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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1904.

WEATHER—Wind W., fair and cold tomorrow.

ONE CENT.

MR. BORDEN AT SYDNEY.

Greatest Political Demonstration Ever Seen in Eastern Nova Scotia—A Life-long Westmorland Liberal Speaks on the Issues of the Day—Opposition Putting up a Great Fight.

Mr. Tarte says the change in feeling throughout Quebec is astonishing and Mr. Borden will have all the way from twenty to thirty seats in that province.

The Closing Gun. The last two or three nights of the campaign will be busy ones for both parties.

A mass meeting will be held tomorrow night in Coughlan's hall, at the foot of Charlotte St.

Addresses will be delivered by Dr. Daniel, Dr. Stockton and W. Frank Hatheway.

In Tabernacle hall, Tuesday evening, addresses will be delivered by Dr. Stockton, Dr. Daniel and W. Frank Hatheway.

In the Temple of Honor Hall, Tuesday evening, will be addresses by J. D. Hazen and others.

On Wednesday evening in city hall at west end, the political issues will be discussed by J. B. M. Baxter and Dr. Stockton.

On Wednesday evening in the Orange hall at Fairville, J. D. Hazen will deliver an address.

A Westmorland Liberal. A well known Moncton gentleman, who has for years voted liberal, who cast his first ballot for Sir Albert J. Smith, who voted for W. F. Hoegge when he went down under a deluge of votes, who supported C. W. Robinson, when he gave the Liberal ticket, who worked with night and main for Hon. H. R. Ellis, when the latter was elected in 1900, was interviewed by a Times reporter on Saturday.

"To sever from my past party affiliations comes hard, but like everyone else I have a right to my own opinions," he said.

"The situation is one which has received considerable attention not only by myself, but by many independent liberals throughout Westmorland. Ever since confederation the I. C. R. has been looked upon as part of ourselves. It is a railway that has been the prosperity of the people. The liberal journals some few years ago, for the purpose of political capital, headed broadcast that it was proposed by Senator Wood and other prominent conservatives to transfer the I. C. R. to the control of the C. P. R. What an outcry was made!

"The Moncton Transcript made a vicious attack on such a presumption. It was outrageous, it was beyond common sense. I strongly supported these contentions. The I. C. R. is the people's road, owned by the people, run by the people, and one of the greatest gifts of confederation, as it proved a connecting link between the upper provinces and the provinces by the sea.

"How great the change! Today we see these same liberal newspapers particularly, The Transcript, endorsing a scheme—the G. P. P.—which will be disastrous to the I. C. R. and the Dominion generally, and which will place the I. C. R. in obscurity, and convert it into a mere branch road.

"Fowell's exposition of the project and its disadvantages has been most concise and convincing. The I. C. R. men recognized the underhand work of the government and will record their votes against the unwarranted and unwise project."

Workingmen Angry. Montreal, Oct. 31.—Montreal workingmen are up in arms against the liberal government, as they claim that a tariff revision was promised before election and that they are being humbugged. They set forth their views in a communication to La Presse, and La Presse, in which, after affirming that protection is the proper policy for the working man, they say—

"But for Messrs. Fielding, Sifton, Sutherland, Mulock, Fisher and some other members of the present government, who seem to impose their own views on the cabinet, we would have had before today a true protectionist policy. It is a well known fact that Mr. Tarte resigned his position in the cabinet because of his strong protectionist views. The present government's policy needs to be altered in that regard. Why is there such a strong current against a good many liberal candidates in Montreal and elsewhere. Why is it, for instance, that Mr. Lane, the protectionist candidate in St. Lawrence division, has every prospect of defeating Mr. Bickerdike? There is Dr. Bonard in Hochelaga, hundred of votes stronger today than he was at the time of the by-election. It is because we had been promised revision of tariff before dissolution, which revision did not take place. We have been deceived."

The communication claims that the

THE IRONY OF FATE.

Kruger's Remains en Route to South Africa—A Scripture Quotation.

The Hague, Oct. 31.—The remains of former President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, who died in July last, were removed from the cemetery today and taken to Rotterdam for conveyance to South Africa, on board the steamer Batavier. Six wreaths from Queen Wilhelmina, the Prince Consort, and former President Steyn, covered the coffin. Not much public interest was shown. A chapel of repose has been prepared on the steamer, covered with black drapings and embellished with flowers. Silver letters, among them: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

MARCONI AT SYDNEY.

New Towers to be Erected at Port Morien—Fire at North Sydney.

