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THE DAILY MAIL.

WEATHER REPORT.
Toronto (noon)—Fresh to strong west to north west winds. Local snow flurries but mostly fair and colder. Tuesday fair and very cold.

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GOVERNMENT WILL NOT EXCLUDE ULSTER FROM HOME RULE ACT

So States a Well-Posted London News-paper.

SOLUTION OFFERED Whereby Ulster May Withdraw at Some Stated Time.

London, Feb. 22.—That the Government does not propose to exclude Ulster from operating in the Home Rule Bill is the statement made by Reynolds's Weekly, whose parliamentary correspondent has more than once made correct prophecies. It claims substantial grounds for stating that the concessions offered by Asquith will be:

- (1) Additional representation in the Irish Senate for the Ulster minority;
- (2) Fresh provisions limiting the power of the Irish Parliament in certain matters affecting the minority;
- (3) Administration of the Customs and Post Office be retained by the Imperial authorities, and
- (4) An opportunity be given any county, including Ulster, to vote itself out of the operation, even before the Irish Parliament be constituted.

Reynolds admits that it is useless to attempt to disguise the fact that Bethnal Green election was a bad blow, and that there is a steadily growing opinion on the part of Government supporters that things are not going well, while the Government is blamed for needlessly precipitating the by-election.

Masterman, after a few weeks' rest, will offer himself for election in another London seat.

Both Government and Opposition press show indications that the optimistic feeling that the opening of Parliament would find a solution of the deadlock, is disappearing; and the Conservative press is again enquiring of the delay on the part of the Premier in not relieving the tension.

IRISH HEROES GAVE LIVES FOR SAILORS

Put Out to Take Off Ship-wrecked Men From a Reek.

LIFEBOAT SWAMPED And Eighteen Would-Be Rescuers Went to Their Death.

Queenstown, Feb. 22.—Fourteen lifeboat men were drowned when they went out from Feltham to rescue the crew of the Norwegian barque Mexico, which was driven on the rocks, near Wexford, last night.

Two of the lifeboats answered the distress call of the Mexico, which was bound from Laguno, Mexico, to Falmouth. The first to reach her was the stove in, but the life-savers were able to scramble on board the wrecked Mexico, where they remained all night, when the crew of the barque and the lifeboat men were landed safely on one of the islands.

To-day they found the second lifeboat which they had waited for all night, had sunk with her crew of fourteen men.

"Lend-a-Hand To Luff" Fund

We beg to acknowledge the following contributions for this really deserving purpose. Who else will help? Kindly address contributions to the Editor of the Daily Mail. They will all be acknowledged through this paper:

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COMMANDER EVA BOOTH IMPROVES

New York, Feb. 17.—Commander Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army, who has been ill for several weeks with peritonitis is much improved to-day. According to her physician she will be able to leave her room soon.

Big Mails Handled

Men at the Sydney Assortment Office are Kept Busy.

An average of 500 bags of mail a week come across the Cabot Strait or 25,000 bags for the year 1913, says the Western Star.

During our recent visit to North Sydney, we were told by the mail clerk that the mails are continually on the increase; notably that the increase at the holiday season is maintained the rest of the year, and when the holiday season comes round again another increase takes place, which in like manners is maintained.

POTOMAC HELD BY ICE FLOE IN STRAITS

Was Last Reported as Drifting Away to the North.

ABANDONED BY CREW

Ship Had Lost Her Propeller And Was Helpless.

A special to the Western Star, under date of Feb. 16, says that the United States naval tug Potomac, which had been caught in ice floe in Bonne Bay Blight the past week, with none or very slim chance of getting clear, was abandoned on Saturday evening, and the crew landed at Lobster Head lightstation. It is reported that the ship's propeller is gone.

One of the crew had his feet frozen while travelling over the ice Saturday evening from the doomed ship to shore. A storm is now raging with the wind from west. The crew will probably come on to Bay of Islands when weather becomes agreeable.

The Potomac is drifting northward and was sighted north of Parson's Pond. When the crew left her she was frozen hard and fast in a sheet of ice.

A message received at Bay of Islands from Port au Port states that several persons report having seen a steamer off Black Duck Brook the past week.

