



The Evening Times.

LAST EDITION

THE WEATHER.
Strong southwest winds, shifting to night to northwest, fair, local showers. Thursday, strong northwest winds, fair and cooler. Heavy frost on Friday.

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ONE CENT

BALLOONS FLYING THROUGH THE AIR

Contestants in St. Louis Race Heard From.

One Landed in Caledonia, Ont., While Others Are Reported in Different Parts of the United States--All Are Making for the Coast.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—Reports from various sources indicate that three of the balloons which left St. Louis Monday afternoon, passed over this city between 6.45 and 7.10 a. m. One was positively identified as the German balloon Pommer which was seen at Cleveland yesterday afternoon. Another was partly identified as the English balloon Lotus II, which passed over Wheeling, W. Va. yesterday, travelling eastward. A note dropped from the German balloon read: "Am 8,000 feet in the air and have travelled 1,000 miles, am trying to make Atlantic City." The third balloon was not identified. All were travelling in a northeasterly direction and unless they meet with some accident should land on the coast within a few hours.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 23.—The American balloon "America" passed over this city just after midnight and dropped a message which read: "We are passing town 12.5 a. m. due east, at rate of 25 miles an hour at an altitude of 1,200 feet. Notify press. (signed) McCoy."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—A balloon described as a bright pink, passed over Rockville, Md., 10 miles from here at daylight today, travelling in an easterly direction.

The weather bureau today received a despatch from Major Hersey reporting his landing in the "United States Balloon" at Caledonia, Ont., at 1.15 p. m. yesterday and that he would probably leave for Milwaukee tomorrow.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—One of the balloons which left St. Louis Oct. 21, the "Hummer" passed over the Northwestern section of this city about 7 o'clock this morning. It was going in a northeasterly direction. At 7.45 it was reported passing over Beverly, N. J., going directly east. Beverly is about twenty miles northeast of Philadelphia.

MR. BOYNE DENIES MR. RILEY'S STORY

And Declares He Will Have An Apology or Legal Redress at Once.

The Times yesterday contained an advertisement inserted by Mr. Riley stating that his wife had left him and he would not be responsible for any bills she might contract; also a story told by Mr. Riley to the effect that his wife's affections had been alienated by William Boyne, of Lepreau, who was now keeping company with her.

Mr. Boyne called at the Times office today to state that Mr. Riley's story is absolutely false, and that unless Mr. Riley apologizes he will take action in the courts against him. Mr. Boyne states that once, on account of statements repeated to him of what Riley had said, he went to the latter and demanded an explanation, with the result that Riley denied ever having made any such statements. Now Mr. Boyne repeats them in the press and Mr. Riley says he will insist upon an apology or legal redress.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Good Attendance at This Morning's Session--Reports Read

(For reports see page seven.)
FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 22 (Special)—This morning's session opened with a scriptural lesson by Rev. G. A. Kurling, of St. John, after which the reports of officers dealing with the year's work, were submitted and adopted. T. S. Simms reported for the executive, Rev. A. A. Rideout for the home department, Mrs. T. H. Bullock for the temperance, Mrs. M. Matthews for the elementary department, and Alex. Murray for the I. B. R. A. department. The report of Rev. J. B. Ganong, the energetic general field secretary, was also read and adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting as follows:
President, A. H. Chipman, St. John.
Vice-president—P. G. McFarlane, St. Stephen.
Treasurer—R. M. Currie, St. John.
Executive committee—T. S. Simms, Andrew Malouin, R. T. Hayes, W. J. Parke, J. Willard Smith, Dr. Fotheringham, Robert Reid, A. L. Law and Revs. A. H. Foster, H. D. Marr, A. A. Graham, Gordon Dickie, W. W. McMaster, S. Howard, D. Lund, D. Hutchinson, Neil McLaughlin, W. Camp, G. A. Kurling, and J. H. Brownell.
Home Department—Rev. A. A. Rideout.
Temperance—Mrs. T. H. Bullock.
Primary—Mrs. W. C. Matthews.
Adult Bible Class—J. N. Harvey.
I. B. R. A.—Alex. Murray.
Teachers' Training—E. R. Machum.
Recording Secretary—Miss A. Calder.
Rev. Mr. Rideout in his report stated that he had addressed ten meetings during the year in the counties of York, Northumberland and Queens. He dwelt on the great importance of the work, and urged the co-operation of the pastors.

