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COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in the Business World—The Market News.

France now has 4,288,037 acres of vineyards.

A $500,000 waggon factory is to be erected at Petrolia.

Russia exported 900,000,000 gallons of petroleum last year.

Three-fourths of the people of Cuba depend for a livelihood upon the sugar crop.

It is reported from Pittsburg, Pa., that iron and steel will be advanced to $2 a ton.

Maple sugar is a plentiful crop in Northern Ontario. The output will be greater than last year.

Leading grocers of Winnipeg intend forming a huge cooperative association this spring after the manner of the English institutions.

The Montreal stock exchange will be closed over Friday, Saturday and Monday, and reopen on Tuesday after the Easter holidays.

A special train, yesterday, carried A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railway to New York, 90 miles, in 80 minutes.

Havre, France, is the world's largest coffee market. The amount of that commodity in its warehouses seldom falls below 2,000,000 bags.

In northern Ontario there were 288,000,000 cords of pulpwood. This amount at 40 cents a cord, the royalty imposed by the provincial government, should yield a revenue of $115,200,000.

Pierrepont Opens Navigation.

At half past eleven o'clock this morning, the steamer Pierrepont started out from the ferry wharf to smash the bridge that spanned the city and the islands. Several hundred people along the harbor front watched the gunboat attack the ice. The Pierrepont ran quickly through for a quarter of a mile until opposite Point Frederick where difficulty was encountered. However, this thick ice was slowly broken, the steamer backing and then attacking under full steam. Easy progress was made up the harbor to Channel Grove. It was expected that the steamer would reach Cape Vincent this evening. Navigation thus opens sixteen days earlier than in 1900 and 1901.

Real Estate Changes.

Some real estate has been changing hands in the city recently. J. S. R. McCann has purchased from W. Blair, Ottawa, a house on King street, opposite Macdonald park. On Saturday he sold a house on Montreal street, belonging to alderman R. N. F. McFarlane, to Sergt. Clifford, of "A" battery. Other real estate deals are pending.

Seth J. Axtell, professor of Greek in Kalamazoo, Mich., college, for the past twelve years, died on Sunday from grippe, aged sixty years.

WYNDHAM CLINGS TO LAW.

IS OPPOSED TO PROCLAMATION OF IRISH LEAGUE.

Cabinet Much in Doubt—One Section, Headed by Lord Londonderry, Former Chief Secretary, Urges Suppression.

London, March 24.—The question now hanging in doubt with the cabinet is whether the United Irish league shall be proclaimed. It is understood that Friday's cabinet council was again concerned with the contentions of the two sections of the cabinet, the one section headed by Lord Londonderry, a former lord lieutenant of Ireland favoring the immediate suppression of the league, under the crimes act; the other section, which includes Mr. Wyndham, the chief secretary, desiring to cling to the ordinary law for the suppression of active crime as long as possible. The Times is vociferously demanding the suppression of the league as a dangerous association, and the strongest measures against "the organizers of disloyalty and lawless coercion."

In the past it generally has been the militant party that has gained the upper hand. Mr. Wyndham himself hopes much from the industrial re-organization programme, if the treasury will spare him the necessary funds, and also from his new land bill to be submitted in the house of commons soon. It is generally believed that the bill is specially favorable to the transfer of land in the congested districts where the landlords are willing to sell.

Uprisings Were Preconcerted.

London, March 24.—It is reported here from Odessa, says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail, that revolution and disorders have broken out simultaneously at Batoum, on the Black sea, at Tiffis, in Trans-Caucasia, and at Baku, on the Caspian sea. According to the reports, says the correspondent, the movement was apparently preconcerted in each town, and there were collisions between mounted troops and rioters.

The number of casualties is not known. Several warehouses have been burned at Baku.

Inter-Imperial Trade.

New York, March 24.—A special cable from London to the New York Post says:

So far as concerns the preferential tariff proposals now coming from Canada and Australasia, designed to make the empire more or less a trade unit, in view of the coronation conference in June, it is understood that the cabinet is inclined to agree to submit the whole question to a royal commission, upon which the colonies shall be represented.

More Work For Prince Henry.

Berlin, March 24.—Prince Henry, with the first squadron, will visit Spanish waters in May, when the young king of Spain is enthroned.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest News Culled From All Over The World.

London's fire brigade last year cost £2,230,000.

Guelph, Ont., will put in a new fire alarm system.

The great London bridge is to be increased to sixty-five feet wide.

The Ontario government has authorized the establishment of a high school at North Bay.

