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THE WEATHER.

Moderate to fresh northerly winds, fair and very cold today and on Tuesday. Temperatures much below zero tonight.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1908.

ONE CENT

AWFUL MURDER IN MONCTON; AN INSANE MOTHER KILLS HER TWO-YEAR OLD CHILD

Mrs. Thomas V. Doucett While Temporarily Crazed Crushes Her Baby's Head---Tries To Take Life of Second Child But is Prevented ---She Has Been In Asylum.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 4 (Special).—While suffering from insanity Mrs. Thomas V. Doucett, of Lower Robinson street, about half past four o'clock this morning took the life of one of her little children and was in the act of taking another from the house to kill it, when she was discovered by members of her family.

The family consists of the father and mother, and eight children. Mrs. Doucett, who is employed on the I. C. R. on a steam crane, has been laid up in the house with a broken rib for some time. His wife, it appears, became violently insane during the night and arising about half past four without disturbing her husband, took her two-year-old child from the cradle, carried it out the back door and inflicted injuries upon it which resulted in death a few minutes later. The crazed woman, leaving her infant for dead, entered the house again and going up stairs where the

second youngest child, three years old, was sleeping in a cradle was in the act of taking it from the room when her daughter, Eliza, aged 18 years, awoke and gave the alarm.

Mrs. Doucett called to her brother William, aged 17, and aroused her father.

Doucett, although suffering from a fractured rib, hastily arose and undertook to subdue his insane wife. The three-year-old child she had taken from the cradle in the room of her eldest daughter, was taken from her and she was overpowered.

Doucett dispatched his son, William, for a policeman, and Officer McKim hurried to the Doucett home.

After hand-cuffing the insane woman, the officer made search for the missing two-year-old baby boy, and found the little thing in the throes of death at the back door. The child was lying on the ice and an examination showed the back of its head to be badly bruised.

Officer McKim immediately sent for a doctor, but before medical aid arrived the child had breathed its last.

The crazed mother talked of her crime on the way to the police station and at times she stated she had taken her child by the heels and dashed its brains out on the ice, and, at other times denied all knowledge of the crime, and asked to be taken home.

It appears Mrs. Doucett has been in the insane asylum on two previous occasions.

Two or three days ago she showed signs of returning insanity and was being closely watched. She is about 35 years of age. An investigation will likely be held.

Another Mother Kills Children

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—During a period of mental depression Mrs. Frances Willis, of Dorchester, killed herself and two little girls, aged 9 and 11 years respectively, by means of gas last night. She left a note saying, "God forgive me for what I have done. It was a case of the insane hospital again."

MARATHONS TO MONCTON

Strong Hockey Team Left at Noon To Play the Victorias Tonight.

The Marathon hockey team left on today's noon train for Moncton, where they play the Victorias tonight in the N. B. H. L. series. The team will line up as follows: Goal, Morse; point, Phillips; cover point, Le Mesurier; centre, F. Simpson; rover, Clawson; right wing, Grant; left wing, McIntyre. The team is fairly strong. Morse, of Amherst, is a star goal-tender; Finch Simpson, of the same town, has already made goals here, and Grant, also from Amherst, is said to be a fast one. As Moncton will not be as strong as usual, the locals should give a good account of themselves.

The Portland basketball team also left on the same train for Moncton, where they play the Moncton five tonight.

W. H. O'KEEFE REPORTED

Union St. Liquor Dealer Charged With Selling During Prohibited Hours.

William H. O'Keefe was before the police court this morning on a charge of selling liquor between 10 o'clock on the night of Friday, January 31st and six o'clock the following morning. It is also alleged that there were three persons other than members of the defendant's staff in the store at the time and that there was a light in the bar at eleven o'clock.

The prosecution was conducted by Police Clerk George A. Henderson, and Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the defendant.

Mr. O'Keefe pleaded not guilty, and Patrolmen Fred Lucas and Joseph Scott were examined. Hugh Beck and John Frazer, who are employed by the defendant, were also placed on the stand. O'Keefe also gave evidence.

