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ONE CENT.

LAY SIX HOURS ON FROZEN ROAD.

Terrible Experience of a Man Near Moncton --- Fell From Wagon and When Found Was Almost Dead From Cold and Exposure.

Moncton, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Anthony Harkness, who lives on the Shediac road seven miles from Moncton, is a living example of the cold an intoxicated man can stand. Yesterday morning, Emory Jones, milkman, coming to town early in the morning, found Harkness lying in the middle of the road slowly freezing to death.

Harkness' feet and hands were very badly frozen and his body chilled to numbness. He showed wonderful vitality by rallying in a short time and later in the day was removed to his own house four miles from Moncton.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Sad Fatality in Quebec on Saturday--- Two Children Perished.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The residence of Alfred Duval, at St. Jean, Port Joli, was destroyed by fire Saturday and his two children, a boy aged eighteen months, and a girl aged five years, perished in the flames. The children were alone in the house.

WANT A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

The Latest Proposal Made by the Aldermen.

The committee of the city council in connection with appointing the commission agent the city assessment of which Mayor White is chairman, met this morning in the city hall and Aldermen Christie, Macrae, Frink and McGoldrick were present. The names of several citizens were submitted, but no definite action was taken.

The committee, after discussing the matter at some length, adjourned for further consideration. It was a private meeting.

This afternoon a meeting of the common council will be held, when further consideration will be given to the two sections of the Mayor's address as regards the assessment and the election of aldermen.

The address of the mayor made a suggestion to have the hours extended for the opening and the closing of the polls at civic elections. His words in conclusion said:—

It has been recommended that the bills and bye-laws committee be instructed to prepare a bill before the next session of the legislature to provide for the closing of the polls at 6 o'clock or later in the evening instead of at 4 o'clock as is now required.

The report of the Mayor further states:—With reference to the matter of representation at the council your committee would report that they do not approve of the principle of electing representatives according to electoral districts but they do approve of making the term of office of mayor and alderman two years instead of one and they recommend that legislation in this respect be obtained.

THE FIREMEN.

Mrs. Hamilton Has Made a Statement to Chief Kerr.

From all appearances the charges against the firemen in No. 1 Hook and Ladder Co. will be further ventilated.

On Saturday afternoon Chief Kerr took the statement of Mrs. John Hamilton in connection with the matter, but it appears to be impossible to ascertain what that statement is.

A Times reporter called on Mrs. Hamilton this morning, but that lady declined to discuss the question further. She said that she had made her statement to Chief Kerr. Further than this she had nothing to say.

"It is not necessary," said Mrs. Hamilton, "for a person to sell bottles and glasses to indicate that drink is being indulged in."

"I have nothing to say further about my statement. The Telegraph used me fairly but the Star did not."

WILL OPEN TONIGHT.

Amherst Winter Fair Promises to be a Great Success --- Some Fine Cattle.

Amherst, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The fourth Maritime Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show was opened today under most favorable weather conditions. The official opening will not take place until this evening. The appearance of the attendance will be far in excess of any previous fair.

The exhibition as a whole, is ahead of last year, the beef cattle especially show a decided improvement. The sheep and pigs show a large number and are much improved in quality.

The dairy department is equal to last year's short horns Holsteins Jerseys and Ayrshires being the leaders. The poultry department is much smaller than last year, although the quality is greatly improved, dressed poultry is much better. Fruit exhibits represent Cumberland, Pictou, Hants, Colchester, Annapolis, and Halifax, from Nova Scotia, and Nelson, Kings, Northumberland, Albert and Westmorland, from New Brunswick and each county of P. E. Island has three exhibits.

The Ladies' Hospital and Society are prepared to give meals at all hours in the fair building which is a great convenience to visitors as well as aid to the hospital and is being well patronized.

On the Atlantic express today were a number of prominent men from the upper provinces on route to Amherst, to attend the winter fair. Included in the party was W. W. Hubbard, agricultural agent of the C. P. R., who is on his way from attending the Ontario agricultural provincial fair at Guelph. The other gentlemen were C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario; F. W. Hodgson, live stock commissioner; Prof. Cummings, recently appointed president of the new college at Truro; Prof. Graham, of the Guelph Agricultural college; F. C. Elford, chief of the poultry department at Ottawa; G. B. Hood, a prominent stock man of Guelph Ont.; Duncan Anderson, a prominent stock man of Rugby, Ont.; and L. A. Peters, deputy minister of agriculture at Fredericton.

