

THE WEATHER.
Strong southwest and west, with light rain or snow; Friday, northwest winds, fair and becoming much colder again.

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ONE CENT

TOWN THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION

A Famous Spanish Mining Town Gradually Sinking Into Earth.

Mines Under Minas De Riotinto Have Partly Caved in and Town May Follow--Natives Evacuating Their Houses in Terror.

MINAS DE RIOTINTO, Spain, Jan. 16.—This town is threatened with complete destruction owing to the subsidence of the ground. Large gaps are visible in the principal streets and four hundred houses have been hastily evacuated. The sinking of the ground is believed to be due to the caving-in of a portion of the copper mines. Minas de Riotinto is famous for its copper mines, which are among the most productive in the world, yielding annually about 200,000 tons of metal. Upward of 10,000 persons are employed in the mine.

THE FISH MARKET

Supply is Good and Prices Relatively About as Last Week.

The local fish market is quiet at present and but little activity is expected until the latter part of next week. Nearly all the fishing schooners belonging to or working for local firms have been laid up, owing to the fact that the fishing season on the Nova Scotia coast is about done and it is not likely the vessels will start out again before the last of February or the middle of March.

This accounts for the recent importations of cod and haddock from Canada, N. B.

Dealers report little or no change in market prices and shipments westward have been light.

The retail stores are fairly well stocked for this evening's and tomorrow's trade and purchasers will have a good variety to select from.

Retail prices rule as follows: Cod, 5c per pound; cod steak, 10c; British Columbia halibut, 15c; smelt, 10c; flounder, 8c; haddock, 6c; British Columbia salmon, 12c to 20c; fish haddies, 9c; bladders, 24c, a doz.; hoppers, 30c; oysters, 75c to \$1.00 per quart; clams, 15c; scallops, 60c; and lobsters, 15c to 40c each.

MADAME SEMBRICH

Subscription List at Landry's Until Saturday.

Watch this paper Saturday evening for the definite announcement concerning Madame Sembrich, as to whether or not she, with the great tenor, Van Hoose, will be heard in the Opera House next month. Unless there is a big rush of interested parties to the subscription lists at Landry's Friday and Saturday the great opportunity will be a lost one.

WILL SKATE IN BOSTON

Gordon Kennedy, the speedy "newsboy" skater, who was to have left on the Eastern line steamer Calvin Austin, this morning, for Boston to skate Jimmy Merritt, a fast Boston boy, did not get away, word having been received by his trainer, James Moran, that Merritt's father was quite ill. The race has consequently been postponed until next week, and Kennedy will leave on Friday next for the hub.

THE EVERY DAY CLUB

Ladies will be admitted to hear the debate in the Every Day club this evening, on the subject: Resolved that fashion is a greater evil than the tobacco habit.

The dime entertainment in the hall tomorrow evening by members of the Empire Dramatic Club, and a long list of other talent will be one of the best yet given under the auspices of the club. The club's own orchestra will play.

BANK CLEARINGS

The clearings for the week ending Thursday, January 16th, were \$1,298,138, and the corresponding week last year, \$1,233,689.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND HAS REDUCED ITS DISCOUNT RATE

An Indication of Easier Money and the Cessation of Gold Demands from the United States.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from six to five per cent today. The reduction was anticipated as the fresh gold arrivals, most of which were absorbed by the bank and the return of cash to the country, so materially strengthened the reserves in the metal in spite of the considerable amount taken by South America, that there was no excuse for a further prolongation of the higher rate, so as to discommodate trade for some months past. Even had the bank desired to retain a higher rate it is doubtful if it could be made effective, as the supply of gold in Lombard street was so abundant as to be almost for the moment in excess of the requirements. The discount rate in the open market fell to 4 1/2 per cent. The recent commercial purchases of sterling bills indicated the probability that the gold borrowed from France during

NO CONTESTS IN WOODSTOCK

Mayor and Six Aldermen Elected Today by Acclamation.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 16.—(Special)—Town Clerk Hartley opened his court at ten o'clock which continued until 12 to receive nominations for mayor and aldermen for the town of Woodstock. There was just a complement of nominees, so that there will be no election. The following is the board for the present year.