The evidence showed that O'Keefe was in his liquor salon on Union street on the night and at the hour already mentioned, when he was clearing the cash register, and that no liquor was sold after ten o'clock, when the bar was closed to the public. Fraser and Sutherland, the defendant's bartenders, had left the store just before Patrolmen Lucas and Scott called there, and when they went into the bar, Mr. Beck was there with the defendant, who, this morning, seemed to think that Patrolman Lucas was exceeding his duty, but Mr. Mullin did not think so. Mr. O'Keefe had invited the patrolmen in, saying the matter would not end there and telling Patrolman Scott that he might want to use him.

Mr. Henderson thought that the defendant had rather challenged investigation.

Mr. Mullin allowed that a prima facie case had been made by the prosecution as it was shown that there was a light in the bar at the time referred to, but that in view of reasonable explanation by Mr. O'Keefe, the case had been met.

The matter will probably be concluded this afternoon.

CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION

Antigonish is Satisfied With Its Mayor and Council.

ANTIGONISH, N. S., Feb. 4 (Special).—The following are the new mayor and councillors for this town for the current year: A. G. MacDonald, mayor, re-elected by acclamation; Peter MacDonald, Alex. G. Jocelyn and Dr. W. F. McKinnon, retiring councillors, also re-elected by acclamation. J. W. Stewart, Frank MacDonald and D. G. Kirk are the three whose term of office has not yet expired.

Louis Fader, a descendant of the tribe of Abraham, was this afternoon arrested by I. C. R. Policemen Scovil Smith on a charge of soliciting passengers in the Union Depot. Fader is identified with a north end boarding house.

MONTREAL STOCKS

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KEEP ASIATICS OUT OF AFRICA

Movement Started To Boycott Them in Johannesburg.

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 4.—A movement was inaugurated here today at a largely attended meeting to boycott Asiatic traders and all employers of Asiatics. It is an outcome of the recent anti-Asiatic agitation in the Transvaal. A "White League" committee was appointed to further the movement throughout the colony.

FREDERICTON NEWS

The Thermometer Touched 34 Below Zero Last Night.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 4 (Special).—Last night was the coldest experienced here this season. The thermometer at the pumping station registered thirty-four degrees below zero.

At the monthly meeting of the hospital trustees yesterday afternoon T. C. Allen, vice-president, retired after many years of faithful service. He was succeeded as vice-president by Willard Kitchen and Sheriff Stirling was appointed a trustee.

The body of the late Timothy Lynch will arrive from Glassville this evening and the funeral will take place Thursday morning. Mr. Lynch was one of the lumbering kings of New Brunswick and his death has occasioned much regret on all sides.

The authorization of Bishop Richardson at the cathedral on Thursday will be an event of more than usual importance. Nearly all the clergy of the diocese are expected to attend the ceremony. Rev. Dr. Mills, bishop of Ontario, will be the preacher for the occasion.

The meeting of the local government will be held here next week.

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HE HAD NO JURISDICTION

Suit for Assault Committed During Hockey Match Dismissed by Glace Bay Magistrate.

GLACE BAY, Feb. 3 (Special).—The case of Wilkie vs. A. Dubois for an assault during a hockey match, was dismissed yesterday, the magistrate deciding he had no jurisdiction. Information will likely be laid before another magistrate.

CHARGE CONSPIRACY IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

TORONTO, Feb. 4 (Special).—Charging conspiracy in the recent municipal elections at Midland, legal proceedings have been commenced by the crown on behalf of H. S. Ruby, candidate for mayor, to unseat the mayor elect, Edward Leterby and several members of the council on the ground that over one hundred ratepayers who had failed to pay their taxes by Dec. 14, were prevented from voting because of ignorance of the fact that they were eligible by the enactment passed by the council last year. It is said the affair was a trick plot through by local politicians.