Rev. C. O. Johnston has accepted an invitation to remain as pastor of Queen street Methodist church, Toronto, for a fifth year.

As a substitute for cotton or silk thread for stringing pearl or other beads, use a violin string. It will be found to be more serviceable.

A bill prohibiting the playing of baseball or football on Sunday has passed the house at Des Moines, Ia., by a vote of fifty to sixteen.

The Toronto Sunday World has this new form of announcement: "The engagement of Miss Beatrice Routh to Miss Wentworth Monk is announced in Montreal."

The citizens of Guelph are agitating a new system of sewage. The building output for the year will depend greatly on the question of proper sewage for the sewage.

Sir William Macdonald has placed $125,000 to the credit of the rural school fund in the bank of Montreal for the erection and furnishing of the buildings in connection with Ontario agricultural college at Guelph.

A concert was given at the grave of the late Thomas C. Hannahoe, ex-mayor of Irishtown, Pa., on St. Patrick's day. Before his death some years ago, he requested that Irish songs be played at his grave each St. Patrick's day.

Dr. W. W. Johnston, a leading Washington physician, died on Sunday. He was an expert in the treatment of diseases of the heart and was one of the physicians called during the last hours of president McKinley's illness, but reached his bedside too late to be of any service.

HAVE THEY SURRENDERED?

The Latest Rumor Flying Through London.

London, March 24.—The Westminster Gazette, this afternoon, urges that any peace proposal should be regarded on its merits, pointing out that the ungenerous assumption that the previous Boer overtures were signs of weakness contributed largely to the failure of the negotiations.

The Pall Mall Gazette "would like to think that the bravery and skill in commanders Dewet and Delarey have arrived at the height of moral courage once attained by Gen. Lee and have realized that the trust patriotism does not consist in the prolongation of a hopeless struggle," but the paper confesses that the military situation is not auspicious for such a change of mind.

St. James Gazette extracts from the unilluminative despatches, thus far received from Pretoria, the theory that Mr. Schalkberger and the other members of his party have possibly already surrendered and have been released on parole for the purpose of seeing president Steyn and Dewet.

The news from South Africa had a generally good effect on the stock exchange. There is good reason to believe that lord Kitchener, in his interview with Mr. Schalkberger, agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation issued in September if Gen. Dewet and the other Boer leaders surrendered.

What War Secretary Says.

London, March 24.—In the house of commons, to-day, the war secretary, and Mr. Broderick, announced that, a fortnight ago, Mr. Schalberger intimated to lord Kitchener a desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British lines, and back, in order to see Mr. Steyn, with the possibilities of peace proposals. Lord Kitchener, with the consent of the government, had acceded to the request.

TO FIX THE DIVIDEND.

Likely to Be Paid After Legislation is Passed.

Montreal, March 24.—The directors of the Dominion steel company are in session in this city, to-day, to take action regarding the dividend of the preferred stock, which would, in the regular course, be payable on April 1st. It is rumored in the street that no declaration will be made, to-day, owing to the bill before the Nova Scotia legislature, not having passed all the stages necessary to completion. That the dividends will eventually be paid as soon as the legislature receives the assent of the lieutenant-governor, is not doubted. The dividend amounts to $175,000, being three and one-half per cent. on $500,000. Hon. G. A. Cox is presiding at the meeting in the absence of Messrs. H. W. Whitney and James Ross.

Somersault Cure For Obesity.

London, March 24.—The latest London novelty is the "somersault cure" for fat women. A West End surgeon's house has been fitted up as a luxurious gymnasium, where aristocratic patients turn somersaults, on Swedish principles, in the hope of reducing their obesity. The "cure" is said to be most efficacious.

Appeals For Funds.

London, March 24.—The Dublin nationalist press, says a telegram from Dublin to the Times, is issuing appeals for funds for the Irish parliamentary party. In spite of the elaborate organization for collecting money by means of branches of the United Irish league, it seems financial difficulties are overtaking the party.

No Seals Caught.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 24.—The steamer Newfoundland, the first sealing ship to return from the ice floes, arrived in the channel this morning, with reports which indicate that the season's fishing was the worst on record. Practically no seals have been caught.

City commissioner Gordon and medical health officer Fee started out today to complete the inspection of the milk dairies which supply lacteal fluid to the citizens.

A cherry tree in the garden of W. Fairbairn, at the outer station is almost in blossom.

MURRAY TO INVESTIGATE

AS TO THE CAUSE OF JAMES QUIRK'S DEATH.

He is Supposed to Have Been Murdered During the Night—The Death of John Ryan, a Leading Citizen.