Mrs. Bullock's report for the temperance department was listened to with much interest.
Owing to circumstances over which she had no control all her plans formulated for the year were abandoned, and she had found it very difficult to obtain statistics. Three thousand copies of a song entitled "The Cigarette Must Go," had been printed and circulated for use on cigarette day which fell on March 24th, last. Four new departments were added during the year: St. John had seventeen departments with a membership of 730, and York has five, with a membership of 325. Altogether there are 66 departments in the province with a membership of 2436.

Mrs. Bullock acknowledged the many kindnesses and words of sympathy received during the year from pastors and other workers.
The new president was escorted to the chair shortly before twelve o'clock, and briefly thanked the convention for the honor done him. The number of delegates in attendance now exceeds 150.

THE INDIANTOWN MARKET

Potatoes, Butter and Eggs the Centre of Interest at Present.

Potatoes and butter and eggs are at present the most active interests at Indiantown; other country products being relegated to the back ground to some extent. The farmers are watching potato prices closely, while townspeople are keeping their eyes on the supply.

The Vice president brought down something more than 600 barrels last night, and the Majesty is expected to bring down 400 barrels today; and tomorrow the Victoria and May Queen will likely have about 1,200 barrels between them.

With all this quantity coming, prices had not been carried out and she had had no time to get the potatoes on top of the barrels in this way are touched.

THE KNICKERBOCKER TRUST CO. DID NOT RESUME PAYMENTS TO ITS DEPOSITORS TODAY

This Announcement Was Made to the Waiting Crowds by a Police Officer Who Acted for Company Officials--Some Bankers Are Inclined to Let Trust Company Go--How the Situation is Regarded in London and Berlin.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The Knickerbocker Trust Co. announced to depositors who were waiting at its office that it would not resume payments today. The announcement was made by a police captain on the authority of the officials of the trust company.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Anxiety over the situation that has developed in the trust company and banking situation during the past week, continued to cloud the business horizon today, although the nervousness and alarm so noticeable yesterday, was considerably lessened by the presence of Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou in the city and his promise to remain at the sub-treasury throughout the day. Mr. Cortelyou's statement made last night affirming the strong condition of the national banks of this city, also had a good effect on sentiment and to relieve the apprehensions of business men that the curtailment of credits through the situation following the suspension of payments by the Knickerbocker Trust Company might hamper the financing of general mercantile affairs. The unfavorable development of the night was the news that the Trust Company of America, one of the city's largest financial institutions, with deposits approximating \$50,000,000, and total assets and liabilities in excess of \$60,000,000, was in need of assistance.

As is usual in time of stress London quotations on American securities were eagerly awaited today. The one o'clock prices showed only fractional changes and these were mixed in some stocks, notably Baltimore and Ohio, and St. Paul, which advanced 7-8. Amalgamated Copper declined 7-8. Lines of people began to gather early in front of the doors of the Trust Company of America and the Knickerbocker Trust Company. At nine o'clock there was a crowd extending to the banking office of the Trust Company of America at 43 Wall street, and at the same time there was a crowd extending for more than a block from the Fifth Avenue office of the Knickerbocker Trust Company.

A LOCKUP NEEDED IN UNION STATION

The Need is Becoming More Apparent Every Day--Two Recent Instances.

That there should be a lock-up in the Union Station as formerly, is becoming more and more apparent every day. Only yesterday a disgraceful action of a passenger made the need very urgent. In the morning three drunken men who had been ejected from the station by I. C. R. Policeman Collins returned by another door and the indecent actions of one of the trio, while the passengers were getting off an incoming train, caused his immediate arrest by Officer Collins. It was necessary for this officer to take the man to the Water street lock-up. Last evening the disgraceful actions of a man and woman in a car on the train from Halifax necessitated the services of Officer Collins. The pair had acted improperly in the car and as a result the conductor called upon Officer Collins on the arrival of the train. It was necessary for the big blue coat to force open the door. In the meantime the man had broken a window in an endeavor to escape. He was let go on payment of the damage to the window. The fracas created quite a stir and a big crowd gathered.

