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MIDWINTER PROVINCES

Moderate Winds; a few Light Snow Falls or Flurries but Mostly Fair.

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GERMANS OPPOSE RUSSIA'S REQUEST

Other Delegates to International Sugar Conference are Agreeable.

Russia Asks Increase of Sugar Exports Over Amount Specified by Brussels Convention.

Brussels, Belgium, Jan. 30.—The International Sugar Conference met today. All the delegates except the Germans expressed themselves in favor of acceding to Russia's request to increase her export of sugar to 300,000 tons and the continuance of the present arrangement for another five years with the additional proviso that Russia shall be permitted further to increase her export in the event of another dearth of sugar as in 1911.

The conference adjourned until Thursday to permit the German and Russian delegates to refer the question to their respective governments. It is understood that Germany is not willing to consent to Russia's export of more than 150,000 tons.

Russia's request to the sugar conference was for an increase of her exports of sugar westward from 200,000 tons to 300,000 tons, the Brussels convention having limited export to the former amount. At a recent meeting of sugar exporters in Berlin the reduction of Russia's request was recommended to the government, which it was said, would probably follow the experts' advice.

It is possible that this will mean the dissolution of the Brussels convention, as Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, last November announced in the House of Commons that unless the powers would permit Russia to export at least 500,000 tons of sugar westward, the British government had decided to decline to accede to the request.

COURT SUPPORTS CHURCH DECREE IN MARRIAGE CASE

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Another marriage annulment case was brought to a close this afternoon in the practice court by a judgment rendered by Mr. Justice Bruneau, giving effect to the ecclesiastical decree of the Roman Catholic church, declaring the marriage of Dame Marie Anne Meunier to Francois Xavier Blanchet null and void.

The main basis of the pronouncement was the existence of a diriment impediment to marriage in the first instance such impediment having the effect of voiding the marriage from its inception. In this case the woman sought to have the marriage declared void by civil as well as ecclesiastical pronouncement. She claimed that she was married in 1902 but that the contracting parties were of the third degree of consanguinity in the collateral line such relationship constituting a diriment impediment to a valid marriage except due and valid dispensation had previously been obtained from the church, the contracting parties being both of the Roman Catholic church and subject to the restrictions of that church.

MONTREAL BOARD FAVORS RETENTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Montreal, Jan. 30.—At the annual meeting of the Montreal board of trade today, the members declared themselves very strongly in favor of the retention in office of the present Montreal harbor commission irrespective of political opinions. A resolution was passed dealing with the proposed exploitation of the Lawrence river and the Ottawa river for power purposes, strongly opposing the endangering of these waters for navigation purposes and advocating that if necessary the government should take up the whole matter in the interest of the public so as to secure cheap power, while at the same time preserving the interests of navigation.

TOY TRUST PLANTS UNDER THE HAMMER

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 30.—The manufacturing plants and other properties of the Hardware and Woodware Company, otherwise known as the Toy Trust, are to be sold under the hammer in this city on February 21. The receivers have been authorized by the U. S. District Court to sell factories at Brattleboro, Vt., Fairbush, Ill., Bethlehem, Pa., Exland, Pa., East Hampton, Conn., Cromwell, Conn., Kenton, Ohio, St. Louis, Winchester, Mass., Granville, Mass., and Westminster, Mass.

LIKELY THAT ABDICATION IS IMMINENT

Peking, Jan. 30.—It is understood that immediate abdication of the throne has been decided upon, as a result of the conference today between the Empress Dowager, Prince Chu, the ex-regent, and Prince Ching the ex-prince, in accordance with the conditions laid down by the republicans, namely, that the imperial family and princes are to retain their titles, reside in Peking or elsewhere at their pleasure and receive annual pensions aggregating 3,000,000 taels (\$2,000,000), and that the transferance of power will be effected with as little loss of dignity to the throne as possible.

The Empress Dowager has summoned a cabinet meeting tomorrow to arrange the details of abdication.

