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and how it is treasured today at our national Mecca, Mount Vernon. Here, also, as the revolutionary war went on, and her neighbors thronged her with plaudits and praises of her noble son—their idol and hero—she restrained their extravagant words, saying simply: George seems to have deserved well of his country, but we must not praise too much; George has not forgotten his duty. When she heard of the surrender at Yorktown she raised her hands and fervently thanked heaven that all was over. She had not seen her son for seven years. Now he was coming home. No word of "glory" or "honors" fell from his lips or hers. Yet this king among men had his reward. His mother had lived to welcome him back. It was like her and like him, when she knew the world was regarding him as head of the nation; head of a victorious host, to say, "He has been a good son. I believe he has done his duty as a man."—The Christian.

LONDON LETTER.

More or Less Sapiant Remarks for American Readers.

A Kingly Bugbear Conjured Up—Relations With Germany—Boss Croker Not Well.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—"Our Grandmother is dead. Comfort my mother."—Wilhelm.

This is the telegram Emperor William sent the empress a few minutes after Queen Victoria's death. It explains better than could columns of German and English editorials the feelings which exist among the reigning families of those countries. This close tie may shortly bring about another death-bed meeting of King Edward and his imperial nephew. English court rumor gives Empress Frederick but a short lease of life, and King Edward will no more allow his new duties to interfere with his desire to be at her bedside than did Emperor William consider the Berlin cabinet when he went in haste to Osborne. Thus, once more, the two rulers who are riveting the attention of the world, may be brought together under circumstances in which human emotions have the strongest play. This meeting, apart from its sad domestic cause, is bound to have an important moral effect both in Great Britain and in Germany, and the rest of the world. The feeling of the day on the subject of Emperor William's pro-English tendencies, known throughout the world, thanks to the antagonistic comments of portions of its press, finds its counterpart in England, though it is not so fully developed or freely expressed.

Now that the Emperor has gone, many people are asking: "Is the king going to follow Emperor William's example, and be an emperor in the true sense of the word?" The recent kingly functions, with all the outward signs of power, have made Great Britain realize for the first time in many years that it is still a country under a monarchy. Indeed, several papers are urging the president to pressure on the minister to eradicate the abuses in the army and push the war in South Africa. Many persons are seriously pondering on whether King Edward is going to rule or reign. There is all confusion of fact and common sense, but the sudden restoration of monarchical splendor and power and the keen sympathy between the German Emperor and King Edward make many loyal subjects anxious about the future. The last sign of this is the suggestion of an increase of the king's income. Henry Labouchere and many others have no hesitation in openly opposing it. Reference is frequently made to the small incomes of the presidents of the United States and France. There is little doubt that parliament will grant larger supplies, but this action will not serve to reconcile the country to its new condition.

"The English people," bluntly says this week's "Today," "would not tolerate a king who sought to rule as well as reign."

To those who have only read the King's utterances and have not seen the recent functions, the cause for any such remark is hidden. The functions attending the new reign have been so spectacular that the quaint rights of the people handed down from Commonwealth times escape notice. Before the members of the house of lords, Thursday, the clerk of the house mumbled a bill for the better prevention of certain clandestine outlaws. This bill was invariably read for hundreds of years before the king's speech was heard, in order to assert the right of both houses to transmit business without reference to any authority, but its own organization. The court is watched with keen interest. No one desires the king to force old favorites, yet there is a clearly expressed wish that some of these be not rewarded with official positions. The appointment of Sir Francis Knollys who was secretary to the king while the latter was Prince of Wales to be secretary of His Majesty, meets with universal approval, and is taken as a good omen. Sir Francis is the son of the King's former tutor. They were playfellows together.

Sandringham is likely to be to the King and Queen what Osborne was to Queen Victoria. Barracks will shortly be erected at the social residence, where householders, however, will not be neglected, for the King intends to make it his headquarters when gratifying his keen taste for yachting.

A humorous result of the British-German "entente" is evident in the monstrosities of the inhabitants of the west end of London. That upward and outward twist so associated with Emperor William's monstrosities, has been extensively adopted, especially by those having pretensions to military appearance.

The present session of parliament promises to be confined chiefly to army and Irish affairs, though the King's income and improvements in the condition of the poor may take up some time.

The war in South Africa has been talked threadbare. The determination of the government not to alter in the slightest degree its attitude towards the Boers is clearly recognized on all sides, and though this will not stop the futile debate, the country is not likely to follow it with any interest.

Colonel Charles Howard Vincent (conservative) is going to move that the Boers be recognized on a commercial basis, and that Canada's example be followed by granting the

empire's products fiscal preference. Both parties generally agree that something of this sort is necessary, but nothing is likely to result, the leaders maintaining that the time and conditions are not yet ripe for such an important step.

Intimate friends of Richard Croker openly declare he will never re-enter active political life in America. Those who have seen Mr. Croker recently noticed his general physical weakness, which is said to be a form of nervous melancholia, entirely opposed to his usual activity. A number of American racing friends, who know Mr. Croker intimately, say that while he will probably return to the United States during the coming summer, he has utterly tired of political work and would gladly pass over the control of Tammany Hall to younger hands.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Victoria Sends a Contingent of 1250 Men to South Africa.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Hermann, the president, died here today.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 15.—The fifth Victorian contingent, 1250 men all told, sailed for South Africa today.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The World today president of the Carnegie Steel Co. was formally selected yesterday as the head of the big steel combination.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 15.—Part of the crew of the Prince line steamer Spartan Prince, from New York for Naples, Genoa and Leghorn, which is ashore near Alcazar Point, were landed today. The weather was too boisterous for any attempt to save the vessel.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 15.—A passenger train bound from Sydney to Hurstville was derailed near Sydneyham and rolled over an embankment. Seven persons were killed and six injured.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Five men were suffocated yesterday by white damp at the Beath colliery in Fifeshire, Scotland.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 15.—A car on the Hamilton division of the Consolidated Traction Co. jumped the track tonight at the corner of 5th and Hamilton avenue and toppled over against the curb, completely wrecking the car and injuring twenty or more passengers. Four of them seriously, but not fatally.

