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GLOOMY ENOUGH.

The Chinese Outlook as Viewed by an American.

Chinese Children Impaired by Lan-
cers—Murder and Pillage—
Allies Cannot Adminis-
ter Affairs.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The latest mail from China, says a Washington special to the Tribune, has brought to the state department new proofs of the terrible and perhaps irretrievable conditions which exist under the foreign military rule in north China, involving a situation not hitherto fully realized, even in Washington, and utterly unappreciated in the United States generally. The character of the information which has now come into the administration's possession is summarized in the following extracts from a communication written by one of the most trusted officials in the service abroad and mailed from Peking a month ago.

"The question of raising the indemnity, though one of the most serious for the Chinese government, is not paramount. All the people who are likely to know, declare that the Chinese peasant can stand no greater burden of taxation than in the past, so the question resolves itself largely to reducing the expense of collection, which in China involves radical reforms. Another proposition for meeting the indemnity is to grant lucrative mining industrial concessions to foreigners, but that means bartering their independence and laying up endless trouble for the Chinese, who are quick to recognize the fact.

"If the whole horror of the murder and pillage done between Tien Tsin and Peking comes to be understood in the United States and in Europe, the crime of it is so great as compared to the number of Christians who have suffered at the hands of the Chinese, that, rightly or wrongly, the Chinese are likely to be held the injured party. Lancers wantonly impaling little children by the wayside in the streets of Peking are some of the least of the well authenticated horrors, and to some foreign soldiers a dead Chinese Christian is just as satisfactory an evidence of no quarter as a dead Boxer. They neither know nor care for such trifling distinctions.

"The allies, even if they could agree, could not set up an administrative machinery of their own for the empire. They must restore the power to the native party, and the quicker they do it the better for China. The Chinese estimate that one million of their people have lost their lives by violent death or starvation about Peking and Tien Tsin, since the allies came. Well informed foreigners, long residents here, do not regard the estimate as exaggerated. The North China News, of March 23, endeavored to tell why such a situation as the one alleged can exist, says:

"Simply because Chinese civil authority has been suppressed, driven away and nothing substituted for it. The country between the sea and Peking has been devastated and the people have been killed indiscriminately or driven out of their homes to become bandits. We should have thought that one of the first acts of the foreign administration after Peking was relieved would have been to strengthen the Chinese civil authority and make it responsible for the preservation of order. But what magistrate can be expected to remain at his post, and exert himself to put down opposition to foreigners when at any moment a foreign lieutenant with a handful of troops may come to him and demand a sum of money on pain of having his town or village burned down in case of refusal?"

The above story, in so far as it relates to the conduct of soldiers, does not at all agree with the statements of U. S. Minister Conger, who has just returned from China. In an article in Leslie's Weekly he says:

"The reports of cruelty on the part of soldiers have been grossly exaggerated, though I am sure that there was plenty of brutality on the part of individual soldiers. As an army, the allies were exceedingly well behaved. . . or were the stories of unrestricted looting true. In Peking the soldiers took what they needed, of course, just as we would have seized anything that we needed while we were caged up in the compound, had we been able to fasten upon anything that would help us to withstand the siege. As for the stories of missionary looting, they are undeniably false. The missionaries did not loot."

SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The report that a force of Boers is concentrating under Delarey at Hartbeestfontein is regarded with a feeling of satisfaction in London, according to the Tribune's correspondent. The Standard expects as a result to hear of Boer surrender on the scale of Pretoria. The British force should for outnumbered of Boers, and as the latter must by this time have lost practically all their guns, Delarey cannot have any artillery with him. The fact alone should place him at a great disadvantage.

GERMAN MINISTRY.

BERLIN, May 6.—The new ministry is gazetted as follows: Baron Rheinbaben, minister of finance; General Fockelsch, minister of agriculture; Baron Von Hammerstein, district president of Metz, takes the portfolio of the interior. Herr Moller, minister of commerce; Herr Kraetke, director of the imperial post office, becomes secretary of state of that department.

CIVIC COMMUNICATIONS.

John Wilson Will Proceed Against the City for Not Being Allowed to Vote.