MONCTON'S CIVIC ELECTION PASSES OFF VERY QUIETLY

Moncton, Jan. 30.—The civic election today passed off quietly and without the least surprise. The new board is as follows: Frank C. Robinson, Mayor, by acclamation. Aldermen at large—W. K. Gross, 127; J. T. Forbes, 493, defeating W. D. MacIntyre, 453 and J. Gardiner, 145. Ward 2—W. H. Price, 253; E. A. Fryer, 237; James McAnn, 227. Ward 3—J. S. Nickerson, 214; Don Tucker, 167; F. E. Whelan, 148. Ward 4—J. W. O'Brien, 187; J. S. Nickerson, 177; J. S. Nickerson, 177. The others are new men, though Ald. Gross has had previous experience.

DECIDED ON VOTE TO MOVE EXCHANGE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 30.—A contest over the removal of Philadelphia's stock exchange which has attracted attention in financial circles for weeks was settled today when those favoring removal won by a vote of 117 to 86. Ever since the organization of the exchange has been located in the downtown or financial district and those who opposed removal to a location some distance westward on Walnut street near Broad street argued that the time honored location should be retained.

NEW YORK BANKERS FORM COMMITTEE TO AID THE CHINESE

New York, Jan. 30.—A China famine relief committee is being organized by the American Red Cross in aid of the 3,000,000 destitute dwellers of the stricken Anhwei and Kwang-Su Districts in China, was organized by bankers and others in the Wall street district this afternoon. A general committee of 75 was named with Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, protestant Episcopal bishop of the New York diocese as chairman and Jacob H. Schiff as treasurer. Whitlaw Reid, former Ambassador to Great Britain, former Ambassador Joseph H. Coates, President Butler, and others were chosen as vice-chairmen of the committee. Representatives of the New York Chapter of Red Cross, pointed to the distress caused by the present famine, declared to be the most distressing in forty years in a land where famine and floods are frequent.

DOESN'T DOUBT TEDDY WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT

New York, N.Y., Jan. 30.—"I am convinced that Theodore Roosevelt will be the next president of the United States," said Gov. Stubbs of Kansas, after a conference with Col. Roosevelt today.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF DUKE OF FIFE

Rival Leaders in House of Commons Express Sympathy for Royal Family in Bereavement.

TARIFF COMMISSION RESOLUTION PASSED

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—This has been a quiet day. The House has spent almost altogether in discussion on the grain bill, a measure which is highly important but which is exceedingly technical and which furthermore is hardly controversial. In point of fact it is almost wholly an adoption of a measure left over by the Laurier government and Mr. Foster's one contribution was the observation that it was but the bill's foster father. Of course it interested the western members, who moved down to front seats and were very busy.

Earlier the tariff commission resolution was put through committee. It was not fully discussed, that phase being reserved for the bill, but Mr. White was briefly questioned and it was stated that the commission will hold office for five years.

At the opening of the House Mr. Borden drew the attention of the House of Commons to the loss of the Duke of Fife, the Duke's death being a great loss to the royal family and to the people of the United Kingdom.

FINISHING TOUCH ON HUDSON TUNNEL

Storming, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Mayor Gaynor of New York today touched the electric button and fired the blast that joined the two tunnels sunk on opposite sides of the Hudson river for the New York-Catskill aqueduct. Nine feet of granite separated the two eighteen foot shafts and the mayor and his party arrived on their special train. He discharged the blast that tore this rock from its bed 1,173 feet below the bed of the river.

MILITARY TRAIN ATTACKED BY MEXICAN REBELS

Cuernavaca, Mex., Jan. 30.—A military train conveying a detachment of rural guards intended to garrison this city was attacked several times yesterday on the way to the national capital. One fight which occurred at Tres Marias, forty-five miles south of the capital, lasted three hours. The rebels had four men wounded.

