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HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 27.—As telegraphed to the Sun last night, Halifax will offer \$200,000 as a subsidy to a shipbuilding company for a plant in this city.

out for several years afterward he lived in Halifax. A fortnight ago, Sadie, daughter of the deceased, was married to Sidney Rutherford, and they sailed from Halifax Saturday week for England.

HEAD OF THE NAVY.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—In the March issue of the official navy list there is an interesting innovation. King Edward appears as head of the navy.

GEN. BOTHA.

Rumored He Has Surrendered to Kitchener.

The London Papers Accept the Statement as True.

But Neither the War Office Nor Foreign Office Has Any Confirmation.

DE AAR, Feb. 27.—Latest advices indicate that though a few of General Dewet's men have succeeded in crossing the Orange River, General Dewet, Steyn and the bulk of their force, including Hertog's commando, are camped on the south bank waiting an opportunity to cross.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—2.30 p. m.—The Sun says it is officially announced that General Botha, the commandant general of the Boer forces, has surrendered to General Kitchener.

MANCHESTER, England, Feb. 28.—The Evening Mail says General Botha formally surrendered to General Kitchener shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The London correspondent of the Tribune writes that although no official information has been issued with regard to the matter, he learns from a good source that Gen. Louis Botha, the Boer commandant general, has surrendered to the British, thus commemorating Marjuba day in the same manner as General Cronje did twelve months ago.

LONDON, Feb. 28, 3.43 p. m.—The Pall Mall Gazette credits the news of General Botha's surrender, but a representative of the Associated Press learns that neither the foreign office nor the colonial office has any information confirming the report.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—5.23 p. m.—The war secretary, Mr. Broderick, announced in the house of commons this afternoon that he had no official information of the surrender of General Botha.

DE AAR, Cape Colony, Feb. 28.—The combined forces of General Dewet and Commandant Hertog are now east of Philippstown (about forty miles northeast of here). The total number of men is about 2,000.

PUGILISTIC LAW MAKERS.

VIENNA, Feb. 27.—The session opened with a promise of storms. Later the Czechs resorted to obstruction, making speeches in their own tongue. The pan-Germans protested against this abuse of freedom of speech and a party of them invaded the Czech benches. The result was a fierce fist-fight.

IT COSTS MILLIONS.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The third supplementary estimate of three million marks for expenses incurred by the war in China, has been issued. This brings the total voted for the financial year to 95,309,153 marks.

FREDERICTON

Formal Opening of the Local Legislature—This Afternoon.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 28.—The local legislature was formally opened this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Lt.-Gov. McClain. His honor was attended by his aide-de-camp, Capt. Winstow; his secretary, R. S. Barker, Lt. Col. Dunbar, Lt. Col. Loggie, Surg. Lt. Col. McLearn, Surg. Maj. Bridges, Major Good, of Woodstock; Sheriff Sterling and Coroner Mullin.

The guard of honor was from the R. C. R. I., in command of Captain Opaquer. The salute was fired by a detachment from the Newcastle Field Battery.

The members of the house had been sworn in at noon by Mr. Justice Gregory, and signed the roll.

The speech from the throne expressed gratitude at the present condition of the province. Reference was made to the death of the queen and the universal sorrow displayed, and to the devotion of the people of this province to King Edward VII. The speech referred to the assistance given to the mother country in the South African war, and the gallantry of New Brunswick soldiers. The establishment of a maritime school of agriculture and horticulture was referred to.

A vigorous agricultural policy was foreshadowed along with the establishment of a cold storage plant at St. John, and other points. The speech also referred to the development of the coal fields of Queens and Sunbury; the smallpox epidemic and its heavy cost was touched upon. Gratification was expressed at the settlement of the eastern extension claims. It was intimated that legislation will be produced relative to the wrong done to the Rothesay list. It was stated that bills will be introduced for the establishment of district courts; Torrens' system of land transfer, succession duties, etc.

C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, M. P. P. for Westmorland, will be the speaker. A. B. Copp, M. P. P. for Westmorland, will move the address and Sanford Ryan, M. P. P. for Albert, will second it.

ENGINEERS ON STRIKE.

It Will Effect 1800 of Them on the Great Lakes.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 27.—As a result of the refusal of the Lake Carriers Association to grant the demands of the Maritime Engineers for additional help in the engine rooms of steamers, National President George Ryan, at his headquarters, declared a strike in force affecting about 1,800 engineers on the Great Lakes. President Uhlert sent out telegrams to all lake ports notifying members of his organization not to either assist in fitting out boats or to go out on them after the opening of navigation, until advised to the contrary.

Prominent vessel owners today freely expressed the hope that the engineers might succeed in tying up lake commerce until July 1, as it would result in high carrying rates later and thereby insure a most prosperous year for the owners.

On the other hand President Uhlert declared that his organization was never in better financial condition for a long struggle than at present. The strike order affects all members of the organization on passenger as well as freight boats. It is said that fully 85 per cent of the engineers on the Great Lakes are members of the organization.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Five hundred men will be affected at this port by the strike of the Maritime Engineers. At a meeting tonight they ratified President Uhlert's orders.

LEFT HIS DOGS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Times says:—When the Duke of Manchester sailed for England he left behind two terriers that he had intended to take with him. They were tagged with large labels on which were their names and that of the owner. But complications arose between the Duke and the man from whom he bought the dogs, some months ago, and as a result the nobleman had to leave the dogs behind. The reason he did not carry them with him" said a friend of the dogs' former owner, "was that he had not paid for them."

