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CANADA'S GIFT TO STARVING JAPS

Twenty Thousand Bags of Flour to Be Sent There

A Sample of Yeast in Each Package with Directions Printed in Their Own Language Telling Them How to Make the Best Bread on Earth---Shipments to Undergo Strict Inspection.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—(Special)—The Canadian government has purchased \$25,000 worth of wheat flour which will be shipped to Japan for the relief of the famine-stricken sufferers in the northern part of the kingdom, where the rice crop, the staple food of the people, has proved a total failure. The flour has been largely purchased in Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie, but a part has been milled in British Columbia from Alberta wheat.

It will be sent forward in white cotton sacks, each holding 49 pounds and enclosed in a bag of coarse jute. The sides of both bags will bear this inscription in Japanese characters: "Canadian wheat flour for the special use of the starving people of the eastern Japan suffering people. The gift of the Canadian government."

Twenty thousand bags of cotton and an equal number of bags of jute will be needed to transport the flour. It will go forward in two shipments, the first leaving British Columbia on March 3. Flour will not be the only thing in the bags. Advantage will be taken of this opportunity to impress the Japanese with the advantage of making bread from Canadian flour. At present they convert flour into macaroni and other foods which lack the substantial character of bread. Hence each bag will contain directions how to make bread and a sample of yeast to help to give effect to them. The directions are on leaflets of fine paper and are printed in the best Japanese that the Mikado's scholarly and erudite representative in the Canadian capital, Consul-General T. Nossé, could command.

Hon. Mr. Fisher's Idea.

It is scarcely necessary to state the reasons for such a practical demonstration

of friendship for the Japanese, nor to say that the minister of agriculture, Hon. Sydney Fisher, responsible for the recommendation, upon which the government has acted. Mr. Fisher learned with regret that owing to the utter failure of the rice crop in many districts of northern Japan, where the inhabitants are dependent upon the product for subsistence, a condition of famine prevails. By the participation of the dominion in the fifth national exhibition held at Osaka in the year 1903 the most friendly relations were established with the people of the Japanese empire, which have become closer as time has gone on.

As an evidence of the good will of the empire towards the dominion the latter has been admitted as a party to the Anglo-Japanese treaty whereby trade relations on the most advantageous terms were established between the two countries.

In Mr. Fisher's opinion the wheat flour of Canada can replace the rice of Japan as a food with benefit to the consumers in the present lamentable situation. Accordingly the minister recommended that as a mark of sympathy with the people of Japan in their distress there should be sent to that country out of the bountiful harvest with which it had pleased Divine Providence to bless the dominion as much wheat flour as could be bought for \$25,000. This recommendation met with the hearty and unanimous endorsement of Mr. Fisher's colleagues.

Most of the flour purchased has been inspected by an expert so as to insure the being of the right quality. Today Chief Inspector Horn, of Winnipeg, de-acted an official to go to British Columbia and inspect the wheat emanating from the mills there.

WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS

New York Legislative Committee Recommends Changes to Curb Graft and Give Policyholders a Chance---A Limit to New Business of Companies and Also to Salaries of Officials---Restrictions About Investments and a Stop to Syndicates --- Conclusions About Different Concerns' Solvency.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
New York, Feb. 22.—The recommendations of the Armstrong investigating committee as presented to the legislature today will, if enacted into law, completely revolutionize the business of life insurance.

The salient feature of the report, which has been awaited with the greatest interest, were presented accurately in this correspondence on Feb. 16. At a glance, the principal recommendations are:

That the insurance law be amended to

That the limit of annual new business be fixed at \$150,000,000.
That a drastic measure be passed to prevent political contributions.
To Register Lobbyists.
That lobbyists be registered and that each company submit itemized accounts of its legislative expenses.
That all salaries over \$5,000 a year be fixed by the trustees and not by a committee or officer.
That the rebate law be amended to

do away with syndicate transactions, safeguard investments, prohibit contributions for political purposes, stamp out lobbying, prevent the big companies from increasing their business to the danger point, abolish preferred dividend policies and make agents' commissions uniform. These are a few of the recommendations.

Want All Companies Mutual.

The committee advises that the insurance laws be amended to permit the formation of mutual companies without capi-

Men Sued by the Mutual Life Insurance Company



Richard A. McCurdy



Robert H. McCurdy

New York, Feb. 22.—Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, authorized the statement that civil suits have been begun in the Supreme Court against Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life; Robert H. McCurdy, former general manager; Colonel Charles H. Raymond and Louis A. Thebaud, constituting the firm of Charles A. Raymond & Co., late general metropolitan agents of the Mutual.

Mr. Peabody acted upon the oral advice given about a week ago by Joseph H. Choate, of whom the Board of Trustees had requested an opinion on the recommendations made by the Trustee's investigating committee, that such suits be instituted.

