



# The Evening Times



THE WEATHER.  
Moderate to fresh north-west to north winds, fair today and on Thursday, not much change in temperature.

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## MANY ARE KILLED BY TIDAL BORE IN CHINA

### Reports of Awful Disaster Brought to Victoria, B. C.

### A Wall of Water 26 Feet High Swept Down the Yang Tse Kiang River, Overwhelming Hundreds of Boats.

Victoria, B. C., May 13.—(Special.)—News of one of the greatest disasters that China has known which involved the loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Han Kow and which was caused by a sudden tidal bore in the Yang Tse Kiang river, was brought by steamer Titan which arrived last night. A bore 26 feet in height flooded without warning down river overwhelming thousands of junks, sampans and small boats and wrecking some large river steamers.

## NORTH SYDNEY HAS A SUICIDE

### Unfortunate Man Arrested for Drunkenness Hangs Himself in His Cell.

North Sydney, May 13.—(Special.)—North Sydney was shocked by a suicide yesterday afternoon. The victim was an unfortunate sailor named Angus Kerr, who was arrested by Officer McGrath, Monday evening, on a charge of drunkenness and was yesterday morning brought before Stipendiary Archibald and remanded to jail, on failure to pay the fine imposed. The prisoner was visited in his cell at twenty minutes to 2 yesterday afternoon and appeared as usual but on the return of the officer twenty minutes later was found hanging from the top step leading up to the court room.

Officer McGrath, assisted by Joseph McIntyre, cut him down and summoned Dr. R. C. McLeod, who pronounced life extinct and notified Coroner Smith. Evidence submitted at inquest went to prove that Kerr was temporarily insane but from the story told by him to several of the witnesses, it would appear that he was in fear of arrest on a charge of murder.

## SCHOOL OBSERVANCES

### Friday Will Be Arbor Day— Empire Day to be Observed on May 22.

Friday next will be observed in all the city schools as Arbor Day, and there will be but one session. There will be no special observance of the day, except that for an hour or so in the morning the classes will be instructed in botanical subjects and on the care and preservation of trees.

## AL KAUFMAN BEATS GRIM

Oakland, Cal., May 13.—Al Kaufman, the Californian heavyweight, was last night awarded the decision at the end of the sixth round over Joe Grim, of Philadelphia, known as the iron man of the prize ring. It was a tame and rather uninteresting bout throughout. Kaufman landed whenever and wherever he pleased, and the contest resolved itself into a question of whether Grim would stay in the scheduled rounds. On the other hand Grim scarcely landed a blow.

## NEW TROTTING RECORD.

Boston, May 13.—In the Metropolitan Driving Club matinee races on the Charles River Speedway yesterday, Chase, a bay gelding owned by C. H. Belleudade, made a new world's record for trotters for a half mile on a speedway. The first heat was trotted in one minute flat, lowering the previous record held by Mack Mack of 1.00; and the third heat, also won by Chase was trotted in 1.00. The second heat was won by Phoebe W. in 1.00.

## MR. McKEOWN FOR OPPOSITION LEADER?

### It is Said That Hon. C. W. Robinson Has Already Tired of His Job.

Fredericton, N. B., May 13 (Special).—Members of the opposition party had a caucus at their committee room at the legislative buildings, last evening.

All the members of the party, ten in number were in attendance. William Currie, M. P., of Restigouche presided and the session lasted from after the arrival of the train from St. John, until well on towards 11 o'clock. As is usual with caucuses those who attended were reticent about giving out any information concerning what transpired but it is learned on authority which cannot be doubted very well that there is discord even in the small contingent sitting on the left side of the speaker.

It is stated that Hon. C. W. Robinson is not in love with his job of leading an opposition and especially an opposition which has but little fighting power, which is devoid of any unusual ability and which, under the most favorable circumstances, can put up only a half-hearted fight.

## NEW PLAY A BORE VERDICT OF CRITICS

### George Bernard Shaw's Latest Effort Fails to Arouse Much Enthusiasm in London.

London, May 13.—When, some days ago, Bernard Shaw predicted that the critics would be irritated and bored by his new play, he proved himself a true prophet. "Getting Married," which was produced at the Haymarket theatre last night, and which was finely staged and acted, is pronounced prolix and wearisome by the majority of the critics, who declare that the author has "outstayed himself," producing not a play but a Socratic dissertation whose over-long message appears to be an eloquent appeal to man to realize that woman has a soul as well as a body. The play lasted about three hours. It is not divided into acts, but the curtain was dropped twice in order to give the audience an opportunity to rest. The first two hours, in which the subject of marriage is described from every conceivable standpoint, with all Shaw's characteristic brilliancy of dialogue, were vastly amusing and entertaining. After that, although the audience was composed of devoted admirers of the author, interest greatly flagged.

