

READY FOR THE WATER

KAISER'S YACHT IN TRIM FOR LAUNCHING.

The Meteor Presents a Natty Appearance and Could be Shot Down the Ways at Any Time—Large Force of Men Putting the Finishing Touches on Emperor William's New Boat.

New York, Feb. 5.—Gay in a dress of fresh paint, its hull molded into form, Emperor William's yacht, the Meteor, is ready for the water at Shooters Island.

The launching might occur today if it were desired. To the lay observer the yacht seems a completed vessel stripped of its rigging. The painter's brush already has marked the water line upon its sides, and the last rivet has been fastened in its plates.

Work to be Done. The Meteor will be almost completed when it is launched. Stepping the masts, upholstering the interior, and finishing some of the detail work in the compartments is all that will remain to be done.

Mayor Low and the members of the aldermanic committee having charge of the city's reception to Prince Henry, today decided to give the freedom of the city to the prince on the afternoon of Feb. 25.

Prince's Arrival. The prince is scheduled to arrive here Feb. 22, and that day the mayor will call on him as the official representative of the city.

Funds for Entertainment. Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—In response to inquiries, the state department has notified the senate committee on appropriations that the department would be able to make provision for the expenses of the representatives of this country in England incident to the coronation of King Edward VII.

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FAR-REACHING GALES MENACE SHIPS ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST.

Many Vessels Fail to Weather the Storm and are Stranded at Different Points With Lives of Their Crews in Danger.

New York, Feb. 3.—The gale which has been sweeping the coasts of Long Island and New Jersey for more than 24 hours and is continuing tonight, though with abated force, brought death and disaster to the sailors and their crafts.

Wreckage Strays Along the Shore. The National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association will meet at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, on March 5 and 6.

Philadelphia Details. Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—A wind storm, which began yesterday afternoon and which reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour along the southern New Jersey coast and in the vicinity of Delaware break-water has greatly diminished, and tonight is blowing about 20 miles an hour.

British Vessel Ashore. The British steamer Claverdale, from Asiatic ports for New York and which grounded on Brigantine Shoal yesterday, is still fast.

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THE NEWS CONDENSED.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS LOCALITIES.

General Happenings of the Past Few Days Taken from the Wires and Condensed to Suit—Of Interest to All Who Wish to Know What Has Been Going On in This and Other Countries.

Eighty-two new cases of smallpox were reported in London Friday.

Seals of the dowager empress, obtained in the loot of Peking, sold at auction in London for \$1,930.

A railroad between Edinburg and Glasgow has been planned, with trains running 117 miles an hour.

The Atlantic hotel, Columbia office building, and a block of stores were destroyed by fire at Norfolk, Va. Loss, \$500,000.

The Boer war debate in parliament brought out the fact that the struggle so far has cost the British government £220,350,000.

As a result of successful experiments of wireless telegraphy between the steamship Philadelphia and shore stations on the other side of the Atlantic, Ok. T., Walter Childs was shot and killed by Ella Pitts, the result of a quarrel. The woman is under arrest at Ardmore.

Calvin A. Black, traveling man for a Chicago firm, fell over a banister in a hotel stairway at Wichita, Kas., and was killed. His home was in Somerville, Mass.

Bubonic plague is reported at Naples, Italy, and several cases occur daily at Rio Janeiro. In Manila 42 cases were reported during the month of August. Eleven cases are known of in Egypt.

Sister Mary Constance Bentivoglio, mother superior of the Omaha convent of St. Clare, and relative of Pope Leo, died this week at the monastery of pneumonia, after two weeks' illness.

Gilbert Parker, the English author and member of parliament, said before sailing from New York for home: "In my opinion the American workman is more enterprising than the British."

Bertha, aged 10, and Edgar, aged 5, children of Harry Burrows, a contractor, of Bellaire, O., were bitten by a dog afflicted with hydrophobia and were taken to Chicago for treatment.