Mayor—Geo. E. Balmain, nominated by B. B. Manzer and E. W. Mair, elected by acclamation.

Aldermen—N. F. Thorne nominated by Geo. W. Gibson and John Wallace, agent J. P. Maloney; E. L. Hagerman, nominated by A. E. Fawcett and J. P. Maloney; agent, N. F. Thorne; W. S. Sutton, nominated by B. B. Manzer and J. W. Gallagher; W. Duppah, N. Smith nominated by M. R. W. Slipp and A. D. Holyoke; A. F. Fawcett, nominated by W. H. Everett and J. W. Fisher, nominated by R. E. Holyoke and H. E. Burtt.

When the time for filing had expired Mr. Hartley declared the above elected by acclamation. Mayor Balmain, and Ald. Thorne and Fisher are natives of Queens county, but have been residents of this town for years.

NEW BUILDING WILL BE READY APRIL 1

Royal Bank of Canada Building Will Have Lunch Room As One of Its Features.

The new Royal Bank of Canada building at the corner of King and Canterbury streets is rapidly nearing completion, and the building staff will probably move from Prince William street to the new quarters about the first of April.

The second floor, which has been leased by William Thomson & Co., may be ready for occupancy even before that time and this well known shipping and insurance firm will transfer their offices from the present building on Walker's wharf to the more central location.

It is altogether likely that the banking staff, when they have moved to the new building, will have lunch served at the noon hour in a room in the basement of the building which has been fitted for this purpose. This scheme has been adopted by many of the banking institutions in various parts of the dominion and has been found to work very satisfactorily.

The interior of the bank premises will be fitted entirely in white, the ceiling, which is done in heavy panels, being pure white plaster, while the walls and counters will be composed of white marble. The fittings will no doubt be the finest in the city. The two upper floors of the building, which are to be devoted to offices, have not yet been leased, but they will no doubt be rapidly taken up when they are finished.

POLICE COURT

Only two prisoners were gathered in by the police last night and both appeared in the police court this morning.

Fred Weir, arrested by I. C. R. Police-man Scott Smith, for being drunk in the Union depot, paid a fine of \$4. Weir had \$30.48 in his possession when taken into custody.

One other drunk also paid \$4 for his misdeed.

MEN OUT OF WORK

The number of unemployed men in the city is indicated by the fact that one insertion in a paper of advertisement for a journeyman brought sixty applications for the position. Thirty-four men out of work slept in the twenty-nine beds at the Salvation Army shelter last night. The average for December was forty lodgers at this shelter.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Stock trading was quiet and prices steady today. Dominion steel bonds sold at 71, and Toronto Ry. was easier at 97 1/2. Other features were Mexican, 49; Soo, 24 1/2; MacKay, 13; Rio, 34 1/4; Nova Scotia Steel, 69 1/2; Detroit, 29 1/8.

C. P. R. ss. Lake Champlain arrived at Liverpool at eleven o'clock this morning.

BODIES OF MANY VICTIMS WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Jan. 16.—This little borough, which lost one-fifth of its population in the opera house horror Monday night, today turned to the task of burying its dead. Because of the condition of most of the bodies the borough authorities have asked the coroner to permit to bury the dead within three days. All night long scores of men worked in the morgues preparing the identified bodies for removal to their late homes or to their friends. As early as five o'clock a long line of dead coffins moved about the town, distributing the corpses, and before daylight most of the dead will be ready for interment. There was a slight hitch in the work of removing bodies from the morgues through the action of Coronor Strasser forbidding the removal of any

bodies during his absence. This was due to a mix-up in the identification of the body of a boy. There were three claimants for the body, and all appeared before the coroner for permission to remove it. Each one was positive that the body was the one they were looking for. Therefore, in order to prevent mistakes, the coroner issued the order. Burgess Kohler learned of this and immediately communicated with the coroner at Reading, where he had gone on business in connection with his office. When it was explained that people who had positively identified their dead wanted the remains, and that bodies in dispute would be held, the coroner rescinded his order. Since then the relief committee working in conjunction with relatives has removed more than fifty bodies