That Mr. McCurdy and his son would raise no objection to personal service on the ground of their residence in New Jersey. All the prospective defendants authorized their counsel to accept service in their behalf.

It would not make the mutualization of existing stock companies compulsory, but the committee advises that in time the management should convert those companies from a stock to a mutual basis.

The report is explicit in the matter of the rights of the policyholders, who, it points out, are practically helpless under existing conditions.

The committee declares for accessible lists of policyholders before elections, for the nomination of candidates representing the administration and also independent nomination for the cancellation of existing policies and "for voting either in person, by mail or by proxy, but for the

DOUBLE DROWNING IN BAY OF FUNDY

William and Heber Prime of Freeport N. S. the Victims

Boat Upset While They Were Tending Lobster Traps---One Clung to Craft and was Almost Ashore when Huge Wave Tore Him From His Hold and He was Lost---Men on Beach Prevented by Gale from Attempting Rescue.

Digby, N. S., Feb. 22.—(Special)—Another sad drowning accident occurred in the Bay of Fundy late this afternoon. Albert William and Heber Prime of Freeport had visited their lobster traps and were returning home in a sail boat their small craft upset off Nineteen Cove on the north shore of Long Island.

Lobster fishermen on the shore saw one man thrown out of the boat as she tumbled over. The other man clung to the wreck, and finally the boat righted herself, filled with water. The wind was blowing a gale from the northeast and the sea was a nasty one.

The waterlogged boat continued to drift towards the shore with its half-drowned occupant but just as it neared the surf three huge waves washed poor Prime overboard and he went down in sight of those on the rocks.

Byron Delaney of Central Grove and Timmie Sullivan jumped over into the surf and nearly lost their lives trying to get hold of the drowning man but he soon disappeared.

The boat washed ashore. The bodies had not been recovered tonight. William Prime, aged 24, was married and leaves a widow who formerly resided in Annapolis county, and a little child five months old. He was a son of Deacon and Mrs. George Prime and is survived by his parents, three brothers and three sisters. He was an Oddfellow, a Son of Temperance, and highly respected in his native village.

Heber Prime was aged 21, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Prime, and leaves besides his parents several brothers and sisters. He was a general favorite with everybody.

Digby county loses a large number of lobster fishermen who risk their lives at this time of year in rough weather endeavoring to supply the American market during the season of high prices.

A big sea is running along Digby's water front tonight. The only vessel off Digby is supposed to be the Bear River schooner Valdaire, just arrived from Boston to load lumber at this port.

FAMILY IN CRITICAL STATE FROM EATING CANNED RHUBARB

Providence, R. I., Feb. 22.—The four members of the family of Gilbert Robillard were in a serious condition today as a result of poisoning from eating preserved rhubarb, and for hours it was feared that they would not recover.

The family consists of Gilbert Robillard, aged 67; Mary, his wife, aged 47; Napoleon, their son, aged 23, and the latter's wife, aged 21. They are all natives of Canada and came here recently from New Hampshire. The rhubarb was purchased in a sealed can and immediately after eating all the members of the family were seized with illness which soon assumed a violent form.

A physician who attended the sufferers and administered antidotes to them is of opinion that the can contained a poison resembling corrosive sublimate.

DEVONSHIRE AND GOSHEN STILL FIRM FREE TRADERS

London, Feb. 22.—In the house of lords today the Duke of Devonshire provoked a debate on the fiscal question in opening which he announced that he and his friends would oppose to the best of their ability the proposals made by the Unionist leader. The duke added that he remained a Unionist but would not accept a leadership which involved him with the opinions expressed by former Premier Balfour and Joseph Chamberlain.

Former Foreign Secretary Lansdowne defended the policy of Mr. Balfour while Lord Goschen, the former chancellor of the exchequer, associated himself with the Duke of Devonshire in repudiating it.

SUNBURY AFRAID RIVER WATER WILL BE WORSE

Provincial Board of Health Heard Their Protest Last Night About Fredericton Sewage Contaminating the Stream---City Clerk McCready Said One-Third was Emptying Into it Now---J. D. Hazen One of the Objectors.

Fredericton, Feb. 22.—(Special)—The annual conversation at the university this evening was attended by between 200 and 300 persons and passed off most successfully. The guests were received by Charles Mosdame Bailey, Scott and Perott, dancing was the chief amusement and was carried on in the main corridor, which was artistically decorated with flags and evergreens. Hanlon's orchestra furnished music and a programme of eighteen dances with three supper extra was carried out. Light refreshments were served in the library. St. John, Woodstock and other outside places contributed to the list of guests.

Premier Tweedie's announcement in regard to the Central Railway has given rise to considerable speculation as to the identity of the parties behind the offer submitted to the government. A report that the proposition was made on behalf of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway cannot be traced to any authoritative source. A gentleman close to the government stated this evening that provincial capitalists were interested in the proposition.

