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WEATHER—Fair and decidedly cold weather, predicted for tomorrow.

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ONE CENT.

CZAR CLIMBS DOWN FROM HIS PERCH.

Nicholas of the Russias Finally Consents to Discuss Matters With Workmen --- Deputation Received Today --- The Situation in Warsaw.

London, Feb. 1.—A despatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says Emperor Nicholas received a deputation of thirty-three workmen at the Sarskoe Selo at 3:30 this afternoon.

The Czar's Decision.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—Emperor Nicholas has decided to receive a deputation of workmen at Tsarskoe Selo.

Moscow Is Quiet.

Warsaw, noon, Feb. 1.—The city is quiet though great tensify still prevails. Some stores and offices have been re-opened but only two newspapers were published this morning. The strike has extended to the sugar refineries and other factories in the districts around Warsaw.

A Curious Story.

London, Feb. 1.—The correspondent of the Times at St. Petersburg sends to his paper this morning a curious story which he declares he obtained from an unimpeachable authority. According to the correspondent when Grand Duke Vladimir was informed on January 22, that General Prince Vasilichoff, (who was in command of the troops, in St. Petersburg), had given orders to fire on strikers Grand Duke Vladimir, immediately ordered that pacific measures be taken but the senior officer replied that he could not guarantee the safety of the palace without using force.

Mirsky Steps Out.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—The retirement of Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky was formally announced today, his health having been assigned as the reason. Mr. Mirsky's former Minister of posts and telegraphs became acting minister of the interior. M. Boulgan, former Governor-General of Moscow, is most likely to be Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky's successor, but at no decision has yet been reached. The gossips are saying that Emperor Nicholas has offered

A COAL FAMINE THREATENED.

A New Difficulty Now Faces the I. C. R. Management.

Moncton, Feb. 1.—(Special).—The I. C. R. is threatened with a coal famine. Very little coal is on hand at Moncton and the road is so badly blocked by recent storms that little or none is on the way from Springhill. So many locomotives are used on the passenger trains that none are left to haul the coal on the way for the road. Fuel men are hustling today to get a supply for tomorrow. On account of the storm last night, No. 2 train from St. John cancelled this morning east of Moncton. Last night's maritime express from Halifax is still stuck in the snow between here and Truro.

KLONDYKERS ARE HERE.

The freight train which arrived at 6:10 this morning from Moncton, had attached to it a pullman car conveying the Klondyke hockeyists, who tonight play the All-St. John team.

The Klondykers were snowbound up the line, and were very fortunate in being able to get to the city in time for a rest before the game tonight. The players are a likely looking lot and the game should be one of the greatest exhibitions of hockey this city has ever seen.

The Dawson players are stopping at the Dufferin Hotel. They have had a very busy time of it for the last week or two, playing a game every night, and it speaks well for their condition that they are able to stand the strain. There should be a great crowd at the Queen's rink tonight.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Dufferin—John H. Haley, Windsor; J. W. Boyle, D. R. McLennan, D. Fairbairn, N. A. Watt, A. P. Martin, L. Hannay, Geo. Kennedy, A. Forest, J. K. Johnson, W. E. Young, Klondyke hockey team, Dawson City; C. L. Merritt, Woodstock; Mrs. H. D. Currie, Cambridge.

THE SICK PRINCE.

Potsdam, Feb. 1.—Prince Eitel Friedrich has passed the doubtful period and is on the way toward recovery. This morning's bulletin said: "The night was quiet. This morning the Prince's temperature was 97.7, pulse 66. The inflammation of the right side continues to diminish and effusion from the pleura is less. Respiration is still high but the Prince's general condition is satisfactory notwithstanding his present weakness." No further bulletin will be issued today.

PERISHED IN THE STORM.

Dreadful Fate of Mrs. J. H. Le Blanc of St. Andre, N. B.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 1.—(Special) An authentic report comes from Cape Bauld, Westmorland county, that a woman named Mrs. John H. Le Blanc, of St. Andre, near Cape Bauld, perished in the storm that raged over the province on Thursday night last.

It appears Mrs. LeBlanc had been out of her mind for the past three months, and had to be guarded. About eleven o'clock Thursday night she was missed from the house and search was made for her. After several hours searching she was found frozen to death in a field a short distance from her house.

The woman had gone out in her night clothes, and when found her body was still warm, but the last spark of life had fled. The unfortunate woman was 29 years old, and mother of three children. Her husband, with whom she was sleeping, was not aroused when his wife left the bed, as she had been in the habit of late of getting up nights and wandering about the house.

His Freedom Was Short.

Moncton, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Two men were burned to death this morning at a fire which destroyed Gilbert's tannery on Frontenac street. The names of the dead are H. Cyr, a Russian, who came here a short time ago, a deserter from the Russian army, and P. Zimber, who was married only two weeks ago. The loss by the fire is estimated at about \$40,000, insurance is \$20,000.

Chief of Police Shot.

Odessa, Feb. 1.—Chief of Police Galovska, was shot close to the police station in the centre of the city this morning and was wounded in the right shoulder. The wound is not dangerous.

