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THE WEATHER

Westerly winds, fine today and on Friday, with higher temperature.

SAYS SHOCKING CONDITIONS EXIST IN OUR G.T.P. CAMPS

Italian Employment Agents in Toronto Discourage Laborers From Coming to Work in G. T. P. Construction Camps in This Province—System of Peonage Said to Exist

Toronto, Ont., May 13—(Special)—In a letter to the chairman of Transcontinental Railway Commission, Hon. Mr. Parent, Prof. Carlo Cattapani of Toronto says: "In Toronto, the Italian employment agents are preventing the engagement of laborers for New Brunswick. Mr. Socco, who is looking after the Italian immigrants on behalf of the Ontario government, also discourages the immigration of laborers to New Brunswick, and in the last two weeks two gangs of Italian laborers brought to work on railway construction near Fredericton from Toronto, came back to this city after many unpleasant experiences. They report a shocking state of affairs in the construction camps, where, according to their own statements, state of practical peonage exists. Conditions of work are misrepresented at the time of the engagement, and they are kept in complete isolation from the outside world. They have to buy their supplies from sub-contractors, and they seldom have any money coming to them."

PYTHIANS HAD A NO ONE WANTED PLEASANT TIME

St. John Team Returned Today From St. Stephen, Where They Exemplified Degree Work.

The Knights of Pythias team which worked the third rank in St. Stephen last night returned on today's Boston train. The meeting of Frontier lodge, St. Stephen, was held at 9 o'clock, the team from this city arriving at 10 o'clock. The meeting was held at Masonic Hall, where the meeting was held, the work of exemplifying the third rank was done by Chancery Commander Hill, who was presiding, handed the meeting over to Chancery Commander McCoolough, of the degree team, and the latter was assisted by the following:—Vice-Chancellor Robert Price, P. M. Holder, Master of Work F. E. Hamilton, R. S. Ritchie, E. H. H. Reid, J. S. C. Jones, 2nd S., F. A. Kinneer, 3rd S.; W. Wetmore, 4th S.; E. N. Smith, 5th S.; E. K. Bonnell, 6th S.; I. W. Brennan, 7th S.; B. Watson, 8th S.; R. Price, 9th S.; F. Munroe, 10th S.; R. Strain and Wm. Symonds, attendants, and H. Kinneer, Herald; Max Ross, S.; and W. S. Clawson, H.

RAVENS WERE NOT ON TO THEIR JOBS

Zion City Man Almost Starves to Death Trying to Emulate Elijah

Chicago, May 12—E. M. Brock, an aged Zion City man, lay four days under a tree during the recent severe storm, waiting for ravens to feed him. He is slowly recovering. He had read about Elijah by extending his faith being fed by ravens, and he decided to try it. He had enough faith to last four days, during which he prayed incessantly, but the ravens were not on the job. He finally gave up, and suffered himself to be carried back to his cabin.

CLOUDS OF DUST IN THE STREETS

The high wind today caused clouds of dust to blow about the street to the great discomfort and annoyance of pedestrians and storekeepers. All the city watering-carts were doing duty but they could not commence to keep down the dust. Merchants on King street were complaining to the mayor and aldermen about the abundance of the watering carts in the business district and they contended that one of the carts should be kept constantly on King, Charlotte and Prince William streets on such days as today.

DANCED TO DEATH IN SPITE OF WARNING

Chicago, May 12—Marie Fron, 30 years old, danced herself to death in a public dance hall last night, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury today. The girl possessed a fine constitution, but was warned by her parents not to exert herself, but the music caused her to forget the warning and she danced continuously and was carried from the hall in a faint. She died today.

The leading scow of the log driving company which has been undergoing repairs here will be taken through the falls today and taken to Fredericton by the tug Captain.

UNITED KINGDOM LEADS WORLD IN TRADE

Wonderful New Record for International Commerce Was Established in 1907 According to an American Report.