TRADE CONDITIONS.

The General Outlook in the United States is Favorable.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will show a gain of 54.3 per cent. over 1899. Bank clearings for New York show a gain of 54.3 per cent. over 1900 for the week, while outside New York the increase was 10.5 per cent.

"Business continues of good volume in nearly all parts of the country. There is no important change in prices in any department of manufactured goods and some staples rise while others decline, but the long term situation remains as at present; the sure business world feels about a rise in prices in the future for the demand for merchandise for prompt consumption does not decrease.

"The standard measure of business makes favorable comparisons. The railroads of the country reporting for the first week of February shows a gain of 8 per cent. in gross earnings over last year, and 26.7 per cent. over 1899. Bank clearings for New York show a gain of 54.3 per cent. over 1900 for the week, while outside New York the increase was 10.5 per cent.

"Structural material and railway supplies are in greatest request, numerous heavy orders being accepted this week at full prices. There is no inclination to shade quotations of finished forms.

"No sign of weakness is apparent in any department of the boot and shoe industry. Some manufacturers have booked orders that will insure running on full time well into May, and it is an exceptional case where jobbers can secure March delivery even from the smaller shops. Forwardings from Boston were \$7,437 cases, against \$5,555 in the previous week.

"News regarding the textile manufacture is less encouraging, despite the fact that sales of wool at the three chief eastern markets rose to \$364,900 pounds, far exceeding all recent records and showing a gain of \$60,000 pounds over the same week last year.

"Cotton fabrics continue quiet and domestic mills are not fully occupied. Liverpool cables have given no support, while Manchester is securing raw cotton from India in unusually large quantities.

"Failures for the week number 257 in the United States, against 218 last year, and in Canada 40, against 42 last year.

A MISSOURI TRAGEDY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy, her father, Charles W. Prince, and her two brothers, William and Albert Prince, will be tried for the murder on last January 1 of Philip E. Kennedy, contracting agent of the Merchants' Despatch company. Mrs. Kennedy, who shot and killed her husband, was indicted yesterday by the grand jury for murder in the first degree. Later warrants were issued against her father and brothers, charging them with being accessories in the crime. Kennedy's murder was the culmination of a sensational wedding, which he had brought suit to have set aside, asserting that it had been forced.

RUSSIAN TARIFF.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—M. Dewitte, minister of finance, has issued a decree repealing the application of the increased tariff to certain imports from the United States. The decree is based upon the first paragraph of article 623 of the customs statute. The measure will become effective a fortnight after its promulgation.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Paul Kruger is Very Despondent and Keenly Disappointed.

Kitcheners Reports That DeWet is Being Hotly Pursued—Some Boer Prisoners.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Pall Mall Magazine will publish, Feb. 18, an interview with Mr. Kruger, in part as follows:

"Will no one arbitrate? Will no one give us a chance of defending ourselves? We may have done wrongly. We have our faults and our weakness. We declared war, but our hands were forced, and we can prove it. Get some one to judge between England and ourselves.

"But the Lord will help us in the end. We shall win. I do not know how or when but we shall win at last."

Mr. Kruger says the Transvaal offered more reforms in one week than an older country would make in forty years, giving in on all points almost to the uttermost extent, but that the ultimatum was seized upon as a stumbling block.

Referring to his reception in Europe, which has bitterly disappointed him, Mr. Kruger says:

"I care nothing for flowers; nothing, nothing. The people who send them, mean well, and I am grateful; but I care nothing for them. What I want is a fair hearing. If they will only give us a fair hearing and justice, I ask for justice. We are a little folk, but we have made great steps."

When asked why he came to Europe, he said to the interviewer:

"I could not go out with the commandos, as Mr. Steyn can. I am too old, but I may be of some use here."

Regarding Mrs. Kruger, he said:

"I am sorry for her, too. I have a deep sorrow for her, but I have far more for my country. My wife has her children. Six are still with her. They were left with her in her home. Two of my sons have died on the battlefield. Two were captured. I believe two more are dead also, as I have not heard from them for two months, and I know they were in the thick of the fight."

"Thirty-one sons and grandsons I have in the field yet, but I could not go on commando. I have not heard from my wife for sixteen days, but has six children with her and she is not to be pitied."

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Gen. Kitcheners, telegraphing from De Aar, Cape Colony, under today's date, says:

"Dewet's force crossed the railway at Rozenfontein, sliding north of here, before daylight, Feb. 15, closely followed by Plumer, Cradock and armored trains. They engaged the enemy while crossing. The Boers, however, cut the lines north and south of the place of crossing."

"We captured over twenty wagons, many of which were loaded with ammunition, and also a Maxim, twenty prisoners and over one hundred horses. The troops are still in close pursuit."

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—Five Boer prisoners who escaped from the Island of Ceylon have arrived at a Crimean port on board the Russian steamer to which they swam while in the harbor of Colombo. Among them is a nephew of President Steyn and a brother-in-law of General Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief.

MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID.

