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THE WEATHER. More snow predicted for tomorrow

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GRAND DUKE SERGIUS ASSASSINATED.

While driving at Moscow the Czar's Uncle was Blown to Pieces by a Bomb thrown Beneath his Carriage---The Assassins Arrested---Great Sensation in Russia---Understood he was Condemned to Death by Revolutionary Party.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.---The Associated Press has received a despatch from Moscow stating that the Grand Duke Sergius while driving in his carriage to the Kremlin at Moscow today was assassinated by a bomb which was thrown beneath his carriage. The carriage was blown to pieces. The assassins were arrested. One of them was dangerously wounded. Several students who were in the vicinity were taken into custody.

London, Feb. 17:—A despatch to Reuter's from St. Petersburg, says a telephone message has been received there from Moscow announcing that an explosion has occurred at the Kremlin, where Grand Duke Sergius has been residing, and that it is rumored that the Grand Duke was killed. The despatch adds that no confirmation of the report has been obtained and that the population of Moscow is greatly excited.

According to another report a bomb was thrown beneath Grand Duke Sergius' carriage and the latter with Grand Duke was blown to pieces.

The Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Russian Emperor and formerly governor General of Moscow, is understood to have been condemned to death by the revolutionary party in December last. The governor-generalship of Moscow was abolished early in the year and the Grand Duke according to despatches from Moscow January 4, kept closely to the well guarded Nickouski Palace on the outskirts of Moscow retaining his position of commander-in-chief of the military district. Later in January however, it was announced that the Grand Duke had sought refuge in one of the palaces of the Kremlin. He has been classed as the most reactionary member ,of the Imperial family as the head of what is referred to as the war party and has been stignatized by the liberals as Russia's evil genius.

The Grand Duke was born in 1857 and was married in 1884 to Princess Elizabeth of Hesse—Darmstadt. They have no children.

Another Account.

London, Feb. 17:—Another despatch to the Reuter's Telegram from St. Petersburg says that a later telephone message from Moscow states that the Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated when driving towards the Kremlin and near the court of justice. His carriage was followed by another vehicle, containing two men. A bomb was thrown beneath the Grand Duke's carriage. There was violent explosion the carriage was shattered and the Grand Duke was killed. The assassins were arrested. One of them was wounded dangerously. Several students have been taken into custody.

No Zemsky Zabor.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17:— The Associated Press is in a position to announce positively that after a long consultation which he held yesterday at Tsarskoe Zelo with the committee of ministers headed by its president. M. Witte on the advisability of summoning a zemsky zabor. His Majesty arrived at no definite decision.

Witte Still in Office.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, replying today to a question regarding the reports circulated yesterday to the effect that he had resigned, said to the Associated Press that he had not resigned, though he was not anxious to remain in office.

Brutal Bouligan.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Minister f the Interior Bouligan, has ordered all governors of provinces not to leave their posts at present. The managers of the Poutiloff Iron Works announce that as the men have not returned to work, they will not be further supplied with provisions on credit from the company's store shops until work is resumed. This means that over 10,000 persons will henceforth be deprived of the means of obtaining food. The decision has caused intense bitterness among the strikers.

A GREATER MANITOBA.

Delegation Asks Sir Wilfrid for Power to Extend Boundaries of Prairie Province.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier received today a delegation from the Manitoba government asking that the boundaries of Manitoba be extended westward taking a pretty large slice away from the Northwest Territories, and that they be extended as far as Hudson Bay. Hon. Colin. H. Campbell, attorney general of Manitoba and Hon. Robert Rogers, appeared for the province. Some time ago the Manitoba government asked Sir Wilfrid if he would receive a delegation for the purpose mentioned. The premier replied that he would be glad to hear what they had to say on any date that they would name. Today was set apart for this purpose.

The Manitobans explained what they desired and Sir Wilfrid said, that he would lay the whole matter befoee his colleagues in connection with the autonomy question.