A special meeting of the provincial board of health was held at the Queen Hotel this evening to deal with the complaint against the proposed sewage system for this city raised by the Sunbury authorities. Members of the board present were Hon. Charles Hally, St. John; Dr. Stevens, Moncton; J. H. Barry, Fredericton, and Dr. Forbes, secretary. The Sunbury county council was represented by Councillors Wilson and J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., and City Clerk McCready were present on behalf of the city. Mr. Wilmut read a letter from Dr. Atherton who expressed the opinion that if the sewage of Fredericton was emptied into the river it would make the water unfit for domestic purposes. He also read a letter from W. H. Clement, city engineer of Vancouver, who expressed the opinion that sewage dumped into the river should first pass through septic tanks. The cost of tanks of the kind would be between \$4,000 and \$6,000. Mr. Wilmut also read a letter from his brother, E. A. Wilmut, C. E., of Vancouver, who stated that the practice of discharging crude sewage into rivers passing through settled districts had been abandoned by all civilized countries.

J. D. Hazen claimed that the plans prepared by Engineer Barbour did not call for a modern system of sewage as laid down in the act of assembly passed last year. He was opposed to having sewage emptied into the river.

Mr. McCready pointed out that already one-third of the sewage of the city was emptied into the river. He did not think that the residue of similar kind any ground for their fears. The system proposed by Mr. Barbour was considered to be thoroughly up-to-date.

There was a general discussion over the matter which lasted more than two hours and members of the board stated that they would give the matter careful consideration and report later as to what action would be taken.

Mrs. Stratton, widow of the late Judge B. L. Peters, of St. John, is critically ill at her home here from pneumonia. She is not expected to live through the night.

Frank McNally, son of Councillor Byron McNally, aged 26 years, died at Queensbury on Wednesday.

The body arrived here at noon today. Harold Boyd, formerly of Upper Canada, who died in Montague City (Mass.) on Monday as the result of an accident. A bridge across the Washademoak at the Narrows was asked for by a delegation that waited on the government this morning. The delegation consisted of Councillor J. S. Robinson, D. Wilson and J. W. Carpenter, M. P. P.'s. The bridge asked for would have to be about eight hundred feet in length. The government promised consideration.

The lieutenant governor entertained the following gentlemen to a state dinner at Government House this evening: Rev. Father Carney, A. F. Street, W. K. C. Parke, Judge Wilson, J. T. Sharkey, J. P. Winslow, S. S. Ryan, M. P. P., Hon. G. E. Hill, G. J. Clarke, M. P. P., Major Bridges, A. D. C. R. S. Barker, C. M. Lezer, M. P. P., R. Maxwell, M. P. P., George Robertson, M. P. P., J. W. Carpenter, M. P. P., F. E. Tweeddale, M. P. P., James Barnes, M. P. P., T. A. Hart, M. P. P., E. Lantalam, M. P. P., A. B. Copp, M. P. P., G. G. Scovill, M. P. P., J. James Lovell, M. P. P.

SAYS PUBLIC LIFE IN CANADA IS VERY CORRUPT

Canadian Journalist Frees His Mind in London Paper—Testifies to All of Our Premiers' Honesty.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—(Special)—The Star's London correspondent says: "Some small stir has been raised in the Anglo-Canadian fraternity by a Canadian journalist who, visiting England, in a letter to Pall Mall Gazette, alleges that the whole Canadian public life, and no inconsiderable portion of the business life, is permeated with corruption and says that he must be ready to cope with hoodlums at every turn."

A large section of the population, he says, is not capable of being convinced that any man can be so foolish as to run for underman or member of parliament merely for his health. According as a member with a collection, judgeship, or other government place. He winds up with: "There has never yet been a federal premier who has not been free from suspicion of personal enrichment."

PENSION FUND FOR NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS

Government to Introduce Measure to That Effect—House Opened Thursday.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22.—(Special)—The provincial legislature was opened this afternoon with a speech from the throne by Governor Jones. Regarding railway matters, the speech stated that the company, which proposed the construction of the Nova Scotia Eastern Railway having been unsuccessful in the making of its financial arrangements, the government is now conducting negotiations with other parties which, it is hoped, will secure the construction of the line.

A measure will be introduced to authorize the government to grant substantial aid to any responsible company willing to undertake the enterprise.

Several amendments to the education act are promised. One of them is the creation of a pension fund for teachers.

The subject of a readjustment of the financial arrangements between the dominion and the province continues to engage the attention of the government, as well as that of the governments of the sister provinces.

With considerable increased population in some parts of the province, it is desirable to improve the system of conducting criminal prosecutions. It is believed that both efficiency and economy may be promoted by the appointment of permanent crown attorneys in the most populous districts. A measure for the purpose will be submitted.

The resolutions of the Ottawa forestry convention are commended to the house with a view of the adoption of measures that may be required from time to time.

