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COTTON PRICES  
HERE ADVANCE.

Likely to Soar  
Higher Yet.

Cornwall and York Company Adds 5 to 10 Per Cent.—Sensational Rises in New York Exchange, Maximum Advance of \$3 to \$3.50 a Bale—Colonel Jones Talks of the Situation.

It's King Cotton today. Prices of all American cotton mills, as announced in yesterday's Telegraph, have been advanced and the Cornwall and York manufacturers in this city are in line, as told in this column, having put five to ten per cent. to the price of their output on Wednesday. Sensational soaring of prices in the New York exchange occurred yesterday, and perhaps the local situation will be further affected.

Exciting Time  
New York, Dec. 3.—An unprecedented rise to buy, a sensational soaring of prices upward and the heaviest sales on record followed the announcement on the New York Cotton Exchange of the agricultural department's estimate of the crop of the present season, 9,967,039 bales.

At the sound of the word "bale," in the number of million bales in the estimate, a scene of frantic bidding and shouting in their excitement not only to learn that the total estimate was 37,961 bales short of the round 10,000,000, and that the estimate was from ten to twenty points on the first, the rise continuing until advances from thirty to forty points were registered before the close of an hour, and of an hour and a half, and then the market closed stronger at fifty to seventy points before the upward movement was checked.

Then the uncovering of long cotton in tremendous volume at the close of the realization that the estimate was practically 10,000,000 bales, caused a temporary reaction, but soon an influx of buyers from outside markets and bullish reports sent prices upward again, and at high point reached shortly before the close, December 4, 1903, January 12, 1904, at 12.50, or seventy-nine to eighty points above the low level of the spring. The market closed stronger at the top, with prices net sixty-nine to seventy-four points higher. Sales were limited at 2,000,000 bales, exceeding any day before recorded, while prices broke records for this season of the cotton to \$3.50 a bale.

The cotton market opened this morning at a price a little off from those of the closing last night. The market was based on 11.69 for January and 11.73 for March, May and July, and there seemed to be a disposition among the bidders to bid sides to postpone the receipt of a government report was received. Although the trade has been prepared for a low estimate, an average of private estimates put forward last week by cotton exchange members being 10,353,000 bales, changing below 10,000,000 had been anticipated.

So great was the excitement with more than 100 brokers seeking to buy, that at times prices were ten to fifteen points apart in different sections of the pit. (Continued on page 6, fifth column.)

GREAT BRITAIN BUYS  
CHILIAN WARSHIPS.

London, Dec. 3.—It was officially admitted at the admiralty tonight that Great Britain had purchased the two battleships, Libertad and Constitution, built on the Clyde for Chile, the price being \$9,375,000. The two vessels are sold in accordance with the recent convention between Chile and Argentina, by which vessels building for those countries are to be sold to some other nation.

METEOR EXPLOSION;  
NOT AN EARTHQUAKE.

Cause of Shock Felt at Louisburg Explained.  
Louisburg, N. S., Dec. 3.—(Special)—Captain William Hubley, of the Lunenburg schooner Albert, which arrived from St. Pierre (Mq.) at Louisburg this morning, reports that about 1 o'clock Monday morning, when about thirty miles E. S. E. of Scatarie Island, during a strong gale, a large meteor was observed in a southern direction.

GREAT EXODUS FROM  
THE UNITED STATES.

About 9,000 Steerage Passengers Have Sailed from New York During the Past Week.  
New York, Dec. 3.—The steamer La Touraine, which sailed today, took 1,000 steerage passengers and was reported to have carried over 200 steerage passengers with tickets were left on the dock owing to the overfilling of accommodations. The line has agents all over the country selling tickets and as notices regarding the number of tickets sold for a vessel are not received until the day before she sails, it is impossible to control the number of tickets sold. A scene of great excitement ensued. It is estimated that about 9,000 steerage passengers have left this port in the past week for their old homes.

Countess Russell Wants to Get Rid of Coachman Husband.

London, Dec. 3.—The Sun of this city, says it understands on reliable authority that the former Countess Mabel Russell is instituting divorce proceedings against her husband, a former coachman who married her in December, 1902, under the title of Prince Aphrodisi Stuart De Modens, alleging that he was a Bavarian nobleman. She is reported to have thought it prudent to report grounds for the suit are cruelty and misconduct.

NOVA SCOTIA ASSEMBLY  
OPENED THURSDAY.

A Short Adjournment Will Be Made After Pressing Business is Disposed Of—Hon. Mr. Prefontaine Hears Halifax Delegates About Dogfish Depredations, and Need of a Lightship Off the Harbor.

