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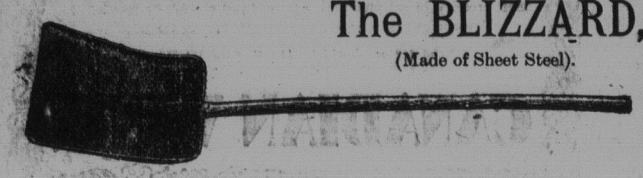

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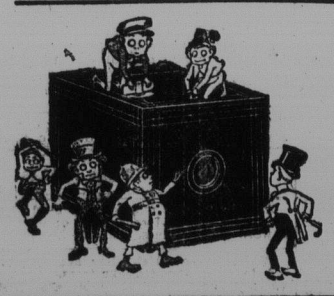

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NATIONAL STRIKES

Will Be Lessened in Number by the International Commission.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Letetrs to each member of the executive committee are being sent out by Ralph Easley, secretary of the National Civic Federation, requesting them to fix a date between January 15 and Feb. 15 to take action on the report of the sub-committee appointed some time ago to arrange a plan of proceeding with regard to strikes and lockouts. In the meantime Mr. Easley says:—The sub-committee will meet next week and agree on a plan, both committees being anxious to have the duties of the industrial commission of the federation with reference to arbitrating strikes and lockouts defined in such a way that it will be ready to act at once when called on.

Mr. Easley has issued the following statement:—"The magnitude of the work before the industrial commission of the federation renders it necessary to set some limit as to its duties and responsibilities. The cordial feeling shown on all sides at the conference convinces me that this department of the federation is going to have a great deal to do, and the sooner the scope of its duties is defined the better. It would be impossible for the federation to attempt arbitration in every little strike. Strikes will occur in spite of any attempt to stop them, but we propose to take strikes of national unions in hand, which if continued, would inconvenience the entire community. I have not the slightest doubt that the industrial commission will be able to lessen the number of strikes materially, and probably prevent strikes of great magnitude, such as the coal strike, for instance."

NEW WHATCOM, Wn., Dec. 28.—The storm of Thursday wrougat great damage to property along the water front here. J. B. Leonard was drowned while attempting to take a sail boat to Shelton. A large portion of the grade from Great Northerns new water front cut off south of this city was destroyed by the action of the waves.

WILL BE HANGED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Stanesias Lacroix, who was found guilty of the murder of his wife and an old man named Thomas, was today sentenced by Judge Curran in Hull to be hanged March 21. After sentence was passed Lacroix said he would commit suicide before he would be hanged. The crime for which Lecroix is to bear the heaviest penalty of the law was committed at Montebello in August, 1900. Lacroix in a rosying mood entered the house at which his wife was visiting. She had her baby in her arms. Without a word he fired three shots at the woman, all of which took effect, and because Thomas remonstrated Lacroix shot him dead.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Morning Leader publishes a story this morning from its Sofia correspondent to the effect that C. M. Dickinson, American consul-general at Constantinople, has received a complaint from a Bulgarian woman attached to the American mission at Samakov, Bulgaria, in which the complainant sets forth that while she was traveling to Mehonia, in Macedonia, with an escort of eight soldiers, provided by the Turkish government, she was assaulted by an lieutenant in command of the Turkish frontier guards, at a point beyond Dschumaya, and that her escort did not attempt to defend her.

THE CAPE BRETON SITE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mr. Marconi, who has been visiting Louisburg, will leave for Ottawa, Canada, today, according to a despatch from Sydney, N. S., to the Herald. Accompanied by Mr. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, and several others, he has been visiting Louisburg, inspecting such sites as will probably answer to telegraph stations. Point Percy appears to Mr. Marconi to be well adapted. He says he intends to erect a permanent station in Cape Breton, but has not yet decided upon the site.

HAVE NO EFFECT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The incident arising from the issuing of a notification by the authorities of Beyrout, Syria, to the effect that naturalized Americans must produce their naturalization within fifteen days under penalty of being expelled from Turkey, appears to have been satisfactorily closed, the Turkish foreign minister Twefik Pasha, having assured the United States legation that the legislation of the local authorities would have no effect.

STEAMER ON FIRE.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 28.—The Japanese steamer Shinaro Maru, which returned to Port Townsend with her cargo on fire, has arrived here. Her 117 passengers have been landed and her hold has been filled with water. When the fire was discovered steam was forced into the hold which kept the fire in check. It has been found that the fire made little progress. Captain thinks the cargo can be saved.

