

WEATHER FORECAST

MARITIME PROVINCES

Winds increasing to Gale, Easterly Today with Snow Turning to Rain. Temperature at 3 A. M. 26 Degree Above Zero.

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EMPEROR'S HOLD ON THE THRONE GROWS WEAKER

Abdication Looked For in Course of Next Few Days—May Not Mean Downfall of the Manchus.

Distrust of Troops Keeps Yuan From Renewal of Hostilities—Fiendish Atrocities of Bandits in Provinces.

Peking, Jan. 12.—The abdication of the emperor is expected to take place within three days, but even this may occur to give the Manchus a new lease of life, as it often has in the past when matters seemed hopeless.

It is understood that plans are being arranged for the departure of the imperial family to Jehol. The imperial guard will probably act as an escort unless the flight from Peking is secret, which is not improbable before the abdication proclamation appears.

It is said that the Manchus have considered and have agreed to accept the terms offered by the republicans some days ago, protection and respect such as would be accorded to a retired foreign monarch residing in China, the retention of the palace in Jehol or the summer palace near Peking for the use of the emperor, the other members of the imperial family to retain their personal wealth and property, all the Manchus pensioned to continue for a fixed term and the payment of a large annual pension to the court, said to be 10,000,000 taels (about \$6,000,000).

Many of the loyalists are anxious to continue the fighting, and Premier Yuan has been frequently petitioned to that end, but apparently he is convinced that there is no hope of success, possibly realizing that a large part of the imperialist army is not to be depended upon.

Despatches received today from the provinces report many instances and the looting and burning of homes. Hundreds of women are committing suicide in fear of bandits who are committing all kinds of atrocities. The atrocities will likely Jan. 15, and it is therefore expected that the abdication will be completed before that date.

Nanking, Jan. 13.—President Sun Yat Sen received the news of the pending abdication of the Emperor quietly. He said that he was pleased to learn that the first step towards pacification and reorganization of the country had been taken. He anticipated some delay in the readjustment of affairs, and added that it was possible that Yuan Shi Kai might be President of the new republic.

He adhered to his declaration that he would resign when the Manchus government had been ousted and peace completely restored throughout the country. The first stage would necessitate a military government, under which order could be secured, and the republicans were determined that the old regime of corruption should be abolished and the people of China permitted to earn the full reward of their labor. President Sun said he would proceed with the work of organization. He is evidently determined not to listen to dictation from Peking.

ERSTWHILE TRADE COMMISSIONER IS BACK IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—W. T. R. Preston, some time trade commissioner in the service of the Trade and Commerce Department, has arrived at Ottawa. Mr. Preston is well known as the former Liberal organizer turned official who quarreled with Alfred Jury in England, who was accused by that official of having an interest in the North Atlantic Trading Co., who was sent to the far East and subsequently to Holland, and who resigned the moment he heard of the defeat of the Laurier administration.

REMAINS OF CHIEF EXHUMED

William Walsh, Probably Met Death from Asphyxiation Before Debris of Burning Building Crushed His Body.

MERIT FUND TO BE INAUGURATED.

New York, Jan. 13.—In the shadow of weakening walls that threatened each moment to totter and fall, a squad of fifteen worked for five hours this afternoon to wrest from the ruins of the Equitable Building the body to Battalion Chief William Walsh, who met death in the fire of last Tuesday. They found his body shortly after noon, half sitting, half reclining, with outstretched arms, pinned face down by a giant iron beam and with only his rubber coat showing. It was dark when they lifted him out, and save for his greatcoat, he would hardly have been identified.

The coroner's physician said that the chief had been asphyxiated as he groped through the burning building and that the debris which fell upon him crushed a nearly lifeless body, the neck and almost every bone in the body was broken. There were but few bones left.

Removal of the debris proceeded slowly today, because of the threatening walls. The firemen estimated that the vaults of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company would not be removed for ten days or two weeks. But they are believed to be intact. In these vaults are stored the valuables of hundreds of individuals. For the relief of the families of those killed in the fire, a sum, total approximating \$10,000, was rolled up today.

A special merit fund, to be created by contributions from financiers and corporations and to be placed at the disposal of the commissioners of the police and fire departments of New York, for relieving distress and rewarding heroism, was started today by J. P. Morgan and Company and Kuhn, Loeb and Company, who headed the lists with donations of \$5,000 each.

RAILWAY PROPOSES TO RAISE FURTHER SUM FOR EXTENSION

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Formal notice is given by the G. T. P. Railway of an application to parliament for authority to issue further debenture stock, perpetual or terminable, up to a total of five million pounds, or its equivalent in Canadian money; the proceeds to be devoted to construction, the purchase of rolling stock and the construction of branch lines. It has been reported here that the company wanted to obtain this amount by way of a loan from the government.

