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THE WEATHER—Increasing S. W. winds, cloudy with same temperature tomorrow

ONE CENT.

GEN. KUROKI IS NOT DEAD.

U. S. Officer Says He was With Him Long After He Was Supposed to be Killed

Japanese Vessels Damaged in Collision.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Captain C. March, of the general staff of the United States army, one of the officers selected by the department to accompany the Japanese army in the field for the purpose of taking military observations, has returned by the liner Mongolia. Captain March brings absolute refutation of the report that General Kuroki was killed by a Russian shell. General Kuroki is said to have been killed on Oct. 15. All the reports agreed as to the date and I am glad to see a mistaken rumor. I was with General Kuroki on that day and every day until I left the front Oct. 30, when I started for home. Although exposed on numerous occasions, he sustained no hurt, and is one of the healthiest men I ever saw. General Kuroki is particularly keen and energetic. He inspires his officers and men with his own enthusiasm and his death would be a serious loss.

"Any nation on earth," he declares, "that undertook to whip Japan, would have its hands full."

To Protect Hospitals

Tokio, Dec. 17.—General Stoessel has opened negotiations with the Japanese forces surrounding Port Arthur providing for the protecting of the hospitals of the city. He has furnished General Nogai with a map showing the positions of the different hospitals.

Ships in Collision.

Moji, Japan, Dec. 17.—The Japanese transport Manshu and the hospital ship Rohilla were in collision today off Shimonoski. Both were damaged. The Rohilla was beached and the sick and wounded soldiers were safely landed.

WILL HAVE MORE SHIPS.

C. P. R. to Make Additions to Their Atlantic Fleet

Three Fast Steamers.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Contracts have been practically completed by the C. P. R., for the construction of three additional vessels for the Atlantic fleet. The Fairfield, Shipbuilding Co., of Glasgow, are likely to build the vessels which are to have a sea speed of eighteen knots.

WEST SIDE SQUABBLE.

The case of the west end hackmen created quite a lively scene at the police court this morning. Sergeant Ross entered a report on the books yesterday charging Robt. Austin, Daniel Fullerton, Wm. Buckley, John Pollock and Eben Joyce with leaving their carriages without a driver either on the seat or at the horses' heads, while awaiting employment at the west side floats, and obstructing the passenger gate while soliciting passengers, and refusing to move when ordered by the gate keeper to do so.

Among the witnesses examined were gate-keeper Frank Theal, Wm. W. Donohoe, Sergt. Ross, Daniel Fullerton, and Fred Fullerton. The evidence was contradictory.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Last evening the Myrtle-Harder Co. presented "A Fisherman's Daughter" to a very large and appreciative audience. The scenic effects are fine and the play abounds in pathos and humour.

TODAY'S STOCK MARKET.

(Received by E. B. Beck & Co., over their private wire.) Speculative sentiment has very materially bettered by yesterday's substantial upward movement in prices and the general opinion this morning favors further improvement and a strong market. Short covering was in evidence yesterday and more of it is expected today but the dominant influence in the upward movement was the offerings of large amounts of call money at 24 per cent. and the conviction that the banking interests are again favorable to market improvement. London sends higher prices and the bank statement today is expected to be more favorable than otherwise. Any attempt to carry the market forward too far will meet opposition from banking interests which are now more interested in bringing about a restoration of confidence than in merely establishing lower level of prices. Attention, however, is now being directed to the favorable features of the general situation and the foundations are being laid for a bull market of importance early in the New Year. A further advance in ACP is indicated and the stock is tipped to cross 90 today.

Town Topics.

BANK STATEMENT.

Reserves, increase	\$5,181,920
Other than U. S. increase	5,160,450
Loans decrease	22,031,700
Specs decrease	822,500
Legal tender increase	523,900
Deposits decrease	21,929,500
Circulation increase	246,400

Statement very good, better than expected.

W. H. Goadby & Co.

Miller—Was that you wife I saw you with yesterday?
Miller—I am that woman's husband.

HORRIBLE DISASTER.

Steamer Glen Island Burned Near New York

Nine Persons Drowned—Others Have Thrilling Experiences.

New York, Dec. 17.—Nine persons including two passengers lost their lives to-day in the burning of the steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven. The steamer drifted aground on Captains Island in Long Island Sound and was burned to the water's edge.

The vessel left her pier in North River at nine o'clock last night with ten or twelve passengers and a heavy cargo. The fire was discovered before midnight off Execution Point, on the Sound. How it started is not known but suddenly the whole vessel seemed to become filled with smoke and the electric lights were extinguished. Boats were hurriedly lowered and all but two passengers and seven members of the crew escaped. One of the lost passengers was a man and the other a woman, residents of New York, whose names have not yet been learned.

