook for the coming season is extremely gloomy. The snow melting away gradually has not affected the river to any great extent and unless there is rain the drives this year will be very small. Senator Geo. T. Baird, writing from Perth to a prominent lumber dealer in this city, says: "The lumber here is all in the brook and scattered along the stream. We drove for a few days, but are all frozen up now. I never saw a worse prospect for driving. The snow is about all gone and we must depend on rain now. There is only this ray of hope to cheer us. There has been no rain since last November, and not much snow. We must have rain some time this year, and I would urge every person who has lumber to drive to see no time when it does come, as it goes quickly. If we have a week's warm weather I could get it out."

HUMORS OF HISTORY---19.



Alfred was the first king who possessed any good points. He began when quite young by displaying unusual diligence at school, and left his elder brother far behind." --The New History of England.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Explosion of Illuminating Gas Has Fatal Ending in Newark.

NEWARK, N. J., April 24.—An explosion of illuminating gas from a broken pipe early today wrecked the home of Chas. Koch, a machinist, and set fire to the house, causing the death of Koch and probably fatal injuries to his wife. While supposed to be temporarily insane, Koch broke the pipe in his dining room and when Mrs. Koch entered the room with a lighted lamp in her hand, there was an explosion which blew off the roof of the house. Neighbors arrived in time to rescue Mrs. Koch after she was badly burned, but Koch was burned to death.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 24.—Moses Lewis, colored, was shot and killed and James Johnson, colored, was shot three times in the body and fatally injured by two Italians named Rocco Spino and Rocco Dohal. The latter was arrested but Spino escaped. The men worked for the West Virginia Coal Co. They met in the public road and the Italians began to shoot because Lewis objected to one of them pushing against him.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS.

The Methodist ministers meeting this morning was very largely attended. No business of any importance was transacted. The Baptist ministers met in session today at the Messenger and Visitor rooms, German St. There were present, Revs. Manning, Burnett, Coloe and Long. Owing to the small attendance only routine business was transacted.

A JOURNALIST DEAD.

QUEBEC, April 24.—(Special)—J. P. Jardiav, journalist and proprietor of La Verite, is dead. He was one of the oldest journalists in the province.

NORTH END NEWS.

Stamess Blaine went down through the falls today, to have a larger propeller fitted, and will probably return to Indianton tonight or early tomorrow morning. As one of Holly's tobacconists was near the public wharf today, she collided with a woodboat, damaging her small boat and completely sweeping the decks. E. J. Mahoney, the main street drug-ist has introduced a novelty in the way of Easter decorations. In his window is a brood of live chickens, and the tiny members of the feathered tribe are attracting considerable attention. Tag James Holly went to Evandale for logs yesterday, and will probably return tomorrow.

Mrs. Geo. Cann.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 24.—(Special)—The death occurred on Sunday at Cape Goggin, under particularly sad circumstances, of Mrs. Geo. Cann. She leaves a husband and one child. She was 33 years of age.

Miss Alice Craft and Jas. Whipple.

Miss Alice Craft and Jas. Whipple, of Charlton, will be married tomorrow at St. John's church. Rev. G. F. Scoville will officiate.

Miss Kathleen Kinella left for New York Saturday night, after a four weeks' visit to relatives in this city.

Canadian Pacific steamer "Manuka" left Brisbane, Wednesday, April 19th for Vancouver.

One esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. James Jones, reports that in his opinion the new ferry steamer should be called the "Moby-Dick."

THE STRENUOUS MAN.

The Times New Reporter received a wireless from Grizzly Gulch today to the effect that President Roosevelt and party spent Easter quietly in camp expecting they had been invited to go out to a settlement to church, but had no Easter hats; and there was also another rent in the president's tan duck hunting suit. The party therefore remained in camp and ate eggs and fixed up their dainties. The photographer, being a Seventh Day Ad-

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for various stock markets including Chicago, New York, and Montreal, listing prices for different commodities and securities.

A WILD TIME IN WHEAT PIT.

The Break of the May Corner Caused a Frenzied Excitement—Did Gates Come Out Without Loss?