MADRID, Feb. 15, (Midnight).—General Weyler says that for the present rigorous martial law will be maintained, but that, if the same tranquility continues as has characterized the last two days, he will soon issue a milder proclamation. El Heraldo publishes a proclamation by General Weyler saying that he will do his best to avoid bloodshed, but that as martial law has been proclaimed his duty is to maintain order, independent of all political questions. Madrid remains perfectly calm, although the talk of a change of ministry after the carnival is very strong. El Dia has been suppressed.

Two persons were killed and several others were wounded yesterday in Granada. El Heraldo publishes a dispatch from Valencia, saying that troops occupy strategic points in the town, and that the composers of the republican newspaper, El Pueblo, have been arrested.

BURIED A MAN ALIVE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—According to Mail advices from the Philippines, Captain Novicio, the insurgent officer who commanded the band which captured Lieut. Gilmour and party of the Yorktown and held them captives for many months, has been sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life, on the charge of having permitted one of Gilmour's party to be buried alive. The victim was a sailor named McDonald, who was a burden to the Philippines because of his wounds.

A DISHONEST MAGISTRATE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Tribune says: This committee appointed by the bar of Peekskill to take into consideration the advisability of making application to the appellate division to have Justice E. L. Lorch, of Cortlandt, moved from office for alleged malfeasance, last night unanimously reported that the charges were true. The charges were that he illegally retained fees, improperly and corruptly conducted his court, improperly kept his docket and extorted money upon protracted times from unfortunate and ignorant people.

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You are therefore required to cite the Heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all of the creditors and other persons interested in his said estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of Saint John, at the Probate Court Room in the Pugsley Building, in the City of Saint John, on MONDAY, the eighteenth day of FEBRUARY NEXT, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and there to show the passing and allowing of the said accounts as prayed for, and as by Law directed.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said City and County of Saint John, this fourteenth day of January A. D. 1901.

(Sgd.) J. TRUHAN, Judge of Probate.

(Sgd.) JOHN McILLAN, Registrar of Probate.

SHIPPING HED HUNG UP.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—That the opposition to the shipping bill in the senate will not permit a vote to be taken on the measure at the present session was made clear during the closing hour of today's session. For several days it has been evident that it would be difficult to gain unanimous consent to take a vote upon the measure, but not until today was the frank assertion made that a vote could not be had.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 16, 1901.

HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED?

It is proposed to erect at St. John a monument in honor of the New Brunswick men who fell in South Africa. The Star, over five months ago, started a Quarter Dollar Fund, and the mayor has also opened a subscription list. The movement is endorsed by the press, and besides the contributions by individuals and by firms and their employees, as already acknowledged in this paper, one of the churches has devoted a large offering to the purpose. But as yet only a comparatively few of the citizens have contributed. The Star makes no apology for continually reminding its readers of these facts, and calling upon them to join in bringing to a successful issue so worthy an undertaking. It would be but a poor acknowledgment if the people of St. John did no more than cheer the men who went away and who came back again. Some will never come to us again, because their bodies lie under the sod their eager feet traversed in the struggle which, in bringing freedom to others, brought death to them. Do we honor their memory? Do we glory in the cause for which they died? Then let us erect in the city of the loyalists a memorial worthy of their sacrifice and of our devotion to the empire. Shame be upon us when we shout for the flag, if at the same time we forget the men who went out from among us and died for the freedom which it represents. It would be a singular commentary upon the wild enthusiasm with which we cheered the departing heroes if the only memorial to those who fell should be the rough slab that marks their resting place on the battle field or in the South African cemetery. Does anyone hesitate because the Star was the first paper to take up the question of a monument? Then let them give their subscription to the mayor or to some other newspaper. This journal will as cheerfully acknowledge their contributions. The memorial is to be a memorial erected by the people. There should be no delay or hesitation. The fund should grow rapidly. The idea of this paper in starting a Quarter Dollar fund was to give all a chance to contribute, and as yet no better suggestion has been offered. If any desire to contribute many quarters they are not debarred. Make the fund grow. That is the important thing. Every quarter counts one.

THE NEW DRILL HALL.

The agitation in favor of a drill hall in a central location is one that should receive the sympathetic consideration of the city council and the federal government. The necessity for a new building is beyond question, since the government architect has condemned the present structure at the Barrack Square. It is certain that a new drill hall will be erected, and the only question to be decided is that of its location. One great objection to the present structure has been that it was so far from the centre of the town. Men do not care to walk so far before and after drill, in all kinds of weather. The shed was, moreover, inadequate to the requirements of the militia, and far behind the drill halls provided in other cities.

An armory in the centre of the city would be a resort for all the militia, and would tend very much to popularize the service and attract the best class of recruits. The Star is informed that the militia force in St. John is over six hundred strong, including eight companies of the Fusiliers, four of the Artillery and a Bearer company. The officers of these companies have to pay at present for their band rooms, officers' rooms and sergeants' rooms, and thus incur an expense of at least three hundred dollars. The Artillery have no place for big-gun drill, nor have the Bearer company any place for their waggon. When the new drill hall is erected it will, of course, be large and of modern design, worthy of the city and of the purpose to which it will be devoted.

If no other arrangement is made, and the hall is built on the present government grounds at the Barrack Square, it will greatly interfere with the exhibition grounds; and would not be as well located for military purposes as if established farther up town.

There is yet another consideration. It not infrequently occurs that a hall is required for the purpose of a public dinner, or a bazaar, or some such purpose, and none satisfactory in every way is available. A drill hall

built up-town would admirably meet this want. It would also be of advantage in drilling cadet corps and school companies, if such were organized. There would also be great advantage to the Exhibition Association if that body could secure the present government property as part of the exhibition grounds.