The premier R. J. Sedon, announces that the government of New Zealand was prepared to give preferential treatment in the shape of rebate duty, to British goods, carried on British ships.

Denver Christian Endeavorers are urging the society to hold its national convention there in 1903. Work will be begun at once to raise funds to defray the expenses of that great meeting.

The idea that all coughs are produced in the chest is erroneous. Many coughs come from intestinal parasites, parasites in the stomach, foreign bodies in the ear, enlarged tonsils and numerous other causes.

Canton, O., is to have a hotel named the McKinley. Announcement has been made by Austin Lynch, attorney for Mrs. McKinley, that she had consented to allow the Saxton Hotel company to use the name.

About 100 union bakers with bench hands, employed by the six leading firms in Kansas City, have been locked out because of an attempt of the industrial council to form a union of bread wagon drivers.

The Dominion government has approved of an issue of \$20,000,000 stock of the Canadian Pacific railway, subject to the sanction of the company's shareholders, the proceeds of which are to be applied to improvements.

Disputes between hotel porters and dragomans over a division of back-slash culminated in a shooting affray in front of a leading hotel in Constantinople, in which the head porter killed two dragomans and wounded a third.

It is announced that Rev. Charles S. Dimstead of Philadelphia has decided to accept the position of coadjutor bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Colorado, to which he was recently elected, and he will be installed shortly after Easter.

All the factories and mills in south western Michigan and Indiana that depend on water from St. Joseph river to furnish motive power have been compelled to shut down owing to low water. Several thousand men are idle as a result.

All students at the state school of mines, Golden, Col., absented themselves from the classes recently in consequence of the recent suspension of seven students by the faculty. An investigation is to be made by the board of control.

The will of Henry Barnard, probated at Kokomo, Ind., leaves an estate of \$50,000 to a young wife, whom he recently married, and gives his four grown children \$5 each. All his blood relatives are ignored. The children will contest the will.

The Neues Wiener Tageblatt of Vienna asserts that negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Philippine islands to Germany, and that the visit of Admiral Prince Henry to the United States is preliminary to the announcement of this sale.

J. B. Haggin arrived in Lexington, Ky., on a special train with six architects and contractors employed on the residence of Green Hills. They will meet Mr. Haggin at the place and discuss certain alterations he desires in his \$350,000 residence there. He has decided to enlarge the former plans.

At Niles, Mich., Michael Kennedy was given a judgment of \$1,500 against his son, Richard Kennedy, for false imprisonment in an asylum for the insane.

Henry A. Faulkner and Julius Lehman of the St. Louis house of deputies were arrested on the charge of perjury in connection with the council boodle investigation by the grand jury.

Fearing she would kill her 4-month-old baby, Mrs. Fred Hipskind of Wabash, Ind., committed suicide. For two years she had been in delicate health and feared she was losing her mind.

At Elkhart, Ind., Ora Strine, aged 24, who killed his wife at the home of her parents on Dec. 14, was given a life sentence. Strine married Alice Cochran on Nov. 23, only three weeks before he killed her.

The Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel association says: "The total production of pig iron in 1901 was 15,878,354 gross tons, against 13,782,242 tons in 1900, 13,620,703 tons in 1899, 11,773,934 tons in 1898, and 9,652,680 tons in 1897."

Postmaster General Payne has reissued an order promulgated by previous administrations prohibiting all employees in the service from visiting Washington, whether on leave with or without pay, for the purpose of influencing congressional legislation.

A series of visits to the chief European courts and countries is shortly to be paid by the young king of Spain. It will form at once his debut in the world and the finishing touches, so to speak, to his royal education. The boy king has now entered his 16th year.

It has been practically decided to place Admiral Dewey at the head of the special commission of three members that will be sent to Europe to arouse a more active interest in the St. Louis fair than is now being manifested by many of the Old World nations.

The Platte Valley State bank at Bellwood, Neb., closed its doors shortly after noon Wednesday, and is now in the hands of a state examiner. The suspension was unexpected and has caused much excitement. A. H. Gould, the cashier, is under arrest, charged with forgery.

