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WEATHER --- Fair and not much change in temperature tomorrow.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TU ESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1905.

ONE CENT.

DIVISE CHINA TO KEEP OUT OF IT.

American Government Takes Up the Question of China's Position in the Present War--Russia Claims the Neutrality Pledges Have Been Broken--Causes Much Comment.

Washington, Jan. 17.—China's attention has again been indirectly invited by the American government to the necessity for a faithful maintenance of her neutrality...

Causes Much Talk.

China is the one subject of conversation in diplomatic circles. At the State Department yesterday Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador...

Shortly after Sir Mortimer left, Baron Buschie, the German Charge d'Affaires, saw Mr. Loomis for a few moments on the same subject.

Sir Cheng Liang Cheng, the Chinese minister, called on secretary Hay at his home. Although suffering from a cold, the secretary is keeping in close touch with the situation...

The Russian Note.

The long-heralded Russian note reached Secretary Hay from the Russian embassy direct. It was in French and its substance was given the secretary several days ago by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador...

The Russian note is regarded as confidential and for this reason the state department has not made it public. The associated press has obtained an approved synopsis of the note, which, without purporting to give the language presents in accurate sequence the subjects to which Count Lamsdorff refers.

China Has Broken It.

That the experience of the past eleven months had made it evident that China either is unable or does not wish to adhere to her pledges...

HAS PROVED A GOOD JOB.

Arbitrators in the Case of Reid vs. Newfoundland Government to Get \$15,000 Each.

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Hon. A. B. Morine, the leader of the opposition in Newfoundland, was a passenger on the Atlantic express today on his home from Toronto, where he was attending a meeting of the arbitration committee...

That it has been ascertained after careful inquiry that since the outbreak of the war, the Japanese have used the islands of Madao as a base for their naval operations.

Preparing to Fight.

That to all the representations and protestations of the Russian government regarding these incidents, the Chinese minister for foreign affairs gave vague promises and evasive answers...

IMMIGRANTS ARE DEPORTED.

In Sixteen Days 1100 Were Sent Back From New York.

New York, Jan. 17.—Deportation records in New York show that for 16 days in January, 1100 persons were sent away. Of these a large proportion were Russian Hebrews, mainly refugees.

REMARKABLE DIFFERENCE.

Snow in the Riviera and Earthquakes in Mexico.

New York, Jan. 17.—A Paris despatch to the Herald says: The Riviera has been visited by snow and unusually severe weather, causing great discomfort and damage.

NEW METHODS NEEDED.

In almost every business managers are eagerly looking for new methods. The times advance, and it keeps the best of us hustling not to get behind in the race.

MORTON WOULD. REGULATE RATES.

Government Supervision Should Be Accompanied by Protection--Suggests Special Court of Appeals and Continuance of Commission.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Outlook publishes an article by Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, on railroad rates, rebates and discriminations.

"In no sense must my views be considered the views of the administration and in no way should it be interpreted that they are to be presented upon members of Congress."

"First: Government ownership of the railroads, to make enforceable contracts between themselves as to a division of earnings...

"Second: The further identification of entire railway ownership of the country in the hands of a few individuals or one syndicate."

Secretary Morton says he stands firmly for the proposition that with a foundation carefully constructed so that rates "must" be reasonable, there is nothing to apprehend from pooling.

"I would favor, even if it were necessary to have a constitutional amendment to accomplish it, the declaration that all transportation by rail was hereafter to be considered interstate commerce and subject only to federal supervision."

"I would favor a public opinion that would not tolerate such a thing as a preferential rate, and would make it equally disagreeable to grant or receive it."

"If you want your phonograph, camera, or any small article of that kind repaired, note the advertisement of E. P. Jellicoe, 20 Waterloo street, on page 3 of today's Times."

If the deputy returning officers who look part in the Dominion election will call at the sheriff's office, they will be paid for their services.

COUN. SCOTT NOW WARDEN.

York County Municipal Council Unanimously Elected Him to That Office This Morning.

Fredericton, Jan. 17.—(Special)—York municipal council convened this morning in semi-annual session. Coun. John Scott of Dumfries, who has occupied a seat at the board for twenty-two consecutive years was unanimously elected warden.

The race for the position of county auditor is becoming more interesting. Wm. P. Taylor who has all along been slated for the position by the conservative majority in the council has unexpectedly dropped out of the race...

IKE VAIL, THE KING OF BUNCO MEN

Passed in His Checks in New York on Sunday.

New York, Jan. 17.—"Ike" Vail, for almost half a century the so-called "King of Bunco Men," and whose name was known from one end of the country to the other, died at the home of his nephew in the Bronx on Sunday, says the World.

FIRE LOSS WAS COVERED.

London, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Special)—Fire did heavy damage to the stock of E. Mara's retail dry goods store on Dundas street, last night.

GRAND DUCHESS DEAD.

Welmur, Grand Duchy of Saxo-Weimer, Jan. 17.—The Grand Duchess Caroline of Saxo-Weimer, died this morning of inflammation of the lungs supervening from influenza.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Fresh west to southwest winds; fair today and on Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

A HIGHER MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 17.—(Special)—The attorney general for Manitoba moved his resolution on the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba in the local legislature last evening...

A NEW STEAMER

To Go on the Bay Chaleur Route in the Spring.