Sydney, N. S. Oct. 31.—(Special).—The work of dismantling the Marconi tower at Table Head is proceeding with all possible speed. Workmen have now about half the work completed, and expect to finish in about two weeks. Rhodes, Curry, & Co., who have the contract for the erection of new towers near Port Morien, have a large force of men, and are rushing the work to completion. The new towers are being erected at North Sydney for the purpose of receiving the wireless signals from the Marconi station at Table Head. The work is being done by the Marconi company, and is expected to be completed in about two weeks.

The Christ block, at North Sydney, was gutted by fire at noon yesterday, and the damage to the extent of two thousand dollars. The principal loss was the loss of the principal building.

PAY TRIBUTE IN HUMAN LIVES.

Gloucester Fishermen's Annual Loss of Life and Property Less This Year Than Last.

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 31.—Twenty-five lives were sacrificed and ten fishing vessels have been wrecked during the past year in the waters of Gloucester, according to a report of the Gloucester Fishermen's Association. The loss of life and property to the ocean which directly or indirectly provides for the support of the great majority of its inhabitants.

Fewer men have been lost from Gloucester during the past 12 months than in any year since 1865, while on the other hand, the financial loss of the fishermen is a big one, valued at \$130,800, is greater than in any but three previous years since 1865. The insurance on the fishing vessels amounted to \$88,158. Of the men lost all but three were single.

WAS SHOT IN A TREE.

Hamilton, Ont. Oct. 31.—(Special).—Ely Rosel was up a tree on Sherman Avenue, yesterday, when another boy with a rifle came along, and taking deliberate aim at him, fired. Shot entered one of the boy's legs. He was removed to the city hospital where the bullet was extracted. Rosel does not know the name of the boy who did the shooting but the police are looking for the latter.

WANT TO BE WIPED OUT.

London, Oct. 31.—According to a Tanager dispatch to the Times, an American gentleman and two German sailors, while boating on the Larche river were fired at. Their fate is unknown.

A dispatch from Tangier to the Daily Telegraph reports that a German was killed at Larache.

RUSSIA IS SCARED AGAIN.

Gomel, Russia, Oct. 31.—Evidence is being adduced to prove that the whole Jewish population of Gomel, was organized for an armed conflict. The city being divided up into quarters and arms distributed.

WHAT IS BEHIND IT?

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31.—(Special).—The report that the C. P. R. steamship Empress of Japan has been ordered to take freight no farther than Yokohama this trip, is causing some excitement in marine circles. The 6-inch guns for this steamer are stored at Esquimaut, and it would not be surprising to hear of her being ordered there to mount her guns.

A man and his wife who lived in Missouri quarrelled over the slavery question at the outbreak of the civil war, he insisting in the Confederate army and she going to California. She got a divorce from him in 1874, but last week they chanced to meet at San Francisco and were married the next day.

A bee that works only at night is found in the jungles of India. It is an unusually large insect, the comb being often six feet long, 4 feet wide, and from 4 inches to 6 inches thick.

THIS IS THE LIMIT.

Ontario Voters Shamefully Robbed of Franchise BY THE GOVERNMENT

On a Technical Excuse the Government Refuses to Recognize a Constituency Which Returns a Conservative Majority.

BIG HATS IN CHURCH.

Toronto Pastor Speaks to His Congregation on an Interesting Question.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—(Special).—After the sermon at Wesley Church, last night, the pastor, Rev. C. O. Johnson told the congregation that he had been visited upon by some ladies of the Broadway Methodist church, and urged to continue his campaign against the wearing of large hats in church. Mr. Johnson urged that picture hats in church were entirely unnecessary as well as being a nuisance to the people behind, and therefore invited the ladies to hold a conference on the subject at Wesley church Wednesday night.

JAP TRADE TO CANADA.

Big Increase in Flour Imports This Year—Another Lift Lock.

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—(Special).—A report has been received from the commerce department from Alexander MacLean Canada's commercial agent in Japan, that the value of the imports of flour from Canada during the eight months ending with August was \$1,400,000, or 70,852,496 pounds of flour imported from Canada by Japan as compared with \$1,000,000, or 49,940 for the previous year.

Tenders are being asked for a lift lock at the Peterboro lock. The cost will be about \$200,000.

REVOLUTION THREATENED.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 30.—A special to the Express from Matamoros, Mexico, says: "The news that reaches Mexican west coast ports through the Republic of Guatemala is that the Republic is on the verge of another revolution. The cause is an alleged act of war on the part of Guatemala against the Republic of Guatemala through the aid of 30,000 Salvadoran troops. Conditions in Guatemala are reported worse than in many years. An American dollar is worth \$15 of the currency of the country."

GRAND FALLS NEWS.

Grand Falls, Oct. 28.—The Grand Falls Amateur Dramatic Club held a grand ball in Kerton's Opera House last night. Fifty couples, including a number from Andover, attended. An excellent supper was served at the residence of Mr. Thos. Bradley.

