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A GENTLEMAN. CHASED BY WRIT. The Duc de Richelieu, the beloved of ladies, the breaker of hearts, was the perfect fine gentleman of a later and more studiously elegant epoch. This suave repose of his manner was immovable. When his second wife lay dying, he came in to see her, stepping softly, hat in hand. Though she was expiring, her fading eyes lit up at the sight of him. "Qu'il me serait doux de mourir dans vos bras," she murmured. He held her as she wished till she died, then went out again, stepping softly, hat in hand. One of his faithful chroniclers—a woman, needless to say—suggests that he was off to a rendezvous with the lady of the moment, and that the graceful manner in which he bore the delay caused by his wife's death was proof of the perfect breeding of one of the finest gentlemen in Europe. "I understand that our party threw you overboard," said one politician to another. "Yes," was the reply, "but, fortunately, I had strength enough left to swim to the other side." St. John, N. B., Feb., 221904.

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CITY, C. P. R. AND DRY DOCK.

Committee Striving to Harmonize all Interests.

Union Street, Carleton, Will Not be Closed to Vehicular Traffic—A Meeting Today.

The special committee on harbor improvements meets this afternoon for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the common council, and completing the agreement with the C. P. R. Since the last meeting, members of the committee have been talking over the matter among themselves and it is practically certain that the street will not be closed to vehicular traffic. This might be done if any other thoroughfare were available, but the closing of Union street would prove not only a great inconvenience to the general public but would interfere with the business done at the berths now in use. For these and other reasons the members of the committee have about made up their minds that the street must remain open. This being the case, the complete agreement with the dry dock company has first consideration in all suggestions for amendments to the proposed C. P. R. agreement. The C. P. R. wants room for a sufficient number of tracks, the city wants space for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and the dock company is to build a bridge only thirty feet wide. The plan which now seems most reasonable is that the city and C. P. R. agreement with reference to Union street be made to read subject to the agreement on the part of the city and the dry dock company. Further, that a six foot space on the proposed bridge shall be kept free for pedestrians, and that no cars not in motion shall be on the bridge. By keeping the bridge clear it is thought that it will be sufficiently wide to accommodate vehicular traffic. Another section which will probably be amended is the one relating to wharfage charges on goods which are not through freight and which are brought here by the C. P. R. On this there are so many points to be considered that no forecast is the possible agreement. The third section of importance is the one which deals with the granting of a lease across from Beatty's rocks to Fort Dufferin. Under instructions from the council this section will contain a clause providing for the closing of the C. P. R. to the city of the 1,000 feet down the bar. The agreement may be completed this afternoon, and if so arrangements will shortly be made for the delegation to Montreal.

RAIN AND FLOODS.

The City Deluged—Some Streets Impassible—Damage by the Gale.

Since six o'clock this morning it has been steadily raining, with the thermometer above the freezing point. The amount of rain that had fallen up to noon, according to the gauge at the observatory, was one half inch. Rain under the present conditions for twenty-four hours would mean a deluge which the rain will probably continue to fall, will go a great way in spoiling the sleighing. A timely change of weather is, however, promised for tomorrow. The temperature yesterday morning was four above. During the day the weather continued rapidly to moderate and early last night the thermometer registered 33 above. The thermometer during the storm has remained at or above this altitude, going at one time as high as 40 above.

This is the first time since the beginning of the month that the thermometer has gone above the freezing point. The wind during the storm has been blowing at a high velocity from the southwest. At noon it reached its greatest velocity, blowing from the southwest at a rate of some three or four miles an hour. The water in the harbor was very rough, and the fault is partly due to the water and sewerage department, but arises chiefly from the severity of the weather. Storm and cold followed each other in such a manner that the sewerage department found it utterly impossible to keep even a few of the catch basins open. Men were put on this work, but as fast as the basins were cleared they became frozen and blocked again and the result is seen today. Water street is covered in several places to a depth of over a foot. Prince William street in the lower portions is practically impassible; Nelson street is in a terrible condition; Main street, near Elm, was pretty bad, but some of the catch basins were opened and the water carried away; Mill street was flooded badly between Paradise Row and the railway station; and in fact all the lower portions of the town are covered with water and slush, which makes traffic difficult. Gangs of men are opening up the catch basins and this is to some extent improving matters. No damage has yet been reported from the railroads. I. O. R. officials do not fear any washouts, unless the rain continues for some days. The C. P. R. people think that trouble is quite possible, but not probable unless the thaw continues. Both roads agree that the rain is a blessing in that it is packing the snow and that doing away with the continual trouble caused by the snow drifting back on the track after having been thrown out. About one o'clock today a large section of the staging and board front erected on the new O'Regan warehouse was blown down, and fell with a crash across the street. In its fall the lumber carried away all the wires on the street, and broke one of the poles. The street railway trolley wire was broken and traffic suspended for some hours. The street was finally cleared about three o'clock. The roof of the old Salvation army barracks on Mill street, fell in at noon today and the occupants of the building sustained considerable loss from water. Part of the building was occupied by the Earle Publishing Co., and the other portion as a feed store. The building is badly flooded.

