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THE NEW BERTHS

The interview with Mayor White which the Times publishes today shows that the next move in the wharf project is up to Hon. Mr. Hyman, who unfortunately for St. John is now campaigning in London.

All the information and assurances asked for by the minister have been sent forward, and as soon as he gives a favorable answer the city is prepared to call for tenders and go on with its share of the work.

It is of the greatest importance, as the Times has pointed out that an early answer be given by the government. It is most desirable that at least one new berth be provided in time for next winter's business, and there is some doubt whether there is even now sufficient time to accomplish that much of the work. Wharf building in this harbor, where heavy piers have to be built in sections and sunk one upon the other to a great depth is not a task that can be accomplished in a day.

If there is any means by which the government can be prevailed on to give an immediate and favorable reply about the dredging, the city will at once proceed with preparations for wharf construction. Whether a berth can be completed for next winter or not, and experienced wharf builders believe it can, there is urgent reason for going on with the work, in order that several berths may be made ready as soon as possible.

WONDERFUL HEALERS

"Elijah" Sandford has a rival in Montreal, in the person of the Rev. Philippe Guiraud, a Syrian priest, who claims to be endowed with healing power, and who seeks to recover \$3,000 damages from La Presse for alleged libelous epithets published in its issue of October 23 last.

It appears that this priest was virtually interdicted by Archbishop Bruchési in 1901, but ignored the authorities of the church, as might be expected of a gentleman getting his authority from a higher source. But some irreverent newspaper men wrote lightly of this man with a mission, and some impolite persons threw things at him on the streets. Hence his appeal to the courts. In its report of the enquiry before the judge a Montreal paper says:

"Regarding his healing power, Rev. Father Guiraud said he restored the sick in the same way that Jesus did. 'It is not I that cure, but the power of God that works through me.' Christ said that whosoever asks a thing in prayer shall receive it. I pray on behalf of the sick, and they recover according to the will of God."

It was brought out in evidence that in a review which he published he inserted a long advertisement for the benefit of the "poor sufferer from consumption or other diseases, which medical science could not alleviate."

It appears that La Presse referred to his personal appearance as "hebraic," and his satchel as "legendary," and he objected to such epithets as calculated to cover him with ridicule. He would have settled for \$1,000 if the newspaper had recanted, but now he wants \$3,000. The case is not yet settled.

Some people, surveying the person of this healer, as he is described by the press, might be convinced that he had been chosen as a medium by Omnipotence to heal the woes of men; but those of a questioning turn of mind would be more likely to catch themselves trying to figure out the possible number of microbes in his whiskers.

It is an interesting fact, though not without precedent, that in an age of mental unrest, when ancient authority is boldly questioned, there should be found groups of persons ready to accept the assertions of a Guiraud or a Sandford, and believe that they had been endowed with divine power. Perhaps the habit of some to let others do their thinking for them in matters of religion, joined to the influence of tradition, largely accounts for such a mental condition, and its sometimes remarkable results.

RUSSELL SAGE

Few men, even to accumulate great wealth, would care to be the original of such a picture as the following, which Mr. Lindsay Denison contributes to the World's Work:

"The figure of Russell Sage is fading out of the market place. Once it was as certain a part of the Wall Street picture as the flag on the Custom House, as the flying messenger boys, as the swarms of men at the door of the Stock Exchange, incoming and departing. No, it was more certain; for Russell Sage observed no holidays except Sunday until his body broke down under the overreaching task set by his cold, grim hunger for insurmountable dollars. But the pale-blue eyes, though they are keener than the eyes of most men at any age, have not the quick and eager light which used to flash into them in response to the news of a bargain in prospect or achieved. The seemed, gray face has lost its power of meeting all appeals for generosity or mercy with complete lack of expression; irritation and contempt show through sometimes; they are signs of the breaking down of the sternest discipline—for no real master of the game, whether it be played with pen and ink, or between newsboys on the curbstone,

or with banks and railroads in the markets, willingly allows his face to register any human emotion. His garments hang about him in homely lines, which are not changed in the memory of any man. His appearance, his ways, his stinginess, his great wealth have become a part of the traditions of his country."

