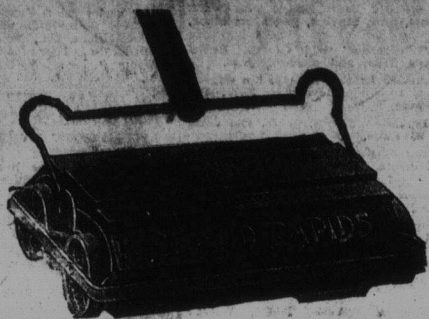


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KENT COUNTY.

Fire at Coal Branch—More Smallpox Discovered.

MONCTON, Dec. 15.—A large boarding house at Coal Branch, Kent county, owned by the Canadian Coal and Manganese Company, was destroyed by fire Friday night. It cost \$3,000 and was insured for \$1,500. The mine has not been working for some time and the building was only occupied by a watchman.

Two new cases of small pox were discovered in the Parish of Wellington, Kent Co., and twenty more houses were quarantined as a result.

THREE LIVES LOST.

In a Tenement Fire in New York Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Three lives were lost in a tenement house fire on East 126 street today. The dead: Mrs. Mary Bond, 32 years old. Raymond Bond, seven years. Rose Bond, five years. Edward Bond, the husband and father, 35 years of age, was severely burned about the hands and face while trying to save his family; and Helen Bond, two years old, was also severely burned about the hands and face. The loss on building and contents was \$8,000. The Bonds lived on the top floor of the tenement, which was five stories high. There were sixteen families in the house and all except the Bonds got out safely.

AN ARCHBISHOP.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The congregation of the Propaganda has decided to propose to the Pope the appointment of Bishop James Quigley, of Buffalo, N. Y., as Archbishop of Chicago in succession to the late Archbishop Feehan.

MANY WERE DROWNED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Advice from Barroquilla, confirms the report of the wreck of the Bagota recently near El-Banco, says a Herald despatch from Coloma. She had on board a large force of government soldiers, many of whom were drowned. The details of the disaster have been suppressed.

THE COAL FAMINE.

BALSTON, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The last shipment of coal in the court house has been placed in a warehouse today. No supply is in sight. There are fifty-seven prisoners in jail, which, with the county clerk's office, is heated from the court house. The thermometer showed 17 degrees below zero.

THE DEATH ROLL.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Benjamin M. Denison, treasurer of the American Hospital Association, died in this city today. Mr. Denison was 67 years of age, and since early manhood had been associated with religious and temperance movements. He was at one time Grand Worthy Patriarch of America and was the Grand Worthy Patriarch of the United States, of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance.

SCOTTISH CURLERS.

To Arrive in Montreal on Jan. 7 Next—To Play in Different City Clubs.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—The reception committee of the Branch Curling Association held a most important meeting Thursday evening at the Thistle curling rink parlors. The president, Lieut. Col. Stevenson, was in the chair, while W. D. Ald attended to the duties of secretary.

The business session was relative to the coming visit of the Scottish curlers to Canada, and more especially to Montreal. After considerable discussion on the matter it was finally decided to give the boys from across the pond a grand reception during their visit to this city.

A letter was read from the Scotch curlers advising the Branch that they would arrive in Montreal on Wednesday, Jan. 7 next, and that they would remain in the city exactly one week, leaving here for Quebec on Jan. 14.

The meeting last evening decided that the visiting curlers play a friendly match with each curling club in the city, and that at the final a grand banquet be played at all the different rinks. (Seven Old Countrymen and Canadians.)

The Scotch curlers will be royally entertained and their visit to this city will terminate with a grand banquet.

A RECORD FOR ST. JOHN.

The loading of the Allan liner Corinthian, which arrived in this port on Thursday evening, and sailed on Sunday morning was, in point of time, a record for St. John. The discharging of the inward cargo was commenced on Thursday evening, and within sixty hours from the arrival of the steamer not only was the cargo removed but a heavy outward freight was put on board. The Corinthian carried away one hundred and thirty-five carloads of package freight, thirty-six carloads of live stock, fifty thousand bushels of grain, and five carloads of deals. The agents of the Allan line express themselves as being highly pleased with the manner in which the loading was accomplished.

A STRANGE HALLUCINATION.

A man by the name of Arthur McCarthy, who lives in Lower Cove, was taken to the central police station on Saturday, supposed to be insane. He was afterwards found upon examination to be of unsound mind and was sent to the asylum. McCarthy had formerly been a patient in the asylum and was discharged some years ago. Since that time he has not shown any signs of derangement until within the past two weeks, when his mind has been affected. He is laboring under the delusion that a mistake has been made by justice and that he is shortly to be hanged for the murder of Doherty. He thinks that Higgins has mesmerized him and that while the prisoner is to be set free he is to suffer the punishment. The man's conduct has been a source of considerable anxiety to his friends.