At the meeting of the common council, this afternoon the following communications were received: The Imperial Oil Co. presented a proposition to furnish lubricating oils and grease to the city, quoting prices. Alex Lang and Denis Coblenz asked to be heard as to the reason they were not appointed on the board of portwardens. Hilram Nice applied for a position on the ferry staff. H. A. McKeown drew the attention of the council to the fact that John McCrea was hurt by being thrown from his shed on Main street on account of its bad condition. Mr. McCrea asks for a reasonable recompense.

William Swatridge asked for appointment on the board of portwardens. C. W. Stewart called attention to the state of Hanover street extension, which makes traffic to his place of business impossible. Fred. R. Pitfield, Robert Clarke, James Duffy, E. K. Harrington, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, C. M. Campbell, W. J. Agate, T. Traynor asked to be heard in regard to taxes. E. D. Dibble asked that allowance be made him for improvements on the property he occupies provided the city sells the same. The James Fleming Co. called attention to the fact that the retaining wall on Dorchester street had fallen to the injury of their new coal shed. H. C. Page called attention to the unfinished state of the work commenced in 1899 on Prospect street. Randolph & Baker asked for a rental lease of lots 7 and 9, Green Head, for twenty-one years. A. W. Chisholm asked for a position in the city employ as a teamster. W. H. Lambert stated that his boat had been damaged by the sunken wreck near the west channel, which the council had allowed Mr. Lantaulm to place there. E. J. Ring, west side, asked that water pipes be extended to his house. E. H. Robinson asked for appointment as a lumber surveyor. Hustin & Porter state that they have been retained by John Wilson to bring action against the city for illegally depriving him of his vote at the last election. The International Steamship Co. asked permission to extend their coal shed at Reed's Point. Neil J. Morrison, secretary of council No. 2 of the National Association of Marine Engineers, presented a petition largely signed, asking that the council take into consideration a plan to establish a school in St. John, to teach the technical parts of the different trades. Samuel B. Evans asked to be appointed blacksmith in the public works department.

The city auditors, J. A. Magilton and I. Clive Thomas, reported that they had audited the accounts and vouchers of the chamberlain for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1900, and found them correct. There was a balance at the close of \$129,677.45 in Bank of New Brunswick, as follows:

General account	125,679.19
Sinking fund account	3,909.64
Water construction account	88.54
	\$129,677.45

ST. JOHN SCHOOLS.

What It Cost to Run Them Last Year—The Board's Financial Statement.

At the meeting of the common council this afternoon the report of the auditors of the board of school trustees was received. The auditors, J. A. Magilton and Chas. Campbell, report that the books and accounts proved to be correct.

The total cost of the schools for the year was \$34,620.56; total cost of management, \$2,022.52. The sinking fund now stands at \$7,000. The bonded indebtedness is \$405,400. At the beginning of the year the outstanding debentures were \$365,100, of which \$54,590 were redeemed during the year, and new debentures for \$240,500 were issued. Expended on capital account during the year \$107,340.53, on current account \$100,451.64.

The cost of schools was as follows:

Sandy Pt. road	\$302.35
Millidgeville	438.44
Spar Cove	187.03
Alexandra	4,051.77
Newman street	2,128.79
Douglas avenue	2,567.53
Elm street	2,741.26
St. Peter's boys	2,768.54
St. Peter's (girls)	3,364.77
Winter street	5,644.95
Aberdeen	3,012.25
Centennial	4,836.59
St. Vincent's	2,589.52
High school	2,785.90
Leinster street	5,965.65
St. Malachi's	3,019.83
St. Joseph's	8,842.81
Victoria and annex	673.27
Queen street	265.91
Britannia street	5,909.15
Albert	1,554.61
Mason Hall	2,612.00
St. Patrick's	\$76,511.65

Other incidental expenses bring this total up to \$98,558.48.

The assets are in real estate \$302,700.67, and furniture \$29,726.50. There is a total of insurance on furniture, buildings and improvements of \$305,528.50. One school, Elm street, was damaged by fire last year. The loss was covered.

GRANTED A LICENSE.

At the time the commissioners decided upon those who were to receive liquor licenses the Hotel Edward, James Driscoll, proprietor, on King square, was not quite ready and had not been inspected. Since that time the necessary requirements have been complied with, and Mr. Driscoll has received a license. His hotel makes the seventh on the list this year, as the Queen, which was formerly licensed, is at present without a tenant.

