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JAPAN WANTS NO WAR WITH UNITED STATES

Leading Japanese Newspaper Protests Against Idea That Japan is Anxious to Fight

Says War With America Could Only be Forced by United States Threatening the Independence of Japan—Anti-Japanese Sentiment Continues to Spread in America.

Tokio, Feb. 20—The special correspondent of the Asahi from San Francisco continues to represent the situation as most alarming. The specials claim that anti-Japanese sentiment is rapidly spreading and that the war feeling in America is general. The specials, widely circulated and copied, continue to sustain the feeling of uneasiness among the Japanese people. The Nichi Nichi, a paper owned by K. Kato, the Japanese ambassador to England, which commented with great bitterness during the earlier stages of the anti-Japanese agitation by the California legislature, in a lengthy editorial on the anti-Japanese sentiment in America published today says:

"Americans continue to regard Japan with suspicion and this ill-feeling continues, notwithstanding the efforts of the Japanese government and people to prove the sincerity and cordiality of their feelings. This distrust extends throughout Europe. It is incomprehensible to our people why America and Europe continue to regard Japanese as seeking war. Two wars were enough. We want peace in the future. War with America could only be forced by the United States threatening the independence of Japan. It is unnecessary for America to fortify against Japan."

The editorial concludes by quoting the text of the Roosevelt communication to the California legislature expressing the belief that the passage of the bill would lead to serious consequences. The paper contends that this message shows that even the federal government regarded war as probable but that it was mistaken.

TO ASK FOR PROHIBITION

Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance Will Make This Request of Provincial Government.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 19—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance convenes in Halifax Tuesday next, when delegates from all parts of Nova Scotia are expected. It is anticipated that the alliance will send a delegation to the legislature to ask for provincial prohibition.

CHINESE STUDENT WON LARGE PRIZE

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 20—Al Tan, a student of the Southern California University, won the annual oratorical contest held at the Polytechnic Institute last night. His topic was „China's Call for Service." Tan has been in this country only two years. He is a bright student and speaks English fluently. A gold medal was awarded the winner, and the oratory banner was transeferred to the University of Southern California.

MORE GOLD FOUND IN CALIFORNIAN FIELDS

San Francisco, Feb. 20—A special despatch from Placeville, in the heart of the district where gold was first discovered in this state, conveys the news that the excessive rainfall this winter has washed out many pockets and exposed numerous nuggets running in value as high as $125. They have been found in places where the surface dirt was washed away. Hangtown Creek is again the scene of active mining, the rushing flood waters having deposited the fine yellow dust in paying quantities.

WRECK BLOCKS LINE ON C. P. R.

Derailed Box Cars Near Welsford Delayed All C. P. R. Trains This Morning.

This morning about 7.30 o'clock, three box cars and a caboose of freight train No. 85, in charge of Conductor Edwin Irwin, left the rails two miles west of Welsford and tore up the track for some little distance.

As a result the Fredericton train, due here at 8.50, did not reach the city till 2 o'clock. The Boston and Montreal trains were tied up as a result, the former being two hours, and the latter an hour and forty-five minutes late. The out-going Boston train this morning was also stalled this side of the wreck. The track was cleared by a crew sent out from Bay Shore, West St. John. It is believed the trouble resulted from a broken wheel.

CARLETON CURLERS WON

The Carleton curlers defeated Hampton in a three-rink match at Hampton yesterday by a score of 53 to 45.

The score was as follows:

Carleton		Hampton.	
Skip J. F. Belyea. .	13	Skip D. J. Brown. .	19
Skip R. Baskin.	21	Skip A. Schofield . .	13
Skip J. F. Belyea. . .	19	Skip — Giggey. . .	13
	53		45

One rink was played in the morning and two in the afternoon. The victory is particularly gratifying to Carleton, because of the fact that aside from President J. F. Belyea, who skipped two rinks, the Carleton curlers were all young players. The men who made up the Carleton rinks were John McLeod, W. Baskin, W. H. Estabrooks, W. Clark, R. Dripan, R. Baskin, John H. Belyea and C. Gardiner.

GEORGE A. PRINCE'S CASE HEARD IN POLICE COURT

Several Witnesses Were Examined This Morning and the Hearing is Being Continued This Afternoon.