John Gleason, secretary of the St. John Exhibition Association, accompanied the party from St. John.

LATE PERSONALS.

Fred M. Hutchinson, arrived in the city this morning and is registered at the Victoria.

W. J. Weldon, of Moncton, secretary of the Copper Cliff Mining Co. Ltd., who has been in the city returned to Moncton today.

Ald. Pickard, of Sackville, is in the city today. He is on his return home from St. Louis.

N. Curry, of Rhodes and Curry, Amherst, passed through on the Atlantic express, today, on his return from a business trip to the upper provinces.

D. B. MacDonald, commercial traveller, who has been in the city the past few days, went to Moncton this morning.

Jas. Ready, went east, this morning on a business trip.

WEDS A GERMAN.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Newland of Nevada, today announced the engagement of his youngest daughter, Frances, to Lieut. Leopold Von Bredow of the German army. Von Bredow is an officer of the cuirassier regiment of the guard stationed at Berlin. He was an attaché of the German embassy at Washington during 1903.

A small pocket purse found in the city can be had by applying at the Times office and proving property.

JAPS HAVE CRIPPLED PORT ARTHUR FLEET.

Commander of Japanese Land Battery Announces That All the Ships in Port Arthur Harbor Have Been Destroyed and the Japs Are Now Shelling the Town.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—4 p. m.—The commander of the Japanese naval land battery reporting today says: Four Russian battleships, two cruisers, one gunboat and one torpedo store ship lying in Port Arthur harbor are completely disabled. There is no further necessity for bombarding the Russian naval force.

"We are now engaged in shelling the town of Port Arthur, which is being heavily damaged."

Russian Ship Movements

Suda Bay, Crete, Dec. 12.—The Russian cruisers Oleg and Dnieper and the torpedo boat destroyer Grosny arrived here during the night.

Capetown, Dec. 12.—The Russian hospital ship Orel arrived here today to take in supplies.

Two large Russian warships passed Cape Point early this morning.

Brest, Dec. 12.—A Russian cruiser has been sighted passing Ushant, going in a northwesterly direction. It is supposed that the vessel is returning to Russia.

The Wireless Damaged.

London, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio today says the bombardment of Port Arthur Sunday considerably damaged the wireless telegraph station at the foot of Golden Hill and set fire to the arsenal.

Japs Repulsed.

Mukden, Dec. 12.—On Friday night the Japanese several times attacked the trenches of the Russian right but in each case they were repulsed.

Cold Weather at Mukden

General Kuroki's headquarters in the Field, Dec. 11, via Furan, Dec. 12.—(Not timed)—The army has had its first taste of the real quality of a Manchurian winter the past week. Last week the thermometer fell six degrees below zero.

The days are cold also, but sunshiny, and the absence of severe winds make life tolerable. The hills are covered with snow which on the plain is an inch in depth. All the streams are thickly frozen.

Japs After Another.

London, Dec. 12.—An unofficial report from Port Arthur, according to a Tokio despatch in the Daily Mail, says that Japanese torpedo boat de-

stroyers attacked the Russian battleship Sevastopol at the mouth of the harbor the night of December 9, with what results is not known.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent before Port Arthur reports under date of December 9, that there were desperate encounters last week. The belligerents, the correspondent adds, mutually recognize the Red Cross and collect the dead and wounded during temporary suspensions of fighting.

The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent learns from official Japanese sources that the Japanese casualties at Port Arthur the latter part of October were 3,000 killed and 10,000 wounded. The losses in more recent attacks, the correspondent adds, were much heavier.

The same correspondent has heard that continual fighting is proceeding south of Mukden.

The correspondents at Shanghai of the Daily Telegraph in a despatch dated December 11, says that according to Pekin reports the Russians have retreated to the south bank of the Hun river after seventy-two hours' fighting, with heavy losses. On the fourth day's fighting, the correspondent says the Japanese assumed the offensive. The Mukden station is reported to be in a wild state of confusion.

The Daily Telegraph thinks the authenticity of the foregoing reports from Chinese sources of heavy fighting is very doubtful.

Still Battering Fleet.

Tokio, Dec. 11.—4 p. m.—The battering by the Japanese of the Port Arthur fleet continues and there is little ground for expecting that ever again will it engage the Japanese.

The battleship Sevastopol continues at anchor outside, but possibly returns to the harbor at night and anchors inside the outer boom, which protects her from torpedo boats. The recent heavy weather has given added protection to the vessel.

