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ASTOUNDING FOLLY.

The astounding folly of the Russian government in announcing that Gen. Stoessel, the heroic and almost fanatical defender of Port Arthur is to be tried by court marshal for having surrendered almost passively.

That Russian journalists can speak with telling effect is shown by the bitter irony of the words of the Novo Vremya of St. Petersburg, quoted in today's Times.

Troubles thicken around the czar and his advisors. They have resorted to the old methods of despotism. These will not meet the case in the present crisis.

The times are critical. If against despotism should again be arrayed the anarchist and the assassin, the future will be dark indeed for the Russian people.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The comparative statement of lumber shipments to transatlantic ports which the Times gives to-day shows that the falling off, compared with the previous year, was very slight.

For the whole province, however, there was a falling off, estimated at nearly thirty million feet.

While the shipments from St. John were nearly as large in 1904 as in 1903, the values were much lower. But freights also were very low, which was of some benefit to the shipper, though not to the shipowner.

At present the outlook for lumber is better than it was in the fall. With a reduced cut there should be a better market this year than last.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The Montreal Gazette is not enamored of municipal ownership. Therefore the decision of the Ottawa electors not to purchase the street railway at the very high valuation placed on it by the company moves the Gazette to remark:

The vote in Ottawa on the proposal to purchase the street railway stood 819 for to 3,479 against. Ottawa, like Montreal, has a good street railway service at moderate rates. There was little prospect that it would be greatly improved if the city took it over, while there was a possibility that municipal management would prove less efficient than that of the company, and might involve an annual charge on the treasury as well as a heavy addition to the debt, for which the property of the taxpayers would be responsible.

The Ottawa vote proves nothing, however, against municipal ownership, which is steadily growing in favor in this as well as other countries. Taking St. John as an example, it is difficult to believe that municipal ownership would result in a worse service than is provided by at least one large corporation, which is making large profits.

THE COTTON SITUATION.

A remarkable condition of affairs has developed in connection with the cotton trade of the southern states. Cotton is now selling at less than the cost of production. The trouble is, of course, that there is too much cotton in sight, and just as the demoralized lumber market called for a reduced cut in New Brunswick this year, it is expected that the condition of the cotton trade will force a reduced acreage in crop for next season.

The conditions in the south are exactly like those relating to the lumber industry in this province, when prices are away down. This will be

seen from the following quotation from a Memphis letter:

Cotton is now selling at less than the cost of production. It will be impossible for small farmers, and they grow the bulk of the crop, to secure advances from the banks of factors next season for the cultivation of their crops because, if cotton is selling below the cost of production, letting out money on such conditions would be about on a parity with pouring water through a sieve or eating soup with a fork.

Discussing the situation, the New York Evening Post says: "The year of 1903 in the cotton trade was unusual in many respects, but 1904 will go down in history as the most remarkable since the civil war."

In fact, it is without precedent in the annals of the industry not only in the matter of violent fluctuations and enormous volume of transactions in "futures," but also for the prolonged period of the wildest trading and the most disastrous failure of a speculative pool on record also for the sudden change from a famine of supplies to a crop of the greatest magnitude exceeding the previous largest American production by fully 1,000,000 bales, and last year's crop by probably 2,500,000 bales.

PORT ARTHUR.

The following admirable summary of the case with respect to Port Arthur is from the Boston Transcript:

General Nogi already has begun the occupation of the defenses of the fortress which have been evacuated by the Russian garrison and thus, after a lapse of ten years, the Japanese once more are in possession of the stronghold which they took from China and from which Russia, Germany and France ousted them. It must be a splendid revenge for Japan. She has retaken by force of arms from the prime mover in this despicable conspiracy every inch of territory of which she was despoiled. It is quite probable that in the final settlement she will insist on retaining her prize, notwithstanding her announcement that she had no territorial designs on Manchuria, and would restore the country to China at the end of the hostilities.

It was expected, even promised that the new chemical and combination engines would be ready for work some time before the end of the year. As a matter of fact the aldermen are still in a quandary as to what they will do with the machines. Perhaps a snow house will be constructed to shelter them till spring.

It is a mistake to assume that we have entirely got away from primitive conditions. Here we have the mails carried by teams as of yore along the shore route from St. John to St. Stephen. There is a railway, but it has a close season, like the big game of the forest through which it runs on a portion of the route. The like is true of other branch railways in winter.

CALAIS SHOE FACTORY.

At a meeting of the creditors of the St. Croix Shoe company, the failure of which was announced on Tuesday last, it was decided to send a committee to Calais to look over the plant and consider what steps shall be taken with regard to a settlement of the company's financial difficulties.

Employees of the factory, which is now idle, anticipate several weeks work finishing up the goods which have been cut and lasted, even though the plant may not be operated as formerly. Quite a large amount of stock had been cut and this will doubtless be made up at an early date, whatever the fate of the factory may be.

OBITUARY.

Bliss B. Barnes.

Bliss B. Barnes of Hampton N. B., died yesterday in Boston where he had been living for some time. He was the second son of Noah M. Barnes, of Hampton and was thirty years of age. Mr. Barnes worked for some years in the office of J. O. Dickson Otty, county secretary, where he made many friends.

Dr. Jacob D. White.

The death occurred yesterday of Dr. Jacob Deane White, one of St. John's oldest and most successful medical practitioners. He was 77 years of age and was a son of the late Vincent White. He was born at Grand Lake, Queens County, Sept. 6th 1827. He studied medicine at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, about 1852, and graduated from that college.

He afterwards practiced in Eastport for about three years while in that city he married Miss Maria Peavey, daughter of General Peavey. She died eleven or twelve years ago. They had four children, two of whom survive. Fred Johnson, of Sioux City, and Mrs. James E. Cowan, of the West End.