A tug which sighted the Glen Island alight dashed to the scene and picked up the passengers and crew from the small boats. There were placed aboard the steamer Erastus Corning and brought back to New York. The Glen Island belonged to the Starin Transportation line.

R. C. CHURCH DESTROYED.

St. Michael's Church Belleville, Burned This Morning

Loss 75,000.

Belleville, Dec. 17.—(Special)—St. Michael's church, the only Roman Catholic church in this city, was this morning destroyed by fire and the Roman Catholics are heart-broken. The fire was discovered about 1.15 and when the firemen got there, the entire interior was a mass of flames which were bursting out of the windows and doors. A few minutes later the roof fell in. Only the massive stone walls are standing. The loss is \$75,000, and insurance on the interior decoration, \$20,000.

THE GAYNOR GREENE CASE.

London, Dec. 17.—The privy council which yesterday began hearing the appeal of the United States against the decision of the Justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaynor adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments today. Judgment will be rendered Dec. 19.

LIMA, A LIVE CITY.

South America isn't so bad a region, according to Alberto de la Torre Bueno, who in Castelle's magazine calls Lima, the one which most highly recommends itself to rich and poor.

TOOK A HIGH DIVE.

A humorous incident happened on Waterloo street yesterday afternoon. Some men passing up the street noticed a cat up on the crossbars of a telephone pole. A young man, who was driving a furniture van, happened along and offered to bring the animal down. He went up but here a hitch occurred, as he did not want to tackle the job of descending and holding the cat at the same time. He called to the men below to get a piece of canvas out of the wagon, which was done. Then while the men held the canvas stretched the young man compelled the cat to do a high dive, which was carried out successfully. The felina lost no time in disappearing down an adjacent alleyway, while the men went away satisfied that they had done a good deed.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The performance of the King of the Opium Ring, presented at the Opera House last night, by the Dalley company, was fairly well attended. The play is full of sensations and excitement and is well worth seeing. The work of Geo. Robinson, Homer Mullaney and Chas. Barringer, stands out prominently. The comedy work of T. F. O'Malley, Jack Young and Florence Hartley, was very clever. This bill is being repeated at the matinee this afternoon, and this evening will witness the final production. On Monday evening, Chas. S. Booth, the new leading man of the company, will open in McKee Rankin's California romance, The Danites.

TURKEYS SCARCE.

Merchants Say They Will Be High

Fancy Poultry and Beef.

The prospects for a plentiful supply of turkeys for the Christmas trade this year are very slim. It seems to be the general opinion among the merchants in the market that turkeys will be scarce and high. There were very few in the market this morning, and one dealer said that he did not expect there would be many until Tuesday or Wednesday. Some of the principal dealers are importing a large lot of fancy poultry of different kinds and expect to receive it about the first of next week.

Messrs. Kane and McGrath, said they would have three cars of Ontario beef here in time for the holiday trade, and they expected that a large number of people would have to content themselves with a beef of something of the kind instead of poultry.

THE ALTERNATIVE.

Wilton Lackaye's success in Wm. A. Brady's production of the dramatized version of Frank Norris's famous novel, The Pit, has brought a flood of manuscripts of plays from all parts of the U. S. By special appointment the other evening, when Mr. Lackaye was playing at the Century theatre, St. Louis, Mo., a dramatist understood to read his play to the star and several of the leading members of his company. After he had read the manuscript he remarked that he knew nothing so terrible as reading a piece before a critical audience.

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

Fredericton, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Urban Haines, an old resident of the parish of Douglas, died very suddenly, Thursday night, from heart failure. He was taken sick about midnight and died before medical aid arrived. He was seventy-nine years old, and leaves a widow, two daughters and one son.

SCHOORER WRECKED.

The Harry Troop a Total Loss Near Shelburne

Crew Saved.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—(Special)—News was received here this morning that the schooner Harry Troop, Captain Hayden, hence for Shelburne, has been totally wrecked near Shelburne light. The crew was saved, but the captain was badly injured.

KILLAM TO GET PLUM.

Reported That He Will Succeed Hon. A. G. Blair.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson arrived at noon today. There will be a meeting of the cabinet on Monday, when it is probable that the chairmanship of the railway commission will be settled. Justice Killam of the Supreme Court will likely be the man.

"NOBODY'S FRIENDS"

A Unique Club, Which Has Existed in London For Over a Hundred Years.

"Nobody's Friends" consoled themselves for the coldness of the world by dining snugly together the other night, as they have done three times yearly for the past one hundred and four years.

Probably "Nobody's Friends" are the most extraordinary of all those semi-private clubs in which the sociable yet privacy-loving male Briton takes delight. They include the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and six or seven other bishops, the Lord Chief Justice and five or six other Justices, and Mr. Arthur Balfour. They ate their centenary banquet in the year 1900.