PROBATE COURT.

The matter of the estate of the late Mary Louise A. Lewis, which was to have come up today, was postponed as an appeal from the supreme court of N. B. to the supreme court of Canada. C. N. Skinner and Boyer Smith appeared for the interested parties. The accounts in the estate of the late O. W. Allen, executor. The accounts of the estate of the late John Macra were also passed. F. T. O. Knowles, executor.

2,500 RUSSIANS REPORTED KILLED.

Battle on Yalu River Results in Japan's Victory.

Reports of Battle are Doubtful by Japanese Ambassador—Another Russian Cruiser Sunk by Mistake.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—A despatch from New Chungking to the World, says it is reported that the Russian and Japanese outposts on the Yalu have been engaged and that the Russians suffered considerable loss, about 2,500. No details are obtainable. THE STORY DOUBTED. LONDON, Feb. 22.—The latest advice from Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, lead him to believe that the Japanese troops may not have been engaged, and that the Russians were not undertaking aggressive operations in Manchuria. He said: "I do not believe that the Japanese are so unexpectedly unprepared that I should not be surprised if the Japanese land forces contained themselves with establishing a thorough organization and advancing as the construction of the railroad towards the Yalu River progresses. Russia appears to be less prepared than was China in 1905. I believe that only three trains a day can be run through Manchuria. Supporting these are equally divided between troops and supplies, as would be necessary, Russia could not perceptibly strengthen her land forces before April. The Japanese, on the other hand, are not so unprepared that I should not believe that they will take their time. Shallow inlets are now frozen over, retarding the disembarkation of our forces. This is especially true at Port Arthur, where a near landing of troops is impossible owing to the ice. Baron Hayashi does not credit the report that 2,500 Russians have been killed in an outpost engagement at the Yalu river. He says there is no Japanese force in that vicinity large enough to inflict such a loss.

The small Russian cruiser reported destroyed in the above despatch, may possibly be the Boyarin, previously mentioned to have been blown up by a mine at Port Arthur February 13, and which another account says was blown up while endeavoring to pick up a number of mines which had been brought to the surface by the Russian report of the disaster that the entire crew of the Boyarin, 197 in number, were lost. The minister credits the Russians with having barely 100,000 troops in Manchuria.

A THREAT FROM CHINA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The Chinese minister here, says a cable to the World from Berlin, with an ostentatious flourish, has been forwarded to him, which has proclaimed that China's neutrality is only temporary, that no one, even the Chinese diplomat, can tell what change of day may bring forth in China's attitude. The minister says, in a published interview: "It would never be forgotten that the war will be fought out in Manchuria on Chinese territory, and that the excitement of the people will increase as the war progresses. "Naturally, therefore, the Chinese government may be expected on any one day to decide that its continued neutrality is neither possible nor desirable. "Thirty thousand well drilled Chinese troops are stationed in the province of Chihli, ready at a moment's notice from Peking to enter Manchuria. Our nation admires the Japanese and sympathizes decidedly with their efforts.

THE BLACK SEA FLEET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Turkey, according to a cable to the Herald from its correspondent in St. Petersburg, has lent a willing ear to the diplomatic suggestions of Russia that the Black Sea fleet should one day be found unexpectedly in the Mediterranean, Turkey being assured that this once an accomplished fact not one of the powers would have a word to say in objection. If they did Russia would be answerable. These terms it is added, are that Turkey be given a free hand in settling the Balkan difficulty in the war which the coming months are deemed sure to bring.

VENEZUELAN AWARD.

Claims of Great Britain, Germany and Italy Confirmed by the Hague Tribunal. THE HAGUE, Feb. 22.—The arbitration tribunal which has been considering the claims of the blockading powers for preferential treatment of their claims against Venezuela has decided, unanimously, that the three blockading powers, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, have the right to a preference of 50 per cent. of the customs duties at Laguayra and Puerto Cabello, the litigants to pay their own costs in the procedure, and divide equally the costs of the tribunal. The United States is commissioned to carry out the decision of the tribunal within three months. In the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening Stalling's hockey team defeated George Keefer's team in a score of 5 to 4.