There does not appear to be any chance whatever of the Northwest agreeing to the demand of Manitoba for a portion of the best of the country. This would be strenuously opposed. As for extending the boundaries of the province northward it is more than likely that this matter will be left over until the claims of the other provinces are considered.

For the present the granting of autonomy to the territories must be first settled.

LADY CURLERS FROM MONCTON.

To Play the Thistles---Hockey Game---Trains Cancelled.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 17.—(Special)—The first train from Halifax since Wednesday night, arrived here shortly after twelve today. This was last night's Maritime Express. No. 2 express, upon arrival here, from St. John, was cancelled, showing the road still in a bad condition, east of Moncton.

A large number of commercial men have been tied up here waiting to get into Nova Scotia, and for opening of branch railways.

Two rinks of lady curlers left this morning, for St. John, to play the Thistle ladies.

Sussex hockey team will play the Victorias, here, next Monday night.

Fred Nisbet, who has been with the New Brunswick Telephone Company for the past three years, and who was formerly in the same class of work in Boston, has severed his connection with the above company, and will start a general electric and wiring business of his own.

COUNTERFEIT BILLS.

Description of a Bogus Five That Has Been in Circulation.

The circulation of counterfeit Five dollar Bank of Montreal bills, which sometime ago were issued quite extensively throughout Cape Breton and the eastern part of Nova Scotia, has naturally caused a general interest, owing to the fact that one of the counterfeits has been detected by Teller Bancroft, the Bank of Montreal here.

Should any such bill be presented the following description will no doubt prove valuable to business men generally.

"This new counterfeit appeared in Toronto, Ont., and is of the issue dated Montreal, January 2, 1895, bearing the portrait of Rt. Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, right side of note; E. S. Clouston, General Manager, left end of note. This counterfeit will pass the careless handler of money, as the specimen before us has worn appearance. However, the engraving of the portraits is poor, but the lettering on note is good. The figures in the number of the note are heavier and a lighter blue than those on the genuine. On the genuine the V in centre of note, also panel lower face of note containing signatures, is pale green; on counterfeit it is a light brown, with slight geeen tint. The engraving of the portraits, also the lathe-work upon the right and left corners and centre of note, is very poor. Back of note is poorly executed and off color, Paper is of fair quality. We are indebted to Mr. A. W. Larmour, Savings Teller, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Ont., for information concerning this counterfeit."

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Annual Session of Kings County District Division.

The King's county district division of the Sons of Temperance, held iee annual session yesterday afternoon, at Lower Millstream, with Britannia Division, and elected the following officers for the current year:—

Wm. Kerr.—D. W. P.
Miss Annie Chapman,—D. W. A.
H. A. Corbett,—D. Scribe.
Z. Gaunce,—D. Treas.
Rev. C. W. Currie,—D. Chap.
A. E. McLeod,—D. Con.
Thos. Paterson,—D. Sent.
Mrs. C. W. Weyman,—D. S. Y. P.W

The officers were duly installed by the G. W. P., H. C. Tilley, assisted by the G. Scribe, Edward A. Everett, who acted as G. Scribe.

In the evening an excellent public temperance meeting was held and addresses were delivered by Jacob I. Keirstead, P. G. W. A.; Edward A. Everett, G. Scribe; H. C. Tilley, G. W. P.; Rev. C. W. Currie,, D. Chap; and C. W. Weyman, D. P. W. P.

H. A. Everett acted as chairman of the public meeting .

THE COUNTRY MARKET.

The country market is well supplied today. The retail prices are as follows:— turkey, 22c-24c; duck, $1.50-$2; chickens, 50c-$1.50; geese, $1.40-$1.75; moose steak, 20c; venison, 16c; veal, 8c-14c; western beef, 18c; lamb and mutton, 7c-14c; pork, 12c; dried beef, 10c; hams and bacon, 16c-18c; carrots, beets, and parsnips, 30c; cabbage, 6c-15c; squash, 3; potatoes, 20c; tomatoes, 30c; cucumbers, 20c; mushrooms, 48c; per can; tub butter; 18-20c; henery eggs, 35c.