The sum of \$32.65, contributed in St. John in aid of the Coportage Mission of Algoma and the Northwest Mission, gratefully acknowledged by Geo. Buskin, missionary.

AUSTRALIA.

Enthusiastic Reception of the
Duke and Duchess of
Cornwall.Twelve Thousand Troops in Line—
Eighty Thousand Visitors
in Melbourne.

MELBOURNE, May 6.—The Duke and the Duchess of Cornwall and York landed from the steamer Ophir at two o'clock this afternoon. They were received at the pier head by Lord Hopetoun, governor-general, and state and federal ministers. The party passed down the quarter of a mile of carpeted pier and entered carriages and proceeded a distance of seven miles through brilliantly decorated streets, bordered with almost continuous lines of stands filled to their utmost capacity. The entire street was lined with demonstrative crowds amid elaborate decorations. Opposite the town hall the procession passed beneath the Queen's arch, occupied with the royal colors and sheltering a golden statue of Queen Victoria. Twelve thousand troops were in line. There are eighty thousand visitors in Melbourne. The drive terminated at government house.

DROWNED HIMSELF

Rather Than Be Called "Tattlers" by
Sunday School Boys.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Henry Kreis, eight years old, of West 38th street, and Thomas O'Neill, six years old, played at home to go to Sunday school. When the O'Neill boy returned alone the Kreis boy's parents asked for an explanation. The O'Neill boy said that they had gone to the river at the foot of West 40th street, where they were playing on the barges there, when suddenly he heard a splash and when he looked around Kreis was nowhere to be seen. The Kreis boy's father is confident that the boy was drowned. The father says that he has had very little work during the past winter and times were so hard, that he was not able to buy his son suitable clothes, and he was very ragged. On several Sundays the boy stayed away from Sunday school because he could not face the comments of his companions.

A FOOLISH STRIKE.

NEW YORK, May 6.—John H. Treadwell, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, when asked yesterday about the strike of the company's employees at Scranton, said: "I understand that all the men employed in the car repairing, blacksmith and paint shops, to the number of 1,000, struck because we wanted an employee. Their action was very unjust, because the men Hicks grossly disobeyed the rules in quitting work and leaving the grounds without a permit. I am not informed whether the men will go back to work or not. If they do not their places will probably be quickly supplied. Their going out will make no real hardship for us for several weeks to come, because our rolling stock is just now in first class condition."

A BIG COAL DEAL.

CLEVELAND, O., May 6.—A special to the Plain Dealer from Columbus, says one of the largest deals in the history of the coal financial world is now on, and the indications are that it will be brought to a successful close before the end of another week. The deal includes all the leading mines in the Hocking valley coal fields, and a number in the Sunday Creek district. The transfer has been engineered by agents of J. P. Morgan.

CHILD'S HORRIBLE DEATH.

MONCTON, May 6.—A distressing accident occurred at Albert Mines on Thursday, by which the one year old child of James Woodworth lost its life. Its mother was working about the mine and the little one had crept up behind her when a pot of boiling water was accidentally upset, drenching the child from head to foot. It lingered in terrible agony for three or four hours when death ended its sufferings.

J. J. HILL ONCE MORE.

NEW YORK, May 6.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, denies the report that a plan was formed three years ago by J. Pierpont Morgan, the Goulds, the Vanderbilts and himself for the consolidation of the great railway systems of the country, and that it is about to be carried out. Mr. Hill, who is at a hotel here, said: "The story is ridiculous and entirely unworthy of any serious attention from any one."

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

In consequence of a dispute regarding their hours of labor the dockmen at Genoa, Italy, have gone on general strike, except at the San Benigno landing.

"In view of the favorable development of events here," says the Pekin correspondent of the Lokal Anseiger, Berlin, "it is possible that Count Von Waldersee will return home about the middle of June."

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LET'S DECLARE WAR.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 6.—An official circular has been issued notifying the members of the diplomatic corps that in future only distinguished visitors accompanied by a diplomatist will be admitted to the Selamluk.

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The C. P. R. express on Saturday was delayed by a bad washout forty-seven miles above Greenville Junction.

An effort is being made to have the line of steamers between Canada and Jamaica call at St. John. Montreal merchants are in favor of this, as it would be more convenient for them in handling fruit shipments.

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Call at the Star office and see the picture for yourselves.

LOCAL NEWS.

