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THE WEATHER.
Northeast gales with snow, Saturday,
winds becoming westerly, clearing by evening.

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ONE CENT

RUSSIAN NAVAL BILL CAUSES DISCUSSION

Czar and Duma in Direct Opposition

Nicholas Wants to Spend
\$500,000,000 in Naval Construction But Duma Opposes

It--Grand Duke Says Navy
is Hotbed of Mutiny.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 24.—The conflict between the emperor and the duma over the naval plan which entails an expenditure of \$500,000,000 is steadily developing in a direction unfavorable to the realization of the emperor's ambitions.

The scheme which Mr. Kokovtsov, the minister privately declared spelled ruin to Russia, has not met with opposition in unexpected quarters. At a meeting held last week of the council of imperial defence under the presidency of Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievitch, representatives of the army opened a regular campaign against the programme. The grand duke himself declared that in his opinion the navy was in an anarchical state and a hotbed of mutinies unworthy to be trusted with such enormous sums for new construction.

The cabinet which unanimously opposed the naval programme has privately passed the hint among the conservatives in the duma, encouraging the fullest discussion against the programme in order to influence the emperor, whose mind hitherto has appeared to be set on its fulfilment.

A brother of Premier Stolypin in an article in the Novoye Vremya, lately signed the lethargy of the admiralty and declares that \$400,000,000 now included in the yearly budget of the navy is thrown to waste. It would be much better, he says, to abolish the fleet altogether, devoting this sum to schools and other uses. He accused the admiralty of putting forward a programme involving great expenditure without possessing the vaguest idea of up-to-date naval design and construction technique.

The emperor is preparing a discourse in favor of the programme which will be delivered before an audience of Octoberists early in February. Count Avaroff, one of the Octoberist leaders in an interview says that his party has been given to understand that the duma will be dissolved if the programme be rejected, nevertheless, he believes that a majority of all Octoberists are determined to vote against the government.

BARNES LEAVES THIS AFTERNOON

Hon. James Barnes Will Leave
Provincial Cabinet After This
Afternoon's Meeting.

Premier Robinson stated today that Hon. James Barnes, the recent acquisition to the provincial cabinet, would sever his connection with the executive after this afternoon's meeting. Asked regarding a successor, he said, he was not in a position to say whether an appointment would be made or not. It was not necessary to have any stated number in the cabinet.

THE PROPOSED CAR WORKS

R. D. Isaacs returned to the city today from a trip to the west. He went as far as Winnipeg and Fort William. On Tuesday next he is to meet the joint committee of the treasury board and safety board with reference to his proposition to establish a car building plant here.

If the city will grant reasonable concessions Mr. Isaacs says the industry will assuredly be started.

PORTLAND CITY HALL IS BURNED; LOSS \$100,000,000

Fire Broke Out While
Pythian Jubilee Was in
Progress Today.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24.—Portland's city hall containing the municipal and county offices and departments, and the police building, in which were the supreme judicial and municipal courts were completely ruined by a fire early today. Valuable records dating back over a century were destroyed. The monetary loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24.—A fire which caused a property damage of \$1,000,000 early today, destroyed the city hall and police buildings and endangered the lives of more than 700 persons. Although known as City Hall, the building was divided between city and county offices, while the police building sheltered the supreme, judicial and municipal courts, in addition to the police department.

The fire was the worst in the state since the great conflagration in Portland in 1869, when the city's business and residential sections were almost completely wiped out. Death was absent from the fire, a fact considered very remarkable, as there were more than 700 members of the western Maine knights of Pythias gathered in the auditorium of the city hall, when the flames were discovered.

Only a few persons were hurt. Chief Engineer Melville Eldridge, the only one known to be seriously injured, was able to direct the fight against the flames throughout, being supported by two assistants.

S. S. CORSICAN MAY BE LATE

Due to Sail This Afternoon She
May Be Delayed Until Tomorrow.

The Allan line steamer Corsican is due to sail for Liverpool via Halifax, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, but may not get away until tomorrow morning. A special train bringing a large number of passengers from Montreal is expected to reach St. John about 4.30.

The Corsican will take away over eleven hundred passengers in all. There will be about 40 saloon, 110 second cabin and 965 steerage.

CANADIANS IN BANK MERGER

Canadian Interests Promoting
Amalgamation of Two Big
Mexican Banks.

