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FEAR ROOSEVELT MAY SMASH PARTY

Railway Rate Fight Gives Senators a Chilly Feeling

Democrats Recognize This an Opportunity to Make Capital—Bitter Feeling Against President for Alliance with Tillman—Hearst Starts His Boom for Governor—Warning to Capitalists About Combinations in Face of Radical Wave That is Sweeping the Country.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, Feb. 28.—At no time since Theodore Roosevelt became president has there been such tense political interest as now over what a week or two weeks may bring forth. The leaders in the senate have often been in rebellion against Mr. Roosevelt, but never before have such differences so strongly impeded the party integrity.

The present week will be filled with conferences. The more experienced members of both houses, who have weathered many congressional tempests, believe that the outcome will be more peaceful than now seems possible.

The Republicans in the senate include many practical business men. When there has been opportunity to talk things over, the combined judgment of the older heads will be very influential.

Republicans Humiliated. Probably the most humiliating feature to the Republicans is that they should be compelled to treat with the Democrats and give the Democrats an opportunity to claim credit for enacting the legislation. An experienced Republican legislator said today that the entire performance of last week, whatever is ultimately the result, would hurt the party immensely.

The Democrats, too, are bringing to their feet, however, the party. They will bring their best lawyers in the senate together this morning to discuss the bill. It is going personally and will probably have a delegation of over 300. Hearst pays all the expenses.

Hearst Starts His Boom. Hearst is keeping up his fight vigorously and allows no day to pass without bringing himself prominently before the public. He moves on Albany tomorrow with a special train of enthusiasts to press his municipal ownership and other bills. His main object is to get the attention of the people. He is going personally and will probably have a delegation of over 300. Hearst pays all the expenses.

A Warning Note. In a striking editorial today the Times calls attention to the approaching crisis. It says in part: "The professional radicals, men who can attract attention and get a hearing only by practicing strange and extreme doctrines, were never so active or so vociferous. But many men, hitherto safe and sane, men of sound minds are heard to confess their belief in radicalism as the only cure for the ills and evils that chiefly have provoked the resentments and given it an excuse for being."

"In some of his policies the president inclines toward radicalism. Some look upon him as its apostle. Certain it is that the agitators admire and applaud him. Two years ago the Democratic radicals voted for him—Judge Parker was too conservative for them. The Bryanite and populist Democrats in congress have gone over to him in a body. They like the way he pitches into the corporations. There is a wave of radicalism sweeping

over the country. Its professed objects are many, but they may be summed up in one—the abolition of privilege. "The practice of corporation control over legislatures chosen by the people has not died out. It is prevalent. Corporations rely upon it to extend their privileges or to baffle legislative attempts at their curtailment. The Armstrong committee exposed to the view of the people the organization and the machinery got up by the great insurance companies for the corruption of the legislature at Albany. Every witness before that committee made more votes for Mr. Hearst than all his campaign champions of municipal ownership put together."

"Are Capitalists Blind?" "Yet while the tide of discontent, of demagogic agitation, and of radicalism in general has been evoked by public denunciation and breach of private trust, the municipal ownership craze itself has been essentially stimulated by the contributory negligence, or worse, of those who have most to fear from it."

The month following William R. Hearst's startling revelation of political strength in this community was deemed by the Interborough and the Metropolitan interests an appropriate season for a merger of their street railway companies and an issue of securities far in excess of the cost and not warranted by the present carrying power of the properties."

"A renewed outcry for Municipal Ownership and a fierce campaign for the Elzberg bill are the immediate consequences of the merger. And while the air is filled with passionate denunciations of this consolidation and the concomitant stock watering, while the congressional record is filled with violent speeches against the trust, while hostility to corporations is rampant and socialism everywhere raising its head and its hopes, there is talk, perhaps not serious, of a combination of shoe manufacturing interests with a capitalist group to buy the Elzberg bill."

"Is capital blind? Do the directing men of the corporations really delude themselves with the belief that they are not answerable to the people and that they will with impunity defile public opinion. Must Mr. Hearst be elected governor, Mr. Bryan president, and Socialism elected to the house of representatives before they will get sense into their heads?"

Kaiser Prays for Peace But Ready for War. The Kaiser, according to special cables, upon the occasion of the opening of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage received among others the Regent of Brunswick, Prince Albrecht, who presented congratulations on the part of the army and navy. The Kaiser in reply said: "My first and last care is for my fighting forces on land and sea and that of the empire is for the alleviation of those who are the victims of poverty or illness. "May God grant that war may not come, but should the cloud descend I am firmly convinced that the army will acquit itself as it did so nobly thirty-five years ago."

MINTO AND KITCHENER ARE SATISFIED WITH JOHN MORLEY'S STAND. Calcutta, Feb. 28.—Both the Earl of Minto, the viceroy of India, and General Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the British forces in India, expressed their satisfaction with the decision of John Morley, the Indian secretary of state, in his refusal to sign the Indian Bill. Under his decision although the civil authority is fully upheld, the commander-in-chief is given plenty of latitude to carry out his scheme of army reform unhampered by the dual system, under which, existing under the old system, under which the viceroy was not answerable to the viceroy.