CHICAGO, April 22.—One of the most extensive deals ever known on the Chicago Board of Trade came to a climax today. A daring effort by John W. Gates and associates to control all of the wheat available in America for delivery during the month of May was apparently ended today with a wholesale sacrifice of prospective profits to escape possible huge losses on the existing investment. Incidentally the result was one of the wildest sessions ever witnessed in the Chicago wheat pit. At one time prices showed a loss of 111 cents a bushel for the day, the price of the option being driven down to a sensational series of makes to 84c. per bushel. The closing quotation was 81c. against 81.25c. less than six weeks ago.

General opinion tonight is to the effect that Gates and his friends emerged from the battle with but little if any actual financial loss. Gossip insinuates that they effected an alliance with Armour and other leading traders whereby the Gates party while obliged to surrender to the market on an enormous scale today, were nevertheless fully protected through prior and concurrent operations of the allies in both May and later options.

Another view of the situation, according to some observers, is that the new group of astute speculators, including himself, has merely cleared the decks for a still more gigantic corner in wheat for delivery during July. The idea is that the high price herebefore prevailing for the country by grain traders to secure wheat to sell to the bull leaders. By dropping the price ten cents a bushel today the

speculators assumed to be in control have made it clear that if the country is raked over for wheat to bring here they mean to buy it at a figure of their own making. The rubric of the price down today, it is argued was more drastic action than was for the moment at least required by the Gates and Armour interests, the result being that they accordingly jumped the price back to 81c. per bushel.

The Gates party, it is said, feared the movement of wheat to market would be practically exhausted before the month of May arrived. The factor that is alleged to have caused them to give up the deal was the steadiness with which heavy ship-ment of August and anterior continued, and the disappointing long draw out duration of the demand and the apparent unpopularity of smaller lots.

Persons attending today's startling decline were such as seldom are witnessed in the world's greatest wheat pit. Almost frenzied in anxiety the traders in the pit awaiting the opening bell huddled like stercorators about the board.

The sound of the big bell was the signal for a mighty roar of voices, a din possibly never before equalled, according to those who were present at the stormy session that marked the most exciting periods in the famous Letter and Harper deals. Clothing was torn, hats smashed and bodies bruised in the frantic efforts of the traders to sell the grain. Shots had apparently completely recovered, and long, little and large, hurled their grain at the hands that were closed against it. Nobody seemed to want May wheat above a dollar.

When it was reached, the wild roar that marked the opening was doubly heard. But while the nearby option was plunging downward there was a steady buying movement going on in July. Brokers presumably working for Armour and his associates, whether including Gates or not, were taking on liberal lots of the late option. In one hour alone it was estimated that these brokers had bought more than 5,000,000 bushels.

This buying of July prompted frightened shorts to cover, they believing that the Gates and Armour crowd had combined to buy the month at the expense of the late option. It was estimated that five million bushels of the May delivery were unloaded here and at Minneapolis.

The history of the Easter Egg will be subject of an address before the Hen Club this evening by Mr. Peter Burke. It was intended to have illustrations, but several of the members declared that after yesterday they would prefer not to see even the picture of an egg for a few weeks.

ANOTHER BREAK ON WALL STREET.

The Market Was in a Very Unsettled Condition Today--Elements of Weakness--Sharp Drop in Northern Securities and Northern Pacific.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Violent and feverish fluctuations in prices of stocks this morning indicated a unsettled state of speculation. Operators were confused in the interpretation of the acute weakness with which the market closed on Thursday last, before the holidays. The return to the stock exchange list of Northern Pacific was another confusing element. To these were added the slump in wheat of Saturday, indicating the collapse of the corner, and the flurry in the call money market on Thursday. To add to the uncertainty, the London stock market closed today and offered no indication for guidance before the market opened here.

Efforts were manifest to control the market by supporting special stocks, the buying centering on Louisville and Nashville, Atlantic Coast Line, Tenn. Coal and Lead, which were lifted a point or more. This had the effect of steadying the market after the opening decline, but a downward plunge of 10 points in Northern Securities on the curb weakened the market again as soon as it was reported.

Within 15 minutes after the opening 100 shares of Nor. Pacific sold at 168 1/2 cents from the price of May wheat, which was sold at 167 1/2 cents. Another cent was clipped from the price of May wheat, which was sold at 167 1/2 cents. Another cent was clipped from the price of May wheat, which was sold at 167 1/2 cents.