MEXICO, Jan. 24.—(Special)—It is reported that Canadian interests which are closely identified with the Bank of Montreal are promoting the merging of the National Bank of Mexico and the Bank of London and Mexico. It is stated that plans for this merger have almost reached the point of consummation and that the new institution will be one of the strongest financial concerns on the continent. Canadian interests will hold a large block of stock. These same interests have invested more than \$15,000,000 gold in electric power enterprises in Mexico and have other big industrial projects under consideration.

MONCTON NEWS

Accident in I. C. R. Shop—Hockey Player Taken to Hospital With Injured Eye.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 24.—(Special)—George Wetmore was quite badly injured in the I. C. R. shops this morning. A heavy piece of iron fell on his head, knocking him unconscious, and inflicting a bad wound.

Cushing, right wing on the Victoria hockey team, was taken to the hospital after last night's game, his left eye being injured. He was struck in the eye by the puck during the Maryville game, when a severe cut and bruise were inflicted, and last night early after the game started, he received a blow from a puck in exactly the same place. He showed great pluck in continuing to play with the sight of only one eye.

SENATOR ELLIS CHAIRMAN OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—(Special)—At the joint committee of the senate and the house of commons on printing, Senator Ellis was appointed chairman. Mr. Parmelee, M. P., will represent the committee in the commons.

FUNERALS

The body of Mrs. Barry Baisley was conveyed this morning to Young's Cove for interment in the family lot. Services were conducted last evening at her late home by Rev. R. A. Armstrong who accompanied the body to Young's Cove.

The body of M. G. Price was taken to Garnett's Settlement this afternoon for interment. Service was conducted at his late home, Clarence street, this morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. S. Howard and A. B. Colver, Rev. Mr. Howard accompanied the body.

The financial loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, but this sum will not cover the loss of the papers and documents in the registers of deeds.

Other city departments were swept clear of everything by the flames, with the exception of the city clerk's and city treasurer's offices. The money and securities in the latter are believed to be intact, although it was almost impossible to ascertain definitely until the vaults have cooled sufficiently for examination to be made. One of the most valuable libraries in the state, the Greenleaf Law Collection, was completely destroyed with a loss estimated at \$100,000. The blaze originated in the city electrician's office and was caused by crossed wires.

When the flames were discovered William A. Turner, chairman of the meeting of the Pythian body was met in the hall-way by three men who acquainted him with the condition of affairs. Coolly he entered the auditorium and ascended the stage, interrupting the rites of investiture which were going on at the time. He calmly told the assembled members of the existing conditions, saying there was no need for hurry, and himself supervising a system of order departure which proved effective in averting a panic and in bringing out more than 700 persons without an injury. Chief Engineer Eldridge was injured by the breaking away of a Siamese coupling of hose, which hit him in the stomach.

When the flames communicated to the police building where the city jail is located, the prisoners were liberated. The building which was a five story brick structure, was burned.

The city hall survived the great fire of 1869, although it was badly damaged at that time. It was first opened in 1859. The building had a frontage of 150 feet, and was 250 feet long. The property destroyed was insured for \$940,000.

LYTTLETON AND JEROME HAD LIVELY ENCOUNTER DURING THE THAW TRIAL THIS MORNING; JEROME WAS WORSTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Today's session of the Thaw trial was abandoned at the request of the defence and an adjournment of court was taken until Monday morning. A heavy snowstorm tied up shipping in the bay and prevented the docking of the steamer Adriatic, on which three physicians and a trained nurse are coming from Europe to testify as to irrational outbreaks of Harry Thaw at Monte Carlo, Paris, and London. Another witness, Dr. Bingham, of Pittsburgh, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, will not be in the city until tomorrow.

Mr. Lytleton, in his request, stated that he believed the delay would really result in expediting the case, as he would employ the intervening time in preparing the hypothetical question for the experts and submitting a draft of it to District Attorney Jerome for any suggestions or objections he may have to offer.

There was a lively tilt between counsel just before the adjournment was announced. District Attorney Jerome said he would not oppose the motion for adjournment.

ment, provided Mr. Lytleton would furnish him the names of the witnesses who are arriving on the Adriatic. He declared he would like to find if they had written any books or other medical works. "I do assure you they have not," said Mr. Lytleton.

"I would like their names, anyway," said Mr. Jerome, "so I can be prepared for their cross-examination."

Justice Dowling said the request of the prosecutor was a reasonable one.

