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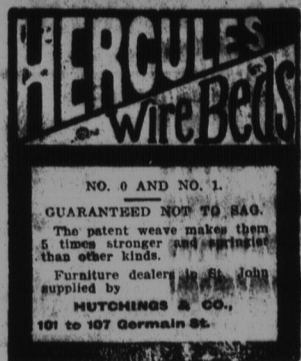
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THE JAMAICA STEAMSHIP.

Why She is Not Patronized By Local Fruit Importers.

The S. S. Banta, which replaces the Ask on the Jamaica service is due here tomorrow. This steamer is especially adapted for the fruit trade and will bring a large cargo to St. John, most of which is consigned to points farther west.

Local fruit dealers are not receiving any goods by this steamer and they state that the method of management is not suitable for them. The agents at Jamaica refuse to receive any goods on consignment and fruit must be ordered here from the agents of the line, instead of as is usually done, from the fruit dealers' agent in Jamaica. Besides this, they claim that during the warm weather, bananas, which form the chief article of trade at present, are received from Boston or other fruit markets twice a week, and that, having made arrangements for supplies of this fruit, they cannot wisely order three weeks ahead from a steamer which only arrives here once in three weeks. The Ask, on her last voyage to this port brought a large quantity of bananas, which had accidentally become over-ripe and they had to be left in St. John to be disposed of at a loss. The low rate at which they were sold caused quite a boom in the banana trade and

people who had formerly not been accustomed to buying this fruit, being attracted by the price, bought them, and having become accustomed to the taste, continued buying to such an extent that the business being done in this line is considerably ahead of previous seasons.

IMMORALITY IN SYDNEY.

(Sydney Post.)

The Post is informed that there are a number of dens in Sydney that would be a disgrace to the slums of a great city. The news reported from those places are revolting and a blemish on the moral reputation of the city. The scourgings of Halifax and St. John are plying their nefarious barter of morals and character in Sydney unmolested. It is time that something was done and these moral lepers were driven out of the town.

VICTIM OF 'MAIL' MEDICINE.

CANADAGUA, N. Y., March 21.—W. C. Howard, a farmer, died Wednesday evening under very mysterious circumstances on the Cook farm, two miles east of here. The authorities have maintained the utmost secrecy. An autopsy will be held Saturday. Howard died suddenly after taking a cough preparation sent him through the mails.

Easter Suits for Boys.

We have been talking Men's Youth's and Boys' Overcoats, Men's and Youth's Suits. NOW FOR BOYS' SUITS which form a very important part of our clothing business. We have got together a happy combination—correct style, best possible goods and neat patterns at Low Prices.

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LONDON GOSSIP.

Chamberlain Desires to Visit Canada, Australia and South Africa.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Parliament has adjourned for ten days and the rumour mengers, chilled by the east winds, have little to chatter about, says the Tribune's London correspondent:

Talk about cabinet re-constitution has died out. No cabinet changes are probable this year. Joseph Chamberlain and A. J. Balfour, government leader in the house of commons are intimate and loyal friends, and neither is disposed to supplant or stand in the way of the other.

The understanding among Mr. Chamberlain's friends is that he is not anxious to succeed Lord Salisbury, nor lead the commons, but expects to remain in the colonial office and work out the settlement of the South African question after the war. His friends assert that he has no ambition at present except to make a tour of the British colonies when he can leave the colonial office for a period of eight or ten months, and visit Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

THE INDEPENDENCE MINE.

Ore Reserves Very Low and the Outlook Unfavorable.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., March 27.—John Hays Hammond, the well known mining engineer, general manager of Stratton's Independence Mine, has sent to the London directors the following cablegram: "Recent developments have confirmed last reports. Regret to report latest developments unfavorable."

In reply to an enquiry, Mr. Hammond said: "Yes, it is true, I have cabled London to the effect that the ore reserves are exceedingly low and that the body of the mine is looking very bad. Mr. Hammond refused to discuss the matter any further."

From Supt. Shipman it was learned that the production at present is from 250 to 300 tons a day, and from a reliable source it was learned there is enough ore blocked out to guarantee a production of at least 250 tons a day for several months to come. The showing, however, in the bottom levels is not good. Supt. Shipman believes that he will be able finally to open up a good body of ore below the 500 foot level. This opinion is apparently not shared by Mr. Hammond.

FISHERY LEASES.

No Competition, After All the Government's Boasting.

(Special to the Star.)

FREDERICTON, March 27.—At the fisheries sales today a five years' lease of the Restigouche River from L. C. R. bridge up to the mouth of Upsalquitch, (excepting the Rafting Ground Reserve and Lot 78), and from Todd Brook to Tracy's Brook, was sold at the upset price, \$6,400, to the Restigouche Salmon Club.

The Big Sevogle River (10 years' lease), was sold to Jacob Weidman at \$140.

Cains River was sold to W. H. Allen and Arthur Pringle at \$25.

Five other ten year leases were offered, but there were no bids. They were on the Quinawabodgewick, Patapedia, Jaesquet, Renous and Dunganvon streams.

DEADLY GRADE CROSSING.

