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WATCH THIS SPACE FOR CARNIVAL NEWS. Committee of Management: Geo. Salmon, Jas. J. Noble, Jr., Fred G. Tritter, Chas. Nevins, R. J. Wilkins, W. A. Cathers, John S. Coughlan, H. Crawford, W. F. T. Harrison, Sam. J. Ritchey, Jas. E. Fraser, J. Arthur Dawson, Sec.-Treas.

Bargains in Pants! We have made some Sweeping Reductions in the prices of Men's Pants. There are about 300 pairs which must be cleared out at once. The prices are now \$1.50 Pants, now 98c. \$2.00 Pants, now \$1.49. 2.75 Pants, now \$1.98. 3.50 Pants, now 2.49. 2.50 Pants, now \$1.98. 3.25 Pants, now 2.49.

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THREATENED BY FLOODS. THE CITY AND THE C. P. R. Terms of Agreement Upon Which New Wharves Will Be Built.

Water in Rivers Rising a Foot an Hour - Great Destruction Inevitable. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 22 - The worst flood in the history of western Pennsylvania since the establishment of the weather bureau at this place is expected here tonight. Never before have the existing conditions and the outlook been so serious as now. Experienced river men and people who for years have watched river and weather conditions, tonight did not hesitate to state that a stage of thirty-five feet would be reached, which is 17 feet higher than the flood of 1884. PITTSBURG, Jan. 22 - Forecaster Ridgeway has received a telegram stating that the ice gorge at Freeport, forty miles north of this city on the Allegheny river started with a rush early today. It is expected to reach this city about ten o'clock. The weather continues warm and everything indicates one of the worst floods in the city's history. The police department has patrols out warning the residents and business houses in the threatened district. The latest ice gorge in years at Springdale, sixteen miles north of the city on the Allegheny river began to move at 7:45 this morning. It is causing great excitement and apprehension. Flat boats along the river-side were caught and crushed. So far damage has been done to the Allegheny dam and it was thought by experienced observers that the water was too high for any damage to be wrought. Reports received by the weather bureau up to ten o'clock indicate a general break-up in the rivers. The water is letting go at different points and the Allegheny is rising with the waters of both rivers. The weather is mild and rain is reported from all sections of the Allegheny valley. At this point the rivers are rising at the rate of nearly a foot an hour with Allegheny and Ohio rivers rising twelve feet. A Greensboro, Pa., dispatch states that the ice broke in the Cheat River at 4:30 a. m. and is coming out with thirty feet of water back of it.

MONEY IS PLENTIFUL Trade Conditions in Canada and United States Looking Up - Coal Troubles Threatened.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 - Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency respecting the state of trade throughout the United States and Canada are summarized as follows: The most encouraging developments of the week are the widening demand for all forms of iron and steel at Pittsburgh and Chicago. There is a confidence that bottom prices have been reached. Other features are the falling of iron prices, the increase in demand for home and foreign requirements and a greatly overvalued market at Chicago. Other advances in prices were: Outer prints, cloths, cotton, coffee, leather, hides, tin and copper with partial reactions in the last two. Silk piece goods are in better demand, prices are hardening, converters are buying with more freedom, Boston's wool shipments exceed those of a year ago. Shoes and leather are firm at advances. Most important industrial negotiations are about to be begun at Indianapolis. The Miners' Union want 10 per cent higher wages for picket coal and more than that for machine mined. Bituminous operators in four states want a reduction. John Mitchell says he is hopeful that an amicable settlement will be reached. The week has been quiet, as the severe weather has checked sales in the country districts and made collections lower. Two or three large failures have disturbed the dry goods trade somewhat. Cotton goods continue firm, and the tone of the woolen trade is improved. Spring orders in men's and women's furnishings goods are brisk.

300 PEOPLE KILLED. Awful Tornado Annihilates Entire Population of an Alabama Town.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 22 - It is feared the entire population of the little town of Moundville, in Tuscaloosa Co., was annihilated in a tornado which swept that part of the state at 9 o'clock this morning. Officials of the Great Southern R. R. have received a message dated at Moundville, Ala., this morning, stating that a northbound passenger train was wrecked when his train reached Moundville, shortly before 9 o'clock this morning. He was unable to pass because of wreckage on the track. He says the entire north end of the town of Moundville was wrecked by the tornado and that practically the entire population of the place was killed. Moundville is a town of about 300 people on the line between Hale and Tuscaloosa Counties. It is seventy miles southwest of here and about 15 southeast of Tuscaloosa. Every wire to the place is down as the result of the storm. A wrecking train with ten men on board has gone from here to repair the damage. The railway officials here think Conductor Caphart's story is correct. Five houses in North Birmingham were destroyed.

A GOOD PLAY. FROM AUSTRALIA. Agent of New South Wales Talks of the New Commonwealth.