About 1855 or 1856 he moved to St. John west where he opened an office in King street. He soon proved himself a most capable physician and for years he held the largest and most lucrative practice in Carleton. From its inception Dr. White was a member of the staff of visiting physicians of the general public hospital.

John Gould.

The death of John Gould, a well known and highly respected citizen of Bangor, occurred at 8 o'clock Sunday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sanborn, on Marsh street, at the age of 66 years and nine months. Mr. Gould suffered a paralytic shock several years ago, and has been in failing health for a long time.

Mr. Gould was born in River John, N. S., and moved to Stillwater about 44 years ago. He was engaged in business in Stillwater up to the time of the death of his wife which occurred about eight years ago after which he moved to Bangor, where he has since resided. He leaves three sons, T. W. Gould, of Fitchburg, Mass., and John W. Gould and J. F. Gould, the well known attorney, of Old Town, and four daughters, Mrs. P. Dollif of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. J. W. Taney and Mrs. W. H. Sanborn of Bangor, and Mrs. C. J. McLeod of Old Town. He also leaves two brothers, Solomon and Leonard of Canterbury Station, N. B., and a sister, Mrs. Andrew Wilson of River John, N. S.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

This evening the Daily company will present one of John Drew's greatest successes, Christopher Jr. It deals with the story of a young man whose father was in the commercial business and wishing to start his son in a different pursuit sends him on a sea voyage. While on the steamer he mistakes his state room and starts to retire in that of a lady passenger.

The latter's father intercepts him in the act of escaping from his predicament and forces him to marry the girl. He leaves a card supposed to bear his name but which, in reality, is that of his chum. He does not have the opportunity of meeting his wife again after the ceremony and as his recollection of her is rather vague, he fails to recognize her when they next meet. His friend, whose card she carries and whom she believes is her husband, is about to be married and when she tries to intercept him the fun becomes fast and furious.

It is from this point that complications commence to arise and it ends only by the real husband falling in love with the real wife before the plot becomes unraveled.

LECTURE ON JAPAN.

President Hannah is assured of a hearty reception this evening when he lectures on Japan in Trinity school-room, for the Church of England Institute. The subject is an interesting one at all times, and more especially so just now. The illustrations of Japanese life will add much to the enjoyment of a most interesting lecturer.

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STARS AND STRIPES AND UNION JACK

Intertwined at a Maine Wedding---St. John Girl the Bridesmaid.

Presque Isle, Jan. 4.--A very pretty and fashionable wedding took place Monday, Jan. 2, at high noon, in St. John's Episcopal church in Second street, the principals in the happy event being Philip DeWitt Phair of Washington, D. C., and Miss Bertha McIntyre of Presque Isle.

The attendants of the bride and groom-elect were Miss Maud Estabrook of St. John as bridesmaid and Clifford Ryan of Presque Isle as best man. The ushers were Edward Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Allen, and Nathan Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry.

A large company of guests witnessed the wedding ceremony which was performed by Rev. Mr. Manzur, rector of St. John's church. The bridal march was played by Miss Miriam Hayward and as the bridal party entered, the bride-elect on the arm of her father, who gave her away, one of the most notable features was the freedom from ostentation. The bride was wearing a gown of pearl de soie, richly trimmed with lace. Her veil was caught with lilies of the valley, of which she wore a corsage bouquet and she carried her prayer book. Her necklace, a rich old gold of pendant design, was the gift of the groom.

The bridesmaid was very attractive in white Japanese silk, fashionable picture hat. She carried a bouquet of bridesmaid's roses and lilies of the valley. The groom and best man wore the conventional black.

The decorative arrangements of the church were plain and simple, consisting of festoons of evergreen artistically suspended and were conspicuous for the absence of the customary floral decorations. The home of the bride's parents, where an informal reception was held from 1.30 to 2.30 p. m., was tastefully decorated, especially the dining room, where dainty and delicious refreshments were served, Miss Katharine Stevens presiding at the table. Those chosen to assist her were Misses Susan Ryan and Annie Boone.

A novel feature of the pleasant occasion was a canopy festooned with the two flags, and Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack, underneath which the newly married couple received. This was an original and happy thought of the bridesmaid, who, knowing the strong love of the bride for Great Britain and the equally staunch allegiance of the groom to the United States, resolved to then and there unite the two nations.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Phair are among the most highly esteemed of the young people of this community and numerous, elegant and beautiful were the gifts which testified to their popularity. The bride, who is an only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McIntyre, has a large circle of friends throughout the country as well as elsewhere. The groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Phair of this town, has resided in Washington, D. C., for quite a term of years, where he holds a responsible and lucrative position in the Congressional library. They left on the 4.28 afternoon train for Washington amid a throng of friends and the customary demonstrations on such occasions.

WEDDINGS.

Benn---Buchanan.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Colonel James Buchanan yesterday afternoon when his daughter Agnes Louise, was united in marriage to Elbridge A. Benn of Houlton, (Me.), by Rev. Wm. J. Buchanan of St. Stephen, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson. The groom was supported by A. Shanks, and the bride by Miss Myrtle Patterson.

The bride was attired in a becoming blue traveling suit with hat to match, and the bridesmaid looked charming in a steel grey costume.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn left on the Pacific express for a tour of the New England States. They will reside at 158 Prince William St., on their return to the city.

Walker---Nelson.

Miss Lottie C. Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson of Main St., was married yesterday morning to W. Herbert Walker of Halifax. Rev. R. P. McKim performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Walker left for Halifax where they will reside.

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