From every standpoint, therefore, it seems desirable that the city and the militia department come to some satisfactory arrangement whereby the city can take over the property at the Barrack Square and the department be provided with a good site up-town for the new drill hall. The petition of the militia officers has gone before the city council, and has been referred to the general committee. This committee should soon be convened, so that if any agreement can be made the necessary appropriation might be included in the supplementary estimates at the present session of parliament.

There is a pathetic note of despondency in the interview which Paul Kruger has granted to the Fall-Mall Gazette. The old man has lost his defiant spirit, and his assurance that he still has faith in Providence is not borne out by the general tenor of his remarks. One is disposed to think charitably of the old man in his dark hour, far from home, and so utterly disappointed in all his hopes of European intervention; yet we cannot forget that no more intolerant despot has ruled any people in recent years than was Paul Kruger before he, by his own act, precipitated this war. That the old man, separated from his family and his people, and suffering in health, is a pitiful figure, admits of no doubt; but he has himself to blame; and, unfortunately, the same course that has brought him to this state has desolated the hearts and homes of many more deserving people.

LIVERPOOL LUMBER MARKET.

Farnworth & Jardine's lumber trade circular, of Feb. 1st, says there were no sales of St. John deals to report in January. Lower port deals sold at 27 1/2 to 27 3/4 per standard. Birch planks sold at 27 1/2 to 27 3/4. The stock of N. B. and N. S. spruce deals held in Liverpool and near-by ports on Feb. 1st was 18,860 standard, compared with 11,220 a year before, and 13,990 two years before. Consumption during January was less than in the corresponding weeks of 1900, and about the same as in January 1899. The circular says: "The stock is still excessive, and values are difficult to maintain."

THERE IS NO DANGER.

It will be observed by the Star's readers that the enterprising London correspondent of the Associated Press has discovered cause for grave public concern in the recent "kingly functions" in that city. It is necessary in reading these cable letters to remember that they are written primarily to be read by the people of the United States, in whose minds a king or an emperor is regarded as a most dangerous person. Will the king rule as well as reign? This is the question asked. The valued correspondent of the Associated Press must have lived long enough under the British flag to know that the people rule; and there is no more danger of King Edward becoming a despot than there is of President McKinley calling around him the army for which congress has just provided, and declaring himself an emperor.

At a civic election in Charlottetown this week for the selection of water commissioners two propositions—the municipal ownership of a lighting plant and the abolition of the ward system—were put before the people. There was a majority of votes against both questions.

TWENTY-SIX SKELETONS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—A special to the Tribune from Austin, Texas, says: "W. VanSickle, member of the house of representatives from Brewster County, has returned from a visit to his western Texas home, and brings the report of the discovery in the Chisos Mountains, ninety miles south of the town of Alpine, of a cave heretofore unknown. In this cave were found the skeletons of twenty-six human beings. The skulls were submitted to an examination. Surgeons say they are not skulls of Indians. It is the impression of Judge Van Sickle and of others that the bones are those of members of the expedition of Cabezo De Vaca. The De Vaca expedition was in the 16th century. De Vaca started out to find an Eldorado, and his route was across Texas from east to west and into Mexico. They are said to have perished with the exception of the leader.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds, fair, moderate westerly winds, fair and moderately cold on Sunday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York—Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday fair, fresh northwesterly winds.

WHY NOT ALL.

(Philadelphia Record.)
"I think," said the man who was growing bald, "I'll have a hair cut." "Why not have the whole done or so cut?" queried the funny barber.

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The commons only sat today for fifteen minutes. The report of the committee on select committees was submitted and passed. A committee was then appointed to assist the speaker in the management of the library.

Mr. Lancaster introduced a bill to compel railways to maintain cattle guards, and providing for the recovery of damages in case of neglect. The auditor general's report was laid on the table, and Mr. Fielding moved the house go into supply, but Mr. Borden of Halifax objected on the ground that the report had not been placed in the hands of the members. Mr. Maclean announced that he would not press his motion re nationalization of railways until next week owing to the absence of a number of members who wish to speak on it. The house adjourned until Monday.

NOTES.

A deputation waited on the cabinet today and asked for a bounty of one cent per pound for three or five years on beet sugar grown in Canada. The principal argument in favor of the bounty was that the cost of coal would be an important item in producing sugar. As Premier Laurier was not present no inducements were held out. The tuberculosis executive today decided to make Ottawa the headquarters of the organization, and Dr. Eby was appointed general organizer and secretary.

On Monday Mr. Fowler will interrogate the government in regard to the erection of a station at Passaseag, and will ask how work begun, and if not, why not. Mr. Fowler also seeks information regarding the dismissal of John E. McAuley, postmaster of Lower Millstream, Kings county.

A deputation of cattlemen holding opposite views on the tuberculosis test and other regulations affecting tuberculosis stock, interviewed the minister of agriculture today, with a view to having made some regulation more acceptable to all.

Mr. Edwards championed the present regulations requiring a rigid tuberculosis test in quarantine of all imported cattle, while David McCrae of Guelph advocated the abolition of the test, not only in quarantine, but all over the country.

Hon. Sydney Fisher is not in favor of abolishing the test, but a compromise was agreed on, whereby changes in the method of administering the test will be made. It was agreed that legislation should be introduced abolishing the law that now prohibits the selling of hides of tuberculosis stock.

The house will not sit on Ash Wednesday. Mr. Clare on Tuesday will introduce an "act to restrict the importation and employment of aliens."

BOUGHT A VELASQUEZ FOR \$80,000.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts Gets a Celebrated Spanish Painting.

