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PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur has surrendered. The most famous siege in history is ended. The strength of the fortress was so great that it was not without reason that the Russians believed it to be impregnable. The Japanese found, when one position was captured they had to begin again to reduce another of equal or greater strength. Fort within fort, on-trenchment after entrenchment, hill after hill, had to be taken at great loss of life and money. But with dogged persistence and dauntless courage the Japanese continued their work. Science had to be brought to their aid. It was not a mere matter of fighting, although when plans were prepared for an assault there was no lack of men eager to make the sacrifice. Gen. Stoessel has made a magnificent defence, but shut off from hope of succour he could no longer resist the never ceasing attacks of his enemies.

The surrender of Port Arthur changes the whole aspect of the war. Gen. Nogi and his seasoned troops are free to fight elsewhere. The port is closed to the Baltic fleet, which might as well return to Russia.

There has been some talk of negotiations for peace after the fall of Port Arthur, and Japan, would no doubt be willing to consider terms; but the obstinacy of Russia may prevent any arrangement. In the latter case the whole theatre of war changes to the vicinity of Mukden, and Japan will be able to pour troops into that part of the country much faster than Russia can send them over the Siberian railway.

The reception given to Admiral Togo was a small affair compared with the welcome that will be given to the general who has captured Port Arthur.

CIVIC MATTERS.

The city council during the past year dealt with a number of very important matters, involving large expenditure.

The most important was in connection with the waterworks department, and work was begun which will probably not be completed before the end of the present year, while as part of the arrangement, the city became owner of a pulp mill, the disposal of which remains to be settled this year. At the end of this year, the city should have a gravitation water supply, and from the insurance standpoint should be in the favored group in regard to rates. The turning on of the new water pressure will without doubt play havoc with some of the older water mains in the city, and the water department is likely to have a busy time before the whole system is properly adjusted and in successful operation.

In the public safety department the last year saw the purchase of the chemical and combination engines, which have yet to be tested and placed. As an outcome of certain enquiries it is announced that there will be a more careful oversight of fire department affairs during the current year, although it must be admitted that for a service which is still largely volunteer there has been very little cause for complaint.

In the ferry department a new steamer is under course of construction. Some action was necessary, and as the possibility of getting a bridge seemed very remote the new steamer was contracted for. The naval architect thinks there should be another one, but that is not among present possibilities. There seems to be at least a possibility that the next few years will see negotiations between corporations and the city for the construction of a bridge at Navy Island. But in the meantime the contract price of the new ferry steamer does not measure all the cost in connection with the ferry service. The ferry department, like the water department, has busy times ahead.

The street department was not made the subject of any very serious consideration by the council last year. It is a department that has steadily run behind, financially, without any definite and continuous constructive policy. The annual expenditure is large, but the results are not satisfactory. This is a department that needs attention. The streets and sidewalks of St. John are not improving as they should. It would be wise for the council during the winter season to give careful consideration to this subject. The members might be able to discover

a method of getting better results from the council expenditure, even if a comprehensive plan of improvement appeared too costly at this time.

Then there is the question of civic assessment. A good deal of valuable time has passed since it was decided to appoint a commission. This delay may have been necessary, but it is certainly not profitable if any measure of reform is to be adopted within a reasonable period.

There is much business in sight for the aldermen. The boards meet this week. The holidays are over, and it may be hoped that the members will address themselves to the work in hand with the energy of a New Year resolution to accomplish more in 1905 than they did in 1904.

The despatches on Saturday stated that Mr. Thomas W. Lawson would have something more to say tomorrow that would interest Wall street. However much of truth there may be in Mr. Lawson's Frenzied Finance, he has not yet been able to accomplish much. The great interests arrayed against him, and the fact that commercial and industrial conditions are healthy make it very hard for him to do more than cause a temporary panic. He has certainly created a tremendous sensation. There are hints of further revelations of a startling character, but the "street" is now better prepared for Mr. Lawson's tactics and less likely to be thrown into a panic.

The common council of Boston last week voted unanimously in favor of a municipal gas plant. Of the board of aldermen eight voted for it and four against it. As there are thirteen members this was not a two thirds vote. The thirteenth alderman is in jail, and an alderman-elect has asserted that four members of the board were offered \$1,000 each to vote against the municipal gas project. Whether the charge be true or not, it would appear that Boston, like New York and many other cities, wants better and cheaper gas.

When Naval Architect MacLean says that the new ferry steamer will be built by the end of March it does not follow that she will at once be put on the route. The floats must be reconstructed to suit the new craft, there must be sundry trial trips and the usual amount of delay in regard to such matters. Freshet time will not be the most desirable time for experiments in the harbor.

The Daily Telegraph's carrier boys' address for New Year's has a group portrait of the carriers, a calendar for the year, and a dainty booklet containing a story and pictures of King square, summer and winter. It is a highly artistic souvenir.

It is said that the country west of the lakes may have its representation in the Canadian senate increased to twenty four. The west is growing. Two interesting interviews on the subject of that growth are elsewhere quoted in today's Times.

Apparently there are still those who need to learn that there is such a thing as intemperance in the use of speech, as well as of material things.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The annual report of the Government Railways of Western Australia strengthens the case for public ownership materially. It shows a surplus of £408,460, in gross earnings of £1,588,084. That is a good showing. Further facts contained in the report show that 1,755 miles are open for traffic and 63 miles under construction, which will be open for traffic during the current year. The capital invested amounts to £8,955,929, of which no less a sum than £482,303 has been contributed out of revenue. After debiting the railway with interest on the whole of this outlay there is a sum of £111,734 net profit on the year's working. No other State has such a record. The gross expenditure for the year has been £1,179,624, and the gross earnings amounted to £1,588,084; and one of the most gratifying features has been the reduction of working expense, notwithstanding large increases in the wages bill. Not only have the railways paid interest and sinking fund on all the capital invested, but they have also provided a handsome contribution to the general revenue of the State.

