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Ice Creepers

We have for sale a number of different styles, suitable for boots, overshoes and rubbers.

Prices 25c., 30c. and 80c.

A pair of creepers may save a broken limb. The saving will be considerable.

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Hot Water Boiler that we will sell cheap
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For Men and Boys is now in full swing and we know from past experience that the public will appreciate the Low Prices at which we have marked all goods now in stock :

See our Windows for Prices
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Wear the Royalty Hat

BRITAIN'S BEST SPRING STYLES
The Hat of Merit! It Stands the Test!
PRICE \$2.50

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Stores Close at 6 p.m. St. John, Jan. 28, 1910

Men's Extra Good Suits AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES

We have recently received a number of Men's Tweed and Worsted Suits, including blue and black. These Suits have been made specially to our order, a sort of advance guard of the spring stock. They are neat, dressy garments and splendid fitters. They have all the points that make a well dressed man without being friskish. The patterns in the Tweeds and Fancy Worsteds are very neat and will at once appeal to the man who likes to dress well. The prices have been marked very low, as follows:

New Suit Prices: \$7.00, 7.50, 8.75, 10.00, 12.00, 13.50, 15.00, 18.00 and 20.00

You will appreciate what these prices mean when you see the suits.

J. N. Harvey, Tailoring and clothing
OFFICE HOUSE BLDG. --- 160 to 207 UNION STREET

FLOODS IN FRANCE WORSE THAN EVER

After One Day of Sunshine, Storm Starts Anew

Seine Rising Very Rapidly, Inundating Sections of the City Previously Uninhabited.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—The boiling waters of the Seine were still rising at noon today at the rate of an inch and a quarter an hour. There was a steady downpour of rain and the temperature is falling. Everywhere the situation is appreciably worse than yesterday. When the day broke over Paris and the submerged provinces surrounding the prospect was a cheerless one. A heavy rain had set in and a brisk breeze out of the north served to drive the flood to points which had heretofore escaped its invasion. Throughout yesterday the spirits of the afflicted people rose and fell with the flood, but during the night there was little encouragement, and with the early hours of today came a decided change for the worse.

The temperature moderated today, and in some instances the suffering of the homeless ones was alleviated. Messages of sympathy from the outside were not accompanied with substantial financial contributions, was another feature of the situation that affected causes for thanksgiving. Telegraph communication with the outside was extremely defective today, and at times wholly interrupted. There is no direct communication between this city and England and messages for Central Europe generally were diverted through indirect routes. It was feared this morning that the cables might be interrupted after a little to transmit any great amount of the press matter with which the outside world is flooded and cable companies were heavily burdened. Early today the French Cable Company announced that the cables between this city and the provinces was difficult and at times interrupted. The morning found a great force of masons still at work on the erection of a wall which, it was hoped, would divert the flood from the historic Hotel Lambert and the famous Hotel Lauson adjoining. Both of these houses were built in the seventeenth century, the Hotel Lauson having been purchased by the city ten years ago and made over as a museum.

The Rue St. Lazare was inundated throughout an entire night and had found its way up through the subway. The roof of the subway under the Place de l'Opere fell in during the night. The late St. Louis is fast disappearing beneath the waters and unless conditions change soon will be merged.

The Seine continued to rise early today and looked to be reaching a maximum in the afternoon. The water is maintaining the greatest flood maximum on record. This was in 1815 and when the water was without the modern barriers which are designed to protect Paris and nearby points in such emergencies.

The sewers with which the foundations of Paris are honeycombed have complicated and added to recent flood disasters. The main sewers are eight feet in diameter and the total length of this network of drains is 500 miles. Under flood pressure these vast tunnels burst and frequently undermined the foundations of the buildings. As these tubes also contain water conduits, gas pipes, telegraph, telephone and power wires as well as the pneumatic postal tubes the effects of a bursting sewer are widespread and serious. The catacombs extending under a considerable part of the left bank sank before another refuge for the vagrant waters. The subway opened in 1860 furnish further underground avenues.

ROME, Jan. 28.—Splendid weather returns today. The floods throughout Italy are flooding.