ROOSEVELT INTERVENES TO PREVENT COAL STRIKE. Urges President Mitchell to Call Another Convention of Bituminous Miners to Reconsider Action—National Conference Will Be Again on March 15.

New York, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt has again intervened as a peacemaker between the coal miners and operators and as the result of a letter addressed by him to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, a national convention of the United Miners will be held March 15 to try to reach an agreement with the soft coal operators in the hope of averting the threatened strike of April 1 in the bituminous coal fields.

The president's letter and the announcement that the national convention would be held were made public tonight by Mr. Mitchell after a long conference with Francis L. Robbins, president of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., and chairman of the bituminous operations, who came to New York this morning and other representatives of the soft coal interests.

The president's letter to Mr. Mitchell follows: "I note with very great concern the failure in your late convention on the joint interstate agreement to come to a basis of settlement of the bituminous mining case of wages. You in this business have enjoyed a great industrial peace for many years, thanks to the joint agreement that has resulted in the action of your successive conventions."

"A strike such as is threatened on April 1 is a menace to the peace and general welfare of the country. I urge you to make a further effort to avoid such a strike. It is in my power to assist you in the passage of the laws you have recommended and advise the governor's committee to do the same."

"You and Mr. Robbins are joint chairmen of the trade agreement committee of the National Civic Federation and it seems to me that this imposes an additional duty upon you both and gives an additional reason why each of you should join in making a further effort."

The conference did not adjourn until nearly 8 o'clock tonight, when Mr. Mitchell announced that after the reading of President Roosevelt's letter it was agreed both by himself and the operators that the national convention should be called. The miners were in session recently at Indianapolis but failed to reach an agreement with the operators. President Mitchell himself has been quoted as saying that so far as he knew there would certainly be a strike on the bituminous fields April 1.

The negotiations for an agreement between the hard coal workers and the anthracite operators have been progressing smoothly to all outward appearances and arrangements have been made for a joint conference Wednesday between the joint committee having the settlement of the difficulties in hand.

LAWSON UTTERS ANOTHER BLAST

Says Life Insurance Companies Have Been Robbed of a Billion Dollars

HE KNOWS THE MEN. Declares if He Gets Control for Policyholders He Will Send Magnates to States Prison—Has Enough Proxies Now, but Fears They Will Not Be Valid if Proposed Reforms Go Into Effect.

Boston, Feb. 28.—In a series of communications issued tonight, Thomas W. Lawson, of this city, who for several months has been active in securing proxies from policyholders in the great life insurance companies, stated that he is ready and willing to do all in his power to aid in the passage of the laws recommended by the Armstrong investigating committee. Mr. Lawson issued three letters, one addressed to the Armstrong investigating committee, another to the so-called committee of governors, to whom he has turned over all insurance proxies that he has thus far secured, and a third to the policyholders themselves.

Mr. Lawson's statement, regarding the proxies he has secured for his cause, is a convincing answer to the revolutionary argument that the government had no intention of convoking the national assembly. It is expected to do far more towards completing the organization of the national assembly than all the repressive measures of Interior Minister Durnovo, of whose winning power the cause is in favor of several instances.

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"In behalf of scores of thousands of policyholders of the New York and Mutual Life Insurance Companies, I would respectfully submit: "At an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars I have collected sufficient proxies from policyholders to give me (up to the limit) control of the national assembly election of both the New York and Mutual companies. I have turned these over to a committee composed of governors and equally representative public men."

"My reason for collecting such proxies: I had reason to believe the policyholders of those two companies have been plundered of from \$175,000,000 to \$250,000,000, which can be recovered provided these companies are placed in the hands of honest, fearless men. I believe that if these companies are placed in the hands of such men, I know it has accomplished, known men in the country who have systematically plundered the people for a quarter of a century past will be sent to the penitentiary."

"I also believe that, in the trial for the recovery of the money looted from these companies and the punishment of those who have been guilty of this crime, the people will show how and by whom the money has been robbed over a billion dollars during the last twenty-five years, through the instrumentality of banks, trust companies, railways and other large corporations."

Mr. Lawson informs the investigating committee that he has closely followed the identity of the young woman who on Feb. 25, at the Hotel Waldorf, was shot by a bullet from the revolver of a man named Cheukin, commander of the Black Sea fleet, who was killed by the bullet. He has the original on duty at the door of the hotel, the witness stand today in the hearing of Albert T. Patrick for a new trial on the charge of murdering Win. M. Rice. Miss Gaillard declined to give her name, when requested to do so by District Attorney Jerome, but when Mr. Jerome questioned the witness about the affidavit in which she stated that she saw Charles F. Jones, Rice's valet, say that Patrick did not kill Rice. She said her purpose in making this affidavit was to help Patrick if possible.