FRENCH PRESS GLOOMY ABOUT MOROCCO STRUGGLE

Warn Germany That No New Advances Will Be Made to Settle the Dispute.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The government does not give any further indication of its intentions in regard to the Moroccan question.

The tone of the French press is that the conference situation is desperate, the only thing remaining being for France to state her case and depart. However, there is no evidence that President Fallieres and Premier Rouvier, both of whom are men of an extremely conservative and pacific character, entirely share the view that the conference is doomed to failure. The semi-official Temps, however, prints a leading article saying that "An accord is impossible."

The Temps adds:

"The Germans begin to believe that France will make new advances. We affirm in the most categorical manner that the German expectations are baseless. France's former proposals represent the maximum of our concessions. Therefore France is resolved to repulse desperate resolutions. She has only to plead her case before the open conference and if Germany persists France will content herself with the status quo, which is less perilous than so-called accords."

FATAL ACCIDENT AT RED BEACH

Calais, Me., Feb. 22.—Charles Mingo, aged 28, and married, was fatally injured today while watching operations in the Tarbox fish mill at Red Beach. An overhead pulley burst and a piece of it struck him upon the head, crushing in the skull. He died several hours later. Mingo was employed as a machinist by the Maine Red Granite Company.

CONSERVATIVES HOLD SEAT IN NORTH TORONTO

D. K. McNaught Had 1421 Majority in Thursday's By-election

Defeated ex-Mayor Urquhart, Liberal---Socialist Candidate Got 286 Votes---Dr. Nesbitt Had 1,480 Over Opponent in Last Contest.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—(Special)—D. K. McNaught, Conservative, was elected today over ex-Mayor Urquhart, Liberal, by 1,421 votes for the North Toronto seat in the Ontario legislature. Simpson, the Socialist candidate, was not in the running.

McNaught, Conservative, 3,839.
Urquhart, Liberal, 2,418.
Simpson, Socialist, 286.

The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Dr. Nesbitt to accept the registration.

Dr. Nesbitt was elected last year by a majority of 1,483.

GERMANY AFRAID OF GREAT BRITAIN

Tariff War With United States Would Greatly Benefit Her

High American Duties a Great Obstacle to Its Expansion Says Von Buelow to Reichstag—Wants Nothing Done Till Negotiations for New Treaty Are Concluded.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—Chancellor Von Buelow opened the debate in the Reichstag today on the government's proposal to extend reciprocal tariff to the United States until June 30, 1907. The house was thinly occupied.

The chancellor said that although the United States was the principal exporter of agricultural products and raw materials, German agriculture was not so much interested in a commercial treaty with the United States as is German industry and commerce which suffered through the high American tariffs and by obstacles in the American customs houses.

The imperial government asked the Reichstag to authorize the application of the treaty rates to the United States as a right under the most favored nation interpretation, but in order that the negotiations pending might still be conducted to a satisfactory end and because it was in the interest of both countries to avoid a tariff war.

The chancellor said that he placed a high value on good political relations between Germany and the United States, which were a blessing to both lands, but it would be deceptive to believe that he would buy political friendship by the sacrifice of Germany's economic interests. Although the United States would be injured in its exports the advantage of such a war would rest with a third country.

The chancellor presumably meant Great Britain.

Regarding the length of the period of the tariff arrangement the chancellor said that a longer time might have the appearance of a definite settlement while a shorter one would aid in overcoming the difficulties in the way of a commercial treaty.

"We are therefore forced," said the chancellor, "to ask parliament to consent to this proposal so that we may continue in peace with the United States."

PROMOTION FOR HALIFAX EDITOR

C. S. Barnstead of the Acadian Recorder Now Clerk of Legislative Council---W. B. MacCoy, Assistant.

Halifax, Feb. 22.—(Special)—C. S. Barnstead, editor of the Acadian Recorder, who had been assistant clerk of the legislative council under Arthur Troop, resigned, was today appointed clerk.

There was quite a race for the assistant clerkship, thus vacated, the chief competitors being W. B. MacCoy, barrister, of Halifax, and C. S. Pelton, barrister, of Yarmouth. A contest was held tonight, when MacCoy was elected.

BILL INTRODUCED TO LIFT CANADIAN CATTLE EMBARGO

London, Feb. 22.—A bill was introduced in the house of commons today aimed at the removal of the embargo on the importation of Canadian cattle. The second reading was set for April 6th. The supporters of the measure included several Canadian members. There is every hope of the bill passing the house of commons, but it is feared that it will be defeated in the house of lords.