CORINTHIAN AT GLASGOW AFTER ROUGH PASSAGE

Hull, Jan. 14.—The Allan liner Corinthian arrived this morning at Glasgow via St. John's, Nfld. She was coated with ice two feet thick, caused by the freezing of the seas which washed over her decks. The Corinthian was four days coming from St. John's. Off Cape Pine her steam steering gear broke down and the hand gear had to be used.

SENATOR M'KAY IS DEAD IN TRURO

Hull, Jan. 14.—Hon. Thomas McKay, of Truro, a member of the Dominion senate, died at his home on Saturday morning, as a result of an attack of pleurisy.

BRANCH TO BOSTON IS PROPOSED

Grand Trunk Have Two Routes to Hub in view—Also Ask for Privilege to Operate Steamships.

LINE TO DOUGLAS ALSO CONSIDERED.

Boston, Jan. 13.—The Grand Trunk Railway today petitioned the general court for authority to construct lines into Boston and Worcester and to own and operate steamships within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth.

In a general way the road desires to come into Boston by two routes. One is from Blackstone, Mass., on the line of the Southern New England Railway, which the Grand Trunk has secured authority to build into Worcester from Palmer, where connection is established with the Central Vermont, a Grand Trunk subsidiary. The other route to Boston desired is from Bellows Falls, Vermont, on the line of the Central Vermont, across New Hampshire and through Middlesex County in Massachusetts. In addition the petition asks for authority to construct a line connecting the Southern New England Road with Worcester by a branch line beginning at Douglas. No details are given in the statement issued tonight by a report of the Grand Trunk as to the towns through which it is proposed to run the new lines. The action is declared to be taken in response to the unanimous invitation extended to the Grand Trunk last year by the Massachusetts legislature, by the municipal authorities of commercial bodies and generally by the people of New England.

POPULAR OFFICIAL OF FREDERICTON IS DEAD—\$300 FIRE

Fredericton, Jan. 13.—William H. McGinn, superintendent of the City street lighting plant, died at noon today after a long illness of cancer of the bowels. Deceased who was aged 47 years was a native of Fredericton, a son of Patrick McGinn and his wife, who was formerly Miss Poirier, daughter of Andrew Poirier, of Shediac, and a niece of Senator Poirier. He is survived by five children, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGinn, of this city; three brothers, Edward, Walter and Charles McGinn, all of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Seery and Mrs. E. A. O'Brien; also of this city.

Fire this morning did about \$300 damage to the residence of B. L. Estey on George street.

The York county council will meet in semi-annual session on Tuesday, it being the first session since the election in September. There are a large number of new councillors, almost half the board being new men, and the Town of Marysville will have representatives sitting at the board for the first time. It is likely that his old friend, Mr. McGinn, will be elected warden, and in that event it will be the first time that the Parish of MacAdam has furnished a warden for York county.

OVER-WORK HASTENED DEATH OF PHYSICIAN

Hull, Jan. 14.—Dr. R. H. A. MacKeay, of Glace Bay, a brother of Senator MacKeay, died at that place this morning. He was one of the best known physicians and surgeons in the Maritime Provinces. The cause of death was hardening of the arteries. Recently he seemed improved and last night was fairly well, but this morning he suddenly died.

ISLAND FARMER LIKELY DROWNED

Charlottetown, Jan. 14.—James Beaton, a well known farmer of East Point, has disappeared and it is feared he has perished. His footprints have been traced to the edge of the board ice, on a section of which he had drifted away, or else he had fallen over the edge and drowned. He was a clever young man of 36, and recently won a prize of \$100 from the Canada Cement Company for the best description of a cement piggery, one of which he had built.

NEW FRENCH CABINET IS ORGANIZED

No Changes in Previous Draft of Members—Will Insist on Immediate Ratification of Agreement with Germany.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN TO BE ACCELERATED.

Paris, Jan. 14.—The French cabinet organized by Premier Poincare was officially announced today. No changes have been made in the portfolios as given out last night, but today's announcement includes the ministers of public instruction and commerce and the under secretaries.

The cabinet is composed as follows: Premier and minister of foreign affairs—Raymond Poincare. Minister of justice—Aristide Briand. Minister of labor—Leon Bourgeois. Minister of war—Alexandre Millerand. Minister of marine—Theophile Delcasse. Minister of finance—L. L. Klotz. Minister of the interior—Jules Steeg. Minister of public works—Jean Dupuy. Minister of agriculture—Jules Pams. Minister of colonies—M. Lebrun. Minister of public instruction—M. Roubaud. Minister of commerce—Fernand David. Under secretaries—Interior, Paul Morel; finance, Rene Besnard; posts and telegraphs, M. Chaumet; beaux arts, Leon Bérard.