## JAPAN'S FINANCES IN DOLEFUL STATE

### General Business is at Low Water Mark and Government Bonds at 80.

Tokio, May 12.—Nothing could more strikingly illustrate the depression which is now prevailing in business circles than a comparison between the transaction on the Tokio Stock Exchange on the March setting days in 1907 and 1908. The amount of transactions at the Tokio clearing house on March 30, 1907, was 56,893,320 yen, against 15,009,201 yen for the corresponding date this year, a diminution of no less than 41,884,119 yen.

The Government has seriously unsettled the market for the present by its offer to reissue the war bonds at a rate that figures at 8.86 per cent. It is probable that fully 60 per cent. of the bonds will be re-issued. The conditions are ascribed to the adoption of Government measures without consulting the capitalists.

## COULDN'T AGREE ON CHAIRMAN.

Winnipeg, Man., May 13. (Special).—The representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway on the board of conciliation asked for by the mechanical unions conferred with Mr. James Somerville, representative of the men yesterday regarding the appointment of a chairman, but they failed to agree and at once wired the minister of labor asking him to nominate a man. Professor Sicut of Queens University is spoken of as the man for the delicate position.

## NEW BRUNSWICK WOMEN MEET THE GOVERNMENT AND ASK POWER TO VOTE

### Delegation Composed of Mrs. Fiske, Mrs. Colby Smith, Miss Mabel Peters, Miss Hatheway and Recorder Skinner, Interviewed the Government This Morning and Asked That the Franchise in Provincial Elections be Extended to Women.

Fredericton, N. B., May 13 (Special).—A delegation composed of Mrs. Emma S. Fiske, Mrs. Colby Smith, Miss Mabel Peters and Miss Hatheway, of St. John accompanied by Recorder Skinner appeared before the government this morning in support of a bill they wished introduced to amend the New Brunswick elections act. The object of the amendments is to give the women of New Brunswick the same right of franchise in provincial elections as they now have in civic and municipal.

Mrs. Fiske told of the various countries in which women had the right to vote and also of the social conditions in New Zealand and in the state of Wyoming, especially where women had been voting for some time there were no practically no almshouses and no inmates in the jails.

In Finland the women had taken an equal part in the struggle for freedom with the men and when measures of self government were granted to that country the men gratefully acknowledged their services by giving them an equal franchise. There, women are under no restrictions whatever in regard to employment and get the same rate of pay as men. The women of this province she claimed would like to have the same rights as the Finnish women.

This was a vital matter to most women who were keenly interested in public affairs and they prayed and requested the government to extend as much of the franchise as possible and to those women now holding the municipal franchise the same right to vote in provincial affairs.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST BRAVED DISAPPROVAL

### He Delivered His Lecture Despite Much Noisy Opposition—Mrs. Eddy's Estate.

Belfast, May 12.—Edward Kimball, of Boston, a Christian Scientist, lectured here last night. A howling mob was present, largely composed of Queens College students, who rushed the doors. By the use of drums, tin pans and toy trumpets, they did their utmost to prevent the lecture. On being expelled from the building they indulged in the throwing of stones. Windows were smashed and the platform was littered with missiles. Eventually quiet was restored and the lecture delivered.

## LAMPHERE REPUDIATES CONFESSION.

Laporte, Ind., May 13.—Mrs. Guinness' hired man, Ray Lamphere, vigorously denied today that he had made any confession or promised any to the Rev. T. A. Schell, or anyone else. Lamphere is under arrest here charged with complicity in the wholesale murders at the Guinness farm.

## McQUADE CASE WITHDRAWN.

The McQuade liquor case was withdrawn in the police court this afternoon. Geo. A. Henderson, prosecutor, intimated that action might be brought against a third party whom he declined to name.

## AN ADVANTAGE FOR SURE.

"So Jack's married a divorcee. Well, that's better than marrying a widow." "How do you make that out?" "Well, a divorcee isn't likely to throw up to one the virtues of her former husband."

## RISING GENERATION.

Master—"You want large wages for a boy who's had no experience." Boy—"Well, ain't it harder for me when I don't know how?"—London Opinion.