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CZAR SUMMONS A PARLIAMENT

It is Expected Disorders Will Prevent Elections in Many Places

A GILDED CHAMBER. Elaborate Furnishings for the Assembly Causes Much Wonder—Places Reserved for Correspondents—More Revolutionists Arrested in St. Petersburg.

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 28.—Ten men forced an entrance into the Russian State Bank last night, shot the guardian and secured \$87,500. The robbers have not been captured.

National Assembly Called. St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Reports from the interior showing it is possible to hold the elections in over half the districts and open the national assembly May 10, with a working majority, the cabinet has recommended that the first meeting of the Russian parliament be held, and the long-expected imperial ukase to that effect was promulgated today.

The definite announcement, furnished a convincing answer to the revolutionary argument that the government had no intention of convoking the national assembly. It is expected to do far more towards completing the organization of the national assembly than all the repressive measures of Interior Minister Durnovo, of whose winning power the cause is in favor of several instances.

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PROCTOR HOCKEY TEAM DEFEATED

Marvsville Boys Lowered Their Colors for First Time This Season

ASYLUM EXPENSES. Public Accounts Committee to Look Into Them Today and Officials Are to Be Present—Death of Mrs. Geo. F. Gregory—Other News of Fredericton.

Fredericton, Feb. 28.—(Special)—The public accounts committee of the legislature will meet tomorrow morning to examine the expenditures made last year in connection with the provincial hospital. The officials of the institution have been asked to attend with books and vouchers.

The corporation committee will meet Wednesday morning to hear argument of counsel in regard to the Fredericton Boom Company's bill.

Moncton's crack hockey team had their colors lowered by a score of three to one. It was one of the fastest games ever seen on the Nashua and the Crescents and their admirers almost wild over the result. The game was played on soft ice and was exciting all the way through.

Inch scored for the Crescents at the end of five minutes' play, and the first half ended with a score of one to nothing in favor of the home team.

In the second half Robinson and Howe scored for the Crescents, and near the end of the match, while Captain Inch was doing time on the bench, Crockett, after carrying the puck the whole length of the rink, shot the only goal for his team. The Crescents claim that had Inch been playing at the time Moncton would have scored for the Crescents and near the end of the match, while Captain Inch was doing time on the bench, Crockett, after carrying the puck the whole length of the rink, shot the only goal for his team. The Crescents claim that had Inch been playing at the time Moncton would have scored for the Crescents and near the end of the match, while Captain Inch was doing time on the bench, Crockett, after carrying the puck the whole length of the rink, shot the only goal for his team. 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FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 23.—(Special)—The city council held a special meeting this afternoon and approved of the draft of a bill to enable the city to encourage new industries.

MONCTON

Moncton, Feb. 23.—Miss Fowler, of St. John, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. W. G. Clark, returned to her home in St. John on Tuesday.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 23.—On last Friday evening, in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Rev. Frank Baird, of Sussex, delivered a most interesting address on Canadian fiction, with the Roberts family as a centre.

SACKVILLE

Sackville, Feb. 23.—Miss Helen Cole, of Moncton, is the guest of Mrs. H. M. Wood.

ST. MARTINS

St. Martins, N. B., 23.—Vernon McCumber, who is in the employ of the C. P. R., and who has been spending a few days here, returned to his home in St. Martins on Tuesday.

GRAND FALLS

Grand Falls, Feb. 23.—A mild case of smallpox was discovered in Grand Falls, and in consequence the town schools were closed at noon yesterday by order of the board of health, and precautions taken.

HARTLAND

Hartland, N. B., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Wetmore, formerly of Moncton, but now of Boston, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Parsons, of Simonds, and returned to her home last Monday.

MILLTOWN

Milltown, Feb. 23.—J. Whidden Graham, of Milltown, is the guest of Mrs. J. T. Parsons, of Simonds, and returned to her home last Monday.

BORDER TOWNS

Border Towns, Feb. 23.—Mrs. George H. Teed, who has been very ill with diphtheria, has fully recovered her usual health and is able to drive out daily.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, N. B., Feb. 23.—Miss Ivah Schwanitz is visiting Miss Helen at the Waverly.

SHEDIAK

Shediac, Feb. 23.—Mr. Gordon Debieux, who is spending the winter in Wolfville, arrived in Shediac this week to spend a few days in town.

BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., Feb. 23.—The social on Thursday evening held in St. George's hall, was even more successful than the previous ones.

ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, Feb. 23.—The festivities of the past few weeks have not waned the appetites of the merry-makers and the coming week promises some exceedingly pleasant entertainments.

BLISSVILLE

Blissville, Sunbury county, N. B., Feb. 23.—The Blissville whist club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Greaves Saturday evening.