More than sixty death certificates were issued up to 10 a. m. and most of these bodies will be buried during the day, most of them without funeral ceremonies. There is not a clergyman in town able to conduct services. There will be no service in the Lutheran church, Sunday. The Rev. Adam Weber, who lost a daughter, is still prostrated. The borough has decided to buy eight lots for the burial of the unidentified dead. In the centre of the plot, sufficient space will be left for the erection of a monument. Daylight found crowds around the entrances to the morgues clamoring for admittance. At 7 o'clock the doors were opened and the gruesome work of identifying the dead was again taken up. It is believed that more than fifty bodies will never be identified.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Funeral of the Late George W. Allen Will Be Held on Saturday--Normal School Student Dead.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 16.—(Special)—The funeral of the late George W. Allen will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with services at the Cathedral. The bursters of the city will pay a tribute of respect by attending in a body. J. Douglas Hazen, M. P. P., brother-in-law of the deceased, arrived from St. John this morning and E. H. Allen, claims agent of the I. C. R. will arrive from Moncton this evening.

Friends of the late Mr. Allen said that he had been suffering for some time from stomach trouble and severe pains in the head and was not able to partake of solid food. He seemed to think that his usefulness was gone and was subject to frequent attacks of melancholy. He was about the streets Tuesday afternoon and took part in a bowling game in the Queen Hotel alleys. During the progress of the game he was heard to mutter the words: "dust thou art, and dust thou shalt return." Shortly afterwards, it is said that he visited a hardware store and purchased a revolver, saying that he wanted it for a friend.

Miss Olive J. Tracy, a student at the Normal school, died at the private hospital this morning from diphtheria after a illness of more than a week's illness. The disease was contracted during the afternoon of the cross-examination of John W. McLeod, his examination and developed soon after her return. Everything possible was done for her, but without avail. She was the eldest daughter of Charles L. Tracy, of Tracy Station, forest ranger for the New Brunswick Railway Company. The body was taken to the place this afternoon for burial. She was a very popular student and her associates at the Normal School are much grieved over the sad affair. The flag on the building is flying at half mast today as a tribute of respect.

A colored woman named Lissie Hector, was before the police court this morning charged with assaulting a negro named McKenzie. After hearing both sides Col. Marsh allowed them to settle the dispute.

KINGS CO. CIRCUIT COURT

HAMPTON, N. B., Jan. 16.—(Special)—In the circuit court this morning, the case of McLeod against Godard was continued, the cross-examination of John W. McLeod, concluded, and Winslow McLeod recalled to identify the entries in the book where quantities were entered by the plaintiff.

His honor ruled on the book and its contents on the ground that the entries were simply duplicates of those entered by the plaintiff.

Mrs. P. Eliza McLeod, wife of the plaintiff, testified to Mr. Godard leaving a message with her to tell the men to cut down to five inches, which she did. Mr. Powell here rested his case for the plaintiff, with the understanding that he could call two witnesses on their arrival by P. R. train to prove the custom of the crown land department of calculating the contents of small lumber below the seal figures in the same method as that adopted by the scale.

Hon. A. S. White, K. C. opened for the defence and claimed that they would prove that payment was to depend upon the quantity of lumber shown by survey and that instead of thirty or thirty-three logs giving a thousand superficial feet, it required fifty, sixty, and even seventy produce that result. He called Hiram Horn, a witness, whose testimony was in progress at adjournment. His chief point was that he understood a survey was to determine the quantities. In adjoining the court till 2 p. m. his honor again urged a settlement by the parties, especially as there was absolutely no evidence to show the jury just what amount of lumber had been produced from the logs in question.

MARITIME EXPRESS DELAYED

MONCTON, Jan. 16.—(Special)—The maritime express was five hours late today, the locomotive having been derailed while entering the siding at Clark's Brook near Matapedia. No one was injured and very little damage was done.