The preliminary examination of George A. Prince, accussed of obtaining money under false pretenses, was commenced before Judge Ritchie this morning. J. Allan Sharpe, the first witness stated that Prince entered the store of L. L. Sharpe and Son, on Thursday morning. His son served him and after selecting a ring and fountain pen he tendered a check for $50 in payment for the articles, the value of which was $17. The younger Sharpe displayed the check to his father, who after scrutinizing it, said it was all right, and his son gave $33 to Prince, who then departed from the store. The cheque was drawn on the Bank of Nova Scotia, dated Feb. 17, 1909, and read "pay to George A. Prince, or bearer, the sum of fifty dollars. (Sgd) George A. Prince."

On the reverse side the endorsements of George A. Prince and W. H. Thorne were attached, in rotation. The endorsement of L. L. Sharpe & Son, was attached before being forwarded to the Bank of B. N. A., at 2.30 p. m. by Mr. Sharpe, jr. He visited the bank in the vicinity of three o'clock and was informed that the check was valueless. He then made out another check to cover the loss. At the bank he was told that the Bank of Nova Scotia, on which the check was drawn had issued a warning to the effect that George A. Prince had no account there. He then saw W. H. Thorne, who gave him to understand that his endorsement was forged. Next he called at the Park Hotel three times before Prince came in. He told the prisoner that the check was worthless and he replied that he was under the opinion that a check was as good as cash. Eventually Prince remarked. "It has Mr. Thorne's name on it, so it ought to be all right, but I suppose I'll have to pay it over again." Prince told the witness that he would pay him $17, but Mr. Sharpe said the amount was $50. Prince then displayed $10 and said he would refund the balance in the morning to which witness said he desired it immediately as he would not know his whereabouts on Friday. Prince walked over to E. Howes, the manager of the hotel, and after a brief conversation, returned to Mr. Sharpe and sat down for a moment and then went upstairs to his room. Howes called the witness over to him and said others had been in the hotel with checks.

To W. W. Allen, counsel for Prince, the witness said he had known the latter for several years, and as he always paid cash in previous transactions. He experienced no difficulty with him. Once Prince had bought a gold watch worth $60 or $70 in the store. He noticed no peculiarity in Prince in the store or hotel, except that he did not realize the difference between $17 and $50, and failed to answer a query promptly.

Fernald Sharpe, son of J. A. Sharpe, testified that he sold Prince an opal ring worth $11, and a fountain pen at $6, after only five minutes' serving. He was not very fastidious, and gave him the check for $50. After putting the ring on his finger and the pen in his pocket. he gave a check for $50, and received $33. He identified the, check, ring and pen exhibited in court as figuring in the sale. He deposited the check in the bank at 2.30.

To Mr. Allen he said he noticed nothing strange in Prince's behavior.

Patrolman Olive was sworn. He said he executed a warrant for Prince in the lobby of the Park Hotel. Taken off him were four filled checks on the Bank of Nova Scotia, and one blank one, the four being signed by Prince, and endorsed by him. Two exhibited also the endorsements of W. H. Thorne. Two certificates of registration at the post office were also taken from him. The registered letters were dated February 18, the day he was arrested, the amounts being $27.17 and $27.18.

Sterling Stackhouse, a clerk in Sharpe's told of taking a check to the bank for his employer to cover the loss of the worthless check.

A. P. Hazen, of the Bank of B. N. A., said the check is one which passed through his hands for inspection. He had been notified by the Bank of Nova Scotia that Prince's checks were valueless, as he had no account in the bank. He received notification one day previous. The endorsement of W. H. Thorne was not the president of the W. H. Thorne Co. Prince was remanded until 2.30 p. m.

SCOTT ACT TO BE AN ELECTION ISSUE

Advocates and Opponents of Scott Act Enforcement in Fredericton Will Each Have Aldermanic Ticket in Field.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 20th, 1908—(Special)— The civic election which takes place on March eighth is likely to be one of the hottest in many years.

It is generally admitted that the present council has done excellent work, but temperance people are dissatisfied with the attitude taken by some of the members in regard to Scott Act enforcement, and will oppose their return.