SIXTEEN JAPANESE WERE FROZEN TO DEATH

Crew of Schooner Attempted to March Through Wild-ness—Twenty Four Rescued.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 28.—News that eight Japanese out of 40 who survived the wreck of schooner Kessaku Maru were frozen to death, while eight others were left to die late in Kamchatkan wilds, was brought by steamer Asymmetric, which arrived yesterday. After the wreck forty men began a march without food, losing eight in the first two days, while eight others were abandoned because their faces and feet were frozen. The remaining twenty-four were finally rescued by Russian steamer Aitang.

SUPREME COURT

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 28.—The case of Jones vs. Burgess is still before the supreme court and will occupy the whole day at the least. Dr. Quigley on behalf of the appellants concluded his argument at 11:30 this morning, having occupied the attention of the court about six hours. Mr. Mullin, K. C., is following on the same side, and will be followed by the attorney general some time during the afternoon; the latter arguing in favor of the respondent. Mr. F. R. Taylor is also appearing in the cause along with the attorney general.

MOST SPECTACULAR FIRE IN YEARS TOTALLY DESTROYS ONE OF ST. JOHN'S HUSTLING INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

The Old Scott & Lawton
Woodworking Factory
Gone

A. E. Hamilton, Owner, Places
Loss at \$40,000 to
\$50,000

Fire Started in Boiler Room
After the Watchman
Had Left
Half a Million Feet of Lumber
Burned—A Strenuous
Fight

Case of St. John's thriving industries went up in smoke and flames this morning in one of the most spectacular fires of recent years, when the woodworking factory on Erin street owned by A. E. Hamilton was burned to the ground. The fire started at 6:25, and by eight o'clock the buildings were a heap of ruins. The loss to the owner was estimated at not less than \$20,000 for the building and equipment and another \$20,000 for stock in the factory, while lumber pile outside was destroyed to the extent of at least \$5,000. This does not represent the actual loss, however, as it is estimated that the factory cannot be replaced for less than \$40,000. The loss of unsalvaged lumber is also heavy.

The insurance carried amounted to only \$10,000 and was a serious one to Mr. Hamilton.

MR. SEAMILLION WILL REBUILD.

Although feeling his loss very keenly, Mr. Hamilton bravely declared his intention of rebuilding immediately, provided he could make the necessary financial arrangements.

Fifty men were thrown out of employment and suffered the loss of all their tools.

CAUSE OF FIRE NOT CERTAIN.

The fire seems to have started near the furnace, but its origin is a mystery. It broke out in the few minutes' interval between the departure of the night watchman and the arrival of the fire engine.

The fire started at 6:25. Five minutes before that the night watchman, John J. McElwaine, left the building with everything in good order and no trace of fire. It was his custom to leave at this time, and the engineer Frank Hayter, usually arrived a few minutes later, McElwaine had scarcely reached his home on Clarence street when the alarm from box No. 17 rang in. He turned and ran back, but by the time he reached the place the building was filled with smoke and flames.

THREE ALARMS SENT IN.

The employees who were in the cotton mill at that hour heard an explosion, and running to see what was the matter found the factory building in flames.

One alarm had hardly been rung in when the seriousness of the fire was realized, and another alarm was rung, followed soon by a third to summon the North End apparatus.

In a few minutes practically all the available apparatus in the city was on the spot fighting desperately to subdue the flames. No. 1 engine was placed in the cotton factory grounds, pumping a single stream. No. 3 was at the corner of Brunswick and Erin streets immediately opposite the fire, with two lines of hose connected, and No. 4 was located at the corner of Hanover street with two more lines. No. 2 engine is laid up for repairs and thus was not on hand.

A line of hose was run from Brunswick street and with the use of Siamco boilers about eight streams were available for the fire fighters.

BOILER ROOM WAS SHEATHED.

There is no information as to the origin of the fire as by the time the first persons reached the building the whole interior seemed to be filled with smoke and flames and the flames were already shooting through the roof. The girders and bolters were located in an iron sheathed compartment on the southeast corner of the building and here the fire apparently originated. It is thought that a spark may have got into the shaft which leads from the furnace room to the large vault in which sawdust and shavings are stored and thus started the blaze.

Another theory is that the fire may have started from the big chimney which leads right up through the point. The latter is situated over the bolters and when the fire did start the paints and oils contributed much to the rapidity with which the blaze spread. The whole building, however, was not inflammable as a tinder box and needed no encouragement to burn.