## IMPORTANCE NEWS.

Monte Carlo, May 13.—(Special).—Mme. Anna Gould and Prince Heli de Sagan arrived here today from Rome. The Prince is gradually undergoing conversion in order that he may become a good Protestant and marry Anna. It is feared, however, that before he has become fully converted, Count Boni de Castellane, Anna's first love, may encounter him at the gaming table here and call him names. If the Prince were still in an un-

of Canada, from 15 to 54 years of age, also needed the franchise for their protection. History, she said, showed the franchise had elevated every class to which it was extended.

Replying to Hon. Mr. Maxwell as to the ratio of women voting in St. John compared with those who had the right to vote, Mrs. Fiske said that Mr. Wardrobe had informed her there were 750 women qualified to vote in the city, and 200 had voted. In regard to men, about one-half of those on the voters' list had voted. Continuing, she said one of the reasons why women of Canada should have a vote was on account of the large immigration into the country, composed of many illiterate people to whom the franchise was given. By giving Canadian women who were educated, to some extent at least, the franchise it would protect the country from the large illiterate vote.

Recorder Skinner said New Zealand was the only country enjoying woman franchise of which he knew the conditions. There the general improvements in all social affairs was most marked. The women of the country were particularly interested in social conditions, and as the prevention of poverty was a great question for the country he felt the influence of women in politics would do much good.

## PUNISHMENT FOR A VANDAL IN BELGIUM

### Man Who Burglarized a Church Set Upon and Killed by an Angry Mob.

Courtrai, Belgium, May 13.—Practically the whole population of the village of Bellegem, a short distance from Courtrai, armed with clubs and stones, set upon and killed a man who was caught in the act of burglarizing the famous Chapel of the Virgin, yesterday. The villagers had been highly incensed at previous church robberies, notably that of the Church of Notre Dame in this city last December when Van Dyke's masterpiece, "The Election of the Cross" was stolen. Seven of those implicated in the killing of the burglar were arrested. Doctors who made an examination of the body found twenty-seven knife wounds.

## PROVOKING PROVERBS

"The more the merrier," yet "Two's company, three's none."  
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder," yet "Out of sight, out of mind."  
"Fine feathers make fine birds," yet "Handsome is as handsome does."  
"Brevity is the soul of wit," yet "One can't have too much of a good thing."  
"Many hands make light work," yet "Two many cooks spoil the broth."

## AN OVERSIGHT.

The Youngster—"There's no doubt about it, I was cut out for an orator." The Old Man—"Pity you were never made up."—Illustrated Bits.

## IMPORTING CATTLE FROM CANADIAN WEST

It seems strange that in an agricultural province like New Brunswick cattle would have to be imported from the Canadian west, yet this is now being done. Within the past few days, Kane & McGrath, wholesale meat dealers, have brought two car loads of live cattle from Edmonton, Alberta.

## MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, May 13. (Special).—Prices continued firm in the stock market the features including Textile, Pfd. 85; Laid of Woods 87; Soc. 111; Dom. Coal Pfd. 98; Dom. Steel Pfd. 66.14; Bonds 77; MacKay, 63.12; Can Pac, 159.34; Rio Bonds, 81.38; Toronto Ry., 98.12; Merican, 47.14.

## NARROWLY ESCAPED DROWNING.

One of the crew of the Italian bark Montevideo, lying at No. 4 berth, Sand Point, had a close call from drowning this morning about 10 o'clock. The man in some manner fell from the deck. A rope was thrown to him, but it was with great difficulty that he was rescued, and he was in an exhausted condition when taken from the water.

## INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY BONDS

### Messrs. Robinson and McKeown Examined Before the Public Accounts Committee This Morning.

Fredericton, N. B., May 13 (Special).—Hon. C. W. Robinson and Hon. H. A. McKeown were before the public accounts committee of the legislature this morning and cleared up the misunderstanding which has arisen in connection with the proposed guarantee made by the late government of the International Railway. They explained that the \$150,000 was held by the Eastern Trust Co., but the bonds were destroyed, and the mortgage on the company's property cancelled when the new issue of \$400,000 was executed by the Royal Trust Co. Fred. R. Taylor acting for the two trust companies, the railway company and government defaced the bonds and had afterwards signed the certificate of cancellation. The new mortgage on the company's property had since been executed to secure the province for the guaranteed bonds. The matter of having a record of the transaction filed had been overlooked when the old government went out of office.

Hon. Mr. Robinson testified to the good work being done for the province by Duff Miller, agent general at London, and thought it would be a mistake to abolish the annual grant of \$2,000.

Hon. C. N. Lablouis read a letter from St. John man praising Duff Miller's work on behalf of the province, and Hon. Mr. McKeown added a few words of praise. Messrs. Smith and Prescott were for abolishing the grant, but at the request of Chairman Pinder the matter was allowed to stand until after the budget is brought down. There was some criticism in regard to the expenditures made on illustration orchards and in searching for brown-tailed moths. The deputy commissioner was called and made satisfactory explanations.