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friends met at the parsonage Tuesday evening to enjoy an old-fashioned party. A pleasant evening was spent in conversation and music. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

SUSSEX. Sussex, Feb. 22.—Miss H. Ogden, of Beakville, spent Sunday here. Miss Peck, of Stockton, who is attending the Ladies' College, Sackville, arrived in town on Friday last to spend a few days with her parents.

Mr. A. F. Howes, who has been in Montreal undergoing treatment, arrived home last week much improved in health. Mr. Emery Perry of Havelock, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. H. E. Gould returned on Monday from a trip to Boston. Rev. E. Savage, of Moncton, spent Thursday here. The whist and dancing club spent a delightful evening at the residence of Mr. C. W. Upham on Thursday evening last.

ST. GEORGE. St. George, Feb. 21.—The social given by the young people of the Baptist church on Wednesday evening was very successful. The vestry was gaily decorated with flags and other signs of festivity.

PETITCODIAC. Petitcodiac, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Wm. Harrington returned Friday to St. John, after spending two weeks with her father, Rev. W. B. Armstrong, at the rectory.

McADAM. McAdam, Feb. 24.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Union church held an X-mas party and sale last evening in the Orange Hall.

TRURO. Truro, Feb. 21.—Mrs. John Conner and her sister, Miss Jones, gave a delightful thimble party to some of their friends last week.

Parsonsboro, Feb. 22.—Miss May Jenks went to Amherst on Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Will Black. Miss Gertrude Gibson is visiting friends in Sackville.

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ROAD WILL BE USED TO SUPPLY GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC WITH COAL. The coal of Queens and Sunbury counties have long remained unused for lack of proper means of transportation.

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STREET RAILWAY PEOPLE SUBMIT REDUCED PRICE FOR CITY ILLUMINATION. The street railway has made an offer to the common council to light the entire city as a considerable reduction from the present rate of \$83 a light per annum.

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HON. MR. PUGSLEY DENIES GLEANER FABRICATION. The Hon. Mr. Pugsley in answer to Mr. Clarke's inquiry as to whether the attention of the government had been called to the charge made in the Gleaner that close friends of the government had obtained the sum of \$150,000 in connection with the Central Railway and as to what steps the government proposed to take to improve the charge of corruption thus made, said:

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THE RIVER STEAMERS. Preparations for next season's business well advanced. With the approach of early spring the sound of the hammer in the bedroom at Indiantown denotes the fact that the river steamers are up and running and preparations are in progress for the opening of navigation.

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ANOTHER CASE OF SMALLPOX FOUND. Maurice Holland, of Randolph, Taken to Isolation Hospital—Disinfecting Buildings. Quite by accident another case of smallpox was discovered on the bridge at this time in Randolph, and last evening the patient was removed to the isolation hospital.

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WOODSTOCK MAN SIGNED BY CHICAGO NATIONAL LEAGUE. Frank L. Dickinson, if He Makes Good, Will Get \$3,000 for the Season. Woodstock, Feb. 23.—An Associated Press despatch from Chicago on Wednesday morning announced that L. Dickinson, a member of the University of Chicago baseball squad, and last summer considered one of the best college pitchers in the west, had been signed by President W. Murphy of the Chicago National League club.

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WANTS GOVERNMENT HOUSE AGAIN. I must confess it was with disappointment I observed that nothing was said in the speech from the throne in regard to the reconstruction of the government house, but I hope the government will yet see its way clear to do this. It is estimated that it will cost \$1,000,000 to reconstruct the government house and I have never asked a favor from the government and if I am as successful in this matter as the Hon. Mr. J. Osman has been in making the Hartland bridge I will be satisfied.

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A Sweet Breath is what all should have, and it can be ensured by the judicious use of Beecham's Pills. Beecham's Pills. Sold Everywhere. In boxes 25 cents.

Well Known Halifax Man Dead. Halifax, Feb. 23.—(Special)—R. H. Cogswell, long a local weather prophet and well-known watchmaker and jeweller of this city, died today. He was a son of the late Captain Cogswell, of the Royal Artillery, and the last of what was once a large family in Halifax.

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THE SCOTT ACT AND LICENSE LAWS

A very earnest and interesting letter from the Rev. Thomas Marshall will be found in another column of this issue. The reverend gentleman repeats the Telegraph's question: "Would citizens exchange the situation in St. John for that in Scott Act towns?"

But this line of reasoning is somewhat aside from the main question, which must be, one would say, "Would conditions here as to sobriety and general morality, be better or worse than they are now if the license law were repealed and the Scott Act substituted?"

Would the Scott Act be enforced in St. John? With elaborate and expensive machinery and an overwhelming presence behind it, it could be enforced here, or anywhere else. But would it be enforced here as matters stand?

Such facts as we have, however, would seem fairly to justify conservative men in warning people against the assumption that St. John under the Scott Act as we see it in other places would be a better city to live in than it is today.

FINDING OUT

While the Japanese were demonstrating anew the paramount importance of sea power, and were giving the world an inspiring example of effective naval gunnery, Great Britain, the leading naval power of the universe, had as flagship her China squadron.