Naval experts are discarding the theory that the Russians themselves sank any of the ships and the fact that the vessels first showed lists while in exposed positions and the efforts made to save the Sevastopol are regarded as conclusive evidence against the theory of their being sunk by the Russians.

A majority of the sunken warships lie headed northward. They received the bulk of the fire across their port sides and the

fact that at least two of them showed lists to starboard gives rise to the theory of Japanese shells exploding inside the ships and against the starboard armor, driving the armor on board and causing leaks.

In order to end the future availability of the Russian warships the Japanese continued to drop shells in to the sunken hulks. The whereabouts of the torpedo boat destroyers continues doubtful, but it is thought they are sheltering outside the harbor. The weather prevents a good observation being made but the Japanese are sending a searching fire into nooks which are not observable from 203 metre hill and other heights. The observers report a number of tugs, launches, dredges and small craft anchored near the hospital ships in the west harbor, where they evidently have gone for the purpose of obtaining protection. It is suggested that the besiegers notify Lieut. General Stoessel to separate these vessels from the hospital ship or take the consequences. The Japanese are exercising care to avoid hitting the hospital ships which frequently are in the direct line of fire.

What Happened Them.

The fate of the Russian battleships and cruisers which were at Port Arthur when the war began has been as follows:—

Battleship Petropavlovsk—Sunk while making a sortie from Port Arthur, with Admiral Makaroff on board.

Battleship Tsarevitch—Driven into Tsingtao after the sortie on Aug. 10 and disarmed there.

Battleship Retvizan—Sunk in Port Arthur Harbor.

Battleship Poltava—Sunk in Port Arthur Harbor.

Battleship Peresviet—Damaged in Port Arthur Harbor.

Battleship Pobeda—Badly damaged and listed over in Port Arthur Harbor.

Cruiser Boyarin—Sunk in Pigeon Bay by a mine.

Cruiser Diana—Disarmed at Salgon.

Cruiser Askold—Disarmed at Shaghai.

Cruiser Novik—Run ashore and destroyed by Japanese at Korsakoff Bay.

Cruiser Bayan—On fire in Port Arthur Harbor.

Cruiser Pallada—Damaged and under fire in Port Arthur Harbor.

OLD COMMONS MEMBER DEAD.

London, Dec. 12.—Spencer Carrington, the oldest member of the House of Commons is dead. He represented the Lowe Hamlets in the conservative interests for nearly twenty years. He was born in 1818.

At the close of the last session he distinguished himself by sitting through two all night debates when he thought the government's position was threatened, a feat of endurance which his colleagues recognized by presenting him with a commemorative silver cup.

The Scots Co., Boys' Brigade, of St. Stephen's church, will give a concert tomorrow night in the school room. A choice programme has been arranged and a most pleasant evening is expected. A number of local performers will be present, including G. D. Davidson, banjo soloist; Major Gordon, Highland fife; Stokes, the piccolo player; pipe band of five pieces, including four pipers and drummer. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock.

The body of Ethel Moore, arrived this morning from McAdam Junction on the Boston express. Interment took place in the church of England burying ground. Rev. J. N. Gladstone, who accompanied the remains conducted the services. At the L.C.R. Station here the coffin was opened and the remains of the little one viewed by relatives and immediate friends.

The secretary of the Associated charities reports that up to the present time there have been no cases of destitution. There is, however, considerable sickness but nothing of a serious nature, the prevailing maladies being slow fever or heavy colds. The sickness is confined mainly to the better classes of working men.

The grand officers of the Sons of Temperance, will visit the Loyalist Division this evening. No business will be taken up.

The St. John ship Troop, sailed from Cape Town last Thursday for London, with her cargo of hemp.

THEY WILL BE CONSOLIDATED.

MacKenzie and Mann Lines to Come Under One Name and Charter.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12. (Special).—Pres. Wm. MacKenzie, of the Canadian Northern Railway who left yesterday for Toronto, before his departure, confirmed the published report, that all the MacKenzie-Mann lines in the east and west are to be consolidated under one name and charter. The object of this company is to have a trans-continental line from the east to west and to James and Hudson's Bays. The Hudson's Bay project probably will be gone with as soon as the Edmonton and Prince-Albert lines have been completed.

LORD CURZON.

Calcutta, Dec. 11.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston has arrived here. He received a hearty welcome. He will assume his duties as Viceroy of India tomorrow.

MANY WARSHIPS.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 10.—The senate passed to final reading the bill authorizing the Government to build twenty-eight war vessels.

POLICE REPORTS.

There is a flow of water from John Tonge's house on Britain street that requires attention.