Washington, May 13—A new record for the International Commerce of the World was established in 1907, according to the statistical abstract of the United States, prepared by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. This abstract puts the total exports of the various countries and colonies of the world in that year at \$14,000,000,000, and the imports at \$16,000,000,000. Ten countries contributed more than two-thirds of the total. On the export side the United Kingdom headed the list with \$2,073,000,000; the United States coming next with \$1,835,000,000; Germany next with \$1,629,000,000 and France fourth with \$1,600,000,000. On the import side the United Kingdom again headed the list with \$3,143,000,000, Germany coming second with \$2,082,000,000, France third with \$1,201,000,000, and the United States 4th, with \$1,294,000,000. Practically two-thirds of this total of international trade is accredited to Europe. In the year under consideration Canada took 13 per cent of her imports from the United States.

MUST NOT SPIT IN CARS OR STATION

Railway Commission Passes New Sanitary Regulations on the Request of the Maritime Board of Trade.

Ottawa, May 13—An order which is intended to bring about more sanitary conditions on passenger trains, and in railway stations, in response to an appeal from the Maritime Board of Trade. The order prohibits spitting in stations or in trains, except in cupboards, and makes it compulsory for all passenger cars and stations to be thoroughly ventilated and fumigated.

Reports from the employes charged with the care of the stations, and cars are to be submitted monthly to each railway company. The passenger cars must be kept clean and thorough cleaning in cold weather are to be properly heated. On every passenger train there must be at least one employe whose duty it shall be to keep the cars clean and ventilated. Spitting in stations or on passenger cars is prohibited. Cupboards must be provided, and there will be a serious penalty for an infraction of the rule. No spitting is to be permitted on all station platforms and passenger cars, warning the travelling public against spitting. The cupboards must be cleaned at least every forty-eight hours. Sleeping cars are to be thoroughly fumigated at least every thirty days.

MRS. BOYLE WILL MAKE NO APPEAL

Her Husband, However, Will Try to Escape From Sentence of Life Imprisonment.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13—Mrs. James Boyle, who on Monday began to serve her sentence of twenty-five years in the Western Penitentiary for her part in the White Kidnapping, has determined to make no move for an appeal. She apparently has forgotten her dramatic assertions that she would make a vigorous effort to carry his case to the supreme court of Pennsylvania. No open steps have been taken by Boyle's counsel, but she has been taken to the prison for her cell. Mrs. Boyle is in good spirits after a good night's sleep and has regained some of her old time vivacity. She availed this morning to find out the prison guard in her cell. Marching in line with the other prisoners, Mrs. Boyle smiled as she went to her first prison breakfast and ate heartily. She received permission from the warden to make cushions and other fancy work for her cell and materials were promised her. She probably will be placed either in the kitchen or in the sewing room. Boyle slept well last night also. He ate heartily at breakfast and submitted to the barber, who combed his hair closely. Bertillon photographs and measurements of the couple were made today.

FIGHT DUEL DURING MASS

Mexicans Meet in Cathedral and Draw Knives as Congregation Prays

Monterey, Mex., May 13—A duel in the Cathedral in the midst of scores of people kneeling at mass was fought last Sunday by Ricardo Quiros and Alfonso Farías, members of wealthy families and students of Marista College. The men fought with pocket knives. There had been ill feeling between the two for some time and Quiros had challenged Farías to a duel, and when they met in a pew at the cathedral both drew knives and the combatants were separated they were both wounded.

PATENT ATTORNEY DEAD

Washington, May 13—Major Albert E. Johnson, one of the oldest practicing patent attorneys in the United States, died here last night in his 83rd year. During the Civil War he acted for some time as private secretary to Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war. At one time he was prominent in Masonic circles.

The foul grounds light buoy is not working. It will be lifted by the steamer Lansdowne at once for repairs.

ALD. BELVEA TOOK A TRIP ON THE LUDLOW

Queen of the Ferry Fleet Showed One of Her New Bosses What She Could do When She Really Tried.