George Price, who accompanied J. L. Stewart, New York, as guide, returned from the woods yesterday bringing with him a large bull moose and a bear as trophies. Bears are reported to be very numerous this year in the country.

The following St. John gentlemen registered at the Curlew House this week—H. B. Colwell, W. H. Banks, P. I. Mitchell, Jas. F. Arthur, R. A. E. Mitchell, Frank E. Greeny, P. P. Brennan, A. Morrissey, Jas. I. Noble, J. M. Queen, J. D. Palmer, J. L. Macdon, P. W. Macdon.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Eastern States and Northern New York, fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday, light variable winds.

Maritime—Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and cold, Tuesday, westerly winds fair and cold.

A. A. Hiss of Calais, Vt., has in his possession two continental bills of \$1000 each, each bearing a \$30 bill. They have been well preserved and are in good shape.

MR. BLAIR PACKING UP.

He Contemplates a Trip to the World's Fair and to Europe More or Less.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 31.—(Special).—Hon. A. G. Blair was in his office at the railway commission headquarters this forenoon, packing up his personal papers and books. As already stated his resignation was accepted by the government and Mr. Blair stated today that he felt greatly relieved in getting out of harness so as to get a rest. He will pay a visit to the St. Louis Exposition, and will afterwards take a trip to Europe. Mr. Blair has worked hard to get the commission in good running order, and has succeeded. He resigns only in order to give his own recreation, and although severing himself from it will always continue to follow the railway commission. Mr. Blair stated that he will enjoy a well earned vacation.

CHARGED WITH SISTER'S DEATH.

Thirteen Year Old Boy Under Arrest in Galt.

Galt, Ont. Oct. 31.—(Special).—Charles Sachs, 13 years old, the son of a Galt family, was charged with the death of his sister, who died on Monday night last, was claimed by the family to have been caused by a piece of wire which had punctured her brain, he was arrested on a charge of causing the girl's death. It is alleged that the boy was shooting at a mark when the girl stepped to the wire and was struck away and the bullet struck her.

A RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Lind, Wash. Oct. 29.—An east-bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific railway was wrecked east of Lind today. Every car in the train except one sleeping car and the observation car was thrown from the track and piled up. A dozen persons were hurt. The wreck was caused by a spreading of the rails.

TO CHANGE HIS FAITH.

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 31.—(Special).—Rev. Dr. McComb, who last spring resigned the chair of church history and dogma in Queen's University and returned to Ireland, is going over to the Episcopal church. He intends settling in the United States.

TWO YEARS FOR THEFT.

Yarmouth, N. S., Oct. 31.—(Special).—A Yarmouth boy named Wm. Graham, who was brought from Boston, on Saturday, charged with passing a watch and money from a passenger on the Prince George, on Wednesday night, was sentenced to two years in Borchester.

YAKAHIRA MAY RECOVER.

New York, Oct. 31.—Kogoro Takahira, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Japan, who has just undergone an operation for appendicitis, passed a quiet night. The crisis will not be passed for two or three days, but the physicians say that if his condition continues as at present, the diplomat will pull through very nicely.

Hanehira, arrived from Washington last evening, and passed the night at his club. It was said this morning that Mr. Takahira was resting comfortably, and his condition is satisfactory.

BURIED AT FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Oct. 31.—(Special).—The remains of the late Comptroller Geo. Moffatt, of Madam, arrived here by the noon train today accompanied by a delegation of fifty C. P. R. employees. The funeral took place on the arrival of the train at the rural cemetery where the services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Ross. The members of the local lodge of Free Masons joined with the brethren from Madam in paying last tribute respect to deceased.

BITS FROM THE ORIENT.

The largest peanut fields in the world are at Guiana, on the north coast of Africa. Peanuts are grown there by hundreds of tons, but the quality is inferior to those grown in this country. Most of the African peanuts are shipped to France.

The telephone wires which are in course of construction over 1,000 miles of Abyssinian country are utilized as swings by monkeys, while elephants use the poles as scratching posts and often knock them down.

The railway traveler in Japan buys a first, second or third class ticket, or, if he wishes to go cheaper still, he can get a ticket entitling him simply to stand on the platform. Many of the cars can be entered either from the side or the end.

Dr. Watanabe, the Japanese mining expert, estimates that one-fourth of the new gold fields he examined will yield \$500,000,000. The other three-fourths is being explored by the Japanese government.

The imperial canal in China is the longest in the world and connects no less than fifty-one cities. It is the longest of its 800 miles—Various exchanges.

BIG BATTLE THIS WEEK.

The Japanese Resume the Offensive Near Mukden—Another Fierce Assault Upon Port Arthur—Uncle Linevitch to the Fore—A Russian Mine Explodes—Today's News From Seat of War.