Halifax, Dec. 3.—(Special)—The provincial legislature was opened this afternoon by Lieutenant-Governor Jones. In his speech he said: "I have summoned you to the discharge of your legislative duties at an earlier date than usual, in order that you may have an opportunity of considering at once proposed legislation of an urgent character in connection with affairs of some of our great corporations, which are engaged in the development of coal, iron and steel industries of the province. The importance of these industries in relation to the finances of the province and the prosperity of the country, is, I feel assured, sufficient cause for this early meeting of the legislature. I invite you to consider the expediency of a short adjournment after the immediate business is disposed of, so that time may be allowed for the completion of various public documents now in preparation, which are necessary in consideration of the general business of the session."

WILL REBUILD  
THE UNIVERSITY.

Ottawa Catholic College to Rise from Its Ashes; Classes to Resume.

JUDICIAL CHANGES.

Government Appoints J. A. C. Madore, M. P., to the Bench—One Retires and Two Transferred—Hon. Clifford Sifton President of Racing Association.  
Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(Special)—The rector and faculty of Ottawa University will proceed at once to provide accommodation for the classes in all the courses, to reopen in January. The junior science hall and basement of the Sacred Heart church will be utilized for this purpose, and the sanctuary of the diocese, whose quarters were in the eastern wing of the burned building, will most likely be installed in the ecclesiastical at Ottawa east. When the students return, arrangements will be made for them to board in the city, as near as possible to the college. Work in the reconstruction will commence as soon as possible.

Probate was asked for in the Hull court today for the will of the late J. L. Payne, of Montreal, to be transferred to his property in his widow, and also will that his body be cremated.

BOSTON PREJUDICED  
AGAINST FORMER  
ST. JOHN MAN.

Dr. William H. Ruddick, Who is a Candidate for School Board, Being Knifed for Changing Religious Faith.  
Boston, Dec. 3.—(Special)—Tonight's Boston Traveller says in a special of Dr. William H. Ruddick, a former St. John man and a Public School Association candidate for the Boston school board, who was defeated in the Republican and Democratic primaries.

PERJURED HIMSELF IN  
BEHALF OF SAM PARKS.

Henry Farley, Who Confessed to His Crime, Surrendered by His Bondsman.  
New York, Dec. 3.—Henry Farley, the colleague of Samuel J. Parks and Timothy McCarthy, who, on his own confession, perjured himself at the first trial of Parks, was surrendered to the district-attorney today and committed to the Tombs.

STRIKE STILL ON  
AT SPRINGHILL.

No Conference Likely Between the Employes and Company.

MANAGER'S STATEMENT.

J. R. Cowans Says That the Men Have No Cause for Grievance; That They Are Abundantly Paid, and He Quotes Figures to Back Up Statement.  
Springhill, N. S., Dec. 3.—(Special)—There is practically nothing new in the strike situation here today. General Manager Cowan stated that he knew of no conference to take place, and apparently does not propose to meet the committee. Everything is quiet, and the miners, who are a prosperous lot, are just as glad to get a short holiday, although all are not so sympathetic with the strike. They are taking things good naturedly. John Monart is not here, and has not been sent for.

The Telegraph received Thursday the following despatch from J. R. Cowan, manager of the Springhill Mines, giving the company's side of the controversy: Springhill Mines, N. S., Dec. 3.—On my return from a business trip to St. John (N.B.), during which time the men at these collieries jumped out on strike without a moment's notice nor the opportunity of seeing Manager Hargrave, who combined to his house by sickness, not myself.

H. M. S. FLORA ASHORE  
NEAR DENMAN ISLAND.

Navigation Officer Mistook His Course—Cruiser Likely a Total Wreck.  
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 3.—H. M. S. Flora went on the rocks in a dense fog early today near Village Point, Denman Island, the place where the collier Willamette went ashore several years ago.

CHICAGO BANDIT'S  
EXCUSE SIMILAR  
TO GOODSPEED'S.

Roeski Says He Was Hypnotized by Neidermeyer, and That Will Be His Defense.  
Chicago, Dec. 3.—Hypnotism will be the plea put up by Emil Roeski, one of the car barn bandits, as his defense on trial for murder. His attorney notified the state's attorney today that experts will be introduced at the trial to prove that Roeski was hypnotized by another of the bandits, Peter Neidermeyer.

UNITED STATES SOLDIER  
ARRESTED AS A SPY.