Down Goes Wheat. CHICAGO, Ill., April 24.—After an initial flurry, the price for May wheat showed a tendency to rally, reacting temporarily to 97 1/2. The market presented the appearance of a general bearish attack rather than an attempt at further liquidation of holdings. P. Valentine, of Armour & Co., was generally credited with buying considerable May wheat while the quotations were between 96 and 97. To this was attributed the recovery to 97 1/2. Fresh selling, however, from outside sources soon pounded the market down to 96 1/2. This had the effect of steadying the market after the opening decline, but a downward plunge of 10 points in Northern Securities on the curb weakened the market again as soon as it was reported.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE. Mrs. J. R. Crockett, of Moncton, arrived today on the Quebec express. Chas. P. Frense, of Sussex, is in the city today. Mrs. Wm. Stockton, of Sussex, is visiting in the city today. Donald Fraser, of Fredericton, is at the Royal. J. E. Leger, of Moncton, is at the Victoria. Chas. P. Clarke, of Montreal, is at the Dufferin.

OBJECTED TO THE MENU. Police Sergeant Baxter was called into the Union Hotel last night to eject Harry Benkey, who was creating a disturbance, and this morning his name appeared among the protestants against the menu of plain diet. Some of the boarders at the hotel offered to make up a collection for him, but even this generous offer did not meet with his approval. The police officials offered to send into the jail and get some food for him this morning, but he informed them that he was not accustomed to that kind of food, and walked out of the guard room. Shortly afterwards he returned and asked to see the chief, who happened to be out at the time. Judging from accounts he is fairly well educated. He says he has friends who will send him money.

John Youngs, of the Sheeley-Youngs Stock Co., has sold the bill posting business which has been conducted by him here for the last year, to the Canadian Bill Posting Co. of Montreal. W. E. Fuller, representing the company, is now in the city, and has taken over the business for the above firm. Mr. Youngs expects to give his whole time now to the management of his chemical company, and after closing the engagement at the York Theatre here, will probably make a tour with the company, though he has not yet decided what his plans will be.

ABOUT REV. MR. HEWITT. The Canadian Churchman, of April 20th, says: "A special meeting of St. George's (St. John's) was held on Wednesday, April 19th, to discuss the call which the Rev. F. E. Hewitt, is about to receive from St. John, N. B. The reading among those present was unanimous in favor of the Rev. Mr. Hewitt remaining in Hamilton if he can be induced to do so."

THIS EVENING. Easter services in the Anglican churches, including those at St. John's, were held at 7 P. M. at a gymnasium. Chester DeVonde Stock Company at the Opera House in "Beneath the Tiers." Painters' Union No. 3 meets in Berryman's. Sheeley-Youngs Company at the York Theatre in "Why Women."

The case of the Cumberland Coal and Railway Co. vs. the St. John Pilgrage Commissioners, came up before Judge McLeod in Admiralty Chambers today and was postponed until May 15th.

BANK LOGS SOLD AT SPRINGHILL--RIVER DROPS SIX INCHES--NEW BRUNSWICK TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 24.—(Special)—Several large lots of bank logs were brought to Springhill today from Southampton and found a ready sale. Spruce was now selling at \$9 and \$10 per thousand. Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Teasdale are to leave Thursday on an extended visit to Petrolia, Ontario, where their son-in-law, H. M. Lettney, resides.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association is being held here this afternoon, with the president, W. M. McLean, of St. John, in the chair. There is a very good attendance. The water in the river here has dropped six inches since Saturday. The supreme court meets on Wednesday to hear common law cases and finish cases remaining on the docket. Mrs. Louis Parry, formerly Mrs. Janis Lettney, of this city, died at Cambridge, Mass., on Thursday last. She was a daughter of the late Frank Lettney and a niece of J. W. Sparden, of the People's

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Queen square from church last evening they were mistreated by over a dozen boys, who were running races and playing leap-frog, and engaging in other pastimes on the grass, occasionally slaking one of the trees planted in the square. The entertainment will be repeated every evening until further notice. It helps the grass, is good for the trees, and of great value to the boys, while passing citizens derive much pleasure from the exhibition. All are welcome. The history of the Easter Egg will be subject of an address before the Hen Club this evening by Mr. Peter Burke. It was intended to have illustrations, but several of the members declared that after yesterday they would prefer not to see even the picture of an egg for a few weeks.