Mukden, Oct. 31.—From an early hour this morning there has been a heavy bombardment of Poutliou (the Three Hills) by the Japanese. Large masses of Japanese were moving eastward during Oct. 29 and 30. The Japanese despite the hard fighting and nervous strain are in excellent physical condition. It is expected that the next move will precipitate the greatest battle of this war. Each side purposes not to move until it is ready for the struggle on which depends the occupation of Mukden.

Mukden, Oct. 31.—After several days of quietness big guns commenced booming to the south east last night, continuing until early this morning. Fighting is taking place between reconnoitering parties. The Japanese having crossed the Shakkie river towards the south east. A big battle is expected this week, unless successful upon the part of the Russians, will probably be the last under the recent arrangement.

A complete reorganization of the army is now under way. Gen. Kurropin is in command in supreme command. Gen. Alexieff left Oct. 30 for Russia.

A Delayed Report.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters on the Shakkie River, Wednesday Oct. 26—P. M. (delayed).—The great armies of Field Marshal Oyama and Gen. Kurropin are still facing one another after a week practically devoid of action. The trenches along the entire line average only 500 yards apart. Neither side dares raise a head above the parapet. It would be suicidal to do so.

The artillery search the lines during the day and at night the Russians use searchlights. The lines are so close that outposts are impossible. At night the pickets of both sides creep out a few yards to give warning of a sudden attack, and retire before dawn.

A Mine Exploded.

Tokio, Oct. 31.—11 a. m.—The steamer Chiyoda discovered a floating mine off Che Foo and brought it to Molva yesterday.

The gunboat Yamato sent a boat to secure the mine and in transferring the mine it exploded, sinking the boat, injuring the Chiyoda and several. The navy has issued a warning to merchantmen, advising the gulf of Pe Chi Li, advising the fortresses in their rapid attempt to plant between the trenches at night. This is the first time that they have been used in field operations in the present war. Gen. Kurropin has been largely reinforced since the battle of Liao Yang. It is believed that the Japanese did not expect to capture the town on this occasion, but to accomplish another important forward step. This plan was adopted, following the first, as soon.

Port Arthur Assaulted.

Che Foo, Oct. 31.—2 p. m.—The general assault upon Port Arthur which began in a preliminary way on Oct. 24, developed into a ferocious battle yesterday when, according to the captives caused by the night attack, a hitherto inflexible authority, the Japanese flung heavy forces against the fortresses in their rapid attempt to plant between the trenches at night. The result of yesterday's fighting is unknown.

The Japanese have been preparing for this assault for a month. It is believed that the Japanese did not expect to capture the town on this occasion, but to accomplish another important forward step. This plan was adopted, following the first, as soon.

STEAMER ABANDONED.

Officers and Crew of the Kelvin Arrive at New York.

New York, Oct. 31.—Eight officers and 25 members of the crew of the British steamer Kelvin, which was abandoned at sea Oct. 7, arrived here today on the steamer from Porto Rico.

The Kelvin sailed from New York October 5. For some time the ship was in a perilous position, and finally Captain McCann ordered the men to leave the ship. The Kelvin was left to her fate. Ten hours later on Oct. 7, the men were picked up by the American schooner Cordelia E. Hays, by which they were landed at Ponca.

A man who was selling baby bugles in Triplett, Kan., recently is said to have been attracted there by the name of the village.

A METEOR IN LONDON.

A Heavenly Visitor Weighed Three Pounds Descended There Yesterday.

London, Oct. 31.—(Special).—Police constables McDonald and McLoughlin, while on duty, early yesterday, saw a meteor strike the earth at the corner of Grosvenor and St. George's streets. On investigating, the constables found what resembled a rough mass of molten iron and rock which weighed three pounds and measured 17 inches in circumference.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 31.—(Special).—J. P. McNeill, train dispatcher on the Cape Breton division of the Intercolonial railway, has been appointed chief train dispatcher at Fredericton.

It has been reported to Superintendent Wetmore, of the S. P. C. A., that two families in St. John are in destitute circumstances. One family is named Meahan, and resides on Carmarthen street, between Duke and Mecklenburg streets. There are two girls and a boy in the family, all of whom are under six years of age. The children have nobody at home to care for them, and the father is out of the house the greater part of the time.

The little ones have on several occasions been seen on the streets in damp, rainy weather, scarcely half clad. The neighbors have done what they could to make them comfortable.

Mr. Wetmore says that St. John needs a children's protection law in the worst way, and the sooner it is procured the better for the little ones.

ST. JOHN FAMILIES IN DESTITUTE CONDITION.

Secretary Wetmore of the S. P. C. A. has Two Pitiable Cases Reported to him—The Story as Told For the Times.