MAY BECOME DANGEROUS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The London correspondent of the Tribune says:

The British consul at Marseilles in a long report on the competition of American coal with British coal in Mediterranean ports, arrives at the conclusion that American competition will only herome dangerous to the British trade if high prices continue to rule in England and if American shipping interests succeed in securing the passage of a bounty bill.

CLEVER SWINDLER

Who Has Fooled St. John People With Forged Checks.

The detective department of the police force has been busily engaged in searching for a clever swindler, who has succeeded in obtaining money from different people in the city by means of forged checks.

During the early part of the week, a well-dressed, good-looking man, who passed himself off as being the head man employed by F. E. Clarke, the well-known cattle dealer, came to the city and registered at the American House on King Square as Victor Kauffmaun, of Montreal. On Tuesday evening he went to Scovil Bros. & Co., Oak Hall, and, speaking to Mr. Scovil, stated that he wished to purchase some clothing. He had in his possesion a check for a large amount, signed by F. E. Clarke, his supposed employer, payable to Victor Kauffmaun or bearer, and endorsed by Kauffmaun. The check was also endorsed O. K. by Captain Baxter, of the Manchester Commerce. Kauffmaun, whose name was on the check, stated that it had been given to him by Mr. Clarke, that he had called at Wm. Thomson & Co.'s office to have it cashed, but that Thomsons had declined to pay him the money unless the check was marked O. K. by someone whom they knew; that he had seen Captain Baxter, got him to O. K. the check, and had returned to Thomson's office, and found it closed.

On account of this he was without money. Mr. Scovil gave the man the goods and accepted the check in payment, tendering him the change due in cash. On Thursday morning Mr. Scovil, in presenting the check to the Bank of Montreal, on one of whose forms it was made out, was told that there was no such account as F. E. Clarke's in that bank. The steward of the steamer Manchester Commerce, who had happened to be in Scovil's at the time Kauffmaun was buying the goods, identified the endorsement as being that of his captain, but Captain Baxter, when shown the endorsement, denied that it was his, although he stated that it was as clever an imitation as he had seen.

On Wednesday night, Kauffmaun endeavoured to have cashed at the Royal Hotel a check for ten dollars, signed, like the other, by F. E. Clarke. In the Royal Hotel, there is a cast iron rule which prevents checks being cashed for strangers, and on account of this, Kauffmaun failed to receive the money. Kauffman was successful in having another small check cashed, which was reported to the police.

From reports, it appears that Kauffmaun has tried the same scheme on other people, but as yet no other successful attempts have been reported to the police. The strange part of the whole affair is that none of those persons who have met the man seem able to give anything like an accurate description of his appearance, and as some time had elapsed after the swindle had been perpetrated before the matter was reported to the police, Kauffmaun has had an excellent opportunity for making his escape. It is, however, hoped that he will be speedily arrested.

POLICE COURT.

The Barbier Stealing Case Was Again Up This Morning.

George Fowler, a mild eyed, curly haired representative of Queens County was very drunk last night on Dock street, and was tenderly cared for by Officer White. This morning he admitted that he had been indiscreet and was fined four dollars. Today being Saturday the prisoner dreaded the thought of going to jail and thus being prevented from attending church. When he is at home in Queens County George always goes to church. After due deliberation the magistrate decided that it would be a sensible proceeding to accept one dollar and a half, all the money he had, from Fowler, and let him go. This was done and with a coquettish shake of his curls Gorge disappeared.

The Barber stealing case, which was postponed from yesterday, came up again this morning. As stated, among the goods stolen from the complainant was a sum of money, including two five dollar bills. Some money was found on Mr. Paterson, the husband of the womas who keeps the boarding house, and he swore that he had received it from John Black. This was denied by Black, and upon suspicion that the money might be the same as was stolen from Barbier, both parties were summoned to court. Black explained that he was confused when he denied having paid Paterson the money and said that as a matter of fact he had paid it in November. Paterson stated that the money in his possession was what Black had given him in November.

As the which was taken from Barbier had been returned to him, and as the evidence showed that the prisoner not knowing he was doing wrong, had taken the clothing in payment of an account, the magistrate decided that the case should be postponed for a week, and if in the meantime Barbier was paid back the twelve dollars which had been taken from him, the matter should be dropped.