Toronto, March 24.—On the request of the Brantford crown authorities the attorney-general, this morning, deputed inspector John Murray to investigate the circumstances attending the death of James Quirk, the Brantford hotel-keeper, supposed to have been murdered in his own barn there, yesterday.

The death took place here of John Ryan, a member of the well-known family of contractors of that name. Mr. Ryan was in his sixty-eighth year, and died of heart failure, which had affected him for some time. He leaves a widow, three sons, and two daughters. With the exception of Sir Casimer Gzowski, Sir David MacPherson, and one or two of the first railway builders in Canada, Mr. Ryan had built more miles of track than any other Canadian contractor. He built part of the G.T.R. and Chicago & Alton in 1860, of the Intercolonial and C.P.R., west of Winnipeg, the Ontario & Quebec railway from Toronto to Perth, the Brockville & Ottawa, and many shorter lengths. Latterly he was associated with his brother, the late Hugh Ryan, and M. J. Haney, in the building of the Soo canal, and the enlargement of the St. Lawrence canals.

The excellent condition of business in the city is shown in the revised assessment of the year, which was signed by the county judge this morning. The total is $133,965,543, as compared with $128,271,583 last year. This is the largest increase since the collapse of the real estate boom when the assessment stood at $153,000,000.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Ontario rifle association, at the military institute, this morning. Capt. Harbottle, the secretary-treasurer, reported that the association had made a net profit of $5,360 out of the sale of seats for the royal review last fall. This sum will be kept in a special fund for the encouragement of rifle shooting. The government, it was also announced, has agreed to make important changes at the rifle ranges at Port Credit, including the erection of a number of new targets. It was decided to adopt the rule of the Dominion association, that all persons who have served twelve years in the militia shall be permitted to take part in military competitions, whether or not they are now actively connected with the service. Officers were elected: President, E. B. Osler, M.P.; vice-presidents, first district, Lieut.-Col. White, Guelph; second district, Maj. J. J. Mason, Hamilton; third district, Maj. N. F. MacNachtan, Cobourg; fourth district, Lieut.-Col. Sherwood, Ottawa; secretary-treasurer, Capt. Harbottle, Toronto; council, Lieut.-Col. Delamer, Toronto; Lieut.-Col. Bruce, Toronto; Lieut.-Col. John Hughes, Clarke; Lieut.-Col. Edwards, Peterboro; Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, Toronto; Maj. G. W. Hayes; Maj. Wilson, Seaforth; Maj. Helmer, Ottawa; Maj. Sylvester, Lindsay; Capt. Crowe, Guelph; Capt. Cunningham, Kingston; Maj. Roper, Ottawa; Lieut. Pain, Hamilton.

The remains of the late John Ryan, the railway contractor, were taken to Brockville for interment, on the train leaving here at nine o'clock this morning. Mass was said at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes by Rev. Fr. Cruise, in presence of many friends and relatives. The pall-bearers were: M. J. Haney, Col. Mason, J. J. Foy, John Morison, Hon. S. C. Wood and Thomas Flynn.

Mr. Dean to-day began duty at the liberal rooms as the secretary for the coming campaign. The rooms in the Golden Lion building are splendidly equipped, and are open for reading purposes to all who desire to visit them.

A Toronto despatch says: "Chaucer" Elliott, the well-known Queen's university athlete, will be given a trial at first base, and if he makes good, will have a permanent job. Elliott is much fancied by Mr. Barrow.

The New York athletic club hockey team defeated Ottawa 6 to 3, on Saturday night, in New York. Clarke and Carruthers, late of Kingston, played with the United States team. Clarke scored three goals.

The sergeants of the 14th regiment have made arrangements for holding an assembly in the main drill hall on Thursday evening, April 3rd. There will be no lack of space in the big hall.

On Wednesday night "E" company, 14th regiment, meets to organize for the season's drill. "A" company, already organized, will meet for drill to-morrow night.

Bay of Quinte Navigation Co. are building a wharf at Chimney Point, at the entrance to Picton. This will mean a saving of three-quarters of an hour to a steamer going in and out.

H. D. Bibby, sick in the hospital for the last two weeks, has been under an operation for appendicitis. It was performed successfully.

The charge for water in Guelph is to be cut down one-half this year, which is expected to leave a good surplus for the company.

In St. James church last evening, Rev. Mr. Savary, preached his concluding Lenten sermon on "The Three Temptations."

The largest mail received at the local post-office since Christmas was that of last night; it nearly buried the clerks.

The non-commissioned officers' class of the 14th regiment meet at the drill hall this evening.

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