GENERAL BOOTH BETTER

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 23.—General William Booth, head of the Salvation Army, who has been ill here several days, will start on his eastern tour today. He has recovered his health almost entirely.

Oakleigh Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America, was at his desk early in the morning. He made a statement to newspaper reporters to the effect that the institution was all right. "We have plenty of cash on hand and are prepared for all emergencies. We are facing the situation calmly."

A committee of accountants representing the bankers who have taken the whole financial situation in hand, went into the offices of the Trust Company of America at six o'clock this morning, and began an exhaustive examination of its books and securities in its vaults as collateral on loans.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—More than 1,500 persons, mostly Italians, stormed the doors of the Dollar Savings' Bank when it opened. Police officers were called to control the half-frenzied crowds.

How Berlin Regards It

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—The difficulties of the Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York has created the greatest degree of astonishment among the bankers of the city. The Boersen Courier says today that local bankers emphatically rejected the idea that the Trust Company was in serious danger when the unfavorable news reached Berlin, but the paper itself credits the announcement that the company will resume payments today, declaring this to be an empty subterfuge to cloak the true condition of affairs from the depositors. It criticizes a banking system which allows deposits of \$60,000,000 upon a capital of \$1,200,000 and gives to the greatest apprehension lest the events of the past few days foreshadow the discovery of further abuses in the banks of New York.

THE NEWS IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The financial crisis in New York is attracting the greatest attention here. The financial editorial writers today are of the opinion that although the effect will be felt here, it is not likely to be felt to any great extent because British operators and investors of recent months gradually have been freeing themselves from commitments and the influence of Wall Street. Consequently some sections of the stock exchange will not be much influenced by the crisis.

THE MORNING POST believes that the financial troubles in America are accumulating too rapidly for temporary palliatives to have much effect and it would be better for every one concerned that the crisis should be hastened instead of delayed.

THEY QUESTION HIS THEOLOGY

FUTURE OF THE N. B. SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Application to Bridge Street River Revives the Project of a Short Line

The future of the N. B. Southern Railway is a matter which is evidently attracting attention from railway men and financiers all through the eastern states. Whether it is owned or operated by the Canadian Pacific and will some day form an important link in a C. P. R. short line from St. John to Boston and New York or whether it will eventually become a part of Charles S. Mellin's scheme to secure control of the Boston and Maine for the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and be merged into a short line from St. John to New York is being debated with lively interest in Boston, New York and other financial centers.

The recent request of the N. B. Southern for permission to bridge the St. Croix river has revived interest in this question. It is believed in some quarters that the C. P. R. is backing this proposition, the idea being to connect the N. B. Southern with the Maine Central and ultimately to bridge the St. Croix.

Col. H. H. Melan, when seen this morning was inclined to discount this theory. He said the application of the N. B. Southern to bridge the St. Croix had been made previously and had been turned down. It had only been made again this time as a matter of form to keep the project alive. The application was made for the N. B. Southern and as far as he knew had no connection with the C. P. R. When the application had been first made the question of location was the cause of its rejection. The government wanted the bridge to be built near the highway bridge, while the N. B. Southern people want it to be near the station.

WEST SIDE COMMITTEE

Mayes Contract, Union Street Work and Other Matters Discussed at Meeting This Morning.

A meeting of the west side improvement committee was held this morning at which the Major Gordon case, the Mayes contract for dredging and the double tracking of Union street were discussed.

It was announced by the recorder that the Mayes contract was all ready now and would probably be signed tomorrow morning. Some sections were changed in accordance with the suggestions from Mr. Mayes.

It was decided to proceed with the work on Union street, west side, and to take as much of the Gordon property as was necessary for the successful carrying on of the work. The claims of Major Gordon will be considered at a meeting of the claims committee to be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when the major will be present and state his case.