TOO MUCH SPECULATION

Are merchants in ordinary lines of business being bitten by the craze for speculation. The Montreal Trade Bulletin says they are, and the Toronto News discusses its observations with approval, as follows:

"That conservative financial journal, The Montreal Trade Bulletin, is out, with another timely warning against the dangers for merchants lurking in the speculative arena. According to The Bulletin contact with men in all branches of trade reveals the fact that the mania for stock speculation is increasing. Many are becoming dissatisfied with the slow but sure profits of their legitimate callings. They desire to become rich suddenly, and the healthful prosecution of their regular business, which was once a source of pleasure, now assumes a monotonous routine, and they must henceforth don the fascinating role of the plunger, which, however exciting it may be for a change is fraught with many lurking dangers, and may in the end prove a veritable ignis fatuus, leading the too sanguine speculator into the bog of inextricable disaster. The speculation referred to is the dealing in margins, which is often fraught with the most disastrous results, especially to those of limited means, as margins are liable to be wiped out before the principals have time to re-margin. Far better in the long run will it be for those who may have become dissatisfied with the comparatively small earnings of their legitimate trades, compared with the big gains of a few, if they learn to keep contented in the prosecution of their regular callings, rather than lose their heads and launch out into the speculative arena, in the hope of accumulating fortunes by small outlays, and slap-dash plunges in the multifarious stocks and securities, financial, mining and industrial, that are spread out daily to attract the unsuspecting and unwary recruits in marginal transactions. 'A case,' says The Bulletin, 'has just been mentioned to us in which a Montreal merchant lost heavily in the late decline in New York securities. He maintains that he was closed out before the full limit of his margins had lapsed. We would advise him to profit by this speculative experience, and keep out of it in future.'"

Today's cables indicate that the long expected sea fight is soon to occur. It will differ entirely from that at Port Arthur, since the fleets will meet and manoeuvre in the open sea. The Russians profess confidence in Rojstvensky, while Tokio is equally confident that Togo understands every move in the game and is ready for all eventualities. The world at large is disposed to believe that the odds are in favor of Japan, but the event is nevertheless awaited with very keen interest and some measure of doubt.

During the Citizens' League spasm of awakened interest in public affairs in this city it was frequently stated that the mayor should have more power than is given him at present. The case of Philadelphia and of Montreal shows how advantageous it may be in the public interest for the mayor to be invested with enough power to balk an iniquitous deal. Of course it is also necessary to have a courageous mayor.

Philadelphia's mayor declines to be balked in his efforts to defeat the "machine." He has got his two new directors back again and will fight for their retention. Meanwhile the popular expression of sympathy with him and of protest against the gas deal has caused several members of the city council to change their views. The gas company, however, still has a big majority in its favor.

It will be too bad if the projected great development at Grand Falls should be delayed. Already, according to our Grand Falls correspondent, the stimulating influence of hope and expectation has caused one old man's beard to resume its youthful color, and his step to grow more elastic. Let the good work of rejuvenation proceed without interruption.

The remark was made in this paper yesterday to the effect that reports of bank failures in the United States were becoming rather commonplace as news items. This morning's papers report the failure of a bank in Boston with assets \$200,000 and liabilities \$1,700,000; and the suspension of a small banking institution in California.

Turks and Christians are again fighting in Montenegrin villages, and it is reported that a number have been killed and wounded. Every spring these turbulent people are at each other's throats, and Europe looks on with a vague feeling of alarm concerning the possibilities of a general outbreak.

Steamer Prince Rupert is at Halifax on the dry dock. She arrived there Wednesday evening. She will probably be here early next week.

Edward Dalton who has been studying medicine in Baltimore, left last evening for a visit to Melrose (N. B.).

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OBITUARY

Lorenzo E. Meigs

The death of Lorenzo E. Meigs, a native of Grand Manan, occurred on May 9 last, at Oakesdale, Whitman county (Wash.), where he had resided for the past fourteen years. Mr. Meigs was born on Grand Manan on December 21, 1841, and in 1865 married Miss Mary Elizabeth Wormald, of Cutler (Me.). From this union were six children—five sons and one daughter—of whom two sons and the daughter still survive. In 1889 Mr. Meigs went to reside with his family in Bodega in California, but returned eight years later to Grand Manan where he remained until his removal in 1890 to the States. He was a member of the Free Baptist church until taking up his residence in Oakesdale, where he found no church of his denomination near, and he joined the M. E. community. Mr. Meigs was well known and much respected and his death after a short illness is much regretted by a large circle of friends. His funeral took place at Oakesdale (Wash.), and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

John Davis

John Davis, caulker, a life-long resident of St. John, died Thursday morning at his residence, Murray street, after two weeks' illness. He was sixty-seven years old and was born in the city. Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter. The sons are John J., in the employ of Quinn & Co., and Thomas, at present in Sable Island, and the daughter is Miss Ella, living at home.

Halifax, N. S., May 25.—(Special)—Alfred Blake, one of the boys shot at MacNab's Island, was much better today. All the shot has been removed and it is now thought he will recover.

