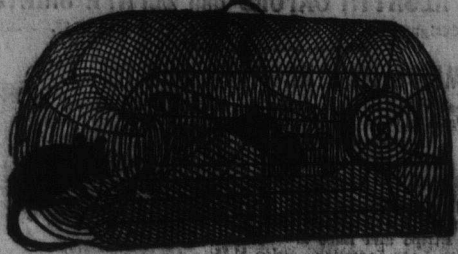


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THE GOODSPEED CASE.

An application was made yesterday by J. H. Barry, K. C., Fredericton, on behalf of Attorney General Pugsley, to His Honor Justice Gregory for a rule nisi for a mandamus calling on

the chairman of the board of governors of the Boys' Industrial Home, to show cause on the opening day of the approaching biennial term of the supreme court why he should not issue a warrant for the admission of Fred. Goodspeed to the Boys' Industrial Home.

St. John, N. B., January 24, 1903.

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VENEZUELA.

German Aggressiveness is not Liked in the States.

But German Officials Claim That Their Course has Been Fully Justified.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The attempt of the German naval authorities to destroy the San Carlos fortifications and capture a gunboat in Lake Maracaibo and interrupt the passage of supplies from Colombia eastward is considered most important by all dispatch writers commenting on the affair, since it is a direct affront to the Washington government, which is striving to make peace and procure a satisfactory settlement of outstanding claims, says the Tribune's London correspondent.

According to the Berlin press, whatever is done on the coast of Venezuela is by joint authority. If Germany be guilty of unfriendly conduct toward the United States, England, as a partner in the alliance with her, is also responsible.

This obligation lends emphasis to the warnings from the strongest conservative journals that there will be grave dissatisfaction throughout the United Kingdom if the alliance with Germany involves England in any sort of trouble with the United States.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—The foreign office representative in conversation with the correspondent of the Associated Press, referred in aggrieved tones to the American press comments upon the bombardment of Fort San Carlos. One official said:

"In view of Commodore Scherer's report, Germany has a just right to feel indignant at a portion of the American press, without awaiting the facts in the case attacked a friendly power. The Panther's action, the official report shows, was strictly within the limits of international law. She was proceeding past the fort to enter the lagoon of Maracaibo, in order to prevent the importation of contraband articles from Colombia, and in doing so was fired on. The Panther, of course, answered the fire as she was entitled to do. The attack was not made by us, but by the Venezuelan fort. We are quite unable to see why any neutral should express disapproval because the Panther replied, or because our vessels afterwards leveled the fort, since it was a hindrance to an effective blockade. The assumption that we want to prevent a settlement of the matter at Washington and the speedy raising of the blockade is wholly mistaken. We want the blockade to be raised just as soon as our powers have adequate guarantees in hand that their claims will be met. We do not even ask for the immediate payment of money."

THE PRICE OF COAL.

It is a Little Lower, But Not Very Much.

Word of a small drop in the price of coal has been received by the local dealers here from New York, but it will not affect the selling price of hard coal for some time. The New York quotations for some time have been \$10 to \$10.50 f. o. b., but despatches received yesterday and this morning give the New York price as \$9.75 f. o. b. The present selling price of American anthracite here is \$11, and it is not likely that this will come down for some time. Scotch coal is fairly plentiful and is bringing from \$9 to \$10 for the different grades. In this coal there is considerably more breakage than in American, and as a consequence the coal has to be screened when landed here. The screenings are sold as hazelnut and are now bringing \$6 per ton. This hazelnut is suitable for cooking stoves.

During the past week or so there has been a further break in the price of coal. It has been stated around town that there was no soft coal in the city, but while this story was not correct it is true that for perhaps two or three days at a time the supply of soft coal has run very low. Dealers find some little difficulty in procuring their consignments, not on account of scarcity in Nova Scotia, but by reason of a shortage of cars and other similar difficulties. No change has taken place in the price of soft coal, nor is the supply liable to run out, although it may be scarce at times.

IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—There has been a further break in the price of independent coal in some cases as low as \$7 a ton free on board being asked, while no dealer was willing to buy at a higher figure than \$8 a ton.

In order to get the embargo ordered two days ago taken off, some of the independent operators whose coal is carried by the Lehigh Valley railroad, were selling their coal at any thing above \$4 a ton at the collieries. The drop in the wholesale price of independent coal was followed by a sympathetic drop in the retail price.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING FUND.

The collections for the Y. M. C. A. building fund topped the \$50,000 mark today, having less than \$10,000 to be collected before the work may be begun. The collectors are working hard, but they wish it understood that it is impossible for them to reach everybody and that persons who might not be personally canvassed are by no means debarred from contributing any amount up to the total now required—\$60,000.

CAR DERAILED.

A slight mishap occurred on the C. P. R. at Booth about three o'clock this morning. Something happened to the truck of a west bound freight car and the car was derailed. The wrecking train from McAdam was sent out and the line was cleared at seven o'clock.

TWENTY-FIVE TRACKS

At the new Underground Station of the Pennsylvania Railway.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—Plans for the arrangements of the tracks of the Pennsylvania, N. Y. railroad tunnel, and also for the arrangement of passenger and baggage in the great station which will be between Sixth and Eighth avenues, where there will be twenty-five tracks, arranged in pairs, with passenger platforms between each pair, long enough to take fifteen cars. West to Ninth avenue the tracks will be extended for storage use. East of the terminal the tracks will converge into four, each of which will run under the East river in a separate tube. In the Hudson river the plans call for two tubes. At the station the tracks will be forty-two feet below the street level, but this depth is to be made to seem less by placing the passenger waiting rooms and ticket offices on a floor just half way down.