About two weeks ago Alderman Potts, who was elected for the chairmanship of the ferry committee took a trip on the Ludlow to study the "100,000 bushels" varying moods and cussedness. The result was disastrous for the steamer went on strike. Today on the 113 trip from the west side, Alderman Belyea, also a member of the ferry committee, invaded the pilot house of the steamer and proceeded to put into practice the theories he had recently advanced in committee that the steamer could make better time than she has been by sheaping her course straight across the harbor. The alderman's appearance in the wheel-house was the signal for an oration from the schoolchildren who were on board and everyone prepared to see all records go to smash. The steamer started out alright but just to show her spirit she bolted up to market slip and down opposite the customs house and finally allowed herself to be guided into the east side floats about ten minutes late. The alderman was greatly pleased for his achievement. It is great fun running the Ludlow.

SOME VICTIMS WERE BLOWN TO ATOMS

Albany, N. Y., May 13—Search for the remains of the victims of the explosion yesterday at the Callan stone quarry at South Bethlehem was resumed today.

TRIED TO CRAWL UNDER THE TRAIN

North Bay Woman Had Both Legs Amputated Yesterday and Died This Morning—The Story of a Family's Misfortune.

North Bay, Ont., May 13—(Special)—A very sad accident occurred in the C. P. Bay of Albany last night when Mrs. Jennie Patterson, aged forty years, was caught under a freight train, and had both legs amputated. On account of these being crossings hand the woman attempted to crawl under the train which was standing at the station. She was struck by the train and her legs were severed. Mrs. Patterson died this morning, and leaves a husband and four little children. The husband has been in sore straits lately, and having lost one of their daughters two weeks ago.

ACCEPTS INVITATION BUT CAN'T NAME DATE

Hon. Wm. Pugsley Replies to Invitation to Complimentary Banquet at St. John.

Hon. D. J. Purdy, chairman of the committee of arrangements for the banquet to be tendered here to Hon. Wm. Pugsley, notified the minister of public works yesterday of the committee's intention. He received the following reply from the minister:

"I appreciate very much the kindness of yourself and other friends in tendering me such a complimentary banquet, and I have much pleasure in accepting, but first I must know as to cabinet meetings and the date of the banquet after session. Will advise you later. WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

WALTHOUR WAS NOT HURT

Paris, May 13—There is no truth in the report that "Bobby" Walthour, the American bicyclist, has been injured in an accident. Walthour is in Paris training for his forthcoming race with Darragon.

PARIS STRIKE IS NOT SO WIDESPREAD AS EXPECTED

Considerable Inconvenience Caused, But Latest Advices Show the Total Number of Strikers to be Less Than 1,000

Paris, May 13—The number of striking government employes shows no appreciable increase this morning. Services are normal and at some places, notably Bordeaux, the telegraphers who went out yesterday have returned to their posts. The concerted efforts of the strikers stationed at various bureaus in Paris, to induce a conspiracy among the strikers, have been without effect. The authorities are confident, and express publicly their belief that the strike will be over in a few days. On the other hand the leaders in the strike claim that the government is "bluffing" and that its figures regarding the number of men out are ridiculous. They declare the movement will extend rapidly and they do not refrain from applying the epithets to Premier Clemenceau, Minister of Public Works Barthelemy and other government officials, and they intimate that the gen-

MANY ARMENIAN GIRLS CARRIED INTO SLAVERY

Mohammedans Continue to Sack and Perpetrate Awful Horrors—Some Cases Whole Towns Were Practically Wiped Out of Existence.