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CANADIANS
INSISTENT

The St. John River Question
Must Be Included in the
Scope of Waterways Commission.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—General Ernst, president of the American side of the International Deep Waterway Commission, today presented the Canadian members to Mr. Loomis, the acting secretary of state, the commission later met in the office of General Ernst, where it organized and commenced an informal exchange of views on the probable programme to be adopted for future deliberation.

Until the question of the inclusion of the St. John river in the scope of the commission's inquiry has been decided, none of the deliberations can be more than tentative, for the Canadians insist that this river shall be included in a firm and they are acting under instructions from their government. This point will be finally decided when Secretary of War Taft returns to Washington early next week.

FORTUNE'S FAVOR
CAME TOO LATE

James F. Thomsen Died Just
As Life's Dream Was Being
Realized.

NEW YORK, May 25.—James F. Thomsen, promoter, well known in business and musical circles in Toronto and Philadelphia, says the Sun, died yesterday in Bellevue Hospital of typhoid fever. He became suddenly delirious at his home here on May 11, and was taken to that institution. According to business friends of Mr. Thomsen, he was a wealthy real estate dealer in Toronto until twelve years ago when he lost his fortune. He then removed to Philadelphia, where he tried unsuccessfully to regain his footing. He came to New York three years ago and has lived here most of the time since.

Since he came, Mr. Thomsen has devoted much time to organizing the Canadian telephone wires. When the company became involved in legal complications a few months ago, he undertook to organize a company, capitalized at \$1,000,000 for the manufacture of a dedicated yeast. The stock had all been allotted and a portion of it subscribed for when he was taken to the hospital. It is said his profits from promoting the company promised to reach at least a million dollars.

Soon after he entered the hospital, Mr. Thomsen sent a telegram to ex-Secretary Gage, telling of his illness. Mr. Gage said last night he had known Mr. Thomsen three years and added: "He was a man who was striving hard to gain the footing which he had lost. I believe his death came just at a time when he was in a fair way to realize what he had spent a whole lifetime in working for."

USING POISONED CANDY

Dog Poisoners Are Believed to
Have Resorted to This Mode
of Destroying the Canines.

The latest feature in connection with the indiscriminate slaughter of dogs is the startling rumor that poisoned candy is being employed. If this is true, children also are exposed to danger.

The rumor was strengthened yesterday by the finding of a box of candy with chocolate. A resident of Leinster street is the owner of a valued canine and since the slaughter of dogs has been going on he has kept the dog locked up. Yesterday in the yard was found the box of candy. The member of the household who discovered it at once feared poison and, without thinking of having an analysis made, he threw the candy into the furnace, as he feared the consequences.

A by-law is still in force authorizing any constable to seize dogs found without collars, place them in pound and advertise. Should the owner fail to claim the dog and pay the tax the animal is destroyed. A police believe that "Rowdy," who for a time has been their constant companion, has fallen a victim to the dog poisoner, as he has not been seen for some little time, and the blue coated patrolmen believe he is dead. Rowdy was very fond of the policeman and used to accompany them on their beats. He was also a great favorite with the children.

THE MISPEC PULP MILL

Stetson Cutler & Co. propose to make extensive improvements in the Mispec pulp mill. Mr. Rowe, a mechanical pulp expert from Senator Allen's mill in Lincoln (Me.), is in the city in this connection, and is preparing plans for a large conveyor to carry coal and wood from the Mispec wharf to the mill. It is proposed to take the mill's supply of pulp wood from Musquash to Mispec in barges. Coal will also be conveyed to the mill in the same manner.

Among the proposed improvements are new boilers, screens, and rolls for drying purposes. These will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and the conveyors about \$2,000. About two months will be necessary to complete the work. It is the intention to increase the output to forty tons per day.

The lease of the mill from the city has not yet been signed and possession will not be given till June 1st. Meanwhile Geo. S. Cushing is continuing his experiment in making brown paper there. It is the intention of Stetson, Cutler & Co. to build houses for the operatives at Mispec so that married men may work and take out their families—that is provided the city grants a renewable lease of the mill.

INCORRECT REPORT

West End, May 25th, 1905.

To the Editor of the Times:
Sir—Your paper stated last evening that a small blaze had been started in a shop by a cigarette being thrown in a basket of rags. Kindly correct that statement as the fire started among some clothes in an upstairs bedroom from the spark of a match and was very slight. I am yours respectfully,
MRS. ROWLEY.

The Dominion liner Vancouver sailed from Portland last Saturday with a full cargo, including 20,000 bushels of corn, 27,000 do wheat, 8,500 do peas, 30 cars of lumber, 23 do meats, 12 do frozen provisions, 14 do hay, 7 do paper, 2 do cheese, 2 do blocks of wood and 1 do bundle wood.

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