The police report a dangerous hole in the sidewalk on Pitt street near Mecklenburg street.

Twenty-one persons have been reported for selling milk in the city without licenses.

An alarm was sent in between eight and nine o'clock last night for a fire in the chimney of Thomas Mc-Masters house on Rockland Road.

Electric cars 53 and 55 left the rails on Mill street last night and blocked the traffic for some time.

FOUR DROWNED FROM A DORY.

Boston Schooner Grounds on Peaked Hill Bar and Crew Takes to Boats.

Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 11.—Four members of the crew of the Boston fishing schooner Fish Hawk lost their lives last night in a hasty effort to leave their vessel which had struck and was pounding heavily on Peaked Hill Bar at the north end of Cape Cod. Five others, including Captain Bly, who followed their unfortunate companions over the side, had a severe six hour tussle against a freezing sea and gale in a small dory, but managed to reach Provincetown harbor. Yet the death and the suffering would have been avoided had they all stayed by their vessel which made a miraculous escape from one of Cape Cod's most deadly traps, within a few minutes and four hours later was safely anchored in Provincetown harbor.

The lost seamen were: Thomas Kennedy, West Boston; John Woodworth, Everett; John Drew, Boston.

Joseph Kehoe, Gloucester.

HOT STUFF IN KLONDIKE.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—G. H. Hill, P. Erickson, and C. W. Bram have arrived at Valdez with dog teams, after a journey of sixteen days from Fairbanks. They are the first Alaskan arrivals over the winter route.

The men say supplies generally are plentiful but the prices are high. Pepper is selling for \$3 a pound, and horsefeed for \$300 per ton.

RUSSIAN CRUISER.

Brest, Dec. 11.—A Russian cruiser has been sighted passing Ushant going in a northwesterly direction. It is supposed that the vessel is returning to Russia.

The case of Turner et al vs Turner et al will be heard in the equity court at Dorchester tomorrow.

MR. RUSSELL AND MR. BLAIR.

The Montreal Sunday Sun Quotes a Friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Makes Some Observations on the Alleged Political Plot.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The Sunday Sun of Dec. 11th, says in its news columns:—

Blair-Russell cause celebre, and the supposed attempt on the part of great financial interests behind Mr. Russell or controlled by him, to obtain control of the political power of Canada by some deep laid villainous scheme, are still the talk of the street, and the subject of gossip in political circles. As Mr. Russell and Mr. Blair, however, have decided not to talk about the matter any further for the present, there are no new developments beyond the statement of a gentleman high in the councils of the liberal party, which appears significant, in view of the latest statements made by the Toronto Globe and other liberal party organs.

"This gentleman, who is a senator and a personal friend and confidant of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, said to the Sunday Sun:—

"As far as this talk about holding a government investigation goes, I really cannot find any precise point at present upon which such an investigation could be based. Newspapers have been sold before, and unless it could absolutely be proven that some great corporation which really tried to obtain power by wrong means I do not see what can be done."

"There was another and almost equally significant statement which he made, and this was in regard to the reiterated statements to the effect that money had been offered to liberal members to sell their chances of election."

"As to these charges," he said, "there is no truth in them. It may have been the intention for all I know, but I also know that it was not done."

"In discussing the matter further he said:—

"The thing is still a good deal of a mystery. There are perhaps three men who know all about it, and who could easily lift the veil, but they are not saying anything. They are Messrs. Blair, Russell, and, I imagine, another man who is a prominent lawyer. There was something intended, we are certain of that, for in no other way could the persistent confidence of the conservatives be explained, in view of the fact that we were convinced of victory. So convinced were we that when a friend of mine whom I had told that we would certainly have ten seats in the lower provinces went to Sir Wilfrid and showed him my figures, Sir Wilfrid considered the estimates entirely too small."

"Therefore we were certain that there was something up particularly when bombshells were constantly breaking about."

"We will have to wait, however, till either Mr. Blair or Mr. Russell talks. Mr. Russell naturally knows all about it, and Mr. Blair cannot be unaware of it. It is foolish to think that he simply dealt with Mr. Rus-

sell without knowing what he resigned for and why his resignation was wanted just about that time."

"My own opinion is that Mr. Blair's resignation was accomplished with the purpose of starting a big scandal."

"The scheme failed, there is no doubt, but I personally do not believe that it failed because the fact that La Presse was sold came out before it was to have come out. The failure was due to something else, but what I am not prepared to say."

