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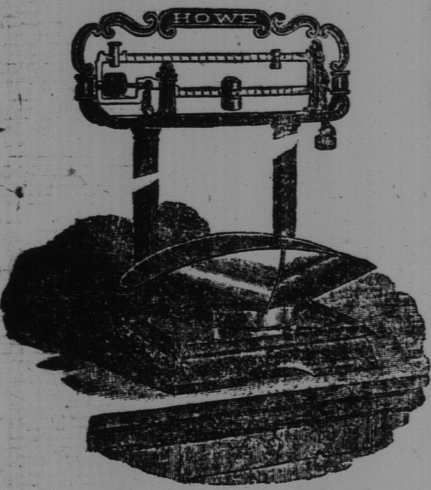
ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1905.

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EXTRAVAGANCE CRITICISED, MORE LAND TO FIGHT OVER.

Local Opposition Members Condemn Practice of Keeping a Dog and Hiring Others to Bark. A New Island Has Emerged from the Sea in the Far East Near Japan.

(Special to the Star.)
FREDERICTON, N. B., March 22.—The public accounts committee of the legislature had its first session this morning when all the members were present. Mr. Osmen was elected chairman. The committee was engaged all the morning with an examination of the administration of justice account. The opposition strongly criticized this account as being most excessive. During the year nearly \$2,500,000 had been paid to lawyers for prosecuting criminal cases and this notwithstanding the fact that the province had both an attorney and solicitor general. The opposition contended that the practice of employing outside legal talent was growing worse all the time and supported their contention by comparing the last year with those of the early nineties, the latter accounts with one exception showing that not one-half as much was paid formerly. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Morrison claimed that the present law officers were hardly ever seen now in the conducting of criminal cases. Though the items were all passed the opposition plainly expressed their opinion that there should be a check on the present mode of procedure. Before adjourning the committee passed a resolution to the effect that the officials of the provincial lunatic asylum be summoned to appear before the committee on Tuesday morning next with the books and accounts of the institution to give evidence regarding the management and working of the asylum.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORER RETURNS.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A Buenos Ayres despatch to the Times says: The French Antarctic expedition under Dr. Charcot arrived here this (Tuesday) afternoon and was met by French citizens with flags and bands. A representative of the minister and many other officers offered them a lunch at the Club Francaise, where they were welcomed by the president of the club and the French charge d'affaires. Dr. Charcot said the dangers of an Antarctic expedition were not as many as he had believed. The streets of Paris with their automobiles were perhaps more dangerous than the Antarctic ocean.

St. John, N. B., March 22nd, 1905.

Spring Overcoats and Raincoats

We are showing some particularly nice lines of Spring Overcoats and Raincoats for spring and summer wear. Space here will not allow a description—we would like to show them to you. The prices range:

Spring Overcoats from \$5 to \$10
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J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier
199 and 201 Union St.

SCARCITY OF FOOD MAY FORCE PEACE.

Retreating Russian Army Has No Bread.

But It Is Running Fast—Japs May Isolate Vladivostok in a Few Days

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22, 1.55 p. m.—The retreat of the Russian army, from the latest reports, is evidently being conducted in a splendid fashion. In four days actual marching after leaving the Pass the rear guard has fallen back seventy miles and the heads of the columns are already entering Gushu Pass, forty miles further north, keeping up with the Japanese column marching north over the Grand Trunk route. With the bridges and railroad destroyed behind the Russians, the Japanese are unable to press the rear and according to information received from the front, it is believed that the bulk of Field Marshal Oyama's army is still at the Pass, the flanking column being comparatively weak. This news may, however, be incorrect. For two days there has been

FATAL TORNADO.

Several Lives Lost and Much Property Destroyed by a Terrible Storm in Alabama.

ROANOKE, Ala., March 22.—Reports have reached here of a disastrous tornado which swept across the southern part of Randolph county Monday night. Eight or nine lives are known to have been lost and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done. The storm started at a point near Double Heads and proceeded in a northwesterly course. The residence of Macy Arislie was damaged and H. C. Haines, of Roanoke, was killed.

GENERAL RENNEKAMP.