SAILORS FIGHT WITH DEATH.

Schooners Wrecked—One Was Bound for Halifax.

Life Savers Now Battling for the Lives of the Crews.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—An unknown three-masted schooner was discovered ashore on the outer bar of Bellport, L. I., at four a. m., today, by members of the Bellport Life Saving crew. The latter immediately summoned help from life saving stations on the other side of the bay, but at 1:15 had been unable to get a lifeline over the distressed vessel. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—10:00 a. m.—The three-masted schooner ashore at Bellport has sunk, her masts are breaking loose and she appears to be breaking up. The crew can be seen in the rigging. The life savers having failed to get a line to her are now trying to launch a lifeboat. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—11 a. m.—The life savers launched their boat and put out through a tremendous surf in an effort to reach the vessel, but the sea was so high that the boat was swept back and the vessel had to be abandoned for the time. Boat was then towed to the shore. The line reached the vessel but the crew either because of exhaustion, or because they were forced to cling to the rigging, were unable to reach it and it fell back into the sea. The attempt was repeated but without success and it was seen that rescue, for a time at least, was impossible. The life savers said, however, that just as soon as the tide falls a little they will try again with the schooner. The schooner is submerged and heavy seas are threatening every moment to break her up. So far it has not been possible to make out her name. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—3:30 p. m.—The schooner to be the Benjamin O. Cromwell, Capt. Her home port is Portland, Me. One of the crew was rescued from the surf. Seven men can be seen clinging to the wreck. The vessel which was loaded with yellow pine, is going to pieces.

ANOTHER WRECK.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 22.—Little Egg Harbor Life Saving Station reports a vessel ashore one mile north of the Long Beach Station. Owing to the dense fog the name of the vessel could not be traced. LATER. The vessel reported ashore at Long Beach, N. J., proved to be a three-masted schooner, which was blown up by the heavy breakers the vessel began to break up. Life savers are trying to get lines aboard in order to save the crew. The dense fog was probably the cause of the wreck.

MORE G. T. P. RUMORS.

Chipman is Now Reported as the Terminus Instead of Montreal. The Toronto News gives publicity to the following in a despatch from Montreal: The Grand Trunk officials expect soon a cable notification of the date of the meeting at which the amended transcontinental proposition will be laid before the shareholders in London. They express complete confidence that it will be adopted.

KING EDWARD HURT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—White King Edward was inspecting the cruiser Cumberland here yesterday, says a cable to the Sun, from Portsmouth, he slipped on a water tight door and fell, slightly injuring his leg. When he subsequently went to the naval barracks, a gymnasium chair was provided to enable him to preside at a dinner party.

LILY LANTRY'S HORSES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Lantry, the English actress, has purchased of Will J. Davis, owner of Willowdale Farm, Crown Point, Ind., three trotters and two brood mares. The horses will be shipped to her breeding farm in England. Mrs. Lantry intends going into the breeding of light harness horses as well as thoroughbreds.

INSANE ASYLUM BURNED.

RACINE, Wis., Feb. 20.—All of the 133 patients in the Racine County Insane asylum, which burned last night, were rescued in some cases with the greatest difficulty. The loss aggregates \$115,000. The inmates who had escaped were captured and brought to the city, where they are being temporarily cared for at the city hall.

A young woman attending one of the London, Ont., schools has become so proficient in her drawing that she recently drew the picture of a hen so realistic that when thrown in the waste-basket it laid there. The shore line chain which left here on Saturday got together to St. Stephen and returned yesterday. It left St. John again at 11:30 a. m. today and if the line remains open freight will be received tomorrow.

DEATHS.

McQUADE—At his late residence, 23 Rock street, Sunday morning, Feb. 21st, James McQuade, aged 78 years. Funeral tomorrow (Tuesday) from his late residence at 2:30 p. m.

THE WEATHER.

Monday, Feb. 22, 1904. Highest temperature, 40; lowest temperature, 32; temperature at noon, 40; wind south, velocity 38 miles per hour. rain. Forecasts—South and southwest gales with rain; Tuesday, strong west and northwest winds, snow flurries and becoming much colder again. Synopsis—A storm of pronounced entry is moving eastward across the St. Lawrence valley. Another extreme cold wave appeared in the Northwest Territories on Saturday and is likely to spread eastward. To Banks and American ports, southerly and westerly gales. Storm signal No. 1 was displayed yesterday morning and No. 4 hoisted at noon today.

10 p. c. to 30 p. c. REDUCTION IN FURS.

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