Four members of the present council seeking re-election have the endorsement of the temperance people, and it is proposed to put up six new men to run with them. Three were nominated at a meeting last evening, and three are yet to be chosen.

The other side will also place a full ticket in the field, and some announcement is expected early next week.

Among the names mentioned as probable candidates are Hugh Calder for Kings ward and Edward Moore for St. Anns. These gentlemen are among the heaviest ratepayers in the city. This is the last day for paying taxes, and there has been quite a rush around the city treasurer's office.

The Marysville hockey team defeated Fredericton in a well contested game at Marysville last night, by a score of four to two.

There was a heavy rainfall here last night and the snow is fast disappearing.

Miss Lottie Vandine, the popular school teacher, who was lately operated upon in the private hospital for internal trouble, is still in a serious condition.

HE PREDICTS A BIG EARTHQUAKE TODAY

French Scientist Through Planetary Calculations Says That One is Due.

Paris, Feb. 20—Emil Marchand, director of the conservatory on the Pic Du Midi, in the Pyrnnes in Southern France, says that he has made calculations which lead him to believe that there is a likelihood that a big earthquake will occur today. His calcilations are based on the positions the earth, the sun, and the moon then will have attained.

POLICE COURT

The preliminary examination of Louis Golding, accused of the theft of $30 from Walter Nelson, a Swede, was resumed in the police court today. D. Mullin, K. C. acted for Golding.

Mrs. Emma Burns the boarding house proprietress was sworn. Prisoner came to her house last Wednesday. He gave her $15 for a month's board in advance and $15 to keep for him. Ten dollars of the sum was given to her in the afternoon and the balance in the evening. John Johnson accompanied Golding to the house followed by three others. She gave no others rooms. She endeavored to procure the amount of the board from the other four but they did not respond. She could not understand Nelson very much. Golding borrowed $1 from her after giving her the second installment of the $30. Prisoner said he secured a loan of $5 from one of the Swedes. Golding told her togive his creditor $4 at noon on Thursday, but she did not do so as Golding was intoxicated. Nelson said he lost money and Golding also said he lost money. Golding said he was a loser to the amount of $20 after Nelson went him $10 better. This occurred at breakfast hour.

To Mr. Mullin the witness said the accused appeared at the boarding house at 3 p. m. She thought Johnson saw him giving her the $30. The five had been drinking.

Nelson was recalled at the request of Mr. Mullin and repeated his previous testimony.

Crsos-examined by Mr. Mullin without the services of the interpreter he responded to a query for his name and nationality, but could not understand the gist of the other questions. Mr. Mullin asked him if he told Golding he was locked up for inebriation in South Africa, but he was unable to grasp the meaning of it, but to the interpreter he said he told Golding of his experience in South Africa. An experiment on Nelson evoked a blending of English and Swedish which convinced his honor that Nelson was practically unable to speak or comprehend English. He said hewas going to sleep with a companion when Golding called him into a room and treated him to whisky. Subsequently they retired.

Golding was remanded until Monday morning when another witness will probably be examined.

Thomas McLean, taken into custody near the Cold Storage Building at midnight last night said he came in from Minto at 6.30 p. m. en route to the States, to visit his sister and after purchasing some apparel was unable to secure accommodation. Patrolman Nelson stated that he perceived McLean peeking from various alleys and vestibules and when he approached him the man fled, but was intercepted. He resisted somewhat when placed under arrest. He was remanded.

John DeBois was fined $4 or 10 days for intoxication.

MUST PLAY GAME OVER

Charlotetown, P. E. I., Feb. 20—(Special)—The secretary of the Victoria Hockey Club here has received a despatch from the president of the M. P. A. A. A. stating that the referee exceeded his power in not allowing Ramsay to play with the Victoria's against the Abegweits on February 5., The game must, therefore, be played again. The reason given was that the official bulletin should have been in the hands of the Victoria president before the referee could act.

Rev. S. Howard will be the speaker at the Thorne Lodge Gospel Temperance meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Haymarket Square Hall. There will be special music.