AN OPEN VERDICT IN CAPE BRETON TRAGEDY

Coroner's Jury Finds Stetka, Wife and Children's Deaths were Suspicious and Recommends Further Inquiry---Opinion that N. S. Shareholders of York Loan Co. are Creditors Because Company Did Business Illegally in the Province.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22.—(Special)—A meeting of the Halifax six creditors, of the York County Savings and Loan Company was held tonight. The main point of interest in the proceedings was a written opinion from W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., stating that the company's shareholders in this province rank as creditors and not merely as shareholders. This is because of a statute passed two years ago which directed that loan companies such as this should take out a license to do business in Nova Scotia. The York County Company never obtained a license, and hence their collection of money here was illegal and those who paid in are entitled to collect as creditors. If this contention succeeds the shareholders in Nova Scotia ranking as creditors, will have a lien on the assets.

The coroner's inquiry into the Stetka tragedy at Dominion No. 1 (C. B.), was concluded this afternoon when the jury returned an open verdict as follows: "In certain respects the death of Anton Stetka, wife and two children, which event occurred at Old Bridgeport, in the county of Cape Breton, the coroner's jury, selected to investigate the same, desire to state that after hearing all the evidence produced, and verifying the same most carefully, we believe such deaths occurred under most unusual and suspicious circumstances, and would recommend a further inquiry under the direct supervision of the Crown."

Judge Meagher, when discharging the grand jury after they had completed their duty, stated that nothing had come before him to warrant him in detaching them from the business at Dominion No. 1.

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CHAPTER XVI.

Of the Debonair Scripts.

"And let us make a name."—Genoa.

The flame of lofty resolve burned with a high, present heat in Maximilian's chest.

When the young prince—here he was but thirty-three—descended from his carriage, he signed that the Cortège should not form as yet.

And instead of mounting the colonnade steps, he turned and singled with his amiable subjects. A pleased murmur arose among the Indians.

"Que simpatia!" they breathed in little gasps of admiring awe.

The unusually bright very fair young man, in the simplicity of black, with only the grand cross of St. Stephen about his neck, moved about among the ragged, poor, now and again spoke her one word, now and again spoke her one word.

And she was quick to brush aside the touch of an elbow, but to those outside the circle, watching with her people, and in thought, he really was. There was a great pity upon his face, and it was the more poignant because there was the more could not comprehend the wretchedness which so appealed to him.

"And thou?" he demanded of an aged man whose fingers hung heavy as iron.

A look of poor simple craft came into the Indian's face. "I, señor? Maria juramos, I am cursed of heaven. But the rich senior wishes to know—"

Monseñor Elean could prevent, he bared his teeth, and he said, "If it were not for my leg, Your Majesty—"

"Animal," snarled Elean in his ear. "You—Your Majesty, or if I had children, I could make my debt—oh, grande, grande, twenty reales, maybe. And then, and then, I should have a green eagle, like my nephew Felipe has. He owes," the man added in a kind of pride, "thirty reales, my nephew Felipe owes."

But his wiles failed. The rich senior turned toward the colonnade, his sailor's eye swung giving way to a tread of the termination. Also, the pure flame burned contentedly.

From the top of the steps, between files of dismounted Dragoons, Maximilian looked over the people, beyond, in some far away gaze of the future.

Maximilian hid the golden gleam of his hair under the rebosa. "Silencium!" he whispered, laying a finger to his lips.

"For now, we'll have the mountains to look at, and the little hills to skip. In all the Orient there blooms no flower of eloquence like unto his."

The monarch's inspired look promised much as he said, "Maximilian," he began. The people huddled closer, their responsive voices quickened. His sonorous voice was electrical, despite an accent of stammering words.

But the one word of address gave the people a dignity they had never suspected.

"Maximilian," he began again, "I am not here to speak of my own desires, but of the desires of the people. I am not here to speak of my own desires, but of the desires of the people."

Proceeding, the speaker solemnly told them of his divine right as a Hapsburg, as one of the Casares, and of his responsibility to God and to the people.

As a Mexican he gloried with them in their liberties, in the Liberty he brought, for had not the Holy Father said to him, "Greater are the rights of a people, but greater and more sacred are the rights of Heaven-given fire to lift them, his subjects, into the vanguard of Nineteenth Century Progress."

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of stupendous history making had just unfolded, and some graceful tribute was due. The royal favorite had foreseen the need, and he was prepared; but whether by borrowing or originating, it is impossible to say.

"Vous l'avez relevé; votre main souveraine l'a relevé d'un seul coup à la famille humaine. De ce premier bienfait. Sire, soyez content. L'Indien fera de vous MAXIMILIEN LE GRAND!"

"Parbleu, why not?" demanded Jaqueline. "If only he were as great as his deities, poor man!"

Maximilian at this time remembered that he must be somebody's guest. "Who receives us here?" he asked. But none of his court knew. Even Monseñor Elean could only point to the administrator. "Why is your master not present?" inquired General Almonte.

The administrator opened his mouth, but he promised to shoot him if he breathed a word of Don Anastasio being a prisoner.

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freedmen were just rising and their knees among the thorns and stones. Then it occurred to the liberator that their participation in the rejoicing was not exactly all-conspicuous.