OUTLAW BASEBALL LEAGUE IS TAKING DEFINITE SHAPE

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Threats of an "outlaw" baseball league entering cities now occupied by American Association, National or American League teams, took concrete form here today when the Columbian League was organized.

Men who are interested in the new movement say they do not wish a baseball war, but admit that they will tempt just as many big league players to their fold as possible. It is asserted, however, that no fancy salaries are to be paid in order to get famous players to leave their present berths.

The following men who propose to place clubs in their home cities were present: J. C. Maska, Kansas City; Thomas Furley and Willis Melville, Milwaukee; A. J. Rossini, Detroit; and N. O. Nelson, Chicago. William Urden, of St. Louis, and W. H. Pierce, of Louisville, were represented by President Powers. Each of these cities have been assured a franchise in the new league, and teams will be placed in either Cleveland, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Minneapolis or St. Paul.

ADVOCATE CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—The convention of fruit growers which is to be held here next month will, if the fruit men have their way, result in much closer cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and the fruit industry. It is probable that a resolution will be presented and passed favoring the establishment of a fruit division of the department on much broader lines than those upon which the fruit branch is now conducted. The government is said to look with favor upon such a change.

PORTUGUESE WILL LET MISSIONARIES REMAIN IN COLONY

Lisbon, Jan. 13.—The government commission announces that American, German and British missionaries will be allowed to remain in Portuguese East Africa. This decision was taken after conferences had been held with the diplomatic representatives of these three countries here. Portugal, however, has decided to establish her own missions in Africa to counterbalance the influence of foreign missionaries.

DOMINION IS PLEDGED FOR A LARGE SUM

Judicial Committee of Privy Council Finds Canada Must Guarantee Bonds to Produce Considerable Amount.

NO CONSIDERATION OF SELLING PRICE.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—A recent decision by the judicial committee of the Privy Council makes the Dominion of Canada responsible for a large amount of money, said to reach the sum of ten million dollars. It will be recalled that the original contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific, that of 1903, provided that the government was to guarantee bonds of the Railway Company. The contract named certain sums and the guarantee was to cover the face value of bonds of those amounts.

The second contract, of 1904, by introducing the word "implied" changed the bargain materially. If the guarantee was to be for \$13,000 a mile, the new arrangement meant that the government must guarantee bonds enough to produce \$13,000 cash, no matter at what price the bonds were issued. This price was placed upon the revised arrangement by critics of the measure and it has been upheld by the Privy Council. The Laurier government endeavored to dispute this reading, claiming that it was not bound to this extent, but the final decision is that the Dominion is pledged to the full extent.

GOLD WEATHER IN MONCTON IS OVER—LIBRARY PROPOSED

Moncton, Jan. 14.—Westmorland county council meets at Dorchester on Tuesday.

Mrs. Stewart, widow of the late Montgomery Stewart, well-known throughout New Brunswick in connection with the construction of the old European and North American Railway, died quite suddenly at her home here today, aged 78.

Mrs. Stewart up to a short time ago had been very active for her age. She was a native of Scotland but lived in Moncton for sixty years.

NEW PLAN HOPED TO SETTLE DISPUTE IN COTTON TRADE

Manchester, Jan. 13.—Sir George Askwith, representing the Board of Trade, who is engaged in an endeavor to bring about a settlement of the cotton dispute in Lancashire, allowed it to be known tonight that he has a new suggestion in connection with the lockout, which he thinks will meet the views of both sides. He will present his plan when the conferences with the masters and the men are resumed on Monday and there is a hopeful feeling that the men involved in the trouble, numbering practically 300,000 will return to their work at an early date.

ADVOCATES STATE OWNERSHIP OF ALL TELEGRAPH LINES

Washington, Jan. 14.—Acquisition of the telegraph lines of the United States by the government and their operation as a part of the postal service will be recommended to Congress in a short time by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

CANADIAN CROPS ARE INCREASING IN VALUE

Bulletin of Department of Agriculture Shows Greater Average Production Per Acre in the Dominion.

WHEAT GROWN IN WEST IN MUCH LARGER QUANTITIES THAN IN PAST YEARS—LIVESTOCK IN GOOD CONDITION.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The census and statistics office of the department of agriculture has issued the following bulletin, giving the final estimates of areas, yield and value of the principal field crops of the Dominion for 1911.

The field crops of Canada are shown to have occupied last year a total area of 32,852,000 acres and their value calculated at the average local market prices, amounts to \$565,712,000. The area under wheat last year was 10,374,000 acres of which 1,172,000 acres were fall wheat in Ontario and Alberta, and the production was 215,851,000 bushels, valued at \$138,567,000.

Full wheat produced was 26,014,000 bushels, of the value of \$21,461,000. Oats occupied 9,220,000 acres, and yielded 348,188,000 bushels, valued at \$126,512,000. Barley, 1,404,000 acres, yielding 46,641,000 bushels valued at \$22,004,000. Flax, 1,132,000 acres, yielding 12,921,000 bushels, valued at \$19,467,000.