WEDDINGS.

Lewis--Long.

In the presence of relatives and a few friends Sarah Ethel Long, daughter of Mrs. Andrew Long, was on Saturday night married to George Marshall Lewis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Sampson, of St. George's church, Carleton, and took place at the home of the bride's mother, Lancaster. Mr. Lewis left this morning for New Orleans, where he will accept a position as operator with the Postal Telegraph Company. Mrs. Lewis will remain with her mother until spring when she will join her husband.

NEW YORK POLICE IN NEW YEAR'S ROUND UP

To Start the Year Clear They Get After Crooks--Many Important Arrests--Case of Systematic Robbery Unearthed and Much Booty Recovered.

New York, Jan. 1.—In a new year's round-up of suspicious persons the police of this city claim to have made several important arrests. Among the prisoners are three alleged bank burglars, who were arrested together and who are said to have blown open sixteen bank safes and robbed twenty post offices within the last two years. The men gave the names of William Smith, Thomas Kennedy and Edward Jones. According to the police the man giving the name of William Smith is "Gus" De Ford, and through the south and west he is known as "Ky Yellow" and "Buggsby", and was formerly a hotel proprietor in Tennessee. Thomas Kennedy is known among his associates as "Hamilton Jack." He recently escaped from a western prison. The right name of the third man is said to be Casey. Another of the prisoners, who claims to hold a degree from Oxford University, is James G. Walker, alias Lawrence Macy, forty-two years old, declared to be by the police the most noted room thief in America. Through the arrest of Mrs. Hannah Robinson, 70 years old, on a charge

of burglary and of her husband, Thomas Robinson, 81 years old, the police believe they have uncovered one of the greatest cases of systematic robbery in the history of the department. When the apartments of the couple in West 19th street were searched, packages from every department store in the city were found, filling four rooms to the height of a man's shoulders. The value of the goods cannot at present be estimated, even roughly. The articles include about everything from a shoe lace to rolls of the finest silks and laces. Mr. Robinson told the police he had been married 50 years and that during the last 40 years his wife has had a mania for collecting parcels. "I don't know what's in the house" he said, "but she can tell you exactly what's in each parcel. She never told me where she got the goods and I never made it my business to inquire." The only furniture in the apartment consisted of a plain wooden bed, a cheap table, two chairs, a stove and a lamp. In each room was an aisle wide enough for one person to pass through and every other inch of space was occupied by bundles.

REV. A. M. WALKER ON PROHIBITION.

Rev. A. M. Walker delivered a lecture last night in the Unitarian church, on the temperance question, touching in turn on total abstinence prohibition, and suggested remedies. He said he desired to remove misunderstandings as to his attitude on the question and had awaited some time to allow the wrath and indignation of certain critics to subside. He was in full sympathy with Eben Perkins, and the strict administration of the law. He did not like intoxicants himself, but would not hesitate to use them if his health required it. Total abstinence was to be commended. The use of liquor was an economic waste, and those who advocated total abstinence did wisely. Prohibition was a different phase. A total abstainer who became a prohibitionist forfeited his right to be called a servant of morality, for he used a club in place of reason. All prohibition regimes violated individual liberty, and trespassed on the rights of others. If every man who touched liquor became a drunkard then prohibition would be in the right, but as things were its advocates showed no discrimination, and looked on the entire world as moral weaklings. While that might be true of many it was not true of all. The argument of the prohibitionist that to like a glass of ale would cause others to fall was an immoral one, founded on the old theory of the fall of man, wherein Adam blamed his wife. Would the day ever come, Mr. Walker asked, when men would admit that they fell because of their own folly? At this point the lecturer said the founder of Christianity was a wine manufacturer on a small scale, and Mr. Walker also referred to "the prime minister of Christ" as advocating wine for the stomach's sake. Speaking of suggestive remedies, he said, the subject opened an enormous field, and he could barely touch upon it. He advocated the establishment of a public house trust, which he thought was the best method of keeping the sale of liquor in control.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Manager Hyde's new company arrived this morning and they are now installed for a week's engagement. The company is a good one, and will, no doubt, do a good week's business. The act of Allen Dooce & Co., in "The Irish Piper" is featured. It is claimed to be one of the daintiest playlets in Vaudeville, dealing with the 18th century, in county Kerry, Ireland. The company carry special scenery and costumes for this production. The Chadwick Trio are very funny in "Hank Hoover's Visit," the act being built upon laughing lines. Lawrence Thompson, an excellent cyclist, and introduce comedy in plenty. Soraker Bros. are splendid dancers, Rena Arnold, a rare comedienne, and Jack Lyle, truly, a Happy Hooligan.

FOR A NEW FLAG.

H. Leger of Ottawa has registered with the department of agriculture a design for a Canadian national flag. It is in three colors, the blue being next the pole. On the blue field is the Jack, and below it a tree, the confederation tree, each twig bearing the name of a province. Below the tree, and in a colored circle is a beaver, and below it clasped hands. Above are the letters H. L. D. C., meaning honor, liberty, defence, country. On the red or outside field is an eye, very mild and human in appearance, representing the eye of God.

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