"Would you not think it well, father," said he to the Grand Chaplain, "that these poor people partake of the holy communion on this day?"

"If you approve, let it be ordered that—"

"But Sire—"

Maximilian turned quickly, a pleased smile on his face. "The liberation came in his own tongue, in German. And he who had spoken was a German. It was the hacienda curate. His voice was soft and purring with deference. He wished with permission, that the holy sacrament for the Indians was out of the question; scarcely one of them had been baptized."

"Not baptized?" Maximilian exclaimed. "And this is this fulfilling your sacred obligations?"

"The curate bowed his head. He had found them thus, when he first came, a few weeks ago."

"And you came—"

"From a charge, sire, where as secretary I served His Serenissima, the Bishop of the state. But, as meekly explained, he had sought the Lord's service among the Huastecans. Pastors were said to be needed, yet never had he imagined—He stopped short, in naive embarrassment."

Maximilian appreciated his delicacy in not wishing to reflect on the Huasteca bishop. But from others he learned that neither baptism nor other spiritual offices had been performed in the community for years and years, and that the bishop resided in the capital, because among his flock he had neither comforts nor a fitting altar.

"But why," Maximilian demanded sternly, "have you not put to use the few weeks you have been here?"

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matter-of-fact tone the glad light faded from his eyes. Jaqueline, by the way, was a good manager. She reminded him that she had no mother nor father nor other relative in France—which disposed of France. Then, though he winced, she added that the experiment of a New World court was a novel spectacle and she enjoyed more than the conventional affairs in Europe. Accordingly she would resume her place as first lady of honor. At this point she had finished speaking, her face as white as a sheet.

Maximilian shuddered. He imagined the horrors she must have encountered. "But, mademoiselle, the brigades? You did not come alone through that terrible coast country?"

"Of course not, sire. And that's why I reveal myself to Your Majesty. The best of me is speaking of a different matter."

"I have never, mademoiselle. One must have too far hopes to understand you."

"But there's nothing to understand. Your Majesty has only to keep Colonel Dupin from shooting him."

"On the porch just now," Jaqueline explained, "when you finished speaking, he said, 'I am speaking of—announced that he wanted to see you, but the Tiger dove his pistol to shoot him if he moved.'"

"Then naturally your friend did not shoot?"

"Your Majesty does not know him. But he stopped for me."

"Were you so afraid Dupin would lose his temper?"

"I had no desire to see the prisoner commit suicide. But I had to promise him that he should see Your Majesty later."

"He is not one to whine for his life, sire. It is other business he means. But Your Majesty need not know only see him. Besides, it would hardly be courteous, granting him an audience so informally."

"But if I am not to hear him, why should I see him?"

"To save his life, perhaps?"

"And why, since he is not concerned about that?"

"But I am, sire, and I count on Your Majesty to help me repay an old debt."

"An American, sire?"

"A Confederate, sire. The report is that he is an American. And Colonel Dupin believes him to be an accomplice of Rodrigo Galan. But he is not. He fought Rodrigo Galan, and he is not. He is not. He is not."

"Maximilian frowned again. "And so," he said, trying to do it lightly, "I have this unknown American to thank for the escape of seeing you, mademoiselle? Otherwise, I should not have known that you were here, and—"

He stopped. The gray eyes were laughing here against his face. To Maximilian here, and he was it? Evidently, she had discovered it. And that vexed him, because he had supposed that she was not. And he had supposed that she was not. And he had supposed that she was not."

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The People of the Story

The Misourian, known in every fight as the Storm Centre. His real name is John D. Driscoll, familiarly shortened to Din Driscoll. In the case of the Civil War he rode with a Union regiment, and in the Mexican Revolution he was a lieutenant-colonel in General José's shabby brigade of Confederate dardevils. He is now a member of the staff of the Emperor Maximilian of Mexico.

Charlotte of Orleans, the Empress. Anastasio Margallo, a Mexican hacendado, who acquires riches by running Federal blockades into Southern ports. He is both coward and a miser. Maria de La Luz, his daughter. Rodrigo Galan, brigadier and guerrilla. Tiburcio, blacksmith of the highway, stout and imperious. Augustin Fischer, "the Fat Padre," a renegade priest of subtle parts. Michael Ney, ex-archbishop of the "Bravest of the Braves." The Marshal Bazaine, commander-in-chief of the French Army of Occupation in Mexico. Madame La Marchese, his wife.

Colonel Dupin, the "Tiger of the Tropics," chief of the Contra Guerrillas. Miguel Lopez, colonel of Dragoons, a favorite of the Emperor. Monsieur Elean, the Emperor's secretary. Monsieur Marimon, Major, Mexican. Regules, Eusebio, Republican officers. Daniel Boone, first scout among the Misourians, one-time editor and editor yet to be. "Old Brothers and Sisters," "Tall Moss" of the County of Pike, and yet more of the Misourian colonists. Benito Juarez, president of the Mexican Republic.