A beautiful model of the new steamer Lady Eileen is on exhibition today at Messrs William Thomson & Co's office.

NOW THEY WANT TO HAVE PEACE.

St. Petersburg Citizens Are Starting an Agitation Toward That End--Will Present an Address to Czar Pointing out That Further Fighting Is Useless.

New York, Jan. 17.—A despatch to the Times from London quotes the London Times as saying that an agitation in favor of peace is being started by a number of eminent citizens of St. Petersburg, who have drawn up an address to the Czar representing the uselessness of the war and urging that as the government has not proved itself competent to carry the war to a successful issue, it should not be allowed to continue to prove its incapacity at the cost of blood and tears of the nation.

The address has been largely signed by people of all classes in the capital and principal towns of Russia.

The liberal paper, Nasha Zvezda, says "it is high time that the myriads of men sent to Manchuria should return to peaceful pursuits and the life of Russia resume its normal course."

Advices from St. Petersburg say it has been hinted in certain quarters that the fall of Port Arthur might possibly render Russia more receptive to a proposal of mediation with a view to the termination of hostilities.

EQUITY COURT.

Mr. Justice Barker Heard an Interesting Case This Morning.

The case of Wood vs Le Blanc was heard before Mr. Justice Barker in the Equity court this morning.

In 1902 Senator Wood brought an action against Mr. Le Blanc and a number of the French settlers in Montserrat to restrain them from cutting lumber and poles on Sackville rights until the decision had been reached at law.

ANOTHER SWINDLE.

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WINTER PORT NOTES.

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IN TELEGRAPHIC AND GENERAL NEWS THE TIMES LEADS.

Japanese torpedo boat destroyer captured the Dutch steamer Wilhelmina, which was carrying Cardiff coal to Vladivostok in the Tsushima Straits, Monday and brought her to Sasebo.

Nothing Doing Yet.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—The government has not renewed the state of siege in many Russian cities at the opening of the new year, civil law in such places replacing military rule.

The Russian papers protest against the imputation that General Mstchchenko's cavalry violated Chinese neutrality even if, of which there is at present no evidence, they crossed the Liao River above New Chungking, claiming that a small strip on the west bank is distinctly reserved as included in the sphere of hostilities.

While the daring cavalry raid on the line of Japanese communications was welcomed as a happy augury of the operations of the new year, the general staff does not give encouragement to the idea that it is a precursor of a serious Russian movement.

Building New Cruiser.

Tokio, Jan. 17, 2.30 p. m.—A first class armored cruiser is being constructed at the naval dock of Kuro.

POLICE COURT.

Ferocious Dog Ordered Shot---Cigarette Case Heard This Morning.

David Keefe of 15 Clarence street was before the magistrate this morning charged with keeping a ferocious dog; the animal having attacked Constable McLeod, tearing his overcoat.

Mr. Keefe testified that he never owned the dog but it had belonged to his son, who had given it away some months ago. The animal had returned and he would be glad to have it shot. The court ordered that the dog be destroyed.

The case against Ernest A. Friars for selling cigarettes to Michael Howard, a minor was taken up and Mr. Friars testified that he had furnished the goods for a customer, and not for the boy's own use.

Sergeant Hastings said that on Saturday last he saw Howard coming out of Mr. Friars's store on Mill St. carrying a package. He asked the lad what the package contained, and on being informed that there were cigarettes in the parcel took Howard back into the store, and asked Mr. Friars if he had sold him the cigarettes, to which he replied that the goods were for a customer. He had not a written order for the goods; and taking back the goods he refunded the money. The case was resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER.

A telephone message from the Hospital this morning stated that the Times new reporter was resting comfortably, and had dictated a number of paragraphs to be sent down to this office. They arrived shortly afterward, and will be read with much interest. They are as follows:—

The mercury went 700 degrees below zero at Pokiook last night. Several returns saw it take the plunge. It will return to the city next week.

It has not previously been stated that the bull on Mr. James Jones' neck is on the cord of his neck. It is quite painful this morning.

Ald. Holder slapped his thigh again this morning and renewed his vow that he would dig up the truth about that new warehouse on the McLeod wharf.

No city in America looks after its sidewalks in winter as carefully as does the city of St. John. They are kept constantly under cover during the winter season.

A street car was seen coming over from the north end this morning. Another one was seen on Union street. When it got to Brussels street it went off the track. The passengers got away.

Mayor White will spend next summer in the Trochachs and on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

Ald. Christie and McGoldrick again visited the Salvation Army shelter this morning, and conversed with the unfortunate who were quartered there for the night.

A rumor that the sand man was out today could not be traced to any authentic source. He is not likely to venture out while the streets are so slippery in places.

The fines collected from persons who fail to clean the snow from their sidewalks will be devoted to the payment for a desk telephone for Chief Clark. It has not been provided sooner because of a lack of funds.

The magistrate estimates that enough will be collected in fines this winter to pay for stringing the wire across the guard room along the corridor to the chief's office, a distance of perhaps thirty feet—if the chief buys the wire.

There is excellent sleighing in several parts of the country.

Produce is now being sold in the country market.

A mysterious man with an overcoat on was seen on Carmarthen street last evening. He went into a house near the corner of Princess street. That was the last seen of him. The police have been notified.