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ships of the navy—and their number is, unfortunately, not small—have done gloriously. And they did, as the figures show. He "thopes" the time has gone for ever when an admiral judged the worth of a ship by the cleanliness of his white gloves after he had been his round of inspection.

It is somewhat late in the day to be preaching doctrine of this sort, which naval men have taken for granted for many years, but it seems that the failure hitherto to promote the spirit of competition between ships and to publish the results of target work to a low grade as respects gun efficiency.

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A JUDGE'S OPINION

Judge Meagher of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court believes the leniency of judges and juries is promoting crime in the sister province.

The occasion for his statement was the fact that when he was on the Sydney circuit in 1892 there was but a single criminal case in the entire district, while the other day he was confronted by a docket of twenty cases.

Weak-minded clergymen are not so numerous in Nova Scotia as the judge implies, but that mistaken leniency plays the large and unfortunate part he attributes to it there is much reason to believe.

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THE MONCTON FIRE

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The financial loss is very heavy—perhaps a million dollars—but the effect upon Moncton will not be so serious as if the property of individual business men to that amount had been destroyed.

CASTRO'S BOMBAST

President Castro, who was a multi-driver before he went into politics and made himself dictator, finds that bombast pays. The wonder is, however, that his countrymen, some of whom must have lucid intervals, can put up with all of the little man's nonsense.

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NOTE FOR YOURSELF

Speaking to a Y. M. C. A. meeting in Boston Mr. Samuel B. Capen took occasion to rebuke the men who do not take an active part in civic affairs. He used this language: "The feeling of men who say, 'Let anyone run the government and let me alone to attend to my business' is the great failure of the country."

A GOOD SHOWING

That professional Canadian-England Mr. Beckles Wilson, who recently announced his stirring intention "to proclaim from the housetops of Great Britain and the tropics of Canada" his opinion that Canada was filling up its land with the criminal element of Southern Europe and neglecting to take care of the London "loafers and unemployables," has not received much support from other Canadians in England, or from Englishmen who know Canada and Canadian life.

ANOTHER CASE IN POINT

Canada has no very great criminal population, but it is large enough and it is growing, and British judges who seek to grow down the prison population of the Old Country by suggesting the emigration of prisoners to Canada might well be made the subject of representations to the British government from Ottawa.

AMBITION

Senator Hale, of Maine, has been dissatisfied ever since he read that the British had launched a warship equal to any other two, if not three afloat.

he will humble France, break up the Monroe Doctrine, clear the French out of Venezuela, and then expel the Americans, English and Germans, whom he describes as worse than Chinese.

These advice, of course, come from an American source, and it is noteworthy that the author asserts there is a demand among the better class of Venezuelans for an American protectorate, and immediate intervention by the United States for the sake of humanity.

The Boston Transcript has this discerning analysis of the work of the Armstrong committee: Its recommendations, if incorporated in legislation, would throw around the business a body of regulations, tending to greatly increase protection to policyholders and make legally impossible the sweep of transactions in which the big companies have engaged, to the undoing of many of their officers and great scandal to the State.

These propose an immediate special act, turning out every director of mutual companies and the election by policyholders of entire new boards of trustees; a law giving to policyholders the right to vote by proxy, either personally or by mail; the cancellation of all proxies now in existence and the limitation of the duration of a proxy to two months; prohibiting stockholders from having control of both stock companies and mutual companies, and from investment in stocks. All companies owning stocks and bonds of the prohibited classes are to dispose of them within five years.

It is somewhat late in the day to be preaching doctrine of this sort, which naval men have taken for granted for many years, but it seems that the failure hitherto to promote the spirit of competition between ships and to publish the results of target work to a low grade as respects gun efficiency.

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(Boston Transcript.) I know since then the world has moved, but I know it is a rule.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

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Mr. Jerome, the New York district attorney, has been asked repeatedly where the \$100,000 campaign fund for his recent election came from.

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The C. P. R. liner Lake Champlain, Capt. Stewart, from Liverpool, with the first of the Lord Rothschild party of immigrants on board, arrived Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and docked at No. 2 berth at Sand Point. Capt. Stewart reports a very rough trip across, just as rough as any he has had this winter. The big liner had 377 passengers—twenty-three first, twenty-two second and 482 third. The Rothschild party numbers 181, all of whom are from London. There was one birth on the voyage. A girl was born to a Mrs. Drew on the 16th and the little one was given the name of Annie Champlain, after the name of the steamer. There was also a still born child of another Mrs. Drew, a sister-in-law to the former.

There are forty families in the Rothschild contingent. The average of a dozen cases of measles and as a consequence seven families will be taken down to Partridge Island quarantine station. Some of these are but suspects and what cases there are reported of a very mild type. The disease broke out on the second day of a young child named Ada Letty first becoming ill. Among those taken to the island as suspects are John Wagwan, an Indian, who is returning after a trip to England that he made last year with a showman. Among the first class passengers is Bishop Darr, of New Westminster (B. C.).