Hard coal landing at Seely's coal sheds, Lower Cove. Telephone 42.

John Mitchell of Rothesay has sweet peas already two and a half inches above ground.

On Saturday a water pipe burst on Main street, near Bridge street. The water department was notified.

The S. S. Prince Rupert will make a special trip to Digby and return tomorrow (Tuesday), 7th instant, leaving St. John at usual hour, 7 a. m., standard time.

The plot of ground in front of the central police station is today receiving its usual spring attention. It was delved in the forenoon and grass seed sown.

A special missionary meeting will be held in the Leinster street Baptist church this evening. The pastor, Rev. Ira Smith, will speak on "The Life and Work of Adoniram Judson."

An old two story house on Water street, west end, owned by Levi Colwell and James Hamm, is in a very dangerous condition. A portion of the old building has already fallen and the remainder needs immediate attention.

R. A. Steeves' residence at Upper Dover, N. B., was burned on Thursday. Some furniture was saved in a damaged condition. Mr. Steeves estimates his loss at not less than \$2,000; insurance, \$800.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. is building a train of luxuriously equipped cars for the purpose of conveying the Duke and Duchess of York and party to the Pacific coast.

Between seven and eight o'clock on Saturday night the door of Barnes & Co., on Church street, was found open and early Sunday morning the door of George Day's printing office was also found open. Both were closed by the police.

Sergeant Kilpatrick, of the police department this morning, received a telegram from Upham stating that his brother Alexander, who has been ill a long time, is nearing his end, and is not expected to live through the day.

About eleven o'clock last night a large section of stone wall with a railing on it on Prince William street, opposite the custom house, fell on the sidewalk. The matter has been reported to the street department. The crash of the fall was heard on Charlotte street.

F. W. G. Brock, of Brock & Patterson, had a slight attack of paralysis yesterday while attending St. Paul's church, Rothesay, and was removed by friends to his home, where he was attended by Dr. Fairweather. Mr. Brock's condition was unchanged at noon today.

In the Grand Trunk stables at Point St. Charles, Montreal, 329 horses purchased by Lieut.-Colonel Dent and Major Gore for the army in South Africa. Several hundred more now in London and Toronto are expected to arrive there in a few days. The transport is expected to sail about May 15.

A good deal of surprise is experienced at the harsh criticism by the Telegraph and Globe of the presentation of Evangeline under the auspices of the King's Daughters. Those papers are not in the habit of doing the like with other entertainments, and people are asking why this one was singled out for attack.

The city has another mission. The evangelists who got into trouble with the police on Coburg street last evening had some twenty-five or thirty children, white and colored, gathered together yesterday afternoon in a large room next door to the house formerly occupied by Kate Brown at the corner of Pitt and Britain streets.

Sergeant Ross reports three colored men, Mans, William and Albert Bateman, and one white, Charles Haley, for holding an impromptu camp meeting and obstructing the sidewalk on the corner of Ludlow and Guilford streets, west end, about ten o'clock last night. A large number of others were engaged in the performance, but the four mentioned were doing most of the shouting.

Sampson Folkins has been reported by the police for screaming, singing, shouting and obstructing the sidewalk on the corner of Coburg and Union streets, and refusing to move away when ordered to do so by the police. Sampson thinks that the police are a bad lot and stated so in his address last evening. Moved by the hearty applause of the crowd, he informed them that they were no better than the officers, which statement had a quieting effect on many.

PERSONALS.

J. M. Johnson and wife, of Calais, and Geo. W. Leavitt and wife, of Boston, spent Sunday in the city.

Rev. James Ross occupied the pulpit of St. John's Presbyterian church, Moncton, at both services yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Walker left today for Peabody, Mass., to be present at the marriage of their son Dacre.

George Robertson, M. P. P., is expected home on Wednesday from Ottawa.

Hon. William Pugsley left by I. C. R. Saturday for Ottawa, to attend the Supreme Court.

F. B. Dunn returned from an examination of mining properties in Arizona and oil wells of California Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manchester and Mr. and Mrs. Horace King spent Sunday in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall left by the I. C. R. Saturday, for the North Shore. They will spend some time in the district.

Hon. Justice McLeod will open the May term of Westmorland supreme court tomorrow.

Mrs. George Ingraham of King street east is suffering from a severe illness, but is somewhat improved today.