HOUSTON, Texas, March 27.—Mrs. Lizzie Miller, a widow, was killed, and her daughters Mary, aged 19, and Carrie, aged 17, were injured, the first named fatally, while on their way home last night. They were compelled to cross a street at a grade crossing and in trying to escape one switching freight train, got in the way of a string of cars being shoved across the street. Mrs. Miller was cut into fragments.

THE FIRE RECORD.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, March 27.—The roundhouse, carpenter shop and entire plant of the Chihuahua and Pacific Railroad Company were yesterday destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. All engines with the exception of two were destroyed.

CHOLERA RAGING.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 27.—It is said here that nearly a thousand deaths from cholera have occurred at Mecca since March 3rd.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Eastern states and Northern New York—Partly cloudy tonight; warmer in central portions. Friday, showers, fresh south winds.

GAVE UP FIGHT WITH POVERTY.

AVON, Mass., March 26.—Finding himself unable to support his wife and two children, Alfred Skinner decided to end his life, and Tuesday night he shot himself with a revolver and death followed the act in about two hours. He was a baker and was about 55 years old.

Less than a year ago Skinner came to this section from the west. He was unable to secure employment at his trade so he took the best place he could get, which was that of a clerk in a dry goods store in Brockton. The amount he received was found insufficient to provide for his family and this fact troubled him. Tuesday night after he had come home from Brockton he went to his room and fired the shot which caused his death.

CECIL RHODES.

Great Preparation for a State Funeral on April 2nd.

Paul Kruger as Usual Thanks God—The Empire Builder's Chief Regret.

CAPE TOWN, March 27.—The preparations for the state funeral of Cecil Rhodes, which will take place here April 2, are already in progress. Flags are half-masted everywhere. Those who attended the sick bed of Mr. Rhodes says he continually sorrowed over the fact that he left so much unaccomplished.

"So little done, so much to do," was an expression which he used more than once.

During Mr. Rhodes' illness all kinds of novel means were utilized to counteract the trying heat. Boxes of ice were let into the roof of the seaside cottage at Miltzenberg, where he died yesterday. Punks were kept in motion and extra windows were cut in the walls.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express telegraphs, says a London despatch to the Herald that the news of Cecil Rhodes' death being conveyed to him, Paul Kruger said:

"The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

LONDON, March 27.—The Rhodesian section of the colonial exhibition at the Royal Exchange, has been draped in black. Numerous expressions of regret and condolence have been cabled by members of the stock exchange and others interested in South Africa.

After a slight hesitation at the opening of the stock exchange the tone of Kaffirs was distinctly firmer, showing that Mr. Rhodes' death had been discounted.

When in 1871 Cecil Rhodes' health gave way, and he was obliged to leave college, he consulted a physician, who told him he must go to a milder climate. He was a methodical old doctor, and in his private memorandum of the case, he wrote as a foot note: "Cannot live six months." He was a thin-faced, lanky lad of 18 then, with dull eyes. His countenance did not suggest intelligence, and indicated nothing of force. This was about 30 years ago. Up to a few weeks ago he was the diamond mine, the gold mine, the railway builder, the multi-millionaire among multi-millionaires. In his public capacity he was the founder of a vast empire, a statesman who, in Gladstone's time, was counted second only to the Grand Old Man himself; since Gladstone's death counted second to none.

HOME RULE FOR CUBA.

Island Will Be Turned Over to Its People on May 20th.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—May 20, 1902, is the new date fixed for turning over the island of Cuba to its people. The change of date was made, not at the suggestion, but with the full approval of Pres. Eliot Palma and his advisers, Senors Tamaya and Quesada, who were with him at the war department Tuesday.

Besides the final selection of May 20 as Cuban Independence day, two other important conclusions were reached. The first was that Gen. Wood immediately upon his return to Cuba should issue a call convening the first Cuban congress in session on May 10, in order that the body might employ the ten days following that date in supplying any legislation necessary to the assumption of full powers in the islands. The other conclusion was that there should be no half-way evacuation of the island, the present disposition being to move the entire United States contingent, civil and military, away from the island, not even leaving a corporal's guard of U. S. soldiers in any of the camps. If this programme is not executed it will be for the sole reason that the Cubans themselves through their authorized officials request that the departure of the U. S. troops be delayed for a time.

LEFT ALL TO OLD SWEETHEART.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., March 25.—Miss Rachel Dickson left here on the Ontario and Western express last evening in response to a telegram informing her that an estate of \$30,000 in Ringold County, Iowa, had been bequeathed to her by Peter Barclay.

Over thirty years ago Miss Dickson and Mr. Barclay quarrelled over another man's attention to her at a dance and the engagement was broken. Later Barclay settled in Iowa. He married and two children were born, but died, as did his wife. He made a will bequeathing his farm and other property to his old sweetheart.

THE EASTER GARTER.

Yellow garters out for Easter, have gold hearts for slides. Of course, every girl knows that if she has a pair of yellow garters, or even one, for that matter, given her, she will meet her fate before the year is out.—New York Times.

IMPORTANT DECISION

Regarding Validity of Railway Ticket Procured From a Scalper.