TURBINE LINE TO AUSTRALIA.

Canada to be Connected With the Antipodes by Turbine Steamers of 18 Knots Speed.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—(Special). —F. P. Evans of the Union Steamship company which is seeking subsidy for a line of Canadian-Australian turbine steamers has arrived here on the Moana en route to England. The steamers will be of 6,000 tons and will be on the route by September if the subsidy is procured. They will have a speed of 18 knots.

A MYSTERY CLEARED.

Body of a Military Officer Who Disappeared Found on Beach ---Suggests Suicide.

London, Feb. 17.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Major Harry Pakenham while on his honeymoon at Folkestone last week has been partially cleared by the discovery of his body on the sea shore near there this morning. Major Pakenham was a son of Gen. Ralph Pakenham and his mother was a daughter of Wm. Clarke of New York. He married February, 7th in London, Miss Markham, sister of the Lady Anne Sley, and was staying with his bride at a hotel in Folkestone. Three days after the marriage Major Pakenham went out for a stroll telling his wife he would not be long. The next day his overcoat was found in the harbor and a note in a pocket said he was sick and saw no prospect of getting better. Major Pakenham contracted enteric fever during the South African war.

RUNNERS FOR THE CHEMICAL.

Runners for the Chemical engine are now in course of construction at Crothers. Henderson and Wilson's, carriage factory.

The runners are about four inches wide and are made to fit on the wheels of the engine. They are of the usual shape with a groove in which the wheel will rest. On each side of the groove are two iron bolts which will be clamped on to the lower rims of the wheel, while half way up on each side will be another clamp, so that the wheel will be held securely in place. These runners can be affixed or taken off, in a few minutes. It is expected that the difficulties which have been experienced with the engine in the past will be overcome by this means, and the machine enabled to get to fires on time. The runners will probably be completed tomorrow and will be immediately fitted on the engine.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

Two hundred cattle arrived yesterday from Chicago, for shipment on the Corinthian.

Seventeen cars of cattle from Montreal, are expected to reach here this afternoon, from Montreal, over the C. P. R., and twenty carloads are on their way over the I. C. R. to St. John, and will reach the west end in a day or two. Business will be rushing at the terminus for a few days.

SAYS KUROPATKIN WAS RESPONSIBLE.

General Grippenberg Blames Him for Serious Russian Reverses --- Could Have Smashed Oyama but Kuropatkin's Orders Kept Him Back --- A Startling Statement from Russian General.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17:—The arrival at St. Petersburg of Gen. Grippenberg, former commander of the Second Manchurian army who reached here at midnight, has caused a good deal of sensation in military circles. The general frankly avows that he relinquished his command after the recent attempt of the Russians to flank Field Marshal Oyama, because, as he claims, Gen. Kuropatkin refused to send him help when victory was in Gen. Grippenberg's hands instead of ordering the latter to withdraw. Grippenberg will personally report on the situation to Emperor Nicholas. It is too early to say what the result will be, although it is evident that Kuropatkin's enemies are pushing their campaign against him. It is only fair to Kuropatkin to say that his friends claim that Kuropatkin's side of the story is that he only intended to make a demonstration in force and that Grippenberg pressed the attack too far and became too much involved. In an interview Grippenberg said:

In His Own Words.

"I am glad to give an account of the battle of my army the telegrams I have seen being far from the truth. Kuropatkin of course authorized the advance but he imposed the condition that it should not go beyond Heikoutai and Sandepas. My plan was to capture Heikoutai and thence outflank Sandepas.