The trustees of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts have bought a large painting by Velasquez, "The Prince Baltazar Carlos and His Dwarf," a characteristic example of the great Spanish master. It comes from the private collection of the Earl of Carlisle, in whose residence, Castle Howard, at York, England, it has hung for many years. The work belongs to Velasquez's second or intermediate period, and was painted soon after his return to Madrid from his first visit to Italy, when the Prince Baltazar Carlos was almost 12 not quite 3 years old. The picture was bought from Knicker & Co. of New York on the recommendation of several American artists who have made a special study of the works of Velasquez, including William M. Chase of New York and Frederick P. Vinton of Boston. It is exhibited in the Lawrence room of the museum for the present. The price paid is said to have been \$80,000.

REV. MR. KELLER'S CASE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Herald says:—Legal counsel of the highest order will be employed to defend the Rev. John Keller, of Arlington, N. J., who was recently shot and seriously wounded by Thomas A. Barker, the latter believing that he was avenging a wrong done to his wife. Funds for this purpose will be supplied by Dean Hoffman, of the General Theological seminary. Occultists of the first rank will also be employed for the purpose of saving Mr. Keller's sight, which he is in danger of losing. These specialists will also be paid by Dean Hoffman, who has sent to the wounded clergyman a message of confidence and assurance that money will not be lacking to protect his rights in every way.

ANOTHER POLAR EXPEDITION.

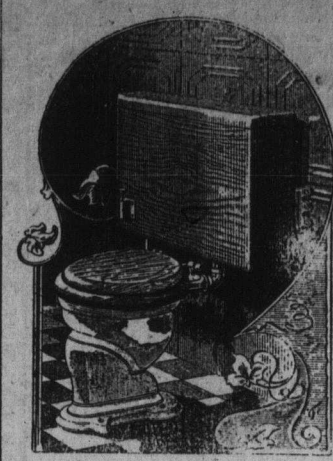
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 16.—Four portable houses, two steam launches, a complete photographic apparatus, fifty tons of dog food—this comprises the list of supplies which Baldwin, Arctic explorer and meteorologist, expects to purchase in Philadelphia for the use of the Baldwin-Zeigler polar expedition. Mr. Baldwin registered at the hotel Walton last night and opened negotiations with local merchants.

"Everything points to the middle of June as the date of our sailing from New York," he said. "The America is the permanent expedition ship, and will carry thirty men in her crew. We shall go around the North Cape, Norway, to some point in Russia, from there we shall strike northward, past Nova Zembla to Franz Josef land. Here the vessels will part company. The America will continue northward, and the members of the expedition will struggle to attain the north pole by land or sea. We will carry provisions for two years."

QUEBEC, Feb. 15.—The legislature today adopted a resolution of condolence on the death of the Queen. Speeches were made by Premier Paré and Hon. E. J. Ryan, the opposition leader, after which the legislature adjourned.

Many people try to get what they think they want; these are the knaves. The rest try to think they want what they get; and these are the fools.

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If you are thinking of making changes in your Bath Room or putting in new w.c., why not get one of these high class closets at the extremely low price I am selling them at.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. John's church, Rev. J. deSoyres, rector—Services tomorrow at 8 (Holy Communion), 11 and 7. The Rev. H. J. Hamilton of Gifu (Japan) will preach at the morning service on behalf of Foreign Missions; preacher at the evening service, the rector. On Monday evening a public missionary meeting will be held, when Mr. Hamilton will lecture upon Japan.

Centenary Methodist church Sunday Services—11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. R. W. Weddall in the morning, and in the evening the pastor, Rev. John Read, D. D.; Sunday school, 2.30 p.m.

Trinity church, Rev. J. A. Richardson, rector; Rev. W. W. Craig, curate—Quinquagesima; morning service and celebration of the Holy Communion at 11; congregational Bible class at 2.45; Sunday school at 3; evening service, when all seats are free, at 7; Rev. W. W. Craig will preach in the morning, and the rector in the evening.

Main street Baptist church—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. White; morning subject, Expect and Attempt for God; evening, Weighed and Wanting; Evangelist John M. Whyte of Toronto will sing at both services. Pleasant Sunday afternoon meeting at 3.30; speaker, Rev. Ira Smith; subject, Seeking a Bride; spirited congregational singing, led by Mr. Whyte, who will also sing at this service.

Brussels street Baptist church—Preaching by the pastor, H. F. Warling, at 11 and 7; subject for morning, Harnessing the Church's Niagara; subject for evening, The Sources of Ability; Sunday school at 2.30; pastor's class for men, same hour; subject, The Rock of Moses.

Queen square—Morning service, Rev. Dr. Read; evening service, Rev. R. W. Weddall; Sabbath school, 2.30 p.m.

Zion Methodist church, junction of Wall street and Burpee avenue, Rev. Dr. Wilson, pastor—Rev. George Steel will preach at 11; Sabbath school at 2.30; pastor will preach at 7. Service at Millidgeville at 2.30.

Carmarthen street Methodist church—Rev. Wm. Penna will preach at 11 a.m., and the pastor, Rev. G. A. Sellar, at 7 p.m.; Sunday school at 2.30 p.m.; special services continued through the week.

Reformed Baptist church, Carlisle street, Rev. M. S. Trafton, pastor—Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sabbath school, 2.15; prayer meeting, 3.15; Sacrament at the close of the evening service.

Leinster street Baptist church, Ira Smith, pastor—Services tomorrow as usual; Y. P. meeting, Monday evening; prayer meeting, Friday.