Miss Jessie B. Snarr, formerly of Shediac, was married in Massachusetts on April 25 to J. O. Bedell, of Calais, Me.

Among those who registered at the Canadian government office in London during the week ending April 23rd, were Mrs. Charles Nevins and Mrs. William Russell of St. John.

Dr. G. T. Smith and wife, of Moncton, and A. S. Knight, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Westville, N. S., left Saturday night on a trip to England and the continent, for the benefit of their health.

Frederick A. Kirkpatrick has severed his connection with Manchester, Robertson & Allison. He intends to go west.

Rev. I. B. Colwell, pastor of the Baptist church, Petitcodiac, has moved to this city.

JUBILEE SINGERS TONIGHT.

The great Canadian Jubilee Singers, with their Imperial Orchestra, will appear in Exmouth street Methodist church tonight. The advance sale of tickets has been large. An Antigonish paper says:—

"The entertainment given on Thursday evening last by the Canadian Jubilee Singers in the College hall was one of the best of the kind ever furnished to an Antigonish audience. From the time the concert was begun at 8.30 o'clock (there was the usual delay occasioned by the persons who are always late) all the company sang God Save the King at the close of the performance, there was not a dull moment. The singing was simply superb, particularly that of Madam Marie Dorsa, the soprano, and of E. S. Thomas, bass. All the specialties introduced were of a pleasing character, and the entertainment was not marred by any of the cheap horse-play which is characteristic of so many companies that cater to provincial people. It was clean and refined throughout, and it is a great pity that lovers of music cannot frequently have the opportunity of listening to such splendid artists."

A TOUR OF CANADA.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is advertising in England a personally conducted, thirty day tour of Canada, to leave Quebec on June 29th, accompanied by a special train. The tour is to commence at Quebec, cross the continent to Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., taking in Niagara Falls, the Great Lakes, the prairies, the Rocky Mountains, the Kootenay gold mines, Banff hot springs and the great glaciers, returning to Quebec or other Atlantic ports.

THE ASHLAND MILL.

The Ashland mill, which was destroyed by fire as stated in Saturday's Star, had an annual output of about 30,000,000 feet of lumber. It had been running since 1870, and had 25,000,000 feet on hand with plenty of orders for the whole season. The company is capitalized at \$300,000. The officers are: President, E. R. Burpee; treasurer, Fred. B. Cutler of Boston; directors, E. R. Burpee, F. B. Cutler, Frank Stinson of St. John, Gen. George W. Vanehey, Charles V. Lord and Edward Steinson.

PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of Mary L. C. Lewin the citation calling on the administratrix to file an inventory of the estate of the deceased was returned today. The inventory was filed, showing property to the approximate value of \$15,000. C. N. Skinner, K. C., for petitioner. Bowyer Smith for administratrix. Letters of administration of the estate of the late J. M. Brock were granted to W. Tremaine Gard, on application of Lillian A. and Edward G. Bernard. The estate consists of \$1,000 personal. B. R. Armstrong proctor.

NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT.

Great interest is manifested in the production of Rossini's Stabat Mater, under Mr. Collinson's direction at the Opera House on Thursday evening. The reserved seat plan opened this morning at the Opera House to holders of advance tickets, and opens tomorrow to the public. Anyone wishing to procure seats today can buy advance tickets at Flood's or Landry's.

Mr. Spragg, master mechanic of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., with headquarters at McAdam, is to be removed to Toronto.

Several men are engaged in fixing up the old burial ground. One of the bye-paths has been closed up and sowed over with grass seed.

A number of the first year medicine men of McGill, who belong to the maritime provinces, passed through the city on their way to their homes today.

Rev. W. G. Lane has completed his lecture tour, which has netted him about \$3,000, a large portion of which will go towards the Methodist church in Parrsboro.

TO ADVERTISERS!

Advertisers in the STAR are requested to send in copy not later than TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON, in order that the matter may be set up in time for that day's issue.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Western Managers to be in St. John Today to Raise Rates.

This is the day the insurance managers committee from Montreal was booked to meet in St. John to discuss a general advance in fire insurance rates. The Star some days ago published correspondence relative to this matter, showing that in the opinion of local managers and others the action of the western managers is entirely uncalled for.