Fred. D. Wakeman, Charged With Being in the Employ of the Miners' Union, May Be Shot.  
Denver, Col., Dec. 3.—Fred. D. Wakeman, a private in company F, at Camp Goldenfield, Cripple Creek, has been arrested as a spy. He is now in the military prison awaiting trial by a court martial. Adjutant-General Bell said Wakeman was employed as a detective by the miners' union.

Laurier a Fenian  
Raid Veteran.

Premier is Entitled to a Medal, But Hasn't Applied for It.

NEW STEEL PROCESS.

The Metal Can Be Made Without the Use of Coal, as Experiments Have Proved—Electricity is Used for Turning Iron Into the Finer Metal at Lockport, N. Y.  
Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(Special)—It is not generally known that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was one of the veterans of 1866, and is therefore entitled to a Fenian raid medal. When a young man, Sir Wilfrid belonged to the Artillery Battalion volunteers and served out for active duty. So compe and earned out for active duty. So compe and earned out for active duty. So compe and earned out for active duty.

ROOSEVELT'S UNCLE  
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New York, Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt is to receive \$30,000 and his children, Kermit and Ethel, \$5,000 each from the estate of the late James King Grace, who was a sister of the president's mother. The will has been admitted to probate at the Mincks, Long Island. The president far the same as his sisters, Mrs. Cowles, the wife of Commander Cowles, U. S. N., and Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson.

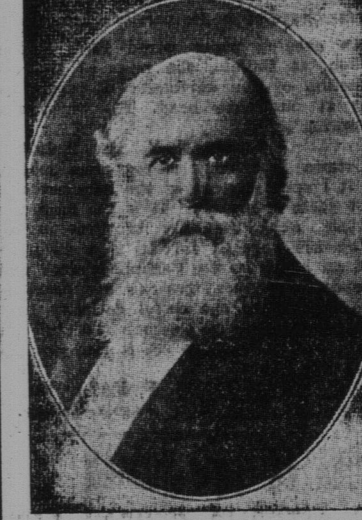
ALBERT COUNTY WANTS  
S. & H. RAILWAY EXTENDED.

Public Meeting at Hillsboro Thursday Was Unanimous in Approval of the Proposal to Have It Run to Moncton.  
Moncton, Dec. 3.—(Special)—The public meeting held at Hillsboro this afternoon to consider the proposed extension of the Albert railway to Moncton unanimously endorsed the movement and took active steps to further the undertaking. The meeting was held in Masonic hall and was well attended. The committee from the Moncton board of trade composed of J. T. Hawke, chairman; F. W. Sumner, Alda, Ryan, Doyle, Harris and Walsh, were present and took part in the discussion. Dr. Marven was chairman and Gorham Sturges secretary. Letters of regret at inability to be present were read from Hon. A. R. McClean and I. C. Prescott, both expressing strong and hearty sympathy with the proposal.

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Elijah III. to Be Examined Under Oath About Affairs in Zion City—Restoration Host Are in a Deplorable State, Having Little or No Fuel on Hand.  
Chicago, Dec. 3.—John Alexander Dowie will be put on the witness stand before Bankruptcy Judge Sidney C. Eastman, and under oath will be required to answer all questions regarding the financial affairs of Zion City. While the date of the inquiry has not yet been set, Judge Kohlsaat this afternoon entered the order which requires Dowie to submit to an examination. This action was taken on motion of Attorney Samuel Etzelson, who filed the original petition in bankruptcy against Dowie, to enable the receiver, Receivers Blunt and Currier, it was said tonight, have found only about \$12,000 in both of Dowie's banks. It is not likely that any of the industries will be closed down, as in such an event thousands of persons in Zion City would thus be deprived of a means of livelihood.

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WHERE MONEY IS



John Alexander Dowie

GAS EXPLOSION DAMAGES  
MONCTON BUILDINGS.

D. F. Hoar's Harness Shop and Flats Above Injured by Water—Loss \$500.  
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 3.—(Special)—As a result of a gas explosion in D. F. Hoar's harness shop this afternoon, about \$500 damage was done to Mr. Hoar's building, and some damage done to the furniture in the building. It is said the explosion was caused by some one lighting a match to discover a leak in the gas pipe, which was being repaired. The leak was discovered quicker than anticipated, and the flames spread to adjacent parts of the building in the track of the escaping gas. Not much damage was done by the fire, but up stairs the part occupied by Thomas Burton and H. Armstrong, as residence, was badly gutted by water. Armstrong's harness shop on the lower half of the building was also damaged, and the furniture moved out in a damaged condition. The damage to the building owned by Mr. Hoar, and the latter's stock, is covered by insurance. Mr. Armstrong's loss on shop furniture is also covered.

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