Rumor Denied.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—There is no truth in the sensational report circulated by a news agency yesterday to the effect that armed strikers were marching on Cronstadt fortress and that Admiral Biriloff, the commander of the fortress had called out the sailors to protect the place.

FOUND DEATH.

The Sad Fate of William Lecas at Sydney Last Night.

Sydney, Feb. 1.—(Special).—A young man named William Lecas was found burned to death in the cabin of G. L. Murphy and Co's schr. Springfield, this morning. The cabin was on fire, and it is thought that Lecas was suffocated by smoke, while sleeping. He went on board the schooner last night for shelter, and when a young lad went to wake him this morning he found the cabin on fire with Lecas charred remains lying face downward on the floor.

MR. GREEN'S VIEW.

Wellington Green, who will be a candidate for Victoria ward in the coming civic election told the Times last night that the present city council have been in office too long and that a change is needed.

LATE PERSONALS.

Mrs. E. M. Shadbolt, of St. John, N. B., was the guest of Mrs. W. V. Stuart, Sherbrooke street, on her way home from a visit to Toronto.

SYDNEY IS ISOLATED.

Worst Storm Known in Fifteen Years Plays Havoc With Train Services.

Sydney, Feb. 1.—(Special).—No trains have reached this city from the west since Monday evening. Both the express and local trains, are stalled along the line and will not get in until late this afternoon. All outgoing trains this morning have been cancelled. The North Sydney local has been hung up at Leitch's Creek station since yesterday noon. The officials' train to Glace Bay this morning is derailed five miles from the city. The local which left yesterday afternoon for Louisbourg did not get there until this morning. It will be a day or two before the streets and roads are properly opened for traffic. The storm was the worst seen here for upwards of 15 years. It is fine and clear today. Huge snow banks 10 and 12 feet deep are piled up in every direction.

AN N. S. SAILOR.

He Arrived in St. John and Reports Having Had a Terrible Time in Heavy Storms.

On the Boston express today there was a passenger who has certainly had an experience with which very few have met. His name is John A. Brown and he belongs to Parrsboro, N. S. He was mate of the schooner Ataska, owned by Nova Scotia parties which recently met with a terrific storm off the New Jersey coast.

Mr. Brown had both feet and hands frozen. His two hands and right foot are now in fairly good condition, but the left foot is very painful and he is compelled to carry crutches. He tells a story of terrible hardship experienced on the Ataska. At one time the crew never thought they would reach land, but finally they succeeded in landing at Elizabeth, N. J., where the schooner is now, according to Mr. Brown's statement, icebound and will remain there until spring.

THE D. R. A. MEETING

Convened This Morning at Ottawa and Adjourned Till March 1---The Annual Report.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held in the old railway committee room of the House of Commons and adjourned till March 1, without transacting any business.

A TOTAL LOSS.

Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 1.—The remaining twenty-five members of the crew of the British steamer Alba, from Newport News, January, 11, for Amsterdam, which is ashore at Zoandervoort, were landed today. The steamer was cable yesterday, and had a total loss.

HAD A BAD NIGHT.

London, Feb. 1.—The bulletin issued this morning by the physicians attending the Princess Victoria, who was operated on for appendicitis at Buckingham Palace yesterday, says she passed a restless night but otherwise is as well as can be expected.

HORSEMEN DETERMINE

To Nationalize Breeders' Record and Stud Books --- Officers Elected.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The Hackney Horse Society of Canada in annual meeting here yesterday resolved to proceed at once with the nationalization of breeders' record and stud books. At present the records are kept by provinces, and railways are threatening to cancel their half price freight rate on pure bred stock unless some definite national system of certificates is devised.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

Annual Meeting of Fredericton and Woodstock Steamboat Company --- Customs and Banking Statistics.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Fredericton and Woodstock Steamboat Co. was held here this morning and was well attended. The directors reported that last season's business had been most satisfactory. The following were re-elected directors: Jas. S. Neill, George T. Whelpley, Fredericton; Williamson Fisher, Woodstock; Byron McNally, Queensbury; Frank R. Brooks, Southampton and Robert Scott, Dumfries. At a subsequent meeting of directors James S. Neill was re-elected president and J. H. Barry, secretary.

The amount deposited in the government savings bank here during January was \$1,668 and \$7,255.77 was withdrawn. The balance due depositors Dec. 31st was \$1,069,880.35.

THE SIDEWALKS.

They Are Dangerous in Many Places in the City.

Pedestrians are nonplussed in what way to turn to avoid the humps on the sidewalks, and prevent breaking their limbs. From Union street to Garden street, the sidewalks are in a most deplorable condition. Coburg street to City Road is simply wretched. A lady fell at 5 o'clock last evening in front of Rev. John De Soyres residence, and had to be assisted by passers-by. She was none the worse for the fall, however. Children coasting on the west side of Garden street have made it very dangerous, and at the triangle lot the snow is tramped to the top of the fence, and is dangerous walking.