Alex. Warrell, 127 Wright street, was quite seriously injured while boarding a street car on King street today. He slipped and fell on the ice almost fracturing his thigh, and will be confined to the house for some days. Mr. Warrell would like to learn the name of the gentleman who so kindly went to his assistance.

WINTER PORT NOTES

The steamer Corsican, of the Allan line, which is bringing the overseas mail from Liverpool, is expected at Halifax tomorrow. The Corsican is under charter to the C. P. R. and is taking the place of the Empress of Ireland, which is laid up for the usual overhauling. The Corsican has 245 passengers, divided as follows: 44 first cabin, 108 second cabin, and 193 steerage. She has also 1,000 tons of freight to be landed at Halifax, as well as a considerable amount of mail.

An extra dining car and several passenger and baggage cars have been sent to Halifax by the C. P. R. to accommodate the overseas mail and passengers, who will be landed there instead of being brought to this port on the steamer, as is usually done. This will enable the steamer to wait at Halifax until her freight for that port is discharged.

The overseas special train will go to the coast via St. John and Montreal, passing through here as soon as possible after the steamer has arrived at Halifax.

The steamer Montrose, of the C. P. R. line, is expected here almost any time next week. The disabled steamer Mount Royal, which had such a trying time on her recent trip from Antwerp, having to put back into Queens-town after wallowing about for thirty days.

The South African steamer Degama took a cargo valued at \$225,233 from this port.

Steamer Manchester Exchange, now on her way to Manchester from this port, has on board a cargo valued at \$158,017. C. P. R. steamer Monmouth, for Bristol, Liverpool, took away a cargo valued at \$313,792.

Steamer St. John City took away 251 barrels apples, valued at \$1,663.

DEBATE ON THE FRENCH TREATY

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 (Special)—The debate on the French treaty will be resumed today by Mr. Brodeur, one of the negotiators. Mr. Brodeur will reply to the criticism of Mr. Foster. Today's discussion ought to see the close of the debate. The treaty cannot be amended and must be adopted in full or rejected.

CIVIC LOAN IS OVER SUBSCRIBED

The time for receiving subscriptions for \$75,000 of the new five per cent ten-year loan of \$225,000, which the city is negotiating, closed at noon today at the Chamberlain's office. This afternoon the treasury board will meet to decide as to what bids shall be accepted. It has been learned that the amount offered has been more than subscribed. Some of the tenders are for small amounts and others are for considerable sums. It is probable that the city could have sold more than they have offered.

LATE MARINE NOTES

St. John steamer Wanola, Captain Atchison, arrived today at Baltimore to load for Halifax.

Battle line steamer Cheronea, Captain Cook, sailed today from Hamburg for the Tyne.

St. John schooner Mineola, Captain Forsyth, arrived at Grenada on the 14th inst from this port.

LIBERAL CHOSEN IN P. E. I.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 16.—(Special)—At the Liberal convention for Prince county held at Summerside yesterday James W. Richards was nominated candidate for the coming dominion elections. There were five names on the ballot the next being Capt. Joseph Read, who seconded the motion that the nomination be unanimous.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. G. Clowes Carman took place this afternoon at Musquash at 1:30 from the Episcopal church. Service was conducted by Rev. T. M. C. Bell, interment being in the burying ground there.

The funeral of Miss Emily Partlow took place from her late home 27 St. Paul street, at 2:30 this afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. E. C. Jenkins, and interment was at Cedar Hill.

HENSALL, Ont., Jan. 16.—(Special)—

South Huron nominations took place yesterday. The candidates are Henry Herton, of Tucksmith, Conservative, and M. Y. McLean, of Seaford, Liberal.

VATICAN ORGAN SAYS WAR IS INEVITABLE

MONCTON NEWS

John W. Gaskin Says He is Not Suspended From I. C. R. in Connection With Junk Stealing--A Sudden Death.