STEAMER ASHORE IS IN A BAD POSITION

The Steamer John H. Starin Ashore at Bridgeport, Conn,. is Prey of Heavy Seas Today

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 20—The steamboat John H. Starin, of the Starin Transportation line, which ran ashore off the outer breakwater last night, was in a precarious position this morning, with the waves breaking high over her and with a heavy list, estimated at nearly 45 degrees. Because of the high seas after she struck, no attempts were made to pull her into deep water, as it was feared that she would sink. There were no passengers on the Starin as was at first reported and all members of the crew were rescued in safety by the tug Sarah McWilliams, although Captain Van Pelt and the chief engineer at first refused to leave the vessel, and stayed on board after other members of the crew had been taken off.

There is no life saving station in the vicinity and in the heavy weather it was some time before assistance reached her. Help came when the crew of the Sarah McWilliams volunteered an attempt at rescue by dories. Many times they were beaten by the gale and sea in their fight to gain the Starin, but eventually won out. They found the steamer tipped at an angle of nearly 45 degrees, her hold half full of water and waves breaking high over her.. Despite this dangerous position, Captain Van Pelt and his chief engineer refused to leave their ship. The stewardess, Alice Boulton, and a number of the crew were taken off. The young woman was suffering from shock and exposure and was removed to the Bridgeport hospital.

2 Proof down quick.

The Starin left New Haven last night for New York in the teeth of a southwesterly gale, accompanied by heavy rain which kicked up a heavy sea in the Sound. When about half way to this city, she began to leak badly, the water coming in through the seams of the ship which had been parted by the constant wrenching. Pumps were set going at once, but despite the volume of water that was forced out of the eight inch and three inch pump it was evident that the boat would have to seek shelter. With the water gaining on the pumps the boat was headed for the local harbor and, missing the narrow entrance, ran on the flats of the breakwater. When she struck the water was knee deep in the fire-room, the stoker having difficulty in feeding the furnace to keep up enough steam to reach the harbor. Soon after the removal of the crew the steamer sank in 12 feet of water, resting on the mud bottom of the flats. The Starin was built in Baltimore in 1865, and was one of the oldest boats running on the Sound. She was 202 feet long with a gross tonnage of 9,044 tons carrying a crew of 22 men with three officers and a stewardess.

LEE CHU DECIDES TO FIGHT THE CASE

Montreal Chinaman, Arrested in Halifax, Will Not be Taken Back Without a Struggle.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 19—(Special)—Lee Chu, the Chinaman arrested here on a request from Montreal, has decided not to go back to Montreal without a fight. Lee Chu was arrested by Officer Kennedy, of Chief Rudland's staff, in response to a request from Chief Carpenter, from Montreal. According to the telegram to Chief Rutland, Lee Chu is wanted in Montreal for perjury. The perjury is alleged to have been committed in a prosecution by the Montreal Phnarmaceutical Society for illegally selling cocaine.

It is claimed that after giving evidence in the case, Lee Chu left for Halifax. The fines likely to be imposed against Lee Chu are supposed to aggregate $1,000. Lee Chu has been in custody since Thursday, and has been visited by a number of local Chinamen. His friends have retained W. J. Ahearn, barrister, to act in his behalf.

Accordingly, the prisoner's solicitor appeared before Mr. Justice Drysdale and obtained a writ of habeas corpus, directed to Chief Rurland, requiring him to produce Lee Chu in court tomorrow.

The case against Lee Chu is not being directed by the official police of Montreal, but by the Canadian Detective Bureau. Superintendent Ehlers arrived last evening to take the prisoner back to Montreal. He says the defendant is wanted in Montreal for perjury, arising out of prosecutions by the druggists' association. z

LAWTON MILL IS SOLD AT AUCTION

A. W. Gay Purchases Plant, Lumber and Book Debts of Lawton Company for $15,000.

At Chubb's corner today auctioneer F. L. Potts, sold at auction all the business and property of The Lawton Company, consisting of book debts, lumber, and planing mill, and machinery. The property was offered en-block but was withdrawn at $18,000.