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—(Special).—The Supreme court will open the February term on the 21st, inst., the first matter to be heard being the preference on Sunday legislation which will occupy the first week of the term. The appeals from the maritime provinces will not be taken up till Monday the 27th inst.

GREATEST BATTLE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

With Kuropatkin and Oyama Face to Face it is Believed That a Terrible Struggle is Inevitable --- Japs Drive Russians Back at Every Point.

General Oku's headquarters, Jan. 27, noon, via Tien Tsin, Feb. 1.—(Delayed in transmission)—After three months inaction there is now a prospect that the armies of General Kuropatkin and Field Marshall Oyama soon join in what will likely prove the greatest battle of the war.

The Japs Aggressive.

Mukden, Jan. 31, via Tien Tsin, Feb. 1.—Cannonading on the center and right commenced again today. The Russian army has re-occupied its old positions, having returned from Sanchiapu (Sandepas). The main events in the interior of Russia have been published in the official army paper, so that the troops to a certain extent realize the present conditions, but the plans for the army are shown to be entirely independent of home events.

A large part of the wounded are being cared for at Mukden where the hospitals and trains are filled and the red cross corps is active.

The situation as it further develops is better realized and understood though it is not less ominous as the weather has moderated and the Japanese are aggressive.

Regarding the first reports of large Russian losses it is now said that a considerable part of the first corps and Gen. Stakeberg's command have rejoined the main body of the army and retired to their old positions.

Russians Repulsed.

Tokio, Noon.—Field Marshal Oyama, reporting yesterday, says that the Russians bombarded his center and right wing on January 30, and sent small bodies of infantry to attack the Japanese outposts, where they were repulsed.

On the same day heavy Russian guns fiercely shelled Piyantai and Chenchiepao. On January 31, the Russians bombarded Chenchiepao, Lapati and L'ajantjan, and two companies of infantry attacked Chenchiepao, advancing from the south end near Peitailu. The Japanese repulsed them.

On January 30, two companies of Russian infantry unsuccessfully attacked Yatuzupao, two miles north west of Chenchiepao, and two battalions of Russian infantry and a regiment of cavalry failed in an attack on Tutaitza.

Austrian Steamer Seized.

Tokio, Feb. 1.—The Austrian steamer Siam, bound for Vladivostok from Cardiff, with coal, was seized off Hokkaido Island northern Japan yesterday. Admiral Togo returns to his flagship Feb. 6. The immediate naval plans are not disclosed.

THE TRAINS

Still Delayed on Account of the Storm.

The I. C. R. east is up against the real thing. Between St. John and Moncton the road is cleared, but east and north of the latter point difficulties are met with.

Benjamin--Waterbury.

A pretty house wedding took place this morning at the residence of George H. Waterbury 220 King street east, when his eldest daughter Miss Bessie Louise was married to S. Percy Benjamin, of Wolfville, N. S.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 1.—(Special).

Henderson's directory for 1905, just issued, estimates the population of Winnipeg at 97,101.

TWO STILL BLOCKED.

The Branch Railways and the Mail Service.

All branch railway lines with the exception of the Elgin, Pettitcodiac and Havelock, and the N. B. Southern, have been opened for mail traffic. Every effort is being made to expediate the mail transportation along the New Brunswick southern. The highway between St. John and Lepreau is, owing to the storm, practically impassable. The drifts are many feet high and it is simply a question of Shovelling out the highway and the railway.

Between St. Stephen and St. George a mail team service has been provided, owing to the exigency of the case. In that service would be included the mails for places on route between the points named. It will also convey the mails leaving St. John by the C. P. R. at 6 o'clock. This state of affairs will only continue until the snow blockade is raised.

Mrs. Henrietta Smith.

Fredericton, Feb. 1.—(Special).—The death occurred here last night after a lingering illness of Mrs. Henrietta Smith, widow of the late Alexander Smith for many years postmaster of Middle Sackville. She was sixty-seven years old and is survived by three sons, F. B. Smith, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. here; Albert, of Boston and Chipman of British Columbia. She was formerly Miss Harper, of Middle Sackville, and Chipman and Cyrus Harper of that place are her brothers. She has made her home with her son here for the past five years. Her remains will be taken to Sackville by the C. P. R. express tomorrow.

The new organ for St. David's Presbyterian church will be installed by February 21st. Organ builder Chute arrived in the city on Saturday, and with his crew of workmen, has started work.

The Times New Reporter.

The editor of the Times received a communication last evening requesting him to choke the new reporter, on the ground that he lacked humor, and that most of his witticisms sound like childish "babbel."

"Not today," replied the alderman. "I will be tomorrow, but today I am a member of the board of works."

"Remember that little matter when the board meets this afternoon," he said.

"The safety board," replied the alderman, "claim that they have all to do with that matter."

AN ALDERMAN'S WOES.

A citizen who is anxious that better fire protection be provided at Sand Point met an alderman on Monday and asked him to bring the matter before the safety board.

"I really don't know," replied the alderman. "As a member of any one board I would be only too happy to meet your wishes, but my dignity and my rights as a member of other boards must be respected. I would be quarrelling with myself all the time if I did not observe the greatest caution."