Mr. Kelly, of Boston, who is a friend of mine, sold the terriers to the duke last year. Manchester promised to pay \$1,500 for the pair. He did not pay. So when Kelly heard the duke was to sail he came to New York. "But when he went to the hotel the duke was not at home. However, Kelly took his lawyer to the hotel and lay in wait for the duke. He found him in the lobby. The duke said he had not the money. His father-in-law, when asked to pay the bill, refused to pay so much money for dogs, so the duke had to let Kelly take them."

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—Fresh, westerly winds, fair and moderately cold today and on Friday, then milder.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Eastern states and northern N. Y.—Fair tonight, increasing temperature in northern portions; Friday, increasing cloudiness, probably snow with rising temperature. Fresh northwesterly winds, becoming southerly.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—W. H. Carey, a second year medical student at McGill, fell upon the steps of the Medical building Tuesday and died today in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Cerebral hemorrhage set in.

GRAVE CRIMES.

A Man Who Has Killed Several Women.

Burglary, Attempt at Bank Robbery and at Exterior by Threats.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Josephine Umbenharen, one of the three women struck down by a heavy blow on the head last Friday night on Capitol hill, died yesterday afternoon in St. Joseph's hospital. One of the others, Mrs. Mary Short, died on Saturday. The third victim, Miss Emma Johnson, may recover from her injuries. Albert Cowen, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Short, and is suspected of being the highwayman who has attacked many women in this city during the past year, was identified today by Bartholomew Julien as the man whom he saw running away from the place where a woman was knocked down and seriously injured recently. When confronted with Julien and Albert Frederick, who says he saw Cowen knock down Mrs. Short, the prisoner accused them of lying.

Dr. H. T. Pershing, an insanity specialist, said today that he treated Cowen for paranoia six years ago at the county hospital.

BONNER SPRINGS, Kas., Feb. 28.—M. D. Bearden, a respectable citizen is under arrest here for connection with an attempt to force \$1,000 from Frank Warner, cashier and principal owner of the bank at this place, under pain of death to himself and family, or the kidnapping of his child. Bearden was arrested while making off with a bag of slugs, supposed to contain money, which was left at a spot designated in a threatening letter received by that banker.

RILEY, Kas., Feb. 27.—Early this morning a gang of supposed bank robbers walked into a carefully laid trap here and the leader, Frank Wharton, alleged to be an expert safe blower, was captured after a desperate fight in the dark. The vault containing \$100,000 was untouched.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A burglary in which the thieves secured \$30,000 worth of jewelry from the residence of Francis B. Hoffman, a produce exchange broker, living on East 70th street, was made public tonight. The burglary took place early Tuesday morning. After the burglary was discovered a small bottle of chloroform left by the thieves was found in the pantry. No arrests have been made.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times writing yesterday, gives a précis of the draft of the Manchurian convention. He says: "Russia requires China to sign a convention consisting of twelve articles. The first says the Czar is willing to forget the recent hostilities in Manchuria, and consent to allow China to resume the civil government. The other articles virtually place complete control in Russian hands. They exclude Chinese troops and forbid the importation of arms. They demand the degradation of the high officials implicated in the recent disturbances and exclude persons of any other nationality from holding official positions in Manchuria or drilling Chinese soldiers or sailors anywhere in Northern China. Article eight provides that in Manchuria, Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan, no railway, mining or other concessions shall be granted to persons of any other nationality, nor can China herself construct any railway. No land around Niu Chwang can be leased to foreigners. The remaining clauses deal with indemnities. So far as the military expense is concerned, Russia will act in conjunction with the other powers. As regards indemnity for the destruction of the Manchurian railway, China shall arrange with the railway company itself, and a commercial concession may be accepted in part payment."

A MISSING BRIDEGROOM.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Mrs. W. E. Gardiner, a bride of a few days is supposed to be some where in the city looking for her husband, who had told her, she says, that he was a broker with offices in Lower Broadway. The couple arrived in this city on Monday from Montreal and went to the DeLavan house. She said that Gardiner left half an hour later, saying he was going to his office and that he had not been seen since. After waiting for her husband's return she told the proprietor that they had been married in Montreal on Feb. 20, after only a few days' acquaintance, and that her maiden name was Alice Selby. The woman said she had no money, and that her baggage was in the station. The proprietor sent her to see Superintendent Blair of the Outdoor department. When she learned that she might be sent to the almshouse, she ran out of the superintendent's office and disappeared. She has not been seen since.

VERDICT RETURNED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The coroner's jury held an inquest yesterday over the eleven bodies recovered from the wreck of the steamer Rio de Janeiro, returning their verdict last night. The jury charges Captain Ward, who was drowned, and Pilot Jordan with criminal negligence. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company is censured for having had a Chinese crew on the steamer. Second Officer Graham Coughlin is commended for heroic conduct in saving lives.

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THE NEW STAR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Lieut. C. A. E. Totten, evinces a deep interest in Anderson's new star, says a New Haven special to the World. Speaking of it, he said: "I do not regard this visitor as a comet. Nor is it the star of the Magi, for I have shown that to have been an aspect rather than a merely transient visitor. There is another star, called the Star of Bethlehem, whose period may be that of this one—about 317 years. Its appearance chimes very well with the aspect of the heavens at the visit of the Magi 1,902 years ago. Astronomers have been on the watch for such a phenomenon as this for the past twelve years. It is notable that the period of the present star may fit both the date of Tycho Brahe and that of the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem 1902 years ago."

SALT COATES, N. W. T., Feb. 27.—Hon. James Ropes, territorial commissioner of the public works, has resigned. He was succeeded by Wm. Ogilvy as commissioner of the Yukon.