One of Kuropatkin's most trusted lieutenants who shared the recent disaster with his chief. Some skirmishing accompanied by artillery exchanges between the Japanese on the Grand Trunk route and the Russians screening the retreat, showing that they are in constant contact. With the crossing of Sunzari river at Chanchiatu protected, many military men here believe that General Linevitch, while prepared to withdraw to Harbin, will attempt to hold the line from Kuancho to Kirin so as to control the rich Sungari valley as a source of supply for the army. A Japanese advance to Kirin would be equivalent to the isolation of Vladivostok. The war office points to the fact that Linevitch was able to give his troops a day of rest as being the best evidence that complete order has been restored and that the stories of demoralized flight are untrue.

KUROPATKIN COMMENDED.

The Russian press commends General Kuropatkin highly for the fine spirit which he displayed in returning to the army in a subordinate capacity, declaring that the defeated leader is more to be pitied than blamed. The advocates of a continuance of the war are encouraged by the somewhat better outlook for the Manchurian army, the success of the internal loan and the announced departure of the squadron commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky eastward.

A PLEA FOR PEACE.

The Sons of the Fatherland, the publication of which has again been resumed at the expiration of its three months' suspension in August, made its re-appearance today with a plea for peace, declaring that the Manchurian adventure has cost \$1,000,000,000—\$250,000,000 for Port Dabny and Port Arthur, and \$750,000,000 for the war-painting out if the money had been spent at home. It would have given approximately \$100,000 to each province for schools, roads, sanitation and lighting. The paper adds: "Contrast the two pictures and then say whether poor beggarly Russia should continue the war."

STARVATION FACES RUSSIAN ARMY.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says: Prince Ukhtomsky declares that peace is imperative because there is no bread for the Russian army, owing to the grain accumulated at Harbin having gone to Mukden or having been transported south by Chinese. The Russian press demands the abolition of the post of viceroy of the Far East and of the committee of the Far East, tacitly recognizing the loss of Manchuria and the consequent futility of the war.

JAP PURSUIT LETTING UP.

GUSHU PASS, Manchuria (108 miles north of Tie Pass) Monday, Mar. 20.—The Russian rear guard is now at Sipinghai, 70 miles north of Tie Pass. The Japanese are slowing pursuing, but are not energetically pressing the rear. Apparently Field Marshal Oyama is holding his main army at Tie Pass.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—A canoe, either new or second-hand. Apply "CANOE," Star Office.

DAVID RUSSELL WITHDRAWS FROM LAKE OF WOODS CO.

The Company is Being Reorganized---Reported That It May Amalgamate With the Ogilvie Company.

(Special to the Star.)
MONTREAL, March 22.—The Lake of Woods Milling Co. has re-organized, David Russell having withdrawn from the firm. Russell and his friends, two years ago, secured a controlling interest in the common and preferred stock, and bonds to the value of five million dollars were issued in place of the former capital of one million five hundred thousand. The Russell party secured a large block of common stock, of which a syndicate is said to have purchased 141,000 shares at \$55 per share. The price of preferred stock has risen from 115 to 127 1/2 in the last few days and Russell is believed to have made between \$300,000 and \$400,000 through his financial organization of the company two years ago.

A CRAZY ENGLISHMAN.

He is Waiting at Police Station for a Girl Who Has Been Following Him for Years.

There is hanging in front of a Dock street second-hand store and piled on the sidewalk the personal effects of one, H. Robertson, an Englishman, who arrived here only a few days ago from Montreal. Robertson was taken to the central police station early this morning by Officer Totten to be examined as to his sanity. The police consider the man to be of unsound mind and if it proves to be the case he will doubtless be shipped back to Montreal.

OPPOSING THE DAM.

Dr. Daniel and Hon. A. S. White Fighting the Winding Ledges Scheme Today in Committee.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 22.—The Winding Ledges Dam bill came up this morning before the private bills committee. It is promoted by Hon. John Costigan and Ex-Speaker Belmont, of Ottawa, and opposed by Dr. Daniel and Hon. A. S. White on behalf of all New Brunswickers.

TERRY GIVES A MATINEE.

Manager Armstrong of York Theatre Has Good News for St. John Theatre Goers

R. J. Armstrong, manager of the York Theatre, received a telegram this morning from Edward Terry's manager informing him that the company would arrive here at noon tomorrow by the C. P. R. express instead of coming by the I. C. R. as first intended and asking him to arrange a matinee. The play chosen for this special performance is "The House of Burmida," in which Mr. Terry has been very successful. The matinee will commence at 2:30 o'clock. Price fifty cents to any part of the house. The evening bill will be the famous play Sweet Lavender.