Hon. Henry Copeland, agent general for New South Wales, is in the city, stopping at the Royal. He is on his way from Sydney, N. S. W., to England. He leaves tomorrow on the steamer Lake Erie for Liverpool. Mr. Copeland says that the Chamberlain Imperial fiscal scheme is favored by a large body of the Australians. It, however, a party question in that country. He did not know what position the new government lately come into power in Australia would take with regard to the Chamberlain policy. The new government would probably raise the import duties on manufactures from foreign countries and allow the import duties on manufactures from England and other parts of the empire to remain as they are. He did not believe a solvency practicable. Railways in Australia, Mr. Copeland says, are managed by commissions appointed by the government of each state. Each commission is composed of three members and the term of office is five years, with a salary in the vicinity of two thousand pounds. In Australia, the commissioners are managers. The commission in Canada recently constituted by the government takes more the form of an inquiry.

RUSSIA'S REPLY IN TWO DAYS. Far East Puzzle Will Soon Be Solved.

PARIS, Jan. 22 - Information reaching the foreign office during the last 24 hours shows a decided improvement in the Russo-Japanese situation. The answer of Russia will be dispatched within two days. The question of the location of Japanese settlements in Manchuria has been one of the most difficult under consideration. The Russian view, as made known here, is that the real issue is the maintenance of white supremacy in northern Asia. It is maintained that Russia's insistence that reasonable limits be placed on the establishment of Japanese settlements in Manchuria has the same end as the American and British laws, the latter in Australia, in protecting the commerce and labor of whites from the Mongols. It appears that Russia is chiefly apprehensive of the springing up of large Japanese settlements and villages along the lines of the Russian railroads and other centres of Russian influence, as it is held that such a Japanese influx will practically nullify Russia's privileged position in Manchuria, which Japan has been willing to recognize. LONDON, Jan. 22 - A special despatch from Seoul, Korea, dated today, says Japanese railway men have been attacked by Koreans at several points along the Seoul-Pusan railway and that the Korean authorities have been notified that unless they prevent a repetition of these disorders necessary measures to do so will be taken by Japanese troops. The Dowager Empress of China is thoroughly alive to the peril threatening China as a result of the Russo-Japanese crisis, and has accordingly determined at all costs to fight for the freedom of Manchuria from foreign control. Conferences between the Dowager and the leading statesmen, it is added, have convinced her that any other policy would be tantamount to gross neglect as the dishonor of the ancestral tombs, implied by foreign domination, would be unpardonable in the eyes of the Chinese, and unless vigorous effort is made to re-assert Manchu authority the Taipings and Koolahs will attempt to restore the Ming dynasty, with the result of the complete destruction of China. The correspondent adds that the Dowager has been informed that some of the foreign powers are willing to give the Manchus an opportunity of rehabilitating themselves even to the extent of aiding them by force, if necessary, provided the Manchu government is socially favorable to reform. The Russian minister at Peking, the correspondent continues, has learned the result of those conferences, and is convinced that in the event of war China will be forced to participate with the result that the whole world will practically become involved.

HARD TRAVELLING. Herbert F. Gordon, formerly of this city and now of Winnipeg, who has been spending a week or two in Charlottetown, is in the city on his return to Winnipeg, Mr. Gordon, while coming from P. E. Island, had some experience of winter navigation. He was on board the Stanley and left Georgetown on Tuesday morning. The steamer got a short distance and returned. On Wednesday another start was made and the Stanley got within three miles of Picot Island, when she was again stopped by heavy ice and put back to Georgetown. The third attempt yesterday afternoon was more successful and Picot was reached after some difficulty.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of the late E. G. Nelson was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 69 Pitt street, and was largely attended. Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Dr. Morrison, and the body was interred in Fernhill. At half-past two o'clock today the funeral of the late Samuel Stockford was held from the residence of W. H. Kelly, North End. Rev. David Long officiated and interment was in Cedar Hill.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived: Coastwise - St. Westport III, Powell, from Westport; sch. Viola Pearl, Wadlin, from Beaver Harbor; Ruby, O'Donnell, from fishing cruise; str. Kilkenny, 50, Levin, from Fairbairn; sch. Augusta, Hovey, Scott, from LeGrand. Cleared: Coastwise - Sch. Ruby, on a fishing cruise; str. Westport III, for Westport; sch. Viola Pearl, Beaver Harbor; sch. Eastern Light, Chesney, for Grand Harbor.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. NURSING - Open for engagements in any part of the city or neighborhood. Call at 81 Spring street, Mrs. STOTT, Ladies' Sick Nurse, late of Montreal. LOST - Drugged yesterday afternoon on Union street, between St. David's and Brasse's streets, a writ bag, containing a small amount of change. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at 81 Union street.

NOTICE OF SALE! The estate of the late Mr. T. F. Raymond, situated at Des Lomonds, together with that well known summer residence, Le Grand Hotel, will be sold at public auction, on John N. B., April 2, 1904. F. J. POTTS.

THE WEATHER. Highest temperature, 20 above; lowest temperature, 5 below; temperature at noon, 5 above; barometer at noon, 30.1 inches; wind, N.E.; velocity, 4 miles per hour. Cloudy. Forecasts - Easterly winds increasing to gales, becoming milder, snow at night turning to rain; Saturday stormy. Synopsis - The disturbance mentioned yesterday has now reached the lower lakes and its accompanying gales extend east to Maine. The outlook is very stormy. Winds to Banks and American ports easterly, increasing to gales.

10 p. c. to 30 p. c. REDUCTION IN FURS. Our annual January Sale of Furs begins on MONDAY, Jan. 18th. This is a splendid opportunity for bargains.

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