WILL MAKE A BIG CHANGE.

The American Ice Company Plan Extensive Re-organization Which They Think Will Produce Profits of a Million a Year.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Tribune this morning says: "A plan for the reorganization of the American Ice Company has been practically completed. It was learned from excellent sources yesterday, and will probably be made public within the next ten days. The present capitalization of the company is \$25,000,000 common stock, of which \$23,871,100 has been issued, and \$15,000,000 six percent cumulative preferred stock, of which \$14,920,200 is outstanding. Dividends at the rate of 6 percent yearly were paid on the preferred stock, from the organization of the company until April 1902, since when no payments have been made. The accumulated dividends on the preferred stock aggregate 15 percent.

Under the new plan there will be issued \$20,000,000 capital stock, all of one class. Of this \$20,000,000, \$15,000,000 will go to the holders of the present preferred stock, the exchange being made share for share and the remaining \$5,000,000 to the old common shareholders, who will get one share of new stock for each five shares of their present holdings. There is also according to the present purpose of the committee, to be an issue of five percent bonds to go to the present preferred bond stock-holders. The earnings of the American Ice Company applicable to the dividends in 1904, have been about \$400,000 or less than one half the sum required for the payment of arrear dividends on the preferred stock. It is expected that next year these figures will be larger, owing to economies introduced by the new management, but it is understood that the earnings applicable for dividends will probably even be greater than from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 a year.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Montreal Men Arrested for Election Conspiracy in St. Antoine.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The six men arrested at the federal elections charged with conspiracy to telegraph votes and commit other corrupt acts in St. Antoine Division this morning, committed for trial by Judge Desnoyers. The men were arrested at the instance of H. B. Ames, M. P., elect who was the conservative candidate against Peter Lyall, liberal.

GREEKS ON WARPATH.

Sanguinary Conflicts Culminate in Five Hour Battle.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—The massacre by Greeks of wedding party near Monastir, Nov. 29, thirteen persons being killed and five wounded, has led to a number of sanguinary conflicts between Bulgarian and Greek bands which culminated Thursday last in a stubborn battle lasting five hours. A Greek band of twenty-eight men and a body of Bulgarians met near the village of Sarakinevo and the Greeks left twenty-four men killed. Many assassinations of Bulgarians by Albanians have been reported in the Uskub district. The local authorities as usual have taken no action in the matter.

POLICEMAN A SUICIDE.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mounted policeman Frederick Schultz of the 6th precinct was found dead lying in the road on Kensington Ave. early this morning. His horse was standing near the body. There was a bullet hole back of Schultz's right ear. Suicide is hinted at as Schultz has within the past few days been brought before his superiors charged with various offenses.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Moderate, variable winds; fair. Sunday, increasing southeast winds; cloudy with about the same temperature.

The tug war between six teams at the City Hall, west end, to take place next Tuesday night, is attracting a good deal of attention, with the Algerine, now champions, the favourites at 2 to 1. The contest will be hotly contested. All the teams are putting in great practice for the contest. First prize is \$100.

CANADIANS HONOR DIAZ.

They Present a Congratulatory Address to Mexican President.

City of Mexico, Dec. 17.—(Special)—A large body of Canadians residing in Mexico who were introduced by Sir William Mallock of Canada, were presented to President Diaz yesterday. A congratulatory address on his re-election to the presidency, and also impressed upon the president the importance of extended trade relations between Mexico and Canada. President Diaz, responding to the address, expressed his gratitude for the kind Canadian feeling said he had had numerous conferences with Sir William Mallock regarding the extension of trade between the two countries and had been very much impressed by the importance of the subject. He also hoped for the establishment of direct steamship lines on both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED.

Fell From Tug Leader in the Falls This Morning.

George Cale, a young Englishman employed by N. C. Scott, on the tug Leader, was drowned in the falls this morning. The Leader was towing the tug Hercules up through the falls about nine o'clock, and when about under the suspension bridge, the Hercules came in contact with the Leader. The jar threw Cale, who was standing on the rail of the Leader, off into the water. The mate appeared just in time to see the feet of the young man go under water.

Cale was of English birth, and was only married last June. He was 25 years of age. Mr. Scott is much grieved over the unfortunate occurrence. An eye witness tells the following story of the affair.

CONSOLIDATED BOND ISSUE.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—A proclamation was issued today bringing into force the consolidation of the Temiscouata Railway Co.'s bond issue. This was to be done when the consent of two thirds of the bond-holders was received.

TO STOP TREATING.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The Men's Associations of the city are arranging to start an anti-treating