The only steamer we know of likely to be in that vicinity would be the

U. S. revenue cruiser Androscooggin, on her way to the relief of the Potomac.

On Friday the Star interviewed Capt. Coleman, one of the men who boarded the A. M. Nicholson in the winter of 1903 after she had been abandoned by her crew.

On the 14th February Capt. Coleman and three other men walked off 25 miles from Bonne Bay and boarded the Nicholson, and it was the last day of May before the schooner got clear of the ice. During the whole of that time the ice kept moving up and down the coast, with a tendency to northward, the current seeming to have a greater control than the wind over its movements. The ice on this side of the Gulf, stated the mariner, moves to the north-east.

When the Potomac was located off Bonne Bay last week, O. C. Gould, American Consul for this coast decided to go to the scene, notwithstanding the fact that he was laid up with a cut foot and advised by the doctor not to undertake the journey. However, Mr. Gould accompanied by J. C. LaMoine joined Saturday's express for Bonne Bay via Deer Lake, and reached his destination 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

Waste of \$1,000,000,000 a Year.

Sir Max Waechter's Solution of the Great Armaments Problem.

London, Feb. 20.—Sir Max Waechter puts forward the view that the real cause for "the mad armament race" rests in the division of Europe into Triple Alliance and Triple Entente.

"The warlike expenditure of Europe amounts to £500,000,000 per year, and is rapidly increasing. About 5,000,000 people serve permanently in the European armies and navies, and as these might earn £500,000,000 in civil life, armaments practically cost Europe £1,000,000,000 per year in time of peace.

"The ruinous armament race can be stopped only if we abolish the divisions among the Powers, if we unite the Triple Alliance and Triple Entente into a Sextuple Alliance," he says, "I have closely studied the political problems which at present divide

PLACENTIA COMPLAINS OF SERVICE

Clyde Has Been Hung Up Almost a Month.

NO BOAT RUNNING

Freight, Passengers, and Mails, Hung Up at Placentia.

Numerous complaints regarding the coastal boat service—or lack of it—on Placentia Bay, have reached this office. One gentleman made a personal call on us to point out the serious inconvenience to which the people within the Bay are being put by the absence of passenger, mail and freight facilities for close on a month.

The Clyde has been frozen fast in the ice in Placentia Gut since the last week in January and residents of the Ancient Capital say there is little or no chance of the steamer being freed until the spring.

Meanwhile there are eighteen passengers at Placentia waiting a chance to get home. Others have had to go to Random by train, walk down the shore of the Bay and take chances on getting to the islands in boat.

The corpse of Mrs. Garrett Hickey, who died at the General Hospital a couple of weeks ago is also at Placentia, and is accompanied by relatives who are anxious to get home to Presque for the last sad rites.

As with passengers, so with freight. Nearly twenty cars are now on the Placentia sidings and the consignees at various points round the Bay are being badly inconvenienced by its non arrival.

It is surely about time the Government insisted on the Company reopening this service. The Kyle or some other ship capable of dealing with ice conditions should be put on immediately and this interrupted public service restored to some semblance of regularity.

GENERAL BRIBERY CHARGED IN MANITOBA ELECTIONS

Liberal Member Makes Sweeping Charges of Bribery And Corruption in The Provincial Legislature.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 17.—T. H. Johnson, Liberal member for West Winnipeg read the following statement in the legislature:

"I, on my responsibility as a member of this house, charge:

"That public money was improperly and corruptly employed in influencing electors to vote for E. L. Taylor, at the bye-elections in the constituency of Gimli, on the 12th day of May, 1913, clear evidence of which is to be found in items in the public accounts aggregating some \$93,000 expended directly by the government.

"That bribery was extensively practiced in this bye-election on behalf of E. L. Taylor;

"That corrupt treating was carried on throughout the constituency to a degree never before known;

"That liquor was freely dispensed by the agent of E. L. Taylor, in the option territory and elsewhere;

"That intimidation was largely practiced; that employees of the Manitoba government and officers of the law were personally guilty of acts of intimidation, bribery, corrupt treating and distribution of liquor;

"That violators of the law were protected by officers of the government charged with enforcement of law, and order;

"That prominent among the workers and agents of E. L. Taylor, were owners, managers, employees and of notorious drinking resorts in Winnipeg and clubs of that class;

"That this campaign of corruption, intimidation, bribery and illegal use of liquor was directed and managed by prominent members of the Manitoba legislature."