WAR LORD WANTS TO BE FRIENDLY.

Kaiser Wants to Make Up With France.

Is Looking for a Franco-German Alliance—Prince Henry's Visit to France is Significant.

LONDON, Mar. 22.—The Daily Chronicle this morning claims to have the authority of the German embassy at London for stating that Germany is anxious for a reconciliation with France and that Emperor William is desirous of getting on terms of closest friendship with the French government. According to a high official of the embassy, whom the Chronicle interviewed, the present moment is considered most opportune to arrive at such an understanding, the Russo-Japanese war has entirely changed the political situation. Germany, this official said, had reason to consider the Franco-Russian alliance as directed against herself, and in that case the motive of France might have been misjudged. Now, however, it will be impossible for Russia to engage in war with Germany for years to come, even if she wished to, and as the question of revenge is buried, there is nothing to prevent Germany and France inaugurating an era of peace and goodwill. Prince Henry's visit to France to see the James Gordon-Bennett automobile race, will be the first official visit of a Prussian prince since the war and the relations of the two countries never have been better. Germany has no territorial designs on Morocco and no desire to embarrass French political ambitions there, her only wish being to open the door and to guarantee her large commercial interests.

STANFORD MYSTERY SOLVED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22.—The Call says today: "It is announced at police headquarters that within the next forty-eight hours the mystery surrounding the presence of strychnine poison in the mineral water which Mrs. Stanford drank on January 14 at her California street home will have been solved and possibly one or two arrests made."

ITALIAN MINISTER SUICIDES.

PARIS, March 22, 2.30 p. m.—Antoine Poincaré, minister of fine arts in the Gambetta cabinet, died today as the result of two shots in the head, self-inflicted. He had long been a victim of melancholy which is believed to have been intensified recently by differences with Rosita Murali, the celebrated dancer of the Opera, with whom he was closely associated. She died at his apartments Monday evening, the tragedy following shortly after her departure.

MORE RIOTS IN RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—A newspaper in the Caucasus gives details of the burning of the administrative buildings recently in several towns in the Scharapan district and of an agrarian riot on the estate of Prince Murat Roka in the Zougdid district, at which the police were obliged to fire on the rioters, many of the latter being wounded.

THE MORAL IS PLAIN.

An example of the value of the Star's want advertisements is afforded by a letter received today from a man in Hull, England, in answer to a "Help Wanted" advert, published a few weeks ago. Another example of the same is the fact that the position was filled long ago.

BURIED 8 DAYS SHE STILL LIVES.

Remarkable Instance of Mistaken Burial.

A Woman Who Apparently Dropped Dead Ten Days Ago Still Shows Signs of Life.

CHICAGO, March 22.—A despatch to the Tribune from Tell City, Ind., says: Mrs. Susan Sulzer, who apparently dropped dead ten days ago, as she was entering her home in Cannelton, and whose body was placed in the cemetery vault two days later, is believed by many persons to be alive. Her relatives are convinced that life is not extinct, and a specialist from Cincinnati has been summoned and an investigation will be held. The body has been closely watched and several times apparent signs of life have been detected. Since her supposed death, the wound on her head caused by the fall has continued to bleed at intervals and her face remains flushed. A few days ago, a local physician punctured one of her fingers and brought blood.

THE GAYNOR-GREENE CASE.

(Special to the Star.)
MONTREAL, March 22.—In the Gaynor-Greene case today Judge Davidson dismissed the motion for a writ of prohibition which had as its object the taking of the case out of the hands of the extradition commissioner, Lafontaine. Unless further legal complications arise the hearing of the case upon its merits will commence this afternoon.

CUT WILL BE 45 MILLION.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 22.—A meeting of the South-West Miramichi Log Driving Co. was held this morning. H. H. Garter was elected president and Harry Beckwith secretary. The estimated cut for the year is 45,000,000. Lynch, Welsh and the Richards will do the driving.

SPHINX HATS.



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Grand Clearance Sale

BY AUCTION. Remnants of Wall Paper, Crockery Ware, Pitchers, Tea Pots, Butter Cocks, Tinware and a large variety of useful articles, at the North End Department Store, Main street. W. S. POTTS, Auctioneer. Phone 291. Office, North Market street.

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