"Youstemon," replied Mr. Lytleton, "I would like to comply but my experience has been that whenever the district attorney knew of the arrival of any witnesses for the defense he has had people meet them with subpoenas and has hauled them off to his office or somewhere, and subjected them to a long examination. I do not intend that he shall do so in the future. I do not intend that he shall know my case before it is presented here in court."

"What I want is to find out whether these people you are bringing here are shysters, charlatans, or men of character and standing," shouted Mr. Jerome.

"I will give you their names after they have landed and their addresses as well," Mr. Lytleton offered.

"That won't do. Give me a chance to cable," snapped the district attorney.

"That shows the district attorney wants to meet them at the dock," exclaimed Mr. Lytleton. "Is he willing to give me the names of the witnesses he will call in rebuttal?"

"The district attorney is not required to do that," interposed Justice Dowling. Then I don't think I ought to be forced to tell him the names of my witnesses."

"Oh, very well then," put in Mr. Jerome slamming a book down on the counsel table, "if you don't want to do it all right."

"I approved of what I thought a reasonable end to the controversy," and now I will grant the adjournment as requested," Mr. Lytleton said the defense undoubtedly would conclude its case on Monday and District Attorney Jerome announced that the people were ready to proceed in rebuttal at any time.

HOW A FREDERICTON MAN PAID HIS BET ON THE HOCKEY MATCH

Wheeled the Successful Better Home in a Wheelbarrow—Farmers and Dairymen's Association Met This Morning.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 24 (Special)—The annual meeting of the N. B. Fruit Growers' Association opened in Church Hall here this morning with an attendance of about fifty.

President John C. Gillman, of Kingsclear, occupied the chair and delivered a vigorous address in which he reviewed conditions of the past season and referred to the advancement being made by the province in fruit growing.

He was followed by William McIntosh, of St. John, who gave a very interesting talk on insect pests in the orchard and on the farm. He exhibited a number of mounted specimens of insects, including the brown-tail moth, the codling moth, the tent caterpillar, etc., and showed illustrations of the same. He gave a lot of information in regard to the habits of these insects and advised the use of Bordeaux mixture as a means of destroying them. The display of fruit is a large and excellent one.

The defeat of the Capital hockey team at Moncton last night surprised many of the young men of the city, and considerable money changed hands on the result. The Capital team will be strengthened and the managers are confident that there will be a different story to tell after the game with Moncton here next week.

A young man named Harold Walker agreed yesterday if Fredericton lost to the Victorias to take Willis Ketch, a barber, from his shop to his home on a wheelbarrow and paid his debt at noon today.

The announcement of the dissolution of the legislature has created quite a stir in local political circles and both parties will soon settle down to organization work. The campaign in this county promises to be the warmest in a number of years. It is understood arrangements have been made to hold the government convention early in February. The opposition ticket has been in the field since September.

EASTERN STATES ARE FEELING GRIP OF WINTER IN EARNEST

New York Has a Miniature Blizzard and Heavy
Snow Storms—Railway and Street Car Traffic
Tied Up.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The snow storm which swept over the city late yesterday developed into a little blizzard during the night. Today the city streets were piled deep in places with drifts and street car traffic and the movement of ferry boats and other harbor and river craft was badly hampered. In the suburban districts where the wind had freer play, huge drifts were piled at many points, and street cars, and even the trains on the roads were delayed. Up to 9 a. m. more than nine inches of snow had fallen and there appeared to be no immediate prospect of a cessation. The forenoon report of the local weather bureau showed the mercury to be standing at 23 degrees above zero.

Marine observers report the storm to be particularly severe off the coast. At Sandy Hook this forenoon a northeast gale was blowing and the heavy swirling snow restricted observation and made navigation extremely hazardous. The big steamer Graf Waldersee, which reached the Hook last night, was still at anchor in the harbor fearing to risk the attempt to enter the harbor under the prevailing weather conditions. During the early forenoon she was joined by the Adriatic from Southampton, and the President Lincoln from Hamburg, both with a large number of passengers on board. Many other passenger steamers due today probably also will be delayed by the storm.

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Be Sure to get the first Chapter of The
Times' New Serial "In The Cause of Freedom".
It Starts Tomorrow

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM MAKES A COMPARISON.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says that the only thing he can compare the weather of this winter with is the state of his feelings when he was courting the present Mrs. Hornbeam. A weather chart for December and January, and a chart indicative of his hot and cold waves during a like period when he was suffering the pangs of what "an old snigger" in the Settlement called calf-love, would, Hiram thinks, be as like as two peas in a pod.