THE CITY COUNCIL TODAY WILL HAVE MANY THINGS UP FOR CONSIDERATION

STMR. ON FIRE AND FIFTEEN MEN DROWNED

Stmr. St. Cuthbert Abandoned Off Halifax--Fifteen Sailors Drowned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A wireless dispatch to the Times from the steamer Cymric gives details of the burning of the St. Cuthbert. Soon after the Cymric sighted the burning steamer, the Cambrian also came up, and the two ships lay by for several hours awaiting a chance to safely lower a boat, the terrific wind which was blowing at the time making it impossible for a boat to live. Finally at two o'clock the Cymric got a boat away in command of First Officer Stiver, with a crew of six men. After a hard fight with the waves the boat, which was brilliantly handled, succeeded, aided by the quantities of oil which had been spread on the water, in reaching the side of the burning ship. For ten minutes they lay, before a heavy figure was lowered into the boat, followed by a second; then ten men made their way down a ladder and into the boat; all were badly burned.

The boat returned safely to the Cymric and the rescued men were hoisted aboard. The same crew then made a second and a third trip back to the burning steamer rescuing 37 in all. On the last trip the boat was stove in by a wave and barely reached the Cymric in safety. The officers and the crew of the St. Cuthbert had a terrible story to tell. At midday Saturday the fire was first discovered, smoke being seen emerging from a ventilator. The first officer rushed to the bridge where the captain was to tell him of the fire when almost immediately a terrific explosion occurred blowing off all the hatches in the forward part of the vessel. The captain was thrown to the deck badly injured and blinded by the waves the wheelman was driven away from his post. A boat was immediately lowered but was smashed and its crew of fifteen, including the third officer, were drowned. For 36 hours the crew fought the flames but with small success. The forecastle melted and fell, throwing a stowaway who was hidden in the crew's nest into the flames which had by this time burned through the forward deck.

There were nine stowaways on the ship and all were caught in the forward holds and burned to death without a chance of rescue. After the fall of the mast the fire was partially checked, but the prisoners were fumes of the fuel oil made fighting the fire almost impossible. The ship was loaded with fuel oil, matches, rags, willow ware and other inflammable material.

The crew had put up a gallant fight and were rescued only just in time, as the fire was rapidly gaining headway when the Cymric was finally enabled to put off the rescuing boat. All the rescued members of the crew were cared for on the Cymric, and although many of them are badly burned, it is thought all will recover.

UNION LABOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Organized labor in all sections of the country met one of the most serious defeats in many years under the decision of the United States supreme court declaring section ten of the Erdman act of the unconstitutional.

This section provided that no railroad engaging in interstate commerce should discriminate against either union or non-union men. The court decided that railroads have a right to discriminate against union men and might bar them from employment because of their connections with a union, if they desired to do so.

The Erdman act became effective on June 1, 1898. This is the law which provides for the governmental arbitration of labor disputes on interstate railroads, and the one under which Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neill have succeeded in settling several serious disputes between railroad operators and their employees.

TWELVE BUILDINGS DESTROYED

TWEED, Ont., Feb. 7 (Special).—When the fire in the Ontario Powder Works this morning reached the explosive building the resulting explosion destroyed the twelve buildings and shattered windows for miles around. The report was heard 30 miles away. There were no casualties.

Miss Melbourne G. Price wishes to thank the many friends for their kindness during her recent sad bereavement.

What is Really Proposed in the Way of Civic Reorganization--The Car Works Project and the Assessment Act.

The adjourned meeting of the common council this afternoon is likely to be a very busy and interesting one. In addition to the further consideration of Ald. Frink's resolution for a plebiscite on government by a commission there will be the report of the reorganization committee, over which so much time has been spent and which it is expected will be thrown out, owing to objections to various sections by different aldermen. The report in full reads as follows:—

"Your committee to whom it was referred by this council on the 3rd day of July last to consider what reorganization, if any, of the civic departments and officials is necessary, beg to report that they have had numerous sittings and after careful consideration and discussion, they would recommend:—

"(1) That there be appointed one engineer for the city of St. John who shall be called the city engineer and that he have full charge of all the engineering work including water, sewerage, lights, public works and utilities.