From the first army corps before Heikoutai, I detached a brigade which occupied Heikoutai, Jan. 25. The Japanese cut in from the south and the brigade came under a crossfire but held out until I got up another brigade to cover it's retreat. The Japanese were now concentrating on their left. During the evening of January 25, I and my army were ordered under no circumstances, to fall back from our positions. The next morning my whole front was engaged, the troops being disposed as follows:

On the extreme right the first corps. Then the first rifle corps, and the fifth division of the second corps which had just arrived from Russia. Altogether I had 62 battalions.—The enemy had twice as many.

The Battle of Jan. 26th.

The battle of Jan. 26, was continued until the evening. We did not surrender an inch of ground. My left flank, which was clearing the road to Sandepas being weak, I asked the commander-in-chief, who had sixty battalions available for reinforcements. He declined to send any, apparently taking the Japanese demonstration at the centre as being a general advance. Nevertheless, I decided to storm Heikoutai the next day. All the surrounding villages were already in our hands.

Early Jan. 27, the fiercest fighting occurred. We again held our own. The road to Sandepas, the Japanese point of concentration, was quite clear of the enemy. I therefore again appealed to the commander-in-chief for reinforcements.

If he had listened to my entreaties we would have riven the iron ring of 100,000 of the enemy. The Japanese being menaced by a strong force of Russian cavalry on the south and southwest evidently realized the danger of tackling us. In desperation, Jan. 28, they four times desperately assaulted our outer positions and were beaten off each time in such brilliant fashion that it does my heart good to remember the gallantry of my brave comrades.

Hampered By Kuropatkin.

I might easily have followed up these repulses by a headlong offensive but I was tied down by the commander-in-chief's orders and his refusal to send me reinforcements. How anxiously I awaited a reply on both subjects. Just think of what victory meant. Complete victory was in our grasp. The loss of thousands of lives was not dreadful before such a result.

The reply of Gen. Kuropatkin arrived at 7 in the evening in the shape of an order to leave a small force in our positions and move up the army to his support in view of the expected Japanese advance on the centre. How was it possible for the Japanese to attack the centre when all their available forces were diverted west?

It is impossible to describe the impression produced upon me by the order. At first I was afraid to communicate it to my victorious army, but there was nothing else to do.

We retreated during the night of January 29, with tears in our eyes and bitterness in our hearts.

It was then that I decided that my presence at the theatre of war was not longer possible and the next day I handed in a report to the commander-in-chief, demanding my relief."

Russians Repulsed.

Tokio, Feb. 17:—The following official announcement was made here today: "On Thursday the enemy's artillery bombarded our positions in front of Snaitopao, Hanchenpao, Mengtapao and that vicinity. Today at five in the morning the officer in command of our scouts encountered and repulsed a detachment of the enemy's infantry about one hundred strong near Pinniulupao. The enemy had come forward since Wednesday and retreated north to Lauknafang, ten miles north west of Chitaitse."

Russians Broke Faith.

New York, Feb. 17.—A Washington despatch to the Sun says:—The government of the United States has called upon the Russian government for an explanation of a serious breach of international good faith on the part of officers of the Russian cruiser Lena, which sought refuge in the harbor of San Francisco last September. The Lena was dismantled and sent to the Mare Island navy yard while her officers were paroled for the period of the war and her crew placed under the surveillance of government officials.

Through naval officers at Mare Island, the authorities here have learned that three officers of the Lena, an engineer and two midshipmen have broken their parole and an investigation of the state department has disclosed that they have returned to Russia and offered their services to their government.

The dismantling of the Lena and her sequestration at Mare Island were requested by her commander, Captain Bertinsky, and an order issued by the president on September 15,, placed her officers on parole not to leave the United States during the hostilities between Russia and Japan. The violation of their pledges by the engineer and the two midshipmen has resulted in the state department making it plain to Russia that the breach must be remedied. While the matter is still under discussion, it is understood that the United States shall insist that the three miscreants shall be returned to the custody of the United States naval authorities at Mare Island.