MONCTON, Jan. 16.—(Special)—John W. Gaskin, of the I. C. R. electric light department feels that a paragraph in yesterday's Times in regard to the I. C. R. missing junk may be construed as reflecting upon him. Gaskin says he is the only employee under suspension at present and his suspension is due to trouble with another employee, Roy Spence. This matter is to be investigated on Friday, Jan. 17th. Further Gaskin says he has never bought or sold a pound of I. C. R. copper wire. This being the case, his suspension cannot have had anything to do with the missing junk, which it is understood the I. C. R. authorities are now investigating.

The death occurred suddenly yesterday morning at his home, John street, of John Mason, an Englishman, who has been located in Moncton but a few months. Death was due to heart-failure. The deceased who is forty-seven years of age left his home yesterday morning in company with his son to go to the woods but had not gone far when he became weak and was obliged to return to his home. On reaching his home Mason fell and had to be assisted into the house, where he expired in a short time.

Corriere d'Italia

Comments On Japanese War Prospects.

The Present Moment Is the Most Favorable for Japan To Act--Jap Budget Provides \$205,000,000 For Army and Navy.

ROME, Jan. 16.—The Corriere d'Italia, an organ of the Vatican, in an article on the Japanese-American situation says that war between these two countries would be fatal and inevitable. It expresses the opinion that the present moment is the most favorable for Japan.

TOKYO, Jan. 16.—The presentation of a synopsis of the budget to the leaders of both houses, which it had been arranged with to have occurred this morning, was suddenly postponed and it was announced that changes are to be made in certain items.

While absolutely nothing official has been given out, leading business men estimate that the government receipts for 1903-9 will amount to about \$610,000,000 and expenditures to about \$615,000,000 of which approximately one-third is for the army and navy. This would leave a deficit of nearly \$5,000,000 which Finance Minister Salcatani expected to pay by increased taxes. It is impossible to say whether the present plans involve material changes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Major-General W. D. Duvall, assistant chief of staff of the United States Army has specially requested congress for a \$10,000,000 appropriation to purchase arms and equipment for an army of 250,000 men, such appropriation to cover an expenditure of \$2,500,000 a year for four years.

The request uses the expression "such equipment to be used in time of war," and provides for an army of almost five times the size of the enlisted strength of today. The significance of this emergency measure is being widely commented upon.

MADE CHANNEL BY DYNAMITE

So hard was the ferry steamer E. Ross frozen in at Indiantown yesterday that dynamite had to be used in the afternoon to break a way out for her. The method used caused some little excitement, as the powerful explosive made considerable noise and sent ice in all directions. The effort, however, was quite successful, as a channel was made to open water. There is a lot of heavy ice running at Indiantown today, and it was necessary for the ferry to lay off for a time.

THE 62ND FUSILIERS

Committees Appointed at Annual Meeting of Officers Last Night.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, was held at the regimental headquarters last evening, with Lieut.-Col. M. B. Edwards in the chair. The reports of the several committees were reported, showing the band and drum corps in excellent condition and the band having been well engaged during the year. The regimental fund committees reported the balance to the credit of the corps very satisfactory. The following were the committees elected for the next year:

Band committee—Captain L. W. Peters, Captain E. J. Fleetwood, Lieut. J. R. Miller.

Drum corps committee—Captain J. S. Frost, Lieut. Elliott, Lieut. McArthur.

Regimental fund committee—Major W. C. Magee, Captain J. L. McAvity, Lieut. J. R. Miller.

Rooms committee—Captain L. W. Peters, Captain J. L. McAvity, Captain H. J. Smith, Lieut. Elliott.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the D. O. C., Col. G. Rolt White, for a very handsome framed photograph presented by him for the regimental rooms. Great regret was expressed at the retirement of the Surgeon, Lieut.-Col. Walker, after almost twenty-four years service in the corps.

The very handsome "Sindair" cup won by the regimental team at Sussex, and the "Shield" also won by a team of the corps at Moncton this season, were presented by the respective team captains.