Editorially the Sun says, under the heading, "Plots and Bombs":—

"During the past week a considerable section of the press has been busy with the resignation of Mr. Blair from the Railway Commission and the series of events supposed to have been connected with it. A very ingenious story has been constructed as to a plot for the overthrow of the Laurier Government of which Mr. Blair's resignation was one of the principal moves. The story has several variations and is evidently largely conjectured. Mr. Blair and Mr. Russell, who is credited with being the Mephisto of the affair, have published letters denying the story, and Mr. Russell threatens libel suits against papers which have published it. But Mr. Blair's sudden resignation is still without satisfactory explanation, and there are so many coincidences which suggest that Mr. Blair's resignation was not an isolated and purely personal step that the public is naturally anxious for further information in the matter. Further information the public ought certainly be given, though it is difficult to see how the public can insist on it. Some papers are talking of the necessity for an investigation but who is to do the investigating and what is to be investigated? Mr. Russell chooses to buy newspapers that is his own affair. If Mr. Blair chooses to resign it is his privilege to do so, without assigning any reason. Certain circumstances have been mentioned which make it due to the public that those gentlemen in the interest of their own honor should make a full and frank explanation of their course but if they don't feel impelled to do so by that obligation what is there to compel them to do so? Certain versions of the story have been published certainly, but they are not the right to make personal enquiry as to their connection with the affair, but it is doubtful if there could be a public enquiry even into this aspect of the matter unless there were some suspicions of bribery or conspiracy such as in the Gagey-Stratton affair. If any of the members' colleagues are implicated, however, it is very doubtful whether they will want a washing of liberal dirty linen in public. He will find some other way of dealing with any colleagues whose loyalty he suspects."

THIS GAME HIGH.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Benjamin Stapleton, appeared before the recorder in Hull, this morning, and was fined \$40 and \$5 costs for running a gambling den. There were eight parties caught in the game of poker. They were each fined \$20 and \$5 costs. One of them was Albert Hillman, the secretary of the Chaudreuil club who, with Charlie Kelly, comes up for sentence in Ottawa tomorrow, charged with running this club as a gambling resort. The fines were all paid.

William Hugh Daley.

The death of William Hugh Daley, eldest son of Michael and Mary Daley, took place at his father's residence, 482 Main street, this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock after High Mass of Requiem at St. Peter's church.

It is rumored that Ella Colpitts, who was the victim of the stabbing affray at Reed's Point, last week, and Viola Boyce, went a few days ago to John Martin's house at Spruce Lake, and after securing their trunks and clothing left the city. They have gone and are not yet known. But were bonded to appear in court when notified.

A meeting of the Presbytery of St. John will be held in St. Andrew's church tomorrow, when a call from St. Stephen's church to the Rev. E. A. Wicher will be considered. Messrs. A. W. Macrae, Peter Campbell and James Collins will appear in the interests of the congregation.

A passenger on the Atlantic express, from Montreal today, reports exceptionally cold weather at the latter place. He says the thermometer ranged between 15 and twenty below yesterday and last night.

William Walker Todd, 11 years old, son of William Todd, Brittain street, died on Tuesday night of diphtheria. The boy had only been sick for a short time, and his death came as a severe shock to his family.

NO SAW-OFF.

Both Government and Opposition Ready to Fight in St. John.

The Telegraph this morning said:—

"There is a story current to the effect that the opposition made a proposition for a 'saw-off' in the city and county as there is a vacant seat in each. The proposal, it is said, was for the government to take the county and allow an opposition man to occupy the city seat unopposed. Premier Tweedie, the rumor has it, would not listen to the proposition but declared the people should choose at the polls the men by whom they would be represented."

Speaking to the Times today, J. D. Hazon, M. P., leader of the opposition, stated that the rumor above quoted was not true. Neither he nor any person representing the opposition had made any such offer. Mr. Agar had been nominated to run in the county and there was no idea of "sawing-off."

ARE COMING HOME.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Lady Laurier, are expected to reach here about the 22nd inst. It is likely that the premier will spend Christmas at Arthursville.

A meeting of the liberal party will be held in Berryman's Hall tomorrow, evening to select a candidate for the city in the provincial by-election. See advertisement in today's Times.

Storm drum No. 2, was ordered up at noon. Another disturbance is moving across the Middle States and will probably become a severe storm off the Atlantic coast.

Frank L. Potts auctioneer sold at auction this morning at the Customs House a large lot of unclaimed goods. The amount realized was over \$500.

Thomas J. Dean has been reported for selling meat in the city without a license.