## HODGINS GOES ON THE STAND

### Enquiry into Charges of Fraud on G. T. P. Resumed this Morning.

Ottawa, May 13.—(Special).—The inquiry into Major Hodgins' charges of fraud mainly by overclassification in connection with the Transcontinental Railway construction, was resumed this morning. An hour and a half was taken up in a long argument as to procedure. A general order was passed for the production of papers and then the Liberal members of the committee, and Charles Murphy K.C., for the commission, insisted on Major Hodgins going into the box and telling his story.

## TELLS OF GRAFT IN PUBLIC DREDGING

### Toronto Dredge Owner Was Examined by Public Accounts Committee.

Ottawa, Ont., May 13 (Special).—Mr. Alex. Coghill, of Toronto, was examined this morning before the public accounts committee. He is the owner of a dredge which was at work at Matchabady Bay near Thebes, Ont., in the summer of 1906. He testified that not only his dredge, but also the dredge "Hacker" was employed at this work.

## THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

### A FALSE RUMOR.

Admiral Glasgow denies with much indignation that the third engineer on the government ice-breaker Montcalm was trained in the St. John ferry service. Before the wreck commissioners in Quebec yesterday this man said he recorded his signals for marking them on a post, and transferring them later to the log. He also stated that before being made a third engineer on one government steamer he had been a greaser on another. Admiral Glasgow declares they never had any greasers on Wun Lung or Wun Gony, and that any St. John ferry man with his eyes shut would know the difference between a post and a log. The admiral is quite hot about it.

### FOR SUN READERS.

Ottawa, May 13.—(Special).—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will write to the St. John Sun this week, explaining that the government has decided not to press the Ayerworth elections bill in the original form, but has surrendered to the opposition. He says the Sun should be informed concerning this important matter.

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## A TORNADO DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN WEST

### Five Dead, Two Fatally Injured and a Score Hurt

### Wind Storms and Floods Ravage Nebraska and Destroy Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property.

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—At least five persons are dead, two fatally injured and a score or more badly hurt and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed by a tornado which late yesterday afternoon passed over portions of Sarpy, Cass and Neppa counties.

Telegraph and telephone wires are strung down, so that full details are not obtainable, and it is feared that there may be a great many names added to the death list when all is known.

Besides the damage by the wind the heavy rainfall caused floods, which badly demoralized the railroads in the territory mentioned. The heaviest property losses so far as heard from were sustained by the United States Army post at Fort Crook and the Presbyterian college at Bellevue.

## THE TRAWLER IN THE FISHERIES

### A Halifax Company Will Make an Experiment With a Steam Trawler.

There is or has been a feeling on this side of the water that the trawler and the fresh fish industry go hand in hand, and that a quick sale and a near market are necessary to dispose of all that the trawler gathers in its nets. We were interested, therefore, to see a report from the fisheries of Aberdeen, a few days ago, which stated that sixty per cent. only of their catch of fish was sold fresh, the balance, forty per cent., being for salt curing.

We are glad to announce the prospect of a Halifax company establishing a steam trawler, the first one in Canada. Boston has one (the "Spray") and we believe behind the Arctic Circle almost to this day the fisherman has been handicapped somewhat by difficulties with his engines, and that a lot of money has had to be spent on these at one time and another, all of which have operated against the net profits of the ship.

The Halifax Gazette, of London, in referring to the prospect for the success of a trawling industry in our waters, said: "It seems extraordinary that trawling fishing, so important in Europe, and now carried on along the whole eastern boundary of the North Atlantic Ocean, from within the Arctic Circle almost to the Equator, should be practically unknown in American waters. It is true that some French trawlers have been exploring, it is understood, the Newfoundland banks, but much obscurity conceals the result of these operations. Why trawling should be so little practiced in America is by no means clear."

The advent of the trawler should mean the advent of a new era in our fisheries. One cannot help being impressed with the fact, as he looks at the chart of the North Atlantic, that Nova Scotia occupies the most advantageous position with respect to the fishing grounds. It is only a few hours from the coast to the most distant part of the banks, and when the fish are brought in they are at a point where they might easily be in touch with the transportation system of the continent.

We believe it is the intention of the new company to prosecute the salt fish industry during the summer, and the fresh fish industry in the winter; just what will be done with the catch that cannot be salted during the former season, we do not know; perhaps a tender may be sent out from Canso or Miramichi to take care of this portion every few days.