The conference of the underwriters opens this afternoon at three o'clock, at the rooms of the local board. The following gentlemen arrived today to take part in the deliberations: G. A. Carlsley, J. E. E. Dickson, T. L. Morrissey, John C. Bothwick, E. A. Lilly of Montreal, H. M. Blackburn and J. B. Laidlaw of Toronto, and Robert Young of Winnipeg. They were met at the depot by F. J. G. Knowlton and Peter Clinch, and were taken to the Royal hotel.

A recent issue of the Montreal Herald says:—

"Insurance in Canada is booming. It is going up everywhere. Following the board of trade fire there was this big advance in Montreal, and following that a crop of rumors that rates were to be advanced elsewhere and the business men of Canadian towns wondered if they would be the next. After the Montreal rates had been elevated to a satisfactory altitude Quebec city was given a trip upward and then the whole province was sent up a notch. No such sweeping action was taken in Ontario by the insurance managers, but the slower but insidious method of raising the rates town by town. The small places, such as Warton, have nearly all been looked after, and the work is still going on.

"Now the maritime provinces are to fall into line on the upward path. On April 18 a meeting of managers of Canadian companies and Canadian managers of British companies, who are members of the Underwriters' Association, was held in Montreal. It was unanimously decided that insurance rates in the maritime provinces should be raised. The companies doing business in Canada received a severe blow twenty-three years ago, when the great St. John fire took place. They say they have been trying to catch up ever since with indifferent success, for the fire which three years ago destroyed the town of Windsor, and several other big fires, have cut deeply into their profits. All of the managers of insurance companies do not live in Montreal or Toronto, in fact some of them live in the maritime provinces, and these gentlemen object to the control of the situation in the lower provinces passing from their hands. They have protested against the determination of the managers to raise the rates and have intimated that they will not be bound by any advance. A meeting of the insurance managers is to be held in St. John, N. B., on May 6, to arrange a re-adjustment of insurance rates. In the insurance world re-adjustment and advance are synonymous terms."

POLICE COURT.

A Common Drunk Described a la Prof. McEwen.

The Saturday night rake-off was much smaller than usual, only one drunk appearing at roll call. He gave his age as twenty-six and was found in a state of catatony on Elm street on Saturday evening. He had possessed concentration of mind, a vivid imagination and obedience. His imagination suggested the taking of liquor, and gradually, using his powers of deductive reasoning, he succumbed to its influence. He fell into a sleep, a deep sleep, a pleasant sleep, and dreamed that when he woke up he would feel good. In this state a suggestion was made to him that he should come to the central police station. On the word "police" his muscles became hard, perfectly rigid—and a police officer, who in spite of the prayers offered on his behalf on Coburg street, had not yet reformed, was compelled to use some gentle force and escorted the subject to jail, wherein, by observing all the conditions, he found himself stuck fast, and could not be released until "The Old Turnkey" willed it. This morning, in return for his conduct, the subject was given permission to return to jail for ten days.

Thomas Conboy got very drunk on Sheffield street quite early Sunday morning, and in the exuberance of his joy attempted to beat Theodore Morrison. Upon this, Morrison told his big brother, who immediately came to Theo's assistance and between them they inflicted severe injuries upon Conboy. He was in fact unable to retire so successfully as was necessary and fell a victim to the greed of the law. The other two, thinking recreation the better part of valor, used their legs and have not yet been taken. A warrant was today issued for their arrest, and pending its execution Conboy was remanded for three days.

The police last night made a search of the American hotels and other places where it was possible the Morrison's were concealed, but were unable to find them.

William Clark, who was reported for selling beer at his place on Sheriff street on Sunday will appear for trial tomorrow.

In the absence of Judge Ritchie Mr. Henderson occupied the bench.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield arrived home today.

Rev. Fr. Carney of Debeo has been appointed to the charge of St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic church, Fredericton, in succession to Bishop Casey. His lordship the bishop will probably return to St. John this evening.

Mrs. Payson, wife of Rev. Geo. B. Payson, of Fredericton, while busy at house cleaning work, fell today and broke one of her limbs. She was taken to the Victoria hospital.



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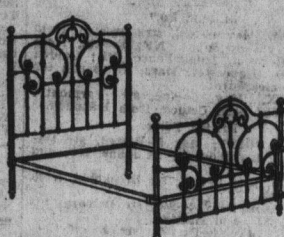
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