Then it was offered again in parcels, the book debts, which amount to about $8,000, sold for $3,000, all the lumber &c., sold for $5,250, and the mill and machinery brought $6,750. Total $15,000. A. W. Gay being the purchaser of the whole outfit. The above property is situated on Erin, Brunswick and Albion streets.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Feb. 20—(Special)—Outside Steel, stocks were firm today. Steel eased off to 44 3-8 and pfd. to 105. Scotia was unchanged at 60. Other features were Mexican, 77; Pacific, 172 1-2; Detroit, 62 1-2; Halifax Tram, 108 1-2; Power, 114 1-2.

DOWNIE IN COURT; REMANDED FOR THREE DAYS

Man Arrested in Connection With the T. S. Simms Case Had a Very Brief Hearing This Morning.

W Herbert Downie was not represented in court by counsel this morning, J. Milton Price, of Price, McInerney and Trueman, has since the proceedings this morning, been engaged to act in his behalf. Though it is reported Downie has admitted his guilt he will plead not guilty at the opening of the hearing, and fight the case.

Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning Reserve Officer Olive, stationed at police headquarters, was instructed to lead the three prisoners locked up on Friday from the lock-up to the court room.

Heading the three was W. Herbert Downie, with his collar and tie discarded. He walked nonchalantly up-stairs and seated himself beside Thomas McLean, a wanderer, and John DeBois, an inebriate, on the prisoner's bench. His name was the final one announced by the police clerk. The clerk pronounced the allegation: "You are charged with stealing $1114.80 from the vault of T. S. Simms Company, Limited, on the 19th inst."

Just as Downie opened his mouth to articulate, the judge interrupted with: "You're not obliged to plead, so no plea will be taken."

The words of his honor drowned the prisoner's single utterance. Before the spectators arrived in court, his honor hurriedly remanded Downie for three days, reserving the right to commence the examination of the prisoner at any time he selects between now and Wednesday. Downie was hastily escorted back to jail.

Downie preserved a stolid demeanor throughout the proceedings in his case, which established a record for brevity. He was not represented by counsel. One of his intimate friends who was in court today, said he could ascribe no reason whatever for Downie's deed, as he was in possession of a comfortable accumulation, sufficient to prevent him from being in need in case he was deprived of his situation. He was well dressed and associated with no depraved companions and, as far as can be gleaned was not addicted to any vices nor was he involved in financial difficulties.

Some of his friends express the belief that he extracted the money from the vault and concealed it under his desk with the intention of returning to the office in the afternoon or night and restoring it to the vault and thus gain publicity as the revolving point of a sensational daylight robbery such as he often read of in the newspapers. His request to work last night was refused by the management and this aroused suspicions which resulted in the search which revealed the grip containing the money.

The T. S. Simms company have expressed their intention of not prosecuting the case.

WILL BE BURIED WITH HONORS OF SOVEREIGN

Grand Duke Vladimir Will Receive All the Honors Due to Independent Sovereign at His Obsequies

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20—An imperial train left last night for the frontier to meet and bring hither Emperor Ferdinand of Bulgaria who is expected to arrive at St. Petersburg at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, to attend the funeral of Grand Duke Vladimir. It is expected that the reception accorded him will be that of an independent sovereign.

All the newspapers emphasize the political significance of Emperor Ferdinand's visit on the present occasion and suggest that the foreign office avail itself of the opportunity for the recognition of Bulgarian independence.

SPENDTHRIFT PRINCE PUT ON AN INCOME

Berlin, Feb. 20—Prince Josef Sulkowski, of the Austrian nobility, must, according to the decision rendered by the German supreme court, remain the subject of trustees owing to his alleged extravagances. He is to be allowed $15,000 a year.

Prince Josef, 61 years old, has been in conflict with his relatives since he was 21 years old, when he inherited estates worth $5,000,000, and immediately began making lavish expenditures. He was committed to an insane asylum from 1883 to 1889, but succeeded in escaping through the aid of his sweetheart Lujza Von Vecseghy. On her death he resumed his wild life, which he had abandoned. For ten years he has been fighting legally the appointment of guardianship.

LATE LOCALS

A special early morning prayer meeting will be held in Ludlow St. Baptist Church at 10.15 Sunday morning.

Judge Hannington was reported to be somewhat improved this morning. He passed a good night and is resting comfortably.