THE BIRCH APPLIED

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Truth tells of a method of dealing summarily with female kleptomaniacs of gentle birth which is followed in certain west end shops, says a London despatch to the Herald. Every woman detected in the act of shoplifting is given her option of being prosecuted in court or being birched by the managers.

"In one shop alone," says Truth, "twenty women have accepted the ordeal of birching, in addition to two young girls of a foreign nationality, the punishment of their years were treated to a milder form of chastisement."

BLOOD POISONING.

Claim That It Can Be Cured—Some Marvellous Results.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 22.—The Union Protestant Infirmary, this city, has a method for combating general blood poisoning, or septicaemia, as it is technically known, that has an advantage over the discoveries reported from New York and Washington, in that it has stood the test of several months, and several formerly desperate cases are today alive and in perfect health, thanks to the efficiency of the treatment.

The injection in use at the Union Protestant infirmary is one cubic centimeter of a ten per cent. solution of nitrate of silver to 1,000 cubic centimeters of sterilized water. From 400 to 1,000 cubic centimeters constitute an injection, which can be administered in any large vein. The injection is generally made in the large vein at the elbow.

At the infirmary much interesting work has been done along this line in the treatment of septicaemia, and it has been demonstrated there that in many instances of infection of silver exercise a decided influence for good in retarding the development of blood poisoning, causing in every case a marked drop in temperature and pulse and increase in the number of white blood cells, which are the protection of the body against infection. The first patient treated successfully was a woman whose case was a desperate one. The patient was discharged from the infirmary early in December last, and is absolutely well, showing great gain in weight, and alleging that "she never felt better in her life."

A sale of flannellette gowns and underwear at F. A. Dykeman & Co's. These are marked about half their regular price.

A BASEBALL SCHEME.

A scheme is under consideration in local baseball circles for the formation of a city team for entry in the New England league. Whether the plan will come to anything or not is doubtful, and at present little information can be gathered, as those who are supposed to be interested will say nothing about it. St. John has been invited before to enter a team in that league, and judging by the showing local teams have made against some of the league cracks an aggregate could be got together here that with a few carefully selected imports and a good financial backing should be able to make a good showing against any of the New Englanders.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jefferson Derner was held from the cathedral at half-past eight o'clock this morning. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Meehan, and the body interred in the new Catholic burying ground.

The funeral of the late James Henderson took place at half-past one o'clock this afternoon from his late home at Rothesay. Rev. Mr. Daniel officiated, and the body was interred in the Episcopal cemetery at Gondola Point.

N. B. RAILWAY PROJECT.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—Application will be made by the Elgin & Havelock Railway Company for an act authorizing the company to construct or acquire and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Havelock to a point at or near Chipman, in Queens county, in and from Elgin to some point on the Bay of Fundy at or near Alma, county of Albert.

A few pairs of those soiled blankets left, which you can have at very special prices on account of them being soiled, at Dykeman's.

The big Trades and Labor carnival will take place in Victoria rink next Friday night.

The annual meeting of the St. John District Division, S. of T., will be held in the Temperance Hall, Charlotte street, this evening.

CUBAN TREATY

Will Cause Friction Between Britain and the States.

Lord Lansdowne's Conference With an Influential Delegation—British Trade Threatened.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The reciprocity treaty between Cuba and the United States threatens to raise one of the most serious differences of opinion between Great Britain and the United States that has occurred for years. So much importance is attached to the matter that a meeting of the cabinet is being specially summoned to see what action can be taken. There is of course no alarmist feeling as to any possible straining of diplomatic relations, but Great Britain's entire commercial policy is believed to be vitally concerned. The matter came to a head through the deputation from the chambers of commerce of the United Kingdom, which waited upon Foreign Secretary Lansdowne yesterday. It included several members of parliament and represented the most powerful business interests from all the British industrial centres.

Replying to the delegates' argument that all the advantages which the government had gained by securing the abolition of the sugar bounties would be sacrificed if the Cuban reciprocity treaty became operative, Lord Lansdowne said he thoroughly realized the gravity of the situation, and proceeded to read despatches showing that Ambassador Herbert had forcefully represented the British objections to the treaty, pointing out that it was to all intents and purposes a discrimination against all the British possessions in the West Indies. Secretary Hay's reply maintained that the United States was doing no more than it had the right to do, and intimated that it had no intention of modifying the Cuban treaty.

Lord Lansdowne added that all the information available pointed to the fact that the treaty would pass, but he announced that the cabinet would consider if anything further could be done. The delegates said they understood the treaty contains a secret clause stipulating that no further measures of reciprocity shall be undertaken by the United States towards the British West Indies. If such were the case, it was suggested to Lord Lansdowne that Great Britain would be only within its rights in negotiating with an increased duty on grain. The foreign secretary gave no intimation on this point, which apparently was only suggested in the hope that one of the members of the cabinet who are reported to be strongly in favor of a more protectionist policy might use it as a handle to forward their views.

EQUITY COURT.

In the case of Alfred Kerrison, Mary B. D. Kerrison and Chas. M. Kerrison, by Alfred C. Kerrison, their father and next friend, vs. Edmund Kay, Henry H. Harvey and Catharine Harvey, an interesting point has arisen as to the interpretation of the last will of William Frith Smith, late of the City of Saint John, a large builder and contractor. The 4th section of the will provides as follows: "I give and bequeath . . . to my niece and adopted daughter, Mary Smith Kerrison, the sum of \$5,500, free from the control of her respective husband; and I wish this to be clearly understood, that the above sum is to be invested in the name of Alfred C. Kerrison, their father and next friend, vs. Edmund Kay, Henry H. Harvey and Catharine Harvey, an interesting point has arisen as to the interpretation of the last will of William Frith Smith, late of the City of Saint John, a large builder and contractor. 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