The Scheme as Viewed in England.

Telling of the departure of the first of Lord Rothschild's emigrants, the London Leader said: "The committee who are administering the scheme are endeavoring to establish the following points: That an adult person can be emigrated, given an outfit and a small sum of money, for £10. That carefully chosen emigrants will, in time, refund the greater part of the money advanced to them, thus enabling others to be sent out."

"That work can be found for families, so that they can go into situations on their own initiative in Canada."

"That by following these lines on a large scale it will be possible to reduce the poor rates in the various districts, and that, therefore, it might be advisable to consider grants in aid of the emigration of suitable subjects."

Hopes for Repayment. "It is hoped that the whole of the sum expended will be repaid to the committee, who will then assist 200 more families to emigrate."

"Should the experiment succeed it is hoped to raise a large fund, administered by a central committee. Sub-committees would then be appointed in each district for selecting families to emigrate."

"In Stamford-hill a sub-committee of business men sits nightly for making careful investigation into the circumstances of every family."

"A small clothing depot has been opened at Tottenham, and each emigrant is given a suitable outfit of clothing. By arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Railway details have been completed for the transportation of the party in comfort to Canada."

"On the night of Feb. 12 the 50 families will meet at a central depot and partake of a good meal. Then they will be conveyed by their luggage in motor omnibuses to the Great Central Railway and from there to Liverpool, whence they will journey to Liverpool in charge of a specially appointed commissioner."

"They will be directed to the Liverpool docks and placed on board the Lake Champlain, where they will receive breakfast. As the traveling commissioner will hold their tickets there is no chance of the emigrants being thrown overboard."

Situation Found for Each. "In Canada each family on arrival will be sent to the place where a situation has been found for it by the committee, and will be in charge of a Canadian Pacific Railway official. The family will be met at its destination by a representative of the committee, who will have provided lodgings, etc. He will also hand over a

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"The families will be conducted into districts of Ontario to prevent the overcrowding of the labor market in any one place."

"Dr. Butler Hogan, medical officer for Tottenham, has agreed to examine each emigrant and sign a clean bill of health, thereby ensuring that no unsuitable person shall be sent out."

Rothschild Representative Here. During the earlier part of yesterday Bishop Darr held service in the Lake Champlain steamer and among his congregation were the newly arrived colonists. The Rothschild party were met here by Rev. Dr. Robbins, who was Lord Rothschild's representative here. Dr. Robbins arrived here two weeks ago on the C. P. R. liner Lake Manicha from Liverpool. He has since been in the west making arrangements for this party.

Those on board the Lake Champlain outside of the Rothschild party were principally English with a sprinkling of Scandinavians. It was about 7 o'clock before the immigrants landed, it being nearly the supper hour before the inspection on board was completed. All of the 277 newcomers, with the possible exception of the Scandinavians, are a splendid looking lot of people, the forty families of the Rothschild party being the pick. Of the entire lot on board, other than those with measles, none were held for disease by either the Canadian or United States officials and but two for money, and it is thought that they will be able to get work in St. John.

Five hundred and twenty-five are for the Canadian and fifty-seven for the United States side. They left on two special trains last night, one at 11 and one at 12 o'clock. On the first train were the first, second and third class of the Rothschild party and part of the steerage. On the second train, the Rothschild people were in charge of three immigration officials—Thomas Southworth, colonization agent for Ontario, and J. Cadins, also of the Ontario immigration department, and G. O. Johnston, of Ottawa, of the interior department. Messrs. Southworth and Cadins are to look after those going to Ontario, almost the entire lot. Mr. Johnston will take charge of the few going to the Northwest.

Dr. H. P. Bryce, chief medical officer of the Canadian immigration department, was also at Sand Point looking over the new arrivals. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the type of immigrants and says that he thinks they are the kind that will make good citizens. "Just as good as any I have seen," is the way he expressed himself.

Talk With Rev. Dr. Robbins. Rev. Dr. Robbins also expressed himself well pleased. To a Telegraph reporter he explained that these people have not situations waiting for them—as has been supposed. "You can't hire a person without looking him up," were his words. He added, however, that the Rothschild people come out under the supervision of the Ontario government and the Canadian interior department. "The Ontario government," said the doctor, "have sent me in the various parts of the province advising of the arrival of these people and to these certain districts the Rothschild people will be sent. If, however, they are not successful in procuring work in the district into which they are sent, they are to report back to the government and other steps to get them employment will be taken. Those going to the Northwest, Dr. Robbins says, will be looked after in the same way by the Canadian interior department. "The party," he continued, "have been most carefully selected from the standpoint of morals and physical fitness. Various callings are represented. Most of them are used to horses and all are accustomed to hard labor and will be prepared to take the first job offered."

Dr. Robbins, in addition to his clerical duties, is a well known lecturer in Great Britain, he having lectured on Canada, from Inverness to Torquay.