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DISMISSED SCOTT ACT INSPECTOR

Non-enforcement of the Law
Given as Cause

Hospital at Either Anagnone or Walsford
—Trouble Over Poisoned Dogs—
A Presentation.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 28.—County Scott Act Inspector E. A. McCully of this city was last evening dismissed by the County Council now in session at Dorchester. Scott Act matters generally were taken up and a deficit of \$675 in the year's work reported. Communications were read from the Sons of Temperance Division at Port Elgin, Daleville and Sackville, calling attention to non-enforcement of the act in that part of the county, and asking for a change in officers. Coun. Siddell referred to conditions and moved, seconded by Coun. Taylor, that Inspector McCully be dismissed. This was carried by a vote of 13 to 2, and a lively discussion followed.

With only two days for the erection of a hospital for tuberculosis patients to consider, the committee appointed by the local government to investigate the matter will meet in the course of two weeks' time to decide whether the institution will be erected at Anagnone or Walsford.

Much annoyance is being caused at the residents here by the dogs held in kennels. It is probable that the parties will be made to stop the practice.

Arthur Stockall, for many years employed in the I. C. R. general offices, left last night for Sacramento, California, where he will locate in future. Yesterday he was presented with a handsome travelling bag by his fellow employees in the board of management offices of the I. C. R.

LENNOX'S AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED

After Three O'clock This Morning, Parliament Adopted Laurier's Resolution for Enquiry into Luncheon Charges

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—At three o'clock this morning after the debate on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution, providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges made by ex-Chief Engineer Lumsden, of the National Transcontinental Railway relative to alleged incompetency on the part of some members of the staff, had been concluded by speeches from the Prime Minister and Mr. Foster, a vote was taken. The opposition amendment proposed by Mr. Lennox, demanding a roving investigation into all expenditures in connection with the construction of the road, was defeated on a straight party vote of 109 to 65, a Government majority of 44. Sir Wilfrid's resolution was declared carried and the House adjourned at 3:10.

AIDING SUICIDE NO CRIME, IS DEFENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—On the ground that aiding in abetting a suicide is not a crime in the State of New Jersey, counsel for the defendant in the case of the woman now in jail awaiting trial for causing the death of Oscar W. M. Sneed, the Erie Orange bath-tub victim, are taking steps to free the elderly prisoners. Today the New Jersey prosecuting authorities found on file a demurrer to the indictment against the woman and prepared to combat it when it is moved, as anticipated, for early argument before the supreme court.

FARMERS REFUSE TO SELL THEIR PRODUCE

Unite in Protest Against Packing House Charges.

Effect of the Boycott Strongly Felt in
New York Where Prices Continue
to Fall.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Effects of the anti-meat campaign were still strongly reflected in local markets today. While accessions to the lists of No Meat for Thirty Days families are perhaps less numerous, the impetus of the initial movement is still strong enough to influence prices, which continue to drop somewhat at wholesale and to a greater degree in the retail shops.

The milk situation remains unchanged, with two of the biggest dealers holding at the nine cent rate but with general expectation that the first of the month will find the eight cent figure ruling all around. Meanwhile the state and county inquiries into milk trade conditions continue.

NEVADA, Mo., Jan. 28.—Three hundred farmers of Vernon County have agreed not to sell any cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs or butter for sixty days beginning February 1. Their action is a protest against the statements of the large packing house interests that the farmer and stockman is responsible for the high prices of foodstuffs.

A letter will be sent to all the farmers' associations in the United States and Boston, and the shipments for the last four months of last year are being gathered for any similar period in the company's history. Besides the boats of the Black Diamond Line there are the Pernebo and Kron Prins-Olay boats of 7,000 tons; the Dominion, \$6,000; the Adventure, \$5,000, and the \$4,000, 1,800.

JEWISH WEDDING AT GALAS LAST EVENING

Jos. Selick, of Moncton, and Miss Annie Kernen the Principals—Orange Lodge in Session.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Jan. 28.—The first Jewish wedding solemnized in these towns was witnessed by a large gathering of representative people in Red Men's Hall, Calais, last evening. The principals participating were Joseph Selick of Moncton and Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Kernen of St. Stephen, N. B. Rabbi Amzur of St. John officiated, assisted by Rabbi Levinstein of St. Stephen. A banquet and dancing followed the interesting ceremony, the occasion being one of very great enjoyment for all participants.