"I kin laugh about it now," said Hiram to the Times new reporter, "but it wasn't any joke then."

Hiram explained how the fluctuations in his mental temperature varied according to the mood of the maid, and the degree of warmth with which the old man asked him to stay to supper on Sunday evening. It was also very frequently affected by the presence of Sol. Jenkins from the next Settlement, who had a glib tongue and great staying qualities.

"This winter," said Hiram, "jist puts me in mind of it. One day it's cold—then it's warm—then it's wet—then it's dry—then it's all of 'em put together. I told the old lady about it the other night, and she said I was an old fool. I told 'er I started young, and I guess that made 'er mad, fer the pancakes was mighty heavy that night. Well—good day."

HIS BUSY TIME.

Mr. Cornfield O'Hoo, who has not been very much in evidence of late was about town this morning shaking hands with all his acquaintances. When there is a prospect of an election campaign Mr. O'Hoo is right there with the goods. He will play an important part in the campaign for the government, and those who do not make it a point to get in touch with Mr. O'Hoo will miss one of the opportunities of a lifetime. Of course Mr. O'Hoo is down on bribery and corruption. He looks it.

AMERICAN DAM BUILDER ON STAND THIS MORNING

INSANITY IS THE DEFENCE

Charlottetown Barrister He
Charged With Forgery is
Said to Be of Unsound Mind

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 24.—(Special)—This morning the case of Edwin O. Brown, barrister, was given to the jury on preliminary issue raised by the defence that the prisoner was insane and therefore unfit to stand his trial.

H. J. Palmer, K. C., in addressing the jury for the crown said he believed the prisoner was feigning insanity, as the evidence against him of committing a series of forgeries, any of which would send him to the penitentiary, was too plain to admit of any other plea. The chief justice, in charging the jury, directed their attention to the evidence of the only two doctors who might properly be termed experts, Goodwill of P. E. Island provincial insane hospital, and Hattie, superintendent of the N. S. insane hospital. Goodwill was positive of Brown's insanity; Hattie was not prepared to inform the jury whether he was sane or insane.

P. F. Kelly Examined in Mooney Case

Superintendent for
Construction of the Dam
and Method of Caring for
Water.

The case of Mooney vs. The City of St. John was continued in the circuit court before Judge Landry. Recorder Skinner was again prominent by interruptions of the questions of the opposing counsel. There were frequent tiffs between counsel that made the trial interesting for the spectators.

Mr. Mooney's testimony was discontinued until the hearing is taken up again in February, and Patrick F. Kelly, who was employed by the Mooneys was heard this morning, in order that he might be enabled to proceed to Boston. To Mr. Test witness stated that he acted as Mr. Mooney's superintendent. He described his duties and duplicated the testimony of the previous witnesses in regard to the location of the proposed and present works. Nothing new was revealed by his initial testimony.

Witness had been a contractor from the age of sixteen. He had had charge of several large dams in New England. He built the Metropolitan Waterworks dam which was 2000 feet long—in masonry and concrete. He met the firm of Snow & Barbour in Boston. They had intended to bid for the St. John water extension, but the Mooneys, who got in ahead of them, asked where they could get a good superintendent and Snow & Barbour recommended Mr. Kelly.

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SCOTT ACT CASES HEARD AT SUSSEX

Four Were Dealt With This
Morning by Magistrate Hornbrook.

SUSSEX, N. B., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Four Scott Act cases were dealt with this morning by Magistrate Hornbrook. The information against Mrs. Bardon was dismissed. One case against Thomas Brown was also dismissed. In the other case against Brown, in which the Pilsner beer figures, the judge found him guilty, but the charge was reduced to a first offence. Judge Hornbrook ordered that the Pilsner beer which was seized, be returned to the wholesale dealers in St. John, and the hop beer returned to Brown. His honor fined him \$50 and allowed the fine to stand against him. Another case against Hugh J. McCormick was also heard. His honor put McCormick upon his defence, and the court was adjourned until next Friday. A number of other cases will be heard this afternoon.

A. A. Wilson appeared for the prosecution, W. B. Jonah for the defendants.

FIRE AT GLACE BAY

Dominion Coal Co's Store
Burned and Much Damage
Done.