In the event that they are returned they will, of course, be treated as prisoners and not as privileged persons.

I. O. F. CELEBRATION.

Court Rockwood, I. O. F. will celebrate its 11th anniversary by attending Divine service in Calvin Presbyterian church, corner of Wellington Row and Carleton street, on Sunday evening the 19th. Inst.

The members of Court Rockwood take this opportunity of inviting all members of subordinate and companion courts, high court officers, Royal Foresters, and their friends to meet with them in the church on tnat evening. A special service will be conducted by the Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson. Service will commence at 7 o'clock, seats will be reserved for all Foresters and their friends.

The H. C. R. and members of the Royal Foresters are requested to remain for a few minutes after the close of the service.

VETERAN MINER'S END.

Accidentally Killed in a Nevada Mine---Was Once Wealthy But Died Poor.

Reno, Nev. 17.—Col. P. W. Keyes, the pioneer mining man of Comstock, has been found dead at the bottom of the Dump of the Mammot Mine at Six Mile Canyon, near Virginia City. Keyes had been at work in the mine and was riding an ore cart to the dump when he lost control of it and rolled over the precipice to his death. Keyes died a comparatively poor man, though at one time the late John W. Mackay offered him $75,-000 for his interest in one mine near Virginia City.

BAD INDIANS CAPTURED.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 17.—The Yaqui Indians, who killed two Chicago men and recently attacked a mining party, near Cobachi, are in custody. They were taken by Gen. Torres, and the American government will be advised of their capture. There are ten prisoners and all will be hanged. Two of the captives have confessed.

SOLD FOR A MILLION.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 17.—The Hazel Kirk Coal Mine, and the Hazel Kirk Gas Coal Company, owned by F. M. Kirk, of Cleveland, have been sold to Kuhn Bros., of Pittsburg, for, it is said, the sum of $1,000,000.

THE GENTLE SOUTH

Negro, Charged With Assault, Shot to Pieces by Texas Mob --- Other Negroes in Danger.

Smithville, Tex., Feb., 17.—A negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Powell Liffany has been captured and shot to pieces by a mob He was identified as the man wanted and made a full confession. He was captured about six miles from here. In his confession the negro implicated three others, and it is also said that there are three women involved in the crime. Two other persons have been arrested and the third is now being sought.

TONIGHT'S CARNIVAL.

Everything is in readiness for tonight's big carnival at the Victoria rink. The advance sale has been very heavy and in orher to avoid the crush at the doors, tickets have been placed at the principal stationers and drug stores, throughout the city. Grand-stand seats may be reserved at the rink. Special arrangements have been made for additional cars to run direct to the rink. Patrons of cars will do well to see that they take the direct car.

Point Lepreaux, Feb. 17.—9 a. m. — Wind west, strong, cloudy. Therm., 25.

If a man loses all his money he also manages to lose nearly all his enemies.

The Times New Reporter.

The Times new reporter has received from a solicitous friend a sample of a new remedy for cold feet. Not being accompanied by a testimonial, and having been removed from the original package, it is held for further reference. The testimonial should be accompanied by a photograph.

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Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamesey Jones, has asked for a conference with the civic reform league. He is satisfied that if they want to form a ticket of clever and able men he can name one of the men.

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The ferry committee will have an At Home in the cabins of the ferry steamer Wun Lung between five and six o'clock tomorrow evening. It is believed that an entirely new odor has been added to the ferry collection, and the event will therefore be one of great public interest.

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Several Halifax gentlemen are in the city, but will go home in the spring, when the trains are running into that city again.

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The following official correspondence passed over the wires today:—

The Mayor,
St. John.

Halifax, Feb. 17.—Streets blocked with snow. Traffic paralyzed. What shall we do?

Crosby.

The Mayor,
Halifax,

St. John, Feb. 17.—Same here. Council also paralyzed. Don't know.

White.