CHICAGO, March 27.—"However reprehensible and odious to a railroad company a ticket scalper may be, there is no law that invalidates a ticket which otherwise is valid, because it passed through his hands."

Judge Chytrous of the supreme court has given this opinion in a suit for damages brought by Moritz Horowitz against the Chicago and Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Damages of \$250 were agreed upon. While travelling with his wife to Minnesota on a ticket purchased from a scalper at Chicago, which had originally been issued to a Michigan newspaper man, Horowitz was confronted by J. C. Pond, general passenger agent of the road, who happened to be on the train. Horowitz and his wife were ejected from the train at Lake Villa, 51 miles from Chicago. The attorney of the road argued that Horowitz had been guilty of a constructive fraud.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR

Washed the Feet of Twelve Aged Men Today.

VIENNA, Mar. 27.—Emperor Francis Joseph, this morning (Maunday) Thursday, performed at the Hofburg, the traditional ceremony of washing the feet of twelve aged men. The nobility and the diplomatic corps witnessed the ceremony, after which his majesty hung bags of money on the necks of the participants, whose aggregate age was 1,070 years. The old men wore ancient Dutch costumes. The ages of the twelve women recipients of the Imperial Maunday gift aggregated 1,182 years.

MONCTON.

Death of A. R. Gross—Trades and Labor Council—Easter Ball.

(Special to the Star.)

MONCTON, March 27.—A branch of the Federated Trades and Labor Council was organized here last night, with the following officers: Geo. Ledstone, president; J. B. Moore, vice-president; Jas. Graham, secretary; M. C. Lockhart, treasurer. The building trades are moving for a nine hour day.

Archie Randolph, son of Mrs. A. J. Gross, of Moncton, and Nephew of Hon. A. F. Randolph, of Fredericton, died in New York on Monday.

The Bachelors and Benedicts are preparing for an Easter ball on Monday evening.

C. P. R. TELEGRAPHERS.

Their Claims Presented and Satisfactory Arrangement Possible.

In connection with the requests made by the C. P. R. Telegraphers' Union in regard to changes in their scale of pay and other matters, a delegation representing the members of the Atlantic Division waited on Gen. Supt. Osborne yesterday. In accordance with instructions received from the head officials of the union in Montreal similar delegations have visited the general superintendents on all the divisions for the purpose of putting forth their claims. The delegation to St. John comprises four of the leading members of the telegraphic service, one from McAdam representing the men on the division west of that point, one from Fredericton district, one representing the Presque Isle and other northern branch lines, and the fourth a general representative of the whole division. About seventy-five or eighty telegraphers are employed on this division and without exception they are sufficiently well satisfied with existing conditions to abide by them rather than become involved in any dispute with the company. No such thing as a strike is anticipated by the men on this division, for their claims are mild and they feel assured that the company will view the matter as they themselves do and will comply with their wishes in regard to the proposed changes.

Among the requests made by the arranged schedule, the telegraphers ask for a slight increase in the minimum rate of pay and a change in the rules governing promotion. According to their instructions the members placed their claims before Mr. Osborne and will now report to the head of the union, awaiting orders whatever further steps may be taken. The members of the delegation return to their homes today.

ANOTHER MURRAY HALL CASE.

"John Green" Lived With Another Woman as Her Husband for Thirty-five Years.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 24.—Three months ago there came from Raleigh, N. C., and settled in Ettrick, a thriving little village of a few hundred souls in Chesterfield county, just across the river from Petersburg, a couple who lived together as man and wife. Several weeks ago the husband was taken sick with dropsy and was confined to the house until death ended his sufferings.

According to the statement of the neighbor who was sent for to shroud the dead, the husband, instead of being a man, proved to be a woman. The "man" went by the name of John Green. The couple had lived together as husband and wife for thirty-five years, but the secret had never been revealed by either of them. The dead person was about 75 years old. While feminine in appearance, with a soft voice, no one ever suspected that "he" was a woman in man's attire.

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MISS HARRIMAN HAD NERVE.

Daughter of the Railroad Magnate Subdues a Wild Broncho in Phoenix, Ariz.

CHICAGO, March 26.—The visit to Phoenix, Ariz., of E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific railway and party was marked by an event which came near being a tragedy. Mr. Harriman's party started for a horseback ride about the city, when Miss Mary Harriman, the younger daughter of the financier became engaged in a fierce battle with the broncho she was riding, says a special to the Tribune.

Miss Harriman was no sooner in the saddle than the horse began to buck. With great cleverness the girl kept her seat, as the vicious horse reared and side-stepped. Mr. Harriman and half a hundred other men rushed to the rescue, but could not get near the plunging animal. Miss Harriman sat like a veteran "broncho-buster" until the horse slipped and rolled over her. She escaped with an injured ankle, but it was considered a miracle that she was not crushed to death.

A \$30,000 BEQUEST.

LEXINGTON, Va., March 24.—Washington and Lee University will receive \$30,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Susan P. Lees of New York. President George H. Denny received notice this morning from the executor of the estate. This benefaction of Mrs. Lees will greatly aid the university. It is suggested that a Lee memorial dormitory hall be erected.