Johnson also cited over one hundred special instances of alleged corruption practices during the Gimli convention. The government has not yet replied.

Cold-Blooded N. Y. Bomb Ghoul.

Made Wholesale Attempts to Blow Up Tenements.

New York, Feb. 17.—During the trial of a gangster for placing a bomb in the hall-way of a tenement house here, a witness, a youth named Lehman, confessed that he had placed over eighty bombs in houses in the city, generally in consideration of money paid by property-owners who hoped to profit by the insurance.

He also confessed to having participated in two murders committed by members of his gang for booty.

The District Attorney: Did you ever take into consideration the possibility of taking human life with these bombs?

Lehman: I never did. It was the same to me as the possible killing of an equal number of insects.

The youth said he recently received two dollars for murdering a Chinaman.

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY MAIL

BANDITS MURDER 1300 PERSONS IN CHINA

The Victims Included One Christian Missionary.

TWO OTHERS HELD.

The Chinese Government Has Sent Out a Punitive Expedition.

Pekin, Feb. 22.—It is estimated here that the bandits, led by White Wolf, massacred 1,300 men, women and children, when they sacked Luan Chow, on Jan. 29th. On that occasion they murdered Father Richard, the French Jesuit missionary, capturing and holding two others for ransom.

An army of 25,000 Chinese troops is now converging on White Wolf's strongly entrenched position, where he had a force of 2,000 bandits, half of whom are armed with modern weapons.

It is stated here that the opportunity is being seized for exterminating White Wolf and his followers, fearing they will form a center for another rebellion.

The troops, however, show strong disinclination to come to close quarters with the bandits.

HOLD INQUIRY INTO EXECUTION OF W. S. BENTON

Mexican Authorities Declare Execution of Britisher Was Regular by U. S. Authorities are not Satisfied

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 23.—The recent court martial of William S. Benton has been made public at Jaurez. It is asserted that a Scotsman was present that Benton was represented by a rebel officer as Attorney, was permitted to testify and that the session was public.

Benton was executed for attempted violence against Villa, declares the record and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage, and by giving them information.

Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande received the report with sneers.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Secy. Bryan has ordered a far-reaching investigation into the killing of Benton.

He has announced that until all the facts in the case have been gathered from infallible sources no opinion would be expressed by the State Department. All information received will be transmitted to the British Government.

Thrilling Story of the Banshee

Crew Were Rescued Just in the Nick of Time by the Cornishman.

London newspapers just to hand contain interesting accounts of the escape of the schooner Banshee.

On being landed at Liverpool, whither they had been brought by the Dominion liner cornishman, the crew of the Barnstable schooner Banshee related a thrilling story of their experience during a storm in the Atlantic.

The Banshee was on a voyage from Cadiz to St. John's, Newfoundland, and met storm after storm. The skipper decided to turn back, and make for the English Channel and on January 15th the vessel encountered a terrific gale, which carried away her over-rigging, while the deck was continually swept by heavy seas. Subsequently it was found necessary to cut down the mast, and the schooner then drifted helplessly, and rolled and tossed about at the mercy of the gale. On the night of January 17th the crew, who numbered five, saw the lights of a big steamer, and rockets were set up.

The vessel proved to be the Cornishman, which launched a lifeboat on coming to the scene, but rough seas prevented rescue. Finally two lines were passed aboard the Banshee, and the crew were safely conveyed to the steamer. To prevent the Banshee from becoming a dangerous derelict the fore-castle and cabin were set on fire, the skylight knocked in, and the covers taken off from the pipes to let in water.

LATE NEWS COMES FROM STEFANSSON

But Nothing Has Yet Been Discovered of the Whereabouts of the "Karluk."

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—From advices received here a mounted police party has arrived at Dawson from MacPherson with mails and telegrams from Vilhjalmur Stefansson who went North in charge of the Canadian Arctic expedition and has been for months separated from his ship Karluk.

Stefansson arrived at MacPherson Feb. 3rd, and left the Karluk in September to engage in a caribou hunt. A blizzard arose and the ship was driven out to sea.

Natives reported sighting the vessel in October steaming Eastward off Richard's Island, but there is no confirmation of this.

STEAMER MISSING.

Sydney, N.S., Feb. 23.—The steamer Lingan, which sailed from Boston on February 17th for Louisburg, has not since been reported.

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