GLACE BAY, N. S., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Not till 2.15 this morning did the firemen leave the scene of the conflagration at the Dominion Coal company's store. Some time after the fire was supposed to be out, it started again in the second story. The loss is about \$20,000 on the goods, and \$3,000 on the building. The warehouse stored with goods at the rear was saved with difficulty. About \$15,000 worth of goods were stored in the warehouse. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire was the most destructive that ever occurred in Glace Bay excepting the fire in the Caledonia and Hub Collinsies. The cause is still mysterious. The company have not decided on future plans, but Superintendent of Stores H. J. McCann says that likely an endeavor will be made to secure quarters and open up for business at once. The burned building will be repaired. The store employed a staff of twelve, and did a large business.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE

Mt. Allison Selects Its Team for
"Talk Fest" With Kings College

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Ivan C. Rand, A. R. Reynolds and J. Astbury have been selected to represent Mt. Allison University in the coming debate with Kings College. Rand is a New Brunswick being a son of N. L. Rand, master mechanic of the I. C. R., while Reynolds and Astbury are Nova Scotians. Rand was a member of last year's team. The subject for the debate, which is to be held here, is the accession of the Maritime Provinces from the Dominion. Mt. Allison will oppose the secession.

TONIGHT'S HOCKEY MATCH

How the Marathons and Capitals
Will Line Up in This Evening's
Game.

The game tonight between the Fredericton Capitals and Marathons at the Glacier Rink will be of more interest than any contest here for some time.

The line-up is as follows:

Fredericton	Goal	Marathons
Morrison	Point	F. L. Simpson
Musie	Cover	Brown
McDonald (Capt)	Centre	Woodworth (Capt)
Stuart	Black	Rover
Dunphy	Left Wing	Clawson
Murphy	Right Wing	F. Simpson
Ranson	Paterson	

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS

From Present Indications There
Will Be No Dearth of Candidates This Year.

The civic elections in April are likely to prove very interesting as already the names of candidates for aldermanic honors are being spoken of.

In Queens ward, from which Alderman Bullock is retiring to seek the magistracy's office, Dr. George A. Hehering announces that he will be in the field and Capt. E. C. Elkin and George F. Calkin, are also being urged to enter the lists.

It is not known yet whether there will be any opposition to Ald. Bullock for mayor, or not. Shadrach Moore Sears receives the consideration he expects from the dominion government it may be his office next year will be opposite the city building. Ald. McGoldrick will again contest Stanley ward and Alexander Rowan it is reported will be after Ald. Spragg in Lansdowne.

In nearly all the wards it is believed there will be a contest and there will likely also be several new aspirants for alderman-at-large.

Dennis McCarthy, of 60 Sheffield street has been reported for stealing coal from the I. C. R. cars on the Ballast wharf yesterday.

THREE FIREMEN KILLED AND SIXTEEN INJURED

As the Result of \$400,000
Fire in Baltimore
Early This Morning.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.—Fire early today took heavy tolls of the members of the fire department of this city three being dead, and sixteen others more or less seriously injured, including George Houston, chief of the fire department, who is in a serious condition. He has a badly lacerated scalp and internal injuries. The financial damage is estimated at \$400,000.

The blaze, which is the worst that has occurred in this city since the calamity of 1904, started on the third floor of the building on the southeast corner of Holiday and Saratoga streets, occupied by the J. Regeister Sons' Company, plumbers' supplies. Other occupants of the buildings were the Baltimore Bell and Brass Company and the Wm. L. Hollingsworth Company, machinists. Upon these three the heaviest losses fell. The fire had apparently been burning some time before it was discovered.

A strong wind from the northwest and a very low temperature made the work of fighting the fire more than ordinarily difficult. In an incredibly short time after the blaze broke out on the Saratoga street side of the Regeister building, and without warning a large section of the north wall of the building fell. It was this that scattered death and injuries among the firemen, who were working close to the building. The rain of bricks also put out of commission an extension ladder truck, upon which some of the men had been working.

For a time it seemed that the fire would sweep diagonally through the block to Gay street and a number of people living on that thoroughfare moved their effects. Changes in the wind, however, enabled the firemen to confine the damage, in addition to that already mentioned, to the plants of the E. B. Read & Sons Co., printers, and the Flynn & Emrich Co., machinists, located in a five story building on Saratoga street in the rear of the Regeister building in which the fire originated, the old city hall building and the school building.

While responding to the alarm, a hose carriage and fire engine collided and five of the men on the engine were injured, one of them seriously.