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Numidian, 3107, Halifax, Feb. 21. South Africa, Feb. 19. Teatin, 1002, Belfast, Feb. 1. Tunisian, 682, Liverpool, Feb. 22.

Marine News

Capt. Asa Tower, of Bangor, has purchased the three-masted schooner Susie P. Oliver, of Bangor, 77 tons, built at Bucksport in 1882. She will engage in the lumber trade.

Sch. Charles L. Jefferys will load ice at Rockport (Me.), for Fisher's Island at 11.35.

Battle line Genoa, Capt. P. E. sailed on the 21st from Genoa for Algiers and Catania.

Steamer Lewiston has been chartered to load 1,000 standard is reported chartered at 30s 6d, Baltimore to Glasgow. May loading.

Schooner Cheilan, Capt. Brown, before reported out to Savannah because of damage to rigging and rudder, a discharge cargo in order to reach and stop leak that has been discovered.

Canada-South African line steamer, Oriana sailed on the 19th.

Sch. Marguerite, Capt. Thibadeau, arrived from Boston on Saturday last with 160 tons of cargo. The vessel is bound to James Cummings, St. Andrews, Bonaventure.

The British bark Belmont, Capt. Ladd, which cleared Wednesday from Boston for Rockport, is loaded with 1,400,000 feet of pine lumber.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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SMALLPOX IN KINGS. To the Editor of the Telegraph: Sir—In regard to the cases of smallpox in the lumber camps back of Westfield there seems to be conflict of authorities. Dr. Watson, chairman of the Kings County Board of Health, quarantined two lumber camps. Next day Dr. Fisher arrived from Fredericton and Dr. Curran from Fairville, and went to the camps. They found no sickness there and immediately raised the quarantine. Now, Mr. Editor, what I wish to know is had Dr. Fisher authority to do so without examining the men who had left there with the disease? Another thing is, did Dr. Fisher get his authority from the meeting of the board? If these doctors don't examine the camps? If these doctors don't examine the camps? If these doctors don't examine the camps?

Lower Millstream Notes. Apohaig, Kings Co., Feb. 21—Kings county District Dealing Society, in connection with the division at Mt. Middleton on the 18th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Kerr, D. W. Patriar, presided. After the usual routine of business, the following were elected: Vice, J. A. Leiper, D. W. P.; Wm. Kerr, pres. W. D. P.; P. Chapman, secy. W. D. P.; Wm. A. H. A. Corbett, secretary; G. G. Patterson, secretary; Thomas Patterson, secretary; Laura Mace, suppt. of Young People's work.

Different phases of the temperance work were thoroughly discussed, the most attention being given to juvenile work, and the best methods of doing propagation work. In the evening at 7.30, despite a rather severe storm, a very interesting public meeting was held at the home of the Rev. Mr. Hand, a number of other temperance workers. Only pleasing results were reported. The excellent meeting by members of Mt. Middleton Division, the next session is to be held in the Temperance hall at Collins in July. Many friends of Francis Kierstead regret to hear that he is lying seriously ill at his home in Collins. Mr. Kierstead and family have the deepest sympathy of the community in their trouble, as only last week Mr. Kierstead passed away after a lingering illness.

quarantined the 6th district meeting in the Union Baptist will be held in their church at this place on Thursday, the 8th day of March.

Mr. A. G. Macgregor, who belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of this place had his nineteenth birthday celebrated at his home in Collins, N. B., on Sunday, attended church in the evening. Mrs. Macgregor is remarkably well and active for her years and conversant with all the events of the present day, as well as the past. She has long since made a patchwork quilt of small patterns, beautifully done, and sent to her daughter, Mrs. E. W. McLaughlin, of Moncton, N. B., on Saturday.

Mr. Z. Parise has gone to St. John to have a cancer removed from his face. This is the second time Mr. Parise has had cancer removed.

The lumbermen and those who have built up the lumbering trade in this county have come. Our councillor, Mr. Parise, who is lumbering extensively at Grand Manan, reports a fall of thirteen inches of snow.

The free public library of New Bedford has recently acquired 32 log books of different varying volumes, which are the property of the late Edward J. Smith.

ROBERT FULTON. STROKE OF FAMOUS PARIS CREW, DEAD.

Robert Fulton died yesterday at his home in the West End. Mr. Fulton had been ailing all winter, but until a short time ago his illness was not sufficiently serious to confine him to the house. He was 61 years of age.

The death of Robert Fulton removes from the scene one of the four men who made a boat, and the home of aquatic sport and who brought fame to this city from every quarter of the globe.

In the old days the Paris crew became famous to conquer and to play stories of their prowess are told and the name is honored wherever men contend for supremacy in the art of handling a boat.

Mr. Fulton was a member of the Paris crew from its first organization, and in the crew's most famous races occupied the position of helmsman.