"(2) That the director of the departments of public works, public safety and water and sewerage be not re-appointed.

"(3) That the office of superintendent of streets be abolished.

"(4) That the office of superintendent of ferries be abolished.

"(5) That with the exception of the chairman the present board of assessors of taxes be abolished.

"(6) That in future the street, water and sewerage services be superintended by the same foreman and as far as possible the services performed by the same men.

"(7) That the office of harbor master and superintendent of ferries be amalgamated.

"(8) That there be four district foremen one each for the south, north, east and west districts, each of such foremen to take charge of the streets, water and sewerage in his district.

"(9) That the public lands and public buildings be administered through the chamberlain's office.

"(10) That the board of assessors of taxes be composed of five members including the chamberlain and four others to be appointed by the council.

"(11) That William Murdoch, C. E., be appointed city engineer."

The joint committee from the treasury board and the board of public safety to whom was referred the communication of R. D. Leases, under date the 3rd day of September last, asking the city what concessions it is willing to hold open to induce a company to start the manufacture of railway cars in the city, will submit the following report:—

"That they had Mr. Leases' offer before them, who stated that the company which he was promoting intended applying for a charter this month with a capital of from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, of which \$400,000 was then subscribed, also that the company was ready to erect a car building plant in this city with a capacity for turning out four cars a day, and that it would increase its capacity from time to time until it could turn out ten cars a day.

"Mr. Leases also stated that the company would guarantee to start car building with not less than 400 men, and when it turned out ten cars a day it would employ from 1,000 to 2,000 men; also, that the company will spend in wages annually at least \$250,000.00.

The company asks the city:—

"(1)—To furnish a free site of 16 1-2 acres.

"(2)—To guarantee the company's bonds to the extent of \$200,000, the company giving the city as security a first mortgage on the plant and assets of the company.

"(3)—Exemption from taxes and water rates for ten years.

"Your committee now submit the above proposition for the consideration of the council.

"The rate of the much talked of new assessment act is dealt with in the following report from the general committee:—

"Your committee to whom was referred on the 11th day of November last the section from the report of the treasury board proposing certain amendments to the Saint John City Assessment Law 1880, together with the report of the commissioners and the new bill prepared by them, beg to report that they have carefully considered the bill as submitted by the commissioners and they recommend that the further consideration of the same lay over until the month of May next, and in the meanwhile they are considering the present assessment law with a view of getting certain necessary changes made thereto and which they hope to submit for the consideration of this council at an early date."

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IS THERE A FIRE BUG AT WORK IN CAPE BRETON

The Dominion Coal Company's Store at Dominion Burned To the Ground---Loss is \$30,000--- Second Incendiary Fire in Company's Premises in Twelve Days.

GLACE BAY, Feb. 4 (Special).—The Dominion Coal Co.'s store at Dominion was burned to the ground at early hour this morning and the stock entirely consumed. The loss on the stock is \$25,000 and on the building \$5,000. It was the work of an incendiary. Fire was discovered at 5 o'clock with separate fires in the basement. The first and second colliery brigade turned out and the Glace Bay fire department went up with apparatus but were unable to do anything to save the building.

The Dominion hotel was threatened but was saved with difficulty.

Out of the Dominion Coal Co.'s stores only five remain, number 6 and East Slope and Reserve were closed during the past

two years. Bridgeport was closed January 21st, the Glace Bay store was burned down on January 29th.

It is now believed that the latter fire was of incendiary origin as no other explanation has been found.

The Dominion store closed at six o'clock last night and everything was all right this morning.

Three mysterious boiler explosions at No. 2 are among the other unsolved mysteries. The store losses by fire during the past twelve days are \$45,000 and the insurance about three quarters of the value in each case, is \$7,500. No steps have been taken yet about rebuilding the Glace Bay store.

THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL TODAY

King Manuel is Improving-- Changes in the Cabinet

LISBON, Feb. 4.—The condition of King Manuel, who was shot in the arm and face at the time his father and brother were killed, last Saturday, is improving. The official organ in its issue of today declares that the funerals of the late King and Crown Prince will be held on February 8 at 10 o'clock in the morning, with all the solemnity possible at the Royal pantheon of St. Vincent de Lisbon.

The Marquis de Soveral, the Portuguese minister to Great Britain, has left here for London. Material changes in the new cabinet have been made. Only three members of the first ministry, as announced yesterday, are retained in the cabinet gazetted today. They are Rear Admiral Francisco Joaquim Ferreira do Amaral, Jose Mathias Nunes and Dr. Wenceslao des Perria de Lima. Rear Admiral Ferreira do Amaral becomes minister of the interior and retains the post of premier; Dr. Lima is still minister of foreign affairs.

Manuel Antonio Moreira Jr., is minister of finance; Arthur Alberto de Compas Henriquez is minister of justice and worship; Jose Mathias Nunes retains the portfolio of minister of war, Vice Admiral Angus de Castilho is minister of marine and colonies, and the Count of Berleandos is minister of public works, industry and commerce.

RUSSIA VOTES FUND FOR FAMINE RELIEF

Bill Appropriating \$3,563,000 for This Purpose Has Been Submitted to the Cabinet.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—A bill appropriating \$3,563,000 for famine relief in addition to the sum already voted by the duma for this purpose, has been submitted to the cabinet and soon will be introduced in the duma. The estimates of the amounts needed for the relief during the coming year are increasing steadily on account of the unfavorable news regarding the condition of the winter crops which are reported to be almost a total loss. The economical administration of relief funds by the government is most difficult as under the present system the granting of relief and assistance to the neediest of the population entails the distribution of grain to vast numbers of the people in widely separated districts.

Dr. Emmerson McDonald

Word was received by Rev. A. B. McDonald of McDonald's Corner, N. B. yesterday of the death at Chicago from an attack of pneumonia of his son, Dr. Emmerson McDonald.

Dr. McDonald went to Chicago about 15 years ago to attend the Chicago Dental School and after graduating took up practice there. He was 40 years of age and leaves a widow.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE ROBINSON ERA.

Mr. Peter Binks says he wishes he was a younger man. He sees a great future for New Brunswick and would like to be young again to grow up with the country. "Ah!" said Mr. Binks this morning, to the Times new reporter. "If Premier Robinson had been with us when I was a boy, just think what commissions would have done for us since then. We have only had a taste as yet of the joys that are in store. Everybody will be on a commission as soon as the legislature meets and the opposition begin to make charges. Premier Robinson will begin to appoint commissions. In process of time all the people except the opposition members will have been appointed on one commission or another, and then Mr. Hazen and his friends will have to be put on the job, too. Then there will be no opposition and we will all be commissioners, drawing our pay. It will be better than a pension system. It will be a political revolution."

A BOMB THROWER.

MONCTON, Feb. 4 (Special).—The state-

ment in the Sun this morning that "Premier Robinson threw a bomb into the ranks of the opposition" is quite true. The premier has established a number of bomb factories, as the beginning of the Industrial Era in New Brunswick. He has his pocket full of samples all the time and his further supplies stored away in the offices of all his newspapers. These are exploded at intervals, with terrific effect.

BOUND TO GET HIM.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 4 (Special).—Provincial Secretary Allen heard yesterday that a man in Pokok was making a noise like a candidate. The hunting party which searched so long for an attorney general was at once sent out to capture the specimen. The surveyor-general has issued a special license to the party, as this is the close season for government candidates in York.

Mr. Binks hopes to live long enough to serve on a few commissions himself, and help to inaugurate the Robinson Era, which is the greatest era in history to this date. It will also be known to posterity as the Commission Era.

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