VENEZUELA

Asks Now for a Peaceful Settlement of the Dispute.

Rumor That Argentina and Chili Want to Take a Hand.

PUERTO CABELLO, Saturday, Dec. 13.—The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta bombarded the fortress here at five o'clock this afternoon and quickly silenced it. The bombardment lasted 45 minutes. The fortress is composed of Fort Solano and the Castle Libertador. After the firing ceased the Charybdis sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was at most demolished. It is possible that only a few persons were injured by the shelling. The commander of Castle Libertador has been taken prisoner. The cruisers are still here. The captain of the English merchant steamer Topaze, which was seized by the mob last Wednesday, had visited the English commodore on board the Charybdis and returned an hour later with a detachment of fifty marines, who took charge of the Topaze. It was because satisfaction for the outrage on the Topaze was refused that the bombardment occurred.

WANT CASTRO TO RESIGN.

CARACAS, Dec. 15.—A movement is on foot here to request President Castro to resign and to summon congress with a view of arranging a satisfactory settlement of the existing difficulties. CARACAS, Dec. 15.—Inaction reigns in government circles here. The officials do not know what to do and are depending entirely on the United States to assist them. A movement is on foot here, headed by prominent doctors and lawyers, to request President Castro to resign and ask Vice-President Ramon Ayala to assume the presidency and form a cabinet without party tendencies.

It is also proposed to summon congress to appoint a temporary president and arrange the questions in dispute in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

General Hernandez (Elmocho) who has just been released from prison at Maracibo, is expected at Caracas tomorrow. His partisans are very active and further trouble is apprehended.

The Venezuelan government announces Great Britain has re-opened the navigation of the Orinoco River. Two warships will patrol the mouths of the river and the river itself.

This measure applies only to foreign ships. Vessels flying the Venezuelan flag are excepted. The patriotic party here yesterday passed off without any extraordinary incidents. President Castro during the day visited the tomb of Bolivar. The government refused that the German cruiser Panther should be allowed to destroy the forts there.

Minister Bowen, at the request of the Dutch minister, Dr. Van Leyden, who is sick at Curacao, has taken charge of Dutch interests here. The leading merchants of La Guayra arrived here last night, abandoning the port, owing to fear that it will be shelled today. The German cruiser Vineta is going to visit Margarita, an island in the Caribbean Sea, 60 miles north of Cumana, belonging to Venezuela.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon four loud explosions alarmed the city of Porto Cabello. It was found that British marines had blown up the subterranean prison cells of Castle Libertador with dynamite. They also burned all the wooden buildings surrounding the castle and carried away everything that could be transported.

After the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello and the landing of marines on the island, where the castle is situated, the force of the powers acted just as if they were at home, causing great indignation among the Venezuelans. When everything had been destroyed the marines re-embarked.

The Venezuelan government warship Miranda has escaped the vigilance of the German cruisers Falk and Panther, which were searching for her, and arrived at Maracibo yesterday.

BRITISH NOT RESPONSIBLE.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The under foreign secretary, Lord Cranborne, denied in the house of commons today that the British commander was responsible for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships.

ARGENTINA MAY HELP CASTRO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Herald correspondent in Caracas says he has learned on reliable authority that the government of Argentina, in a despatch from Buenos Ayres, has instructed its consular representative to report to Buenos Ayres as early as possible what appears to be the attitude of the United States and what view that government is likely to take of its obligations under the Monroe doctrine in the face of the aggressive action of Great Britain and Germany. Should the United States decide to remain impassive on the ground that its interpretation of the Monroe doctrine does not interfere with foreign powers resorting to drastic measures for the collection of claims, the correspondent says he is informed that the government of Argentina, feeling that the autonomy of all South American states is jeopardized, is prepared to take a decided stand by the side of Venezuela and to offer her assistance to President Castro. Argentina is not anxious to declare her attitude, and will only do so, it is said, in the event of the United States maintaining a complacent attitude. It is believed that Chili entertains similar views and that many messages have been exchanged between the officials of the Chilean republic in Valparaiso as well as with Buenos Ayres.

THE GERMAN EXPLANATION.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—In official circles here it is stated that the Venezuelan vessels sunk off La Guayra were old and worthless cutters and unfit to go to sea, and that the other ships captured (Continued on Page Four.)

SURELY NOT TRUE.

That Over 4,000 Miners Will Strike on Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—More than 4,000 miners at Drifton, near Hazleton, will go out on strike Wednesday unless their employers adjust grievances they complain of before that time, says a despatch from Scranton to the Press. The shipment of coal to New York will be decreased by 10,000 tons a day if this strike is inaugurated. The miners are employed by Cox & Co., the large independent operators. They say that the company has repeatedly refused to re-employ all its union miners.