Charlotte County Orange Lodge was in session here yesterday. Hon. W. C. H. Guinness, county master, presiding. Officers were elected as follows: Ira Brown, C. M.; H. Wilson, D. C. T.; Joe Ross, Chap.; D. A. Nesbitt, Sec.; W. H. Hewitt, treasurer; James Murray, D. C.; J. S. Welch, Lect.; D. Blackley and Benj. Tatton, deputies. It was decided to celebrate July 12th at St. Andrews.

Attorneys for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of the victim, and Miss Mary Sneed and Miss Virginia Walslaw, the dead girl's aunts, the three prisoners under indictment, declared that the recent finding of a chemist declared that the dead woman's body contained morphine, disproves the theory that she was murdered by drowning in a bath tub and brings the suicide accusation to the front.

DYNAMITER WAS SHOT BY COMPANION

Two Years for Woman in
Child Assault Case

Family Poisoned by Sardines—Masked Men
Rob Five Express Men—Earl Grey
Will Leave at End of June.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Jan. 28.—Investigation confirms the story of Ontario Game Warden Briggs that George Weigand, the fish dynamiter, was killed by a bullet fired by Gus A. Egner, his cousin, in the launch. The bullet which killed Weigand entered the back of his head.

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—Having been found guilty of the charge of aiding and abetting her alleged husband in abducting and assaulting a thirteen-year-old girl, Evelyn Fisher, alias White, was sentenced yesterday to the Mercer reformatory for two years. Subsequently Wesley Fisher, the man in the case, a hack driver by occupation, was committed for trial on the charge of carnal knowledge of the girl. Bail was refused.

HAMILTON, Jan. 28.—Harry Steinberg, his wife, and two small children, were taken to the hospital last night shortly after midnight suffering from ptomaine poisoning. They are not expected to recover. They had eaten canned sardines for supper.

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—Two masked men held up and bound five drivers of the Rutherford Marshall Company in a stable in the rear of Pembroke street, early yesterday and robbed them of \$184 in money. The robbers got away without leaving anything by which they might be identified, even a description.

QUEBEC, Jan. 28.—The Governor General, with Lady Grey and family will stay up their residence in Quebec during the month of June and sail immediately thereafter for their home in the old country. His excellency was himself authority for this statement when in Quebec on Wednesday.

COAL COMPANY'S FLEET LARGEST EVER ENGAGED

And Winter Shipments from Cape Breton
Have Broken All Previous
Records.

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 28.—The Dominion Coal Company has the biggest fleet this winter that has been in the coal trade since the winter of 1902. There are eleven steamers with a carrying capacity of 34,300 tons, plying weekly from Sydney and Lunenburg to the ports of Halifax, St. John, Portland and Boston, and the shipments for the last four months of last year are the largest for any similar period in the company's history. Besides the boats of the Black Diamond Line there are the Pernebo and Kron Prins-Olay boats of 7,000 tons; the Dominion, \$6,000; the Adventure, \$5,000, and the \$4,000, 1,800.

CREW OF BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT RESCUED

Guns and Coal Removed in the Hope That
the Destroyer May be Floated.

DOVER, Eng., Jan. 28.—Thirty-three officers and men were saved from the British torpedo boat destroyer Eden today by means of the breeches buoy. The Eden broke from her moorings during a gale in the channel last night and was driven ashore off this place. When the tide receded she was left high and dry and badly damaged. Her guns, heavy gear and coal were removed in the hope that she could be floated at the next high tide. Unless this is possible the destroyer will be pounded to pieces.

SEAMEN'S MISSION

The following names of the ladies of St. Stephen's Church, collecting for the Seamen's Institute, were omitted from last night's issue: Mrs. Thomas Graham, Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. J. McKeehin, Miss Beatrice Irvine. The collectors will continue their work tomorrow, as the unpleasant weather of the past few days has hampered them considerably. The fund is now over \$200.

ELECTION RETURNS

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Four Unionist gains out of eleven election returns made today give promise of a very close finish in the race of the Liberals and Unionists for numerical advantage in the next parliament. The Unionists now have 282 seats and the Liberals 280, while the Nationalists hold 16 and the Labourites 48.