The combined area under rye, peas, buckwheat, mixed grains and flax was 2,481,000 acres, yielding 44,980,000 bushels, and the value was \$41,560,000. Hoed and Cultivated crops, comprising beans, corn for husking, potatoes, turnips and other roots, except sugar beets, occupied 1,063,000 acres, yielding 170,884,000 bushels, valued at \$78,290,000. Sugar beets in Ontario and Alberta had an acreage of 20,872, yielding 17,000 tons, valued at \$1,165,000. Fodder crops including fodder corn, hay, clover and alfalfa, show an acreage of 8,290,000, yielding 15,499,000 tons valued at \$161,514,000.

Alfalfa, a record of which was taken for the first time, showed an area of 101,781 acres yielding 227,900 tons, valued at \$2,249,000. This valuable fodder crop is being principally grown in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta, the average yield per acre for the whole of Canada being 24 tons.

For the year 1911 the areas from which the yields are calculated were those of the recent census and the resulting data are not therefore strictly comparable with the estimates of the three previous years, which were based upon the reports of selected correspondents. It may be mentioned however that the area and production of wheat in 1911 exceeded by over 1,000,000 acres and 65,852,000 bushels the estimates of 1910.

A more satisfactory criterion of the difference between the two years of 1911 and 1910 is afforded by the average rates of yield per acre, which for fall wheat was 23.19 bushels in 1911, against 23.49 in 1910; spring wheat 20.63 against 15.53; oats 37.76 against 32.79; barley 28.94 against 24.02 and flax 11.41 against 7.97.

In the northwest provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the wheat production was 194,083,000 bushels, compared with 128,881,000 bushels, the estimate of 1910; of oats, 217,819,000 bushels, compared with 126,732,000; and of barley 24,043,000 bushels compared with 21,377,000. The wheat production of 1911 in Manitoba was 66,275,000 bushels, from 2,980,000 acres; in Saskatchewan, 97,065,000 bushels from 4,705,000 acres and in Alberta, 36,143,000 bushels from 1,617,000 acres.

AS CONSEQUENCE OF QUARREL WITH KING

Madrid, Jan. 14.—The Spanish cabinet, of which Jos E. Canalejas Mendez was premier, resigned today. The cabinet resigned as a result of a divergence of views with King Alfonso as to the advisability of commuting the death sentence of one of the rioters who murdered a judge and wounded several court officials in the town of Cullera, last September.

The general strike at the time in Valencia and other provinces involved a plot to assassinate General Vexler, and the King was compelled to suspend the constitutional guarantees. The ministerial crisis at the moment of the Franco-Spanish negotiations on Morocco is of exceptional gravity, and the King has lost no time in consulting with the leading statesmen.

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RICHESON WITHOUT FRIENDS

Moses Edmonds, Last to Remain Loyal, Withdraws Assistance, Leaving Condemned Man to Face Execution.

Boston, Jan. 13.—Moses Grant Edmonds, father of the girl whom Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson was engaged to marry at the time he was arrested for the murder of Avis Linnell, has withdrawn his support of the confessed murderer. Mr. Edmonds had stood by the pastor after every other friend had become either indifferent or actively hostile. He believed in him, even when the pastor's own family in the south had ceased to communicate with him. By freely giving financial aid and by the encouragement of his constantly expressed belief in the young man's innocence, he cheered and comforted the minister in his cell.

It was Mr. Edmonds who retained the lawyers to defend Richeson, with the exception of Attorney John L. Lee, who was retained by Richeson's father. But after Richeson was sentenced, Mr. Lee returned to Virginia, and the burden of Richeson's defence was left on the shoulders of William A. Morse.

Now it is known that after spending almost \$25,000 in the attempt to establish the innocence of the man his daughter loved, Mr. Edmonds has withdrawn his support. Richeson is left absolutely alone to face a nation's wide demand for his execution.

That Richeson will furnish another surprise by withdrawing any objection that may be made in his behalf to the execution of the sentence of death, is the belief today of persons who have watched the strange case. It was hoped by the prisoner that public sentiment might be altered if he should plead guilty and that he might escape the guillotine. But the world appears against him, he is ready to die.

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For a year or more Mr. Hitchcock has had this recommendation under consideration. After a thorough study of the operation of government controlled lines and postal telegraph systems of foreign countries, he has decided to urge the matter upon Congress. "Should this recommendation be adopted," said Mr. Hitchcock tonight, in a statement of his intention, "I am convinced it would result in important economies and in very materially lowering the telegraph rates."

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Prof. Crowe, Guelph agricultural college, has appointed superintendent of instrument experimental station at Yorkville, N. S.