The funeral of Alfred Peterson was held from the Mater Miseracordiae Hospitan and Home this afternoon at 2.30. Service was conducted by Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The special evangelistic services being held in Victoria street Baptist church, have proved very successful. Several conversions were made during the present week and the ordinance of baptism will be observed at tomorrow evening's service. Rev. Mr. Beattey will preach morning and evening and will continue at the meetings all next week.

Some time ago two well known citizens made a wager to play a game of "penochle," they met yesterday and adjourned to the house of a friend and played this, "the most classic of card games. Their friends are still unable to say who won, but they do know that should they have to play again, their friend who owned the house will be looking as to where his light bill is coming from.

WHARVES FLOODED; MUCH DAMAGE DONE

Very High Tides Flooded the North and South Wharves This Morning

Six Inches of Water Covered the Floors of Some of the Stores—Merchants Busy Carrying Their Goods to Place of Safety—Francis Kerr Co. Loses Large Quantity of Coal

A visit to the north and south market wharves this morning between 11 and 12 o'clock resembled very much a scene in Venice. The wharves were flooded by the high tides to a depth of several feet, and the proprietors and clerks in the wholesale houses situated along the wharf were made prisoners in their stores. A glance down the row of business blocks revealed doorways crowded with men watching with anxious eyes as the water rose higher and higher and waves broke against the sides of the buildings.

Business men, who have been on the wharf for 30 years say that never before did they see the water so high, and there is no doubt that very considerable damage will be done.

The majority of stores have raised floors, so that the water does not greatly affect them, but in several the floors are not sufficiently high, and as a result the stores have been flooded and a considerable quantity of stock damaged. All along the harbor front the same state of affairs obtains and wherever the wharves are low they are covered with water several feet in depth.

In the Lower Cove slip the tide flooded the coal warehouses of Francis Kerr & Co. and the water pouring in, put out the fires under the boilers and caused about $206 damage. The bottoms of the sheds were floated out, or broken away, and tons of coal fell into the slip.

At the east side ferry floats the water flooded the upper part of the entrance to the boat, and foot passengers had to walk along raised planks from the toll house to the outer sections of the floats.

Quite a crowd gathered on the North and South Market wharves and watched the waters rolling in and washing against the sides of the buildings. Practically all the South wharf from Ward street to the outer end was under water, and damage was done to the stock in Thomas Gorman's and John Sealy's, while in Andrew Malcolm's, W. M. Barlow's, J. A. Galbraith's and Elmore & Mullen's, the water washed over the floors. Elmore & Mullen's office was covered with about half a foot of water. In many places the merchants, seeing the rise in water gradually coming, moved their stocks to places of safety above the floors.

The cause of the extremely high tides is attributed to the southeast wind, together with the fact that this is the day for the highest spring tide of the month. The water reached its height at 11.31 and then gradually receded.

WILL TAKE SENLAC OFF SOUTH SHORE

South Shore Liner is Now on Her Last Trip—She Will Probably go on Another Route.

The South Shore line steamer Senlac, is now on her last trip to Halifax from this port. On her way back from Halifax the steamer will pick up all the trucks and landing stages and bring them back to this port. On the arrival of the Senlac, she will go out of commission and will be laid up. The steamer's agent says she will probably be sold or placed on some other route.

Last night's Halifax Mail says:—"The steamer Senlac is to be taken off the Halifax, South Shore and St. John route. She will arrive here on Sunday. On Monday night she leaves here on her last voyage to St. John.

At different times it has been announced that the service was to be abandoned, but in each case the report was denied and the service was continued. This time the information comes from the agent's end and can be relied upon as authentic.

The Senlac was built specially for the South Shore route. Until the H. and S. W. Railway was put in operation the owners found her to be a fairly good investment. Lately competition has been so keen that the service could not be maintained at a profit unless an increased subsidy were granted. This could not be obtained and therefore it has been determined to take the steamer off the route.

"No information regarding the disposal of the Senlac could be learned. It is said that she may be placed on the Gaspe Basin service in which the Lady Eileen and Lady Sybill were engaged.

"The Canada, now laid up at Dartmouth, may be chartered to run between Yarmouth and St. John.

"The service between Halifax and Lunenburg will be taken up by a company which is having an auxiliary sailing packet built. This packet will be in command of Captain Herman. She will make two trips a week.