After 34 years of blindness J. R. Perry of Portland, Mich., was given back the faculty of sight at the homeopathic hospital of the university of Michigan. The operation was performed by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, and was one of the most successful of its kind in the history of the hospital.

John W. Gates, the Chicago steel magnate, has just secured another of Rembrandt's oldest and finest paintings, entitled "St. Paul," which represents the apostle in prison. It was purchased of a New York dealer at a price somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

Former City Treasurer Moses T. Hale's shortage has been fixed by an expert accountant at \$27,800. The city of Colorado Springs, Col., will not lose, as Hale's brother of New Berryport, N. Y., advanced \$50,000 some months ago with which to make good the defalcation.

Alwin Charles, aged 65 years, has been arrested at Maryville, Mo., on the charge of embezzling \$1,600 belonging to the local Odd Fellows' lodge, of which he was for 13 years secretary. Charles is a justice of the peace and has lived in Maryville all of his life.

C. D. Pierce, consul of the Orange Free State, at Nek York, said in regard to the report that Paul Kruger might come to this country in April, in response to the many invitations he had received, that it had been definitely settled that he would not come. He spoke as if this decision was final.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage will go to New York Monday to consider the offer made to him by the International Banking corporation. Of the many offers received by the retiring secretary this and an offer to become president of the Chicago Title and Trust company are the only ones whose acceptance he is seriously considering.

Geo. Reeder, a Northern Pacific freight conductor, is dead as a result of a peculiar accident. Reeder was running an extra to Duluth, Minn., from the west and discovered that a brake shoe was frozen to one of the wheels. Procuring a lining bar he leaned over on the step and struck at the shoe with the rod. While in this position one end of the rod happened to strike the ground and the other end pointed straight at Mr. Reeder. The rush of the train forced the rod heavily against his stomach, producing internal injuries from which he died.

Mrs. Lease, the former Kansas orator, now of New York, advanced the following original idea the other day, apropos of the liquor question now being agitated there: "I would make whisky as free as water; I would let the man who wants it drink his fill. It would result beneficially in killing off a lot of saloon frequenters, who are only a burden to the world and to themselves, and eliminating their progeny, who furnish the recruits for the great army of crime and disease, and would bring into actual operation the law of the survival of the fittest."

The Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Northwestern Miller says: "The harvest is now in full swing and the results in the provinces of Santa Fe, Cordoba and Entre Rios are fully bearing out my predictions both as regards wheat and flax. In the province of Buenos Ayres things are better, though we are having rather too much rain; on Wednesday a heavy storm swept over the province and some damage was done to the standing crops. On the other hand, the corn crop is a magnificent one and will help to make up for the loss of the others. It will be the largest we have ever had and the quality will also be magnificent."

DEADLOCK AT A CONFERENCE.

Miners and Operators Refuse to Make Concessions on the Wage Question.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 3.—The joint scale committee of the miners and operators began the task of trying to agree on a scale for the coming year behind closed doors this morning. The entire day was devoted to the first three demands. The first proposition was for a 10 per cent advance. The operators met this with a counter proposition for a 10 per cent reduction. The propositions were argued at some length by the representatives from all the states. The miners would not listen to a demand for a reduction and the proposition for an advance was denied by the operators. The demands for the absolute run of the mine system and the uniform rates of wages for drivers were both discussed, but the vote on both propositions was equally divided.

In case the committee is unable to agree on the propositions, it will so report to the convention which will then take up the matter in convention.

EXPLOSION AT A FIRE.

Boyertown, Pa., Feb. 3.—Four persons were killed and one probably fatally injured as a result of an explosion of gasoline at 11 o'clock tonight in the bakery of George Carver of this place. The dead are:

- HENRY SHANER, aged 38 years.
FRANK SHANER, his son, aged 13.
GEORGE GORMIN, aged 35.
CHARLES HOUGH, aged 13.
George Fry was injured internally, and may not live.

Explosion During Fire.