Campbell-Hanford.

Digby, N. S., Feb. 26.—The marriage of Rev. J. Roy Campbell, of Dorchester, and Miss Deborah Ann Campbell, of Digby, took place here at Holy Trinity church this morning, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and invited guests. Rev. Mr. DeLoraine officiated. The bride was attended in white silk with purple belt, and carried a magnificent bouquet of white roses.

Among those present were the groom's son, J. Roy Campbell, of St. John, and his wife, and Mrs. Carvell and Miss Hanford, sisters of the bride. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride, the scene of Mr. Campbell's activities when first ordained. The groom, who was formerly pastor of Dorchester, lost his sight about three years ago, but under treatment is regaining it again.

Hartcourt, Feb. 26.—Rev. R. H. Staver returned on Saturday from Wilmet Valley, N. B., where he had been since the 12th instant.

The death of Annie Elizabeth, infant daughter of Walter Price, of Rogersville, occurred on the 22nd.

Miss Agnes Perry, teacher at Berwick, spent Saturday in Acadville and Sunday here.

Miss Christina C. Fraser, teacher at Clairville, spent Saturday here, the guest of Mrs. Murray.

Louie J. Watton went to Fredericton on the 24th.

Mrs. Alfred Ward entertained a number of friends on Saturday night.

Mrs. Archie Peterson is improving in health. Tatt Atkinson is convalescent.

Miss Curran returned from West Branch on Saturday.

Alexander Curran of West Branch, spent Sunday with his brother in Bathurst.

The gate of the Moncton fire was plainly visible here Saturday night.

A C. P. R. freight train recently made the run from Megantic to this city, 307 miles, in 12 hours and 45 minutes, a record freight trip.

SAMUEL COOPER COST OF CITY PLANT 100,000 BADLY HURT

Run Over and Legs Crushed by Car at Bay Shore

LEG AMPUTATED IN THE HOSPITAL

Fell Between Cars Sunday Afternoon While at Work, and Wheel Passed Over Both Legs—Accident Caused Many Expressions of Regret.

Samuel J. Cooper, of 382 Main street, North End, a C. P. R. brakeman and for some years bookkeeper in the Victoria Hotel, King street, was fearfully injured Sunday afternoon in the Bay Shore yard, a box car passing over his legs, necessitating the amputation of both.

About two o'clock Sunday afternoon Cooper, Geo. Green and Isaac Worden were at work in the Bay Shore yard on a string of about fifteen box cars, which were being shunted, when in some manner Cooper, who was climbing up or coming down the end of a car, slipped and fell between the cars.

Willie, his young son, who was with him, was also injured and carried him to a brakeman's shack close by and a telephone message was at once sent to the hospital.

The amputation of one leg above the knee was found necessary. Brakeman Geo. Green, who was working about the leg was badly hurt, and the ankle and foot were being shunted, when in some manner Cooper, who was climbing up or coming down the end of a car, slipped and fell between the cars.

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BRAND NEW RAINCOATS For \$6.25, 7.50, \$9, \$10.80 Tweed and Worsted Trousers \$2.10 to \$3.60 Pair Workingmen's Trousers \$1.45, \$1.60 Black Trousers Worsteds and Chevots \$2.50 Pair up BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS IN TWEEDS AND SERGES \$1.80 to \$4.10 Boys' Sailor Suits IN SERGES AND TWEEDS \$1.85 Boys' Separate Pants IN TWEEDS AND SERGES 39c, 44c, 49c to 74c Pair

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LOCALS

On Saturday Auctioneer F. L. Potts sold a lot of land in Spruce street to Capt. J. E. Porter for \$200.

Harry M. Leonard, son of Fire Superintendent Leonard, of 2117 street, is now located at Akmeda, (Sask.) in the real estate business with a former Sackville man, G. R. McCord. They are forming a company.

Auctioneer T. T. Lantam, on Saturday at Chubb's corner sold the Birmingham property at Spruce Lake to J. W. Morrison for \$605 and the C. E. Belyea property, Carleton, to H. O. McInerney for \$1,500.

A number of ladies have formed themselves into the ladies' auxiliary of the Carleton Cornet Band. The officers are: Mrs. J. Alburgh, president; Miss Bessie Watters, vice-president; Mrs. F. T. Belyea, secretary; Mrs. W. J. Irons, treasurer; and the managing committee.

There are no new cases of smallpox reported. The school at Millfield was closed Monday by order of the local board of health. Hon. James Holly, chairman of the provincial board, had a consultation with the officials of the local board and consultation between the two bodies relative to the smallpox situation was agreed to but no date was fixed.

An amendment to the act governing the qualification of dentists in this province will be considered during the present session of the legislature, and will have for its main object a uniform qualification for all practitioners. The amendment now proposed looks to registration which would permit practice in any part of Canada.