Mission Church St. John Baptist, Paradise row, Church of England—Quinquagesima Sunday; Holy Eucharist, at 8 a.m., and choral with sermon at 11 a.m.; evensong and sermon at 7 p.m.; Rev. C. B. Kenrick will preach in the morning on Charity, and in the evening on The Eucharistic Sacrifice. Wednesday, next being Ash Wednesday, will be observed in this church as a quiet day or Retreat; the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.30 a.m., and there will also be services at 9.30, 10.30, 12 o'clock, and at 8 and 8 p.m.; at these services short addresses will be given.

Coburg street Christian church, Dr. R. Bentley Ray, pastor—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday school at 2.30; young people's meeting Monday evening, 8 o'clock; prayer and social meeting Thursday evening, 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

Douglas avenue Christian church, J. Chas. B. Appel, pastor—Preaching at 11 o'clock; subject, Word and Work; evening at 7 o'clock, choral sermon; special services every evening next week at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

German street Baptist church—Preaching on Lord's day at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. by Rev. J. D. Freeman of Fredericton; Sunday school at 2.30 p.m.; prayer meeting on Monday and Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

Baptist Tabernacle, Haymarket square, pastor, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse—Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; morning subject, The Sins of the Tongue; evening subject, The Waiting Saviour; special evangelistic services every night of the week at 7.45.

Portland Methodist—Rev. Dr. Wilson, morning; Rev. Geo. Steel, pastor, in the evening; Sunday school at 2.15. Christian Science services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; subject, Mind; Sunday school at 2.30 p.m., Wednesday at 8 p.m.; reading room open daily from 2.30 to 5 p.m., in Oddfellows' building, corner Union street and Haven avenue.

Unitarian church, Rev. Wayland L. Beers, minister—Sunday school and adult study class at 11 a.m.; regular service of worship at 7 p.m. only; sermon topic, Prayer, Its Nature and Efficacy.

The Rev. Ira Smith will give an address at the boys' meeting in the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, on the subject, Doing One's Best. All boys will be heartily welcome. Exmouth street Methodist church—Rev. C. T. Phillips will preach on Sunday morning, and in the evening Rev. T. J. Deinstadt will preach a temperance sermon. The members of Glad Tidings Temperance Society will attend in a body. Major Pickering, provincial officer of

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TO LET.

TO LET—The corner Flat of Sharkey House (no table), situated on south side Elliott Row, at present occupied by John M. Dick, Esq. Rent \$200. Can be inspected on afternoons of Friday, A. C. FAIRWEATHER, Solicitor, etc., Barnhill's Building.

TO LET—A large Store and Cellar, on corner of Union and Waterloo streets, opposite Golden Ball corner. This is one of the best business stands in the city. Enquire of FRASER, FRASER & CO.

TO LET—Lower flat, with basement, of House No. 41 Garden street. Recently remodelled. Apply to A. R. WILSON, 23 Union street.

TO BE LET—Dwelling house No. 131 Prince street, at present occupied by J. E. Calkin, Esq. Dining room, double drawing room, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, etc. May be seen on Thursday afternoons or on other days on application to R. T. STURDER, 59 Prince Wm. street.

TO LET—Flat No. 138 Orange street, six rooms, separate entrance, rent \$50 per year. Apply to E. W. PAUL, 166 Waterloo street.

TO LET—Lower flat, No. 170 Duke street. For particulars apply to A. GILMOUR, 65 King street, or J. S. ARMSTRONG, 37 Charlotte street.

TO LET—From 1st of May, upper flat of house 275 Prince street. Apply to Thomas Bustin, 275 Prince street, or Basil & Porter, Prince Wm. street (Chubb's Corner).

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED—Situations for a number of young women, to do house work or look after children. Apply to MR. GARDNER, Glad Tidings Hall, Brunswick street, between 19 and 23 in the morning.

MONEY TO LOAN

On Freehold and Leasehold Property—repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Prince street.

WANTED.

WANTED—A first-class Veeet Maker. Apply to D. & J. Paterson.

WANTED—Girl for general housework in small family. Apply at 134 Main, lower flat.

WANTED—Two intelligent boys to learn the cabinet making. Enquire at factory, east end of Union street, J. & J. D. HOWE.

The eastern provinces, will deliver stirring addresses at the Charlotte street barracks on Sunday.

Congregational church, Union street, Rev. R. R. Morson, pastor—Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p.m.; regular prayer service Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock.

St. David's church—Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison; Sabbath school and pastor's Bible class at 2.30 p.m.; Bible class course, Life and Times of Joseph.

FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 15.—The supreme court was to have met this morning to deliver judgments. Only Mr. Justice Gregory was present, and he announced that owing to the illness of the chief justice and Mr. Justice Barker, and the inability of the other judges to attend, the court would stand adjourned until Friday next.

Eight Scott Act fines were paid at the police court this morning. They totalled \$400.

It is rumored about town that Dr. W. C. Crockett is to be a candidate for the majority at the approaching civic election.

HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 15.—Colin Chisholm of Sydney, one of the best known barristers of Nova Scotia, died today. He represented Cape Breton in the house of assembly between 1858 and 1880 in the conservative interest. He was a member of the firm of Chisholm, Crowe & Burchell.

Two hundred people accepted invitations from Furness, Withy & Co. today and visited their new steamer Loyalist. She sails for London tonight with 12,500 barrels of apples as part of her cargo.

AN ENCOURAGER OF TEMPERANCE.

No, Maria, you needn't worry. I tell you I won't touch a drop of liquor all the time I'm down to New York. What makes you so sure you won't? Well, I suddenly won't so long as that murderin' alcoholic ward in Bellevue hospital is kept a-runnin'.