COLLISION WITH FATAL RESULT.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 28.—The cannonball express train on the Boston and Maine railroad, due in this city from the north at 8.30 o'clock this morning, ran into a freight train in the north yard here. Engineer Edward Quimby and Fireman J. E. Marshall of the express were instantly killed and several of other train hands and a number of the passengers were injured. The news boy on the "Cannonball" could not be found after the accident, and it was feared he was killed. The wreckage caught fire immediately after the crash, but the blaze was quickly extinguished by the Nashua fire department.

FATE UNKNOWN

Of Many Vessels on the North Pacific in the Last Storm.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 28.—The saddest of marine disasters in the history of the North Pacific is expected by local marine men from Clallam bay. The fate of nine vessels caught by the Christmas storm in that body of water is not known. Old mariners fear that one or all may be lost. Sound tugs have gone on the lookout for these craft. These vessels are: American ship William H. Macy, American ship Banalore, British ship Oweenee, British ship Ivema, American barkentine Katy Flackinger, American bark Carleton, three American schooners names unknown. All were seen at anchor in Clallam bay Christmas day and none of them is known to have left before the storm broke. That many vessels caught in the bay during the storm could not have escaped is the opinion of marine men.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wn., Dec. 28.—Reports of havoc wrought by the storm are being brought in by boats and confirm the first reports of disaster to shipping, with the exception of the ship Packard, which according to reports brought here by the steamer North Pacific, is not ashore on Trial Island, but, after dragging from her anchorage in Royal Roads, brought up near the entrance to Victoria harbor. She is not in immediate danger unless another storm should come up. The schooner Minnie A. Cain is high and dry on the north side of Smith Island.

The British bark Bankburn is reported missing. She was anchored in the Royal Roads, and her captain, who was ashore when the storm came up, was unable to get aboard. During the night the bark broke from her anchorage, and nothing has been heard from her since.

SOUTH AFRICA.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—As the result of conferences between a clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Broekhuyzen, and the Boer leaders here, it has been decided to send C. M. Wessels to the United States in January, bearing a letter from Mr. Kruger to President Roosevelt.

C. M. Wessels is the former chairman of the Orange Free State raad, or legislative assembly. He visited the United States in May, 1900, with Abraham Fischer (leader of the party), and A. D. W. Wolmarans, and returned to Europe in June of the same year.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Details received here today from South Africa of the ambuscading near Beginderyn, Orange River Colony, Dec. 21, of 200 mounted infantry by 300 Boers and 40 armed natives, led by Commandant Britz, show the British losses to have been 10 men killed and 15 wounded. The losses of the Boers are not known.

WICKED FOLLY OF WAR.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The committee appointed by the American Friends Peace Conference to prepare a message to President Roosevelt, today mailed a copy of the address to the White House. The following is an excerpt from the address:

"We have observed with encouragement and satisfaction the passage in thy message to congress in which the declarations are made that "The true end of every great and free people should be self-respecting peace," that "this nation most earnestly desires sincere and cordial friendship with all others," and that "more and more the civilized peoples are realizing the wicked folly of war and are attaining that condition of just and intelligent regard for the rights of others, which will in the end make world-wide peace possible."

TO MEET THE CAPTORS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—W. W. Peek, treasurer of the Missionary society in Constantinople, and M. Gargiulo, dragoman of the United States legation, who left here December 17 to meet the brigands who hold Miss Stone captive, have started from Salonica for the interior. No news of their movements is to be expected for some days. The government, on representations made by the legation, has sent instructions to the provincial authorities to render the United States negotiators for the release of Miss Stone every assitance in their power. Spencer Eddy, United States charge d'affaires, attended at Selamlik Thursday. He was cordially received by the sultan.

ROSEBERY DECLINES.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is asserted, upon apparently good authority, that the liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, has written a letter to Lord Rosebery direct, in the hope of restoring unity among the liberals, but that Lord Rosebery declines to join his fortunes to those of the party in the present circumstances. Should this statement prove to be correct it will be considered further proof of the sincerity of Sir Henry's efforts for party union, and will give him a new claim to the loyalty of the liberals, and thus strengthen his position as leader and the effectiveness of the opposition.

FAMILY QUARREL.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala, Dec. 27.—West Reach, a well-known citizen of Bloctcn, was shot and instantly killed today by Tom Stewart, his brother-in-law. Stewart surrendered to an officer and said he had intended to kill Reach for the reason that he had continually mistreated his (Stewart's) sister. He also says Reach threatened to kill him and his brother.

Centenary Methodist Church—Sunday services—11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. George Steel in the morning and the pastor, Rev. G. M. Campbell, in the evening. Sunday school 2.30 p. m.

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