BRYAN WITHDRAWS FROM ARENA—HARMAN TO BE A CANDIDATE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 30.—The name of Judson Harmon, of Ohio was filed as a presidential candidate here today while that of William J. Bryan was withdrawn.

REFUSES REQUEST TO TAKE PRESIDENCY

Panama, Jan. 30.—Frederick Boyd today refused the request of the Supreme Court to take charge of the presidency which Dr. Pablo Arosemena has announced he will leave on Feb. 2.

Navy to Have New Style of Submarines

Barrow, Eng., Jan. 30.—The Admiralty has ordered from Vickers Sons and Maxim three submarines, bigger than any existing type and capable of long voyages. The submarines are to be armed with two quick-firers, which emerge through the hatchways, and are to be able to hold their position before the hatches close and the vessel submerges.

RECEIVES INSIGNIA FROM ASSOCIATION OF NAVY VETERANS

Fredericton, N.S., Jan. 30.—Lt. Col. Hon. H. F. McLeod, has received the gold insignia which is presented to the honorary members of the British Army and Navy Veterans Association of Boston. He was recently elected an honorary member of the association by whom he was banqueted in Boston some weeks ago and greatly prizes the handsome insignia, in the shape of a gold medal which he received this week, accompanied by a letter from the association.

TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENTS OF THE DREDGING WORK

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The public service commission has arranged to have two accountants, W. M. Dunlop, of Ottawa, and W. J. Taylor, of Toronto, cooperate with it in examining dredging accounts. These accounts aggregate several million dollars.

ROYAL ARCADE WANTS ITS MONEY BACK FROM STATE

Boston, Mass., Jan. 30.—In a petition filed in the supreme judicial court today the supreme council of the Royal Arcade, a fraternal insurance order asks that State Treasurer Elmer A. Stevens, be required to turn over to the council a fund of \$5,902.10, now on deposit with him. The deposit was made by the society under a former requirement of the revised law, but when the legislature of 1911 re-enacted the law this requirement was not included.

PLANS OF RAILWAY NOW TAKING MORE DEFINITE SHAPE

Boston, Jan. 30.—The plans of the Grand Trunk Railway to extend its lines to Boston, were given definite shape today by the joint rules committee of the legislature voted to admit the petition of the Grand Trunk for legislation authorizing such extension. Upon being admitted the petition will be referred to a committee and hearings will be held.

SHOTS WIFE THEN SETS FIRE TO HOUSE

Collinsville, Conn., Jan. 30.—In an insane frenzy John Keneady, a former Hartford fireman, shot his wife in the arm with a rifle today, set fire to the house of his father-in-law, Arthur Johnson, where his wife was living, and held a posse of four men at bay with his rifle until his ammunition gave out. He was then overpowered and locked up. The wounds of his wife were serious, are not expected to be fatal. The house was burned to the ground.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

Halifax, Jan. 30.—Bulletin—At midnight Hon. B. F. Pearson's condition was again reported unchanged and critical.

COUNTRY WAS BLED TO RID GRAND TRUNK

Business Incompetency of Laurier Government Let the People of Canada in for \$10,000,000 Contribution.

PRIVY COUNCIL FINDS GOVERNMENT MUST PAY

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Hon. W. T. White is giving notice of a resolution to authorize the payment of such sums as may be sufficient to discharge the obligations of His Majesty the King, acting in respect of the Dominion of Canada under the provisions of paragraph 5 of the schedule to chapter 24 of the Statutes of 1904, in accordance with the interpretation of these provisions by the judgment of the Lords of the Judicial committee of the Privy Council on the appeal of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

Behind these formal phrases is hidden a straight gift of about ten millions cash made to the Grand Trunk Pacific by the Laurier government, by the obscure wording of the revised agreement with the Railway Company. The original agreement of 1903 provided that the government should guarantee bonds of the Railway Company. These bonds were to be for three quarters of the cost of the prairie section, but not to exceed \$13,000,000 and three quarters of the cost of the mountain section, whatever that might be. The bonds were to be for the face value of these sums. In 1904 this agreement was modified and the word "implied" was introduced, whether by design or not, this agreement which Mr. Fielding put through obliges the government:

1. To guarantee these bonds.

2. In addition to pay in cash the difference between the par value of the bonds and the value which they realize on the money market.