DYKEMAN'S

3 Entrances

438 Pairs of Pure English
Worsted Stockings

(Ribbed) at 27 1-2c.

Per Pair.

ON MONDAY MORNING—not before—we will place on sale this large quantity of worthy stockings, most suitable for boy's wear, but many of them will be sold for girls. Quantity as follows—four dozen 6 1-2, two dozen 7, one and a half dozen 7 1-2, three dozen 8, five and a half dozen 8 1-2, four dozen 9, thirteen and a half dozen 9 1-2. You may have your choice of the lot, commencing Monday morning, at 27 1-2c. The 8, 8 1-2 and 9 and 9 1-2 are regular 50c. stockings, 7 1-2 are 45c. stockings, 7 are 40c. and 6 1-2 are 35c. These are the prices at which they are sold at regular selling, but having bought this quantity at the end of the season at a big reduction, we are enabled to sell them at this marvellously low price of 27 1-2c., two pairs for 55c., or three pairs for 80c. They have seamless feet, and are perfect goods in every way, notwithstanding that they are sold at nearly half price.



Wrappers.

A smaller lot than we had last Friday, but equally as good in value, so if you want to share in this special offer, you will have to come early Monday morning, \$1.00 will be the price for Monday. Their actual worth is \$2.25. Made from a nice, heavy velvet, prettily trimmed, caplets on shoulders. Waist lined throughout, skirt good and full.

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Butter Prints!

Choicest quality from the best N. B. dairies:

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THE LATE MISS MURRAY.

In addition to the resolutions passed

by the Women's Council and Natural

History Society, quoted in yesterday's

Star, the ladies' committee of the Pro-

testant Orphan Asylum passed resolu-

tions at regard and condolence. In

the Star's statement of the floral trib-

utes sent, that credited to the Natural

History Society was sent by the Belie-

ving Reading Club, and that credited to

the Women's Council was sent by the

Natural History Society.

WANT ADS.

In order to be of as much service as possible to the working people of St. John, the STAR will insert FREE all advertisements of Situations Wanted, For any other Want Ads. there will be a small charge.

Read the Ads.

in the Star.

LOCAL NEWS.

Schooner Evolution cleared today

for St. George, Grenada, with lumber.

There is an agitation in Sackville

in favor of having the town incorporated.

A magic lantern entertainment will

be held in Victoria Hall, Westfield, to-

night.

A Prince Edward Island mail was

distributed at the post office this

morning, the first one for many days.

The mill at Pokok owned by Charles

Miller, will begin spring operations a

week from Monday.

Registrar Jones reported three mar-

riages during the past week and eleven

births, three being males.

A public meeting is called for Mon-

day evening, in the Oddfellows Hall,

Carleton, to discuss the proposed fire

law.

The news of the death of Percy Bul-

leya, only child of Hon. and Mrs. G.

H. V. Bulleya, of Regina, has been re-

ceived by his friends in Gagetown.

Alder P. Elderkin, son of E. B. Elder-

kin, and Miss Bertha McDonald, daugh-

ter of the late J. E. McDonald, were

married in Amherst on Thursday.

Manifests were received today for

sixteen cars of corn, nine of cattle,

and seven of sheep over the C. P. R.

for export.

The Carleton County Agricultural

society will ask the provincial govern-

ment to grant \$1,000 toward an exhi-

bition in Woodstock this year.

A despatch last night from Chatham,

Mass., reports that a northwestern gale

and very cold weather forced several

schooners to return to that port.

The remains of the late Rev. Joseph

Barker, whose death occurred at Bon-

aventure, Quebec, several days ago,

were taken to his former home at

Sheffield for interment.

The Thistles' Quilting Club will meet

this afternoon to arrange the match

between the Scotchmen and all-com-

ers. There is some talk of the Thistles

taking an eastern trip, playing at

Moncton, Sackville and Amherst.

The Star has received from the

hustling agency of the Metropolitan

Life Insurance Co. several very pretty

wall calendars in striking colors. The

picture is that of a pretty little miss

holding a large bunch of carnations.

A cable last night from St. John's,

Newfoundland, stated that a lot of

miscellaneous wreckage was seen near

the place where the steamer Lucerne

was supposed to have been wrecked, but

no definite information could be

obtained owing to the raging seas.

Major Pickering, provincial officer of

the eastern provinces, will deliver a

series of addresses at the Charlotte street

barracks tomorrow. The major is a

pleasing and forcible speaker, and

commands great crowds. Don't fail to

hear him.

St. James church Boys' Brigade held

last evening a military concert in the

school room, Broad street. A good

programme was presented, consisting

of drill exercises by the brigade, which

were executed in a creditable manner

by the boys, recitation by Rev. Mr.

Dewdney and songs by Mr. Tonge.

The statement in last night's Star

that Godfrey Newsham, of St. Ste-

phen, had passed the examination of

the N. B. Pharmaceutical Society is

incorrect. He has passed the prelim-

inary examination only, and cannot be

registered until the remaining portions

of the examination have been passed.

The Star copied the item from a St.

Stephen paper, which was evidently

misinformed.

A surprise party was held Thurs-

day evening at the residence of Alex-

ander Logan, Strait Shore road. The

occasion was the eleventh anniver-

sary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs.

Logan. W. W. White, on behalf of

the company, presented Mr. and Mrs.

Logan with a handsome China tea

set. The affair was in charge of Miss

Emma Straight and Miss Lillian

White.

A few days ago an aged citizen of

Upper Blackville, named Cowie, died

from wounds indicated by his own

hands. He had a razor concealed on

his person, and in a fit of desponden-

cy, slashed his neck so badly that

he died from the effects two days after.