Workman Displaced From Wesleyan College Staff

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 23.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. J. C. Workman has been asked to resign the chair of Old Testament exegesis at the Wesleyan Theological College. The decision was reached by the college board about two o'clock this morning, after a six-hour session. The action of the board is based on allegations of doctrinal unsoundness in regard to the Holy Scriptures, the Deity of Christ, sin, miracle and atonement.

KILLED IN SASKATOON

Frank Stephenson, of Woodstock, Crushed to Death in the Western City.

George Earle, of police headquarters, arrived last night from Woodstock, where he attended the funeral of his nephew, Frank Stephenson, who was crushed to death recently in Saskatoon. The body arrived in Woodstock on Monday morning, accompanied by Fred Stephenson, brother of deceased, and the funeral was held the same afternoon from the home of Joseph Parlee. The services were conducted by Rev. George D. Ireland, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Robert Fulton. The pallbearers were schoolmates of deceased. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral tributes attested the high esteem in which the deceased young man was held in Woodstock.

Deceased was a nephew, also of Mrs. George H. Hamilton of St. John. The following item is taken from the Saskatoon Daily Phoenix of Saturday (October 12th):
"Word of a most regrettable occurrence in which a young Saskatoonian, Frank Stephenson, lost his life, on Tuesday evening of this week was brought to town this morning by Constable Plonley of the Delisle R. N. W. M. P. station.
"Frank met his death in Zealandia, and just how it came about can be surmised only as the body was not found until half an hour or more after the accident had occurred. When found the body was pinned between a wagon to which the dead man's team of oxen were hitched and the store of A. N. Swetman. The discovery was made about 7.30 Tuesday evening about half an hour after the young man had been seen driving that way. He was walking behind his team, and it is supposed that when approaching the building the oxen were about to pass so closely that the wagon would catch the corner. Seeing this, Frank ran forward to turn the animals, but in passing between the building and the wagon was caught, and there received his fatal injury."
"Fred Stephenson, a carpenter, who has been engaged on the Southside Hotel all summer, only this morning received word of his brother Frank's death, when the news was brought to him by Constable Plonley. This afternoon he and an old schoolmate of his, William W. Townsend, left for Zealandia to take charge of the body, which is either at the Swetman home or has been buried. The remains will be taken to Woodstock, N. B., where a widowed mother resides. To her, the blow will be a heavy one, for the two boys at Saskatoon were her only sons."
"Frank Stephenson was about 20 or 21 years of age, and was a printer by trade. In the early spring of 1906 he came to work at the Phoenix, and remained a competent member of the staff for several months. He had a homestead in the Goose Lake country, about 70 miles southwest from Saskatoon."

MRS. ADAM H. BELL SHOOT A BEAR

Bruin Weighing 250 Pounds Was Brought Down at Scott's Lake on Monday.

When Adam H. Bell and Mrs. Bell arrived in town this morning with the head of a 250 pound black bear protruding from the back of their carriage it was clear to the observer that President Roosevelt's hands were in danger. In fact they were clipped, for the bear was shot by Mrs. Bell herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell went down to Scott's Lake, seven miles from Lepreau, with Philip Tear as guide. They were after moose, and saw some, but not within easy range. About 9.30 on Monday morning the bear was discovered, and Mrs. Bell brought him down with a bullet which entered his nose and came out behind his ear. The weight of the animal is said to be about 250 pounds.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

PORESIGHT VINDICATED.
The wisdom of the city council is once more vindicated. Little matters like the double-tracking of Union street may be thrown at the aldermen, but their vindication follows swift and sure.

There was a chemical engine was engaged yesterday in hauling 'outs from No. 4 to No. 5 engine house.

the attorney-general which has been eagerly sought for in the wilds of Kings county, between Bull Moose Hill and the Canadian woods. Police Magistrate Ritchie persists in believing that the species is not extinct, and wants Mr. McKewen to John Doherty, defendant. Bustin & French appeared for the plaintiff. The court adjourned until the afternoon when the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff for \$225.58, the defendant not appearing.

WEATHER STILL CHILLY.
CHIPMAN, Oct. 23 (Special)—The report of the Sun this morning containing Dr. Hetherington's letter re-asserting that he did not promise to support Col. McLean has intensified the cold wave in this region.