While the firemen were fighting the fire in the rear of the bakery a terrific explosion occurred, blowing out the entire front. At the time of the explosion, a large crowd were watching the fire, and many of them were caught under the falling wall. Elder Shaner was killed instantly, while the other three were so badly injured that they died soon afterward. Many others were more or less hurt by the flying debris.

Deal in Ore Property.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 4.—The reported purchaser of the valuable iron ore property near Hibbing is the Deering Harvester works of Chicago. While the rumor lacks confirmation it is circulated in places in close touch with the iron ore business.

Berlin Manager Dead.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The death is announced of Herman N. Wolff, the famous concert hall manager of Berlin. Herr Wolff began his career as a manager for Rubenstein and was later manager for Hans von Bluelow, the musician.

LATEST MARKETS BY WIRE.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Flour—The market was quiet and steady. Wheat—Trade was moderate, and the market was stronger. May opened at 78 7/8; highest, 78 3/4; lowest, 78; closing, 78 1/2.

Corn—The market was lighter and trade heavy. No. 4 yellow, 60 1/2. May opened at 62 3/4 to 63 3/4; highest, 64 1/2; lowest, 62; closing, 63 3/4.

Oats—The market was stronger and higher. May opened at 44 1/2; highest, 44 1/2; lowest, 44; closing, 44 1/2.

Close on Flax—Northwestern, \$1.75; No. 1 Southwestern, \$1.70; May, \$1.75. Close on Rye—May, 62 1/2 to 63 1/2. Close on Barley—68 to 69.

Receipts—Four, 23 cars; wheat, 22 cars; corn, 70 cars; oats, 95 cars.

Shipments—Flour, 25 cars; wheat, 82 cars; corn, 47 cars; oats, 192 cars.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Cattle—The estimated receipts for today were 21,000 head, or a larger number than was looked for generally. Last Monday 61,085 head were received, and the arrivals a year ago were 15,205 head. Owing to the bitterly cold weather, trade was animated after the buyers got fairly started, and the offerings were well taken at steady to stronger prices. There was the usual scarcity of strictly choice, and fat to heavy well-matured heaves, and such lots were very firm. Good to prime steers, \$4.50 to \$7.25; poor to medium, \$4.00 to \$6.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$4.50; heifers, \$2.50 to \$5.50; calves, \$2.50 to \$7.00; cows, \$1.25 to \$5.25; Texans, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Hogs—The receipts today were estimated at about 40,000 head, against 39,365 head last Monday. The receipts came in late in many instances, and the early arrivals sold the highest. They were largely 2 1/2c higher, but the early improvement was largely lost later. Heavy, \$6.15 to \$6.40; light, \$5.50 to \$6.50; mixed, \$5.80 to \$6.30.

Sheep—The receipts today were 21,000 head, compared with 23,550 head last Monday. There was a good demand, and prices for sheep were strong, while lambs were 10c higher. Sheep, \$3.70 to \$3.20; lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.15.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Butter—The market was firm. Creameries, 15 to 25c; dairies, 14 to 21c.

Eggs—The market was strong at 25c. Poultry—The market was strong. Turkeys, 9 to 13c; chickens, 8 to 10c.

Ribs—Short and clear sides, \$3.50 to \$6.70. Hides—There was a fair demand, and the market was easy. Heavy green salted, 8c; salted bull, 6c; kip No. 1, 7 1/2c; kip No. 2, 6 1/2c; green salted calf, 10c; others unchanged.

St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000 head. The market was steady to strong. Beef steers, \$3.65 to \$6.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.80 to \$4.50; cows and heifers, \$2.00 to \$5.25; Texas steers, \$2.00 to \$5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000 head. The market was steady to easier, and the range was \$5.65 to \$6.25.

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Feb. 5.—Wheat—Cash, 74 1/2c; May, 75 1/2c; July, 76 1/2 to 77 1/2c. On track—No. 1 hard, 75c; No. 1 Northern, 74c; No. 2 Northern, 73c.