In all there are, or will be, about seventy millions of these bonds. They were issued at first at 94 and of late have been getting only about 89. Their average price has been about 85 or 86 so that the deficiency will be about ten millions, and of this the sum of between four and five millions is due at once. The remainder will fall due later.

The late government tried to argue that the amended agreement meant that sufficient bonds must be issued to obtain the face value. Thus if \$70,000,000 were needed the government would guarantee \$2,000,000 bonds realizing 85.

The Privy Council held otherwise and the Grand Trunk Pacific can thank the business acumen of the Laurier government for this windfall of ten millions cash, which the people of Canada never dreamed of contributing to the coffers of the company.

TAFT TO ENTERTAIN CANADIAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The members of the Canadian section of the international waterways commission, who leave for Washington tomorrow are to be the guests of President Taft at a dinner at the White House.

The commission at the coming conference will finally approve of the procedure which is to govern the future sittings. The draft rules are, of course of a confidential nature, but the Standard is informed that a decision has been reached providing for two regular meetings annually, one in the spring and one in the fall, one to be held in Ottawa and one in Washington. In addition to these there will be special sittings from time to time at different places as occasion may arise.

SHOWS SURPLUS FOR THE QUARTER

New York, Jan. 30.—Directors of the United States Steel Corporation today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1.4 per cent. on the common stock, the regular quarterly dividend of 1.34 per cent. was declared on the preferred stock.

Total earnings for the fourth quarter ending Dec. 31st were \$22,165,115.

Net earnings for the quarter ending December 31st, were \$19,978,521, with a surplus net income for the quarter of \$39,633.

ARMY OF MILITIA PATROLS STREETS

Strike Situation in Lawrence was Unusually Quiet Yesterday.

Funeral of Anna Lopizo to be Attended by Ten Thousand Strikers by Permission of Military Authorities.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 30.—With an eleventh hour confession that it was she who stabbed Charles Muldoon, Mrs. Theresa Martin, aged 22 today, brought to a dramatic climax the trial of her brother, James P. McDermott, who was accused of Muldoon's murder.

The woman spent a hysterical hour on the stand this afternoon, hesitating to tell more than that on the night of the murder she had a quarrel with Muldoon and that during it she went to her home for a bread knife. Finally she was asked point blank: "Who drove the knife through Muldoon's heart?"

AGETELNE PLANT EXPLODES—TWO ARE SEVERELY BURNED

St. Stephen, Jan. 30.—Dennis Conlan, an inmate of the Calais Alms House, dropped dead in Christie's restaurant in St. Stephen at noon today. He was about seventy-five years of age and came to Calais from the Miramichi many years ago.

The acetylene lighting plant at the DeWolfe Hardware Co's store on King street exploded at about five o'clock this afternoon, with somewhat serious consequences. The glass front was blown into the street, a lot of plaster dislodged and one corner of the building shattered. At the time of the explosion, Walter DeWolfe was in the cellar where the plant was located and Elmer DeWolfe was at the door leading thereto and both were badly burned about the face.

SENATE WILL GIVE THOSE AFFECTED A CHANGE TO OBJECT

Washington, Jan. 30.—With the reporting of the democratic steel bill in the senate today, the tariff revision measure cutting the metal duties of the Payne-Aldrich Law from 35 to 50 per cent. was signed by Speaker Clark and passed on. The senate always refers tariff measures to the finance committee. The bill is expected to rest there for a time to permit hearings to many interests affected.

MONTREAL HARBOR COMMISSION TO GET FURTHER ADVANCE?