Two of the Cushing pulp mill cases were before the courts Sunday morning. Judge McLeod settled the case on appeal from the original equity suit of the pulp mill company against the Cushing pulp mill. The case will be further considered tomorrow.

Notification of the discontinuance of the sale of season tickets on the I. C. R. was given the other day. Since then, however, this order has been qualified in favor of students going to and coming from universities. The I. C. R. has received orders from Moncton to resume the sale of half-rate season tickets to students.

The body of Andrew Day, whose tragic death took place Thursday morning, was taken to Kingston at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The body will be buried at St. John on Monday. The funeral will be held at the home of the deceased Friday evening. The body was taken to Kingston by the river route, accompanied by the family. A wreath was sent by the employees of the St. John Street Railway Company.

John Brayley, inspector of freight on the I. C. R., is a proud man just now. Out of 4,000 competitors in a puzzle contest run by the proprietors of Pearson's Magazine, he was the only Canadian to receive a prize. He is notified that he has won the 20th prize—five years' subscription to the magazine. The notification declares that all who entered the contest were of high class, ten per cent. of them being professional men.

The following Salvation Army cadets will leave this evening for Toronto to take a six-months' training course: Cadets Melnes and Duncan, of Springhill; Palmer, of Sackville; McQueen, of Moncton; Godfrey, of Chatham; Smith, of Sydney Mines; Crosby, of Bear River; Cosman, of No. 3 Barracks, St. John; Pileur, of Windsor; Kelly, of St. George's (Bermondsey); Brackett, of Yarmouth; Brushett, of Windsor, and Hanspacker, of Digby.

George T. Corbett, a valuable employee of the I. C. R., who, entering the service as porter here, sixteen years ago, has worked his way up to the position of one of the head checkers, has just resigned to become head shipper for W. H. Thorne & Co. He will assume his new duties on Monday. On Saturday night the gift presented to him a handsome Morris chair, accompanying it with many expressions of good will and best wishes for the future. Robert Clarke made the presentation.

The funeral of Mrs. William Peacock, of Fairville, took place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the residence of Mrs. Peacock. The funeral service was held at the residence of Mrs. Peacock on Friday evening by Rev. A. M. Hill, who accompanied the body to Rolling Dam Saturday morning to perform the last rites. Mrs. Peacock was a native of Rolling Dam and leaves five daughters to mourn their loss. Two are married in the United States. Others are Mrs. Wm. C. Gurnea, of Fairville; Miss Hough, of Providence, and Mrs. J. Peacock, of Rolling Dam.

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William Henry, one of the best known men at Little River, died at his home on Friday night, aged sixty-three years. He was a native of St. John and had worked in Lee's brick yard for a great many years. He had been ill for a long time with chronic bronchitis, which was the cause of death. Mr. Henry is survived by his wife and eight daughters. Three of the daughters are married, one of them living in Lynn (Mass.). The rest all live in this city. Deceased was a man who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him and many will regret to hear of his death.

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ELECTRIC SMELTING SUCCESS A GREAT BOON TO CANADA

Means the Treatment of Ores that Were Thought Useless, and Will Save the Country Millions Spent in Foreign Products.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—(Special)—As announced in these despatches yesterday the experiments at Sault Ste. Marie have demonstrated that magnetite as well as hematite ore can be successfully and economically smelted by electricity. Not only can the electric process be applied to the various grades of Canadian ores but iron ores containing considerable percentages of sulphur and phosphorus and which up to the present have been regarded as valueless can be successfully treated by the higher temperature available in an electric furnace.

This method of utilizing ore deposits, independent of blast furnace coke, will be of tremendous advantage to Canada but especially as regards the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The enlargement of existing plants for the manufacture of iron and steel and the speedy installation of new plants to follow as a matter of course. Canada will soon not require to import its iron. What this means can be seen from the fact that during 1902-1904 Canada imported crude and manufactured iron to the amount of \$42,126,000. With the increase in population the building of new railroads, the inauguration of new industries and the substitution of steel for wood in modern architecture the annual home consumption of iron and steel will be enormously increased.

Dr. Heron, of St. John, France, who carried out the experiments at Sault Ste. Marie, has agreed to refund the expense incurred by the government, if his process is adopted. From the profits accruing to the Sault Ste. Marie works in Canada, employing his method.

The proposition to reintroduce elk into the forests of the Adirondacks is said to have met with success. The total number in the mountains is estimated at 200. The best time to free the animals is during the month of May. The elk are being added to from time to time, and the animals are said to withstand the cold and snow even better than the deer.

It seems the trouble arose from a son of Mrs. Embree's paying attention to the young lady against his mother's wishes. As both families are prominent citizens of East Amherst, it has caused quite a sensation.

Stipendiary McKenzie today sentenced John Ryan, aged 12, to six months in the reform school at Halifax for stealing a quantity of chain from cars turned out from Rhodes, Curry & Co. for the I. C. R. Provincial Constable James A. Simpson left with his youthful prisoner by the noon train.