Marash, Asiatic Turkey, May 10—Large numbers of Christian Armenians were taken from the countryside of Armo-villages assailed by bands of Mohammedans, who acting on the supposition that the Armenians were rising against the government, were quick to strike the first blow. The men were killed whenever found within reach of knife or bullet. The girls received no consideration, and many were carried off to become the wives or slaves of rich men. Houses were sacked and then burned, and farm animals were driven off. The entire population of Beckley, 2,000 souls, moved to the Zeitoun region for safety. In other towns, notably Yankoum, where the Armenians were well supplied with rifles, they fought day and night and kept off large numbers of besiegers. There are probably 14,000 refugees in Marash. Cologne, May 13—The Koelnische Zeitung publishes a despatch from Saloniki saying that the Young Turk officers at Erzurum, Asiatic Turkey, have sent a telegram to the local officers of the committee of union and progress desiring that the soldiers are rising in obedience and demanding the restoration of the Sheriat and at the same time threatening a general massacre. The message begs Sherif Pasha, the commander of the three army corps to send representatives to quiet the troops and the people and concludes with the statement that the Young Turk officers do not dare to show themselves abroad.

THE WORK ON THE MARSH ABOIDEAU

All the Preliminaries Have Been Attended to and the Real Work of Repair Will Now Start

The city engineer and the recorder are now at work drawing up the contract for the rebuilding of the aboideau at the Marsh creek. The tender of Clark & Adams for the work, was accepted some time ago, but the work was delayed pending the action of the legislature on the bill relating to damages to property owners along the creek. The bill having been approved and arrangements made for the cost to be borne jointly by the federal and provincial governments and the city, the contract is now being prepared and work will probably be commenced within a week.

ACCIDENT TO STMR. ELAINE

On Her Trip Down River This Morning, She Struck a Sunken Log and Broke Her Propeller.

The steamer Elaine, on her way down river this morning, struck a sunken log near Gagetown, and broke her propeller. She managed to make Gagetown, where she put up, and will be towed to Indian-town for repairs. The Hamestead will be put on her route in the meantime.

A COLLEGE ATHLETE VIOLENTLY INSANE

Queen's Medical Student Tries to Cope His Mother and Will be Sent to Asylum.

Brookville, May 13—(Special)—Elinor Pennock, a Queen's medical student, went violently insane last night and tried to choke his mother. He will be sent to the asylum. He is an athlete of note, being a member of the senior hockey and football teams at Queen's.

THE RAVAGES OF TUBERCULOSIS

Washington, May 13—That the vigorous campaign against tuberculosis has failed to check the great white plague was the startling charge made today by Nathan Strauss, the New York philanthropist, at the fifth annual meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis held here today. Mr. Strauss backed up his assertion by official statistics from the New York health department, showing an increase of 35 per cent, in two years in cases of tuberculosis, in the city that Dr. Koch described as leading the whole world in the fight against the disease.

JAPANESE SEALERS WARNED TO GET OUT

Seattle, Wash., May 13—A cable despatch from Cordova says that while en route from Juneau to Cordova on the steamer Portland, J. R. Willis, collector of customs for Alaska, warned a Japanese sealing schooner to leave the restricted fishing limits.

EX-RUSSIAN OFFICIAL GETS PRISON SENTENCE

St. Petersburg, May 13—M. Lopukine, a former director of police who was arrested in St. Petersburg last January and placed on trial May 11, on the technical charge that he was a member of the revolutionary organization, was today condemned to five years' imprisonment at hard labor.

FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN SAW THREE MEN DROWN

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13—To save five cents bridge toll, five foreigners who had been out of work for many months, attempted to cross the Monongahela river at McKeesport, yesterday, in a small boat, which sank as they got into mid-stream, drowning three of the men. Five hundred school children enjoying their first day's diversion in a new playground, saw them drown.

Chevalier of Canton La Tonn. No. 1, I. O. O. F. will meet on Wednesday, May 13, at 8 o'clock, on Saturday, May 15, at 8 o'clock sharp, to drill for the coming visit to Lynn, Mass., and other parades.

The death occurred on Monday at Newton, Mass., near Boston of Mrs. Honora Purcell widow of John Purcell. The funeral was held this morning. Mrs. Purcell was well known in St. John where several relatives survive.

J. J. McGaffigan, who has been touring the United States for some months, returned on today's Boston train. H. H. Pickett and J. H. Hearn, K. C. of Sydney, Counsel for Endini, came in from Sunbury at noon.