The race attracted thousands of people from all parts of the city, and England and was one of the greatest sporting events ever held in the city.

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The York Theatre assembly rooms presented a brilliant spectacle Wednesday on the occasion of the ball given by the officers of the 3rd New Brunswick Royal Canadian Artillery

The ball room with its blaze of light, artistic decorations and merry waltzing throng was a feast for the eye to gaze at and the ball itself was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind that has been held in a long while

The vestibule was festooned with flags and on either side a brass cannon was stationed, presenting a very striking appearance

The ball room itself was beautifully decorated. Large streamers of purple and gold and banners of red and white were every where to be seen

ST. JOHN MARKETS

Price of Eggs Goes to Pieces; Flour, Oatmeal and Sugar Also Cheaper

Within the last two weeks the price of eggs in the local market has gone to pieces. Eggs are now offered at a flat quotation of sixteen cents

COUNTRY MARKET table with columns for item and price

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SUSSEX SEED FAIR - The fourth annual seed fair of the Sussex and Southwestern Agricultural Society opened this morning with a large exhibit of grains and potatoes

OBITUARY

Mrs. George A. Gorbell - Mrs. George A. Gorbell died in Boston last Monday. Mrs. Gorbell, who was formerly Miss George Van Wart, of this city, had been in poor health and had been spending the winter with her sister

Mrs. Charles W. Shampier - Mrs. Shampier, wife of the best known residents of Carleton, died Tuesday at the advanced age of eighty-seven years

Mrs. Francis Rankin - Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 20 - Mrs. Francis Rankin died this morning at her home in Carleton, after an illness of some weeks

Rev. J. W. Turner - Halifax, Feb. 20 - Rev. J. W. Turner, who was stricken with paralysis at Kentville a week ago, died at an early hour this morning

John Moore - White's Cove, N. B., Feb. 19 - This community was shocked this morning when it was learned that John Moore was found dead in his bed this morning

James Linton - In the General Hospital Monday morning James Linton, aged 60 years, a resident of Kennecott street, died

Miss Bertie L. Brown - After illness extending over six months Miss Bertie L. Brown died Thursday and the news will be received with deep sorrow by a wide circle of friends

Mrs. Patrick Trainor - Mrs. Trainor, wife of Patrick Trainor, Westmorland road, died Wednesday at 9 o'clock, aged thirty-two years

Mrs. Susie Perkins - Sussex, N. B., Feb. 21 - The funeral takes place tomorrow of Mrs. Susie Perkins, who died suddenly at Onondale Monday

Has a Three-legged Hen - Among the excellent flock of hens owned by Mrs. Joseph McGee at Back Bay, one of nature's freaks may be seen in the shape of a three-legged hen

LOGALS

Albert Mellerg, who was hurt in the locomotive explosion at Westfield, was discharged from the hospital on Saturday

The engagement of Thomas F. Fleming, of Halifax (N. S.), and Miss Margaret G. Doherty, of this city, is announced

A case of accidental shooting was reported Wednesday in a house about half a mile out of the Mahogany road from Fairville

St. John Lodge of Perfection A. and A. Scottish Rite has installed: E. E. Everett, S. P. M.; A. R. Campbell, ex S. P. G. W. T. Cushing, ex J. G. W. W. H. B. Sadler, G. S.; T. A. Godsoe, G. T.; J. King Kelley, O.; J. V. Ellis, A.; J. H. Hart, M. A. C. A. McNeil, G. E.; J. H. Walker, A. G. W. Alex. Porter, C. H.

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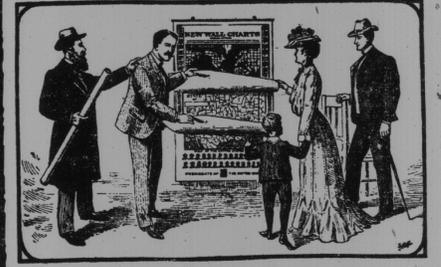
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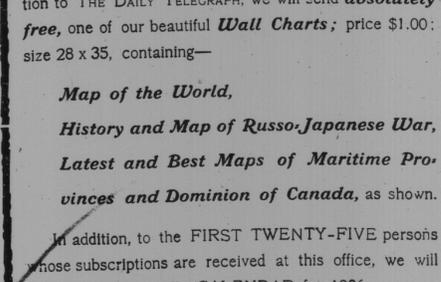
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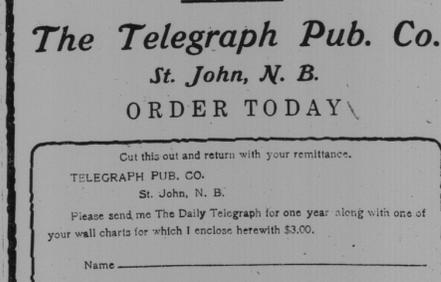
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