A NEW MOVE IN MONCTON

MONCTON, Jan. 16 (Special)—Yesterday morning Daniel Madden, of the Minto hotel, sold liquor over the bar to a customer, which morning a warrant was issued for his arrest, and this afternoon he will go to jail for one month. This is the latest move in local Scott Act circles occurring this morning. Madden was arrested on a warrant charging him with violation of the Scott Act, and was taken before Magistrate Kay, who sentenced him to one month's imprisonment. A clerk at the Park Hotel on Telegraph street, was arrested on a similar warrant today, and dealt with likewise when brought before the magistrate. The same witness gave the evidence, which caused convictions in both cases.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

As a result of the icy condition of the pavement on King street today William Whittell, of 224 City Road, met with a painful accident by which he will be confined to the house probably for several days.

While passing Waterbury & Rising's Mr. Whittell slipped and fell, sustaining severe injury to his back. The force of the fall rendered him unconscious, and he was carried into Waterbury & Rising's, Dr. D. E. Berryman was summoned and an examination found that the back had been severely wrenched. Mr. Whittell was taken to his home in the ambulance.

The circuit court case of Monahan vs. the C. P. R., was resumed at the court house this morning, when further evidence was heard and adjournment made till this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Allan Line steamer Numidian arrived at St. John's Nfld., yesterday on her way to Halifax from Liverpool.

SHIPPING HAD A ROUGH TIME IN THE GALE THIS MORNING

Steamers for Digby and Boston Sailed On Time But Will Probably Have Hard Trip--Small Vessels In Harbor Knocked About.

This morning early a heavy southwest storm set in and it blew a gale in the bay, with snow, sleet and rain. Along the harbor front it was very rough, and some of the vessels moored to the wharves had to put out extra lines.

The heavy sea breaking over the Fort Dufferin breakwater and throwing spray high in the air, presented a fine sight. The American schooner Roger Dury, in command of Captain Cook, got into some trouble near the Beacon light. The tug Lily went to her and got a line, but in some way the hawser got foul of her propeller and both of them commenced to drift toward the ballast wharf, but the schooner dropped her anchor and brought up just in time.

The tug W. H. Murray, in charge of Captain Gallagher, went to the assistance of both tug and schooner, and towed the schooner to safe anchorage in the stream, the tug Lily was taken into Magee's slip, where the hawser will be cleared from her screw when the tide goes out.

The steamer Seniac, which was lying at her berth, Reed's Point wharf, had to haul out into the harbor on account of the heavy sea at the face of the wharf.

The steamer Timon Rupert left for Digby on her scheduled time, and no doubt had a hard passage across.

The Calvin Austin also sailed for Eastport and the storm will be in her teeth all the way down.

Reports from Point Lepreau at noon say that it is blowing a gale with the velocity 38 miles an hour.

Director Hutchinson, at the customs house reports the velocity of the wind this morning early at 40 miles an hour, and at noon 30 miles.

The sudden rise of temperature after yesterday's cold snap, which was accompanied by heavy rain falls and high winds, has made today anything but agreeable for people on the streets. The frost coming out of the ground formed an icy covering on the streets and sidewalks, and made the walking and driving very treacherous.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM IS AMUSED

Mr. Hiram Horn, beam over a broad smile when he was accosted by the Times new reporter this morning. Hiram reads the papers, and had been reading about the visit of Mr. Morse of the G. T. P. His admiration of railway magnets is large and profound, and he does not care who knows it. It is the result of years of patient observation.

"Yes," he said to the new reporter, "it's a great thing to be a railroad magnet. Now I s'pose that feller Morse was down here doin' some figurin'." If he kin git that Central Railroad for a song--an' then git St. John to give him Courtenay Bay, with some trimmin's to make it acceptable, he'll bring the road right into town. He? Well?"

"No doubt," said the new reporter. "Chippin' isn't a very good winter sport."

"Well," said Hiram, "I guess Morse knows what he wants--an' of course he'll get it. These railroad magnets don't throw away no chances. But it's fun to watch 'em."

A BARGAIN LOT.

Director Hutchinson was asked this morning about the weather.

"Which weather?" he enquired.

Upon being further interrogated he explained that in addition to yesterday's weather, and this morning's, and this afternoon's, he had seven more kinds just received, which the public could have at once upon application. He would sample the town as soon as possible. He has something for everybody and to suit all tastes.