He was in his 87th year, and had

been enjoying good health.

Mrs. Maud McDonald died of con-

sumption at her home in Carleton,

Carleton Co., Feb. 4th. At the age of

35 years. She leaves a husband and a

little boy, four years old. Mrs. Mc-

Donald was Miss Florence Brackett,

of Carleton, where her father and

mother and one sister and one brother

still reside. One brother lives in the

United States. She had been married

about six years.

THOSE DRAPED PUBLIC BUILD-

INGS.

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir—Your timely and practical suggestion regarding disposal of cloth used in draping public buildings, is "fall right" and should be acted on at once. And, by the way, should not those who really did this work receive some credit? That is, those who furnished the designs and the brains and the energy requisite for carrying them out so successfully. The admirable work on the post office was almost entirely due to the good taste of T. Jenkins, of the P. O. staff, and R. B. Gilmour. The other four buildings were done by men who carried out their own designs and did their own head work and received, at will receive, the same large pay (\$2 per day) as those who labored under them. \$2 per day for work requiring taste, skill and judgment, and sometimes at the risk of life as well "back to life" to liberal workers.

Yours truly,

LLOYD ANDREWS.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 16th, 1901.

AUCTION SALES.

At Chubb's corner this morning a

property on Adelaide street, belong-

ing to the estate of the late Miss Jen-

kins, was sold at \$400.

Five hundred shares of Big Five

mining stock sold at 15 cents, and an-

other similar lot brought 14 cents.

Five hundred shares of Gold King

sold at 63 cents.

Property belonging to the Hendrick's

estate was sold. Lots 12 and 21 in

Guy ward, the former under lease to

Hugh Sloan, were bought by him for

\$300. The property occupied by T. L.

Bourke, Water street, was sold to him

for \$3,000. A similar property, occu-

pied by C. B. Allen, and another oc-

cupied by H. Peters' Sons, were

put up and withdrawn.

P. E. ISLAND MAIL.

(Examiner, Thursday.)

The boats did not leave this side to-

day. The boats from Cape Torment-

ine with 55 bags of mail and a num-

ber of passengers arrived at 2 o'clock.

Consequently we will have a mail

this afternoon, the first in ten days.

PERSONAL.

Col. Marchant has returned from New

York.

Rev. G. M. Campbell of Fredericton

will preach in Woodstock tomorrow.

Ross Willis, who has been suffering

from a serious attack of pneumonia, is

recovering rapidly.

Rev. T. F. Fullerton, of Charlott-

town, is ill and was unable to deliver

a lecture arranged for this week.

Judge Wilson of Fredericton is quite

ill at his home, threatened with pleu-

risy.

Rev. D. A. Steele of Amherst has

been confined to his room for over a

week with grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Ryan of Sack-

ville leave the first of the week, prob-

ably Tuesday, for St. Augustine, Flor-

ida.

Nelson Keith of New Hampshire was

called to his home yesterday at Havel-

ock, Kings county, by the severe ill-

ness of his mother.

Says Thursday's Charlottetown Ex-

aminer: "H. H. Pitts, the representa-

tive of the Grand Lodge, L. O. A.,

crossed from Cape Tormentine this

morning. The session to have been

held today has been postponed."

His Honor Judge Hanington, who

has been ill for some days with the

prevailing la grippe, is improving, but

is not yet able to be out.—Moncton

Times, Feb. 14.

John McCarthy, who makes his home

at Windsor, N. B., will be in the

William Jennings, the well known mer-

chant tailor, expect to leave very soon

upon an extended European trip,

which will include a visit to Rome.

Peter E. Arbo of Blackville has re-

turned from St. Paul, Minn. He has

been absent two years.

The veteran Senator Wark is enjoy-

ing good health and expects to leave

for Ottawa early in March to take up

his parliamentary duties.

Florence Fraser, a talented

Pictou, N. S. girl, has been appointed

stenographic reporter for the legisla-

ture of Idaho. Her brother, Hon. Al-

fred A. Fraser, of Boise City, Idaho,

is a member of the legislature.

POLICE COURT.

Merritt Lord of Carleton doesn't like

Sergeant Ross at all. This morning he

took occasion to call the officer several

names which really weren't nice.

Sergeant Ross started after Lord, who

spoke and ran. He caught him on the

ferry boat, and a rough and tumble

ensued, which resulted in Lord being

locked up at the central station.

William Nairn charged with steal-

ing a gold watch, came up before

Judge Ritchie again this morning. S-

wanton, a witness the accused whis-

pered to have heard, gave his testimony.

Nairn wishes now he didn't have him

sawed. He was sent up for trial.

Maud Tuckwell and Annie Sullivan

owned up this morning to having pur-

chased groceries, but claimed they

were forced to do it by Nairn. They

will accompany that gentleman to the

other court.

Mr. O'Connor, accused of stealing a

coat from the Seamen's mission, was

remanded.

About midnight Sergeant Baxter and

Officer Burehill were called into Mr.

Moran's house on City road to quell

a disturbance raised by Stephen Addi-

son and a crowd.

CUT HIS THROAT.

A Victim of LaGrippe Nearly

Takes His Life.

In a Fit of Despondency or Insanity

Lloyd Andrews Seeks That

Relief.

Lloyd Andrews, aged 51 years, a car-

penter by trade, and living on Adelaide

street, north end, near the Newman

brook bridge, cut a gash in his throat

this morning fully 5 inches in length,

and deep enough to make the matter

of life or death one of uncertainty.