A RECORD TRIP

That Saved \$12,000 for the Vessel's Owners.

PORTLAND, Ogn., Dec. 15.—The German bark Herseogin Cecille, which has arrived at Astoria, 66 days from Montevideo, has broken the record, the best previous record being 75 days. She sailed from Hamburg for Portland June 25, and while working down the Atlantic met a gale which partly dismasted her. She put into Montevideo August 20 for repairs, and was unable to get away from there until October six.

Previous to the disaster she had been chartered to load wheat at Portland at 28 shillings, and before she left the South American port rates had declined to a low figure. Her cancelling dated Dec. 31, and as the usual passage is about 10 days, the chances were decidedly against her reaching port before her charter expired. She saved \$12,000 for her owners.

UNION MAN SHOT.

PORT COSTA, Calif., Dec. 15.—As an outgrowth of the tanners' strike at Benica, which has been on for three months, Jacob Jensen has been shot and killed. He was walking along the street when accosted by a non-union man and asked where he was working. Jensen refused to say, whereupon the non-union man shot twice, killing him.

SPEECHES OF CANADIANS TOLD.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—If Wednesday was politicians' day at the National Reciprocity League Conference, yesterday was manufacturers' and business men's day, the result being that a more clearly defined policy on reciprocity was outlined and there was no talking to the crowd. The sting of the denunciations by John Charles, M. P., and Senator McMullen at Wednesday night's banquet was felt and several delegates admitted frankly that the United States had not acted fairly towards Canada in tariff matters and in the Alaska boundary dispute. The resolutions adopted unanimously by the convention declared for fair trade relations with the world and the arrangement of a mutually satisfactory reciprocity treaty with Canada. The sincerity of the American delegates was made clear yesterday afternoon, when in a few minutes several thousand dollars were raised for a special organization fund and the executive was authorized to proceed at once with the work of familiarizing business men with the advantages of reciprocity.

PERSONAL.

W. E. Farrell, of Fredericton, is in the city today.

A. G. Falls and John E. Cairns, of Sydney, are at the Dufferin.

W. D. Gillis, of Springfield is in the city.

H. L. Foster, of Truro, is registered at the Dufferin Hotel.

J. R. Thompson, of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., who has been conducting the canvass for the building fund in Fredericton, came to St. John today. He leaves on the C. P. R. this evening for New York where he will spend Christmas.

H. S. MacGachen, of the Bank of Montreal here, has been transferred to St. Mary's, Ont., and R. A. Thompson, who has been in St. Mary's will take his place here. Mr. MacGachen left for the west Saturday.

William Doherty of the West End, who was taken ill on October 8th, with a very severe attack of pneumonia, has now sufficiently recovered to be about his business once more.

Miss Marjory Blair, daughter of Hon. A. G. Blair, left England on the 11th inst., on the R. M. S. Parisian for Halifax.

Mrs. A. C. Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Sadie E. Smith, returned from a visit to Fredericton Saturday afternoon by the Boston express.

Great Collins, who has been for some time in the Western States, has returned home for the holidays. Mrs. DeB. Carritte was called to Boston on Saturday evening by the serious illness of her son who is in a hospital there.

Miss Bertha Jones, of Weyford, arrived in the city on the Boston express Saturday and will leave Monday on the Montreal express for Springfield, N. S., where she will spend a few weeks with her brother, H. W. Jones, of the I. C. R.

C. A. Atkinson, in the employ of T. McAvity & Sons, left for New York on Saturday night on a vacation.

Senator and Mrs. Fred P. Thompson, who were in the city Saturday, returned home by the evening train.

NOT AN ILL WIND.

Two peasants living near Castiglione, in Sicily, have reason to be thankful for the recent hurricane. They were endeavoring to repair the damage done to their ground by the floods, when among the upturned piles of earth they discovered a hoard of ancient gold Greek pieces. The value of the treasure is estimated roughly at \$12,000. It is rumored that another hoard is concealed in the neighborhood, but the country folk declare that it will never come to light till some priest has been killed in order to break the spell which hides it. An additional interest is taken in the search through the fact that the law of treasure trove does not hold good in Sicily.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 14.—Word was received here today that wreckage from the steamship Hannockburn had been found on Whitford Point, Lake Superior. It consisted of a life preserver with what are apparently blood stains on the shoulder straps.

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Kitty—"Fred called me a dream last even-

ing."

Bertha—"How funny! It was only last

week Fred was telling me what awful

dreams he had."—Stray Stories.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—At the annual

meeting of the Dominion Commercial Trav-

ellers' Association Saturday night annual re-

ports were received and officers elected.

The annual reports were very satisfactory,

showing a total membership of 4,864. The

following officers were elected: President,

James Robertson; vice-president, Geo. A.

Mann; treas., J. S. McDougall. The old ex-