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The Minister of Marine and Fisheries tonight gives notice of a resolution providing for additional advances to the Montreal harbor commission up to a total of six million dollars. The money so advanced is to be devoted chiefly to the construction of terminal facilities and to pay off and retire debentures of the commission of the par value of six hundred thousand dollars, maturing at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum in each of the years 1913-14-15. The commission is to deposit with the Minister of Marine bonds covering the amount advanced, payable in twenty-five years at three and a half per cent.

MARTIAL LAW IN LISBON DISTRICT—FEW DISORDERS

Lisbon, Jan. 30.—Owing to the grave situation because of the general strike the constitutional guarantees have been suspended and martial law has been proclaimed in the district of Lisbon. The city has been handed over to the keeping of Gen. Carvalhal and troops surround the town. Reinforcements are constantly arriving, but because of the presence of the troops there were few disorders today. Liberty of work is absolutely guaranteed by the government.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 30.—With the exception of an early morning outbreak when a Syrian striker John Rami was seriously injured, so that he died tonight at the hospital, the textile strike situation was unusually quiet today in contrast with the turbulence of yesterday.

Army militia patrolled the streets under orders to shoot and shoot straight if need be to enforce orders against demonstrations of any kind. The presence of so many soldiers, and the increased severity in the military rule announced, apparently has its effect, for no efforts were made to hold mass meetings or parades, or to intimidate those who wanted to work. All but three of the mills were running today, and it was claimed that a larger number of operators than yesterday reported for work.

Col. Sweetser has granted permission for a parade of strikers in connection with the funeral tomorrow of Miss Anna Lopizo, a striker who was accidentally shot yesterday, but only after strike leader, Joseph J. Eitor had submitted to him the route of parade and had agreed that it should be purely a funeral procession and not a demonstration. The route first proposed by Eitor was not satisfactory to Col. Sweetser, who found that the strikers planned to march through the principal streets and go by an indirect route from the home of the dead woman to the church and cemetery. This route did not suit the military commander and his permission to parade was withheld until a direct route obtaining so far as could be, the possibilities of disturbance was selected.

It is expected that nearly ten thousand strikers and sympathizers will be in line and that the route of the procession will be well guarded by militia and police. No efforts were made today to bring about a settlement of the strike, or an agreement of any kind. The strikers committee met in executive session, but practically ignored the suggestion of Governor Foss that the operatives return to work for thirty days pending a settlement of their differences with the operators. Leader Eitor in this connection reiterated his statement of last night that any suggestion of this kind must come from the mill owners, or it would not be considered.

AMERICANIZING CANADIAN NORTH AT LONG DISTANCE

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—That Cook and Peary on their respective polar trips had named some Canadian land with American names and that unless something were done, Hall Columbia would be scattered all over the Canadian Arctic map, was the statement made today by Captain Bernier, the Canadian explorer. Captain Bernier is still working on his report to the government and pending its presentation would say nothing as to the result of his recent trip to the north.

But he was nothing short of decried the Americanization of the north, of what was really Canadian land. Peary had called one particular portion of land Crocker's Land in honor of one of his party, but Captain Bernier never set foot on it and had not been within miles of it. Cook had done the same with other portions, although he had never come closer than some twenty-five miles to the north. Captain Bernier declared this land should be renamed by proper occupation.

HUNDRED AND TWO CANDLES ON THIS BIRTHDAY CAKE

Headshurg, Cal., Jan. 30.—A cake of her own baking with 102 lighted candles, each symbolizing a year of her eventful life, held the place of honor on the table today when "Grandma" Electra Kennedy gave a birthday party in her home here.

Mrs. Kennedy was born in Derby, Vermont, in 1910. The Mexican was found her in Mexico where her husband had established a cotton mill. In her flight of 1,400 miles filled with exciting escapes from Mexicans and Americans, Mrs. Kennedy rode astride a mule. The gold rush of '49 brought the couple to California. Mrs. Kennedy was one of the first women to register when the new suffrage law was carried in this state. She attributed her long life to simple living.