The Corriere Italia, of Rome, says that Queen Helena of Italy, is soon to become a mother. The Queen of Italy has already four children, the Prince Royal Humbert, some five years old, and the Princesses Yolanda Margherita, Mafalda, and Giovanna. While she was attending to the injured in a hospital, just after the recent earthquake in Calabria and Sicily, Her Majesty was hurt, being run into violently by a crazed patient. It was said at the time her injuries were not serious.

NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND

Fell Dead While Looking at Brother's Corpse—Automobile Owners Want Ban Removed.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 20—(Special)—George B. Aitken, ex-M. P. P., aged 75, a prominent farmer of Lower Montague, and formerly a valuator in connection with the building of the Murray Harbor Railway, died at his home on Thursday. Yesterday afternoon his brother, James M. Aitken, aged 71, of Montague while calling at the home of the deceased suddenly fell dead from hemorrage of the brain. He was an ex-collector of customs.

Automobile owners are publishing notices soliciting petitions to be presented to the present session of the legislature, asking for the repeal of the law prohibiting the running of motors and setting a basis for stringent regulatory measures. The government will introduce a bill to impose taxes on certain traders in intoxicating liquors. In the house yesterday the premier stated that the $350,000 government four per cent debentures were sold at 99 1-2 to the Ontario Securities Co. and $150,000 had been disposed of to local investors in blocks from $500 up at par.

SUFFERING AMONG CANADIAN INDIANS

Wingham, Ont., Feb. 19—(Special)—A private leter received here acknowledging the receipt of bales of clothing sent from here to the Indians in the vicinity of Lake Nipigon, reveals a sad state of affairs.

Between forty and fifty Indians have been carried off by the grip within the past month and many are still suffering severely, as the cold continues and there is a great scarcity of both clothing and provisions. The big game Indians formerly relied upon for subsistence through a long winter has been destroyed and driven away by the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which runs about forty-five miles north.

John Dibblee, the teamster who was charged in the police court yesterday afternoon for beating his horse with a broomstick, wishes the Times to stat that he did not hit the animal on the head, but on the body.

HETTY GREEN PUTS HIM THROUGH HIS CATECHISM

World's Richest Woman Cross-examines Her Prospective Son-in-Law on His Ability as a Financier.

New York, Feb. 20—The World this morning says: Mrs. Hetty Green and her prospective son-in-law, Matthew Astor Wilks, met under the shade of the Coupon tree in the National Park Bank vault room yesterday, at which meeting it is said Mrs. Green conducted a friendly examination of Mr. Wilks as a financier. The latter is himself a member of a family whose wealth is reckoned in millions, and therefore money is eliminated as a factor in his suit for the hand of Miss Sielvia Green, daughter of a woman reputed to be the wealthiest in the world.

For more than an hour Mrs. Green sat directly facing Mr. Wilks, with no one else present. From what she said afterward, it is clear she had quizzed Mr. Wilks quite thoroughly, merely as a test of his understanding of financial matters.

After Mr. Wilks departed, Mrs. Green aid: "Mr. Wilks comes of fine stock: His mother was a Langdon. I am not afraid for my daughter, but I want to know Mr. Wilks better. That is the whole truth. I shall have some real news worth printing in a few days, but I have nothing to say now, not a single word except that I have not yet given my consent to the marriage."

When it was suggested to Mrs. Green that a reporter would call at her home soon and receive any definite announcement she might make, she said:

"Oh, no, we are busy making clothes, my daughter and I—there now, I did not mean to say that. I shall not have any announcement to make for some time. I want to know certain things first. Mind you, I am called a business woman."

She explained as her reason for removing from the Hotel Plaza that she was annoyed by the constant demands of persons to see her. She received 204 letters on the day following the announcement that she was living at the Plaza.

"Don't you think it a great deal better for me to live simply, as I do, than to spend my time playing bridge and drinking champagne, as they do in society? I am not a hard woman but because I do not have a secretary to note every kind act I perform, I am called close fisted. I am a Quaker and I am trying to live up to the tenets of that faith. That is why I dress plainly and live quietly. No other kind of life would please me."