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COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in The Business World—The Markets.

There is talk of five cents for May and June cattle.

C. P. R. earnings for the week ending April 7th, $691,000; for the same week last year, $630,000; increase, $61,000.

Commercial failures to the number of 11,951 were reported in Germany in 1903. The average amount of each failure was $10,856.

Recent prices for hogs in this country and bacon in England caused Canadian packers to lose from five to seven shillings on every hundredweight of bacon sold.

Petroleum lands of great value have been discovered in the Northwest. It is hoped the restrictions of the dominion government will not prevent their development.

The winter just closed was the most disastrous on fruit trees in Canada. The roots of many fruit trees were frozen, especially plum and apple trees. Gooseberries will be a total failure.

During the year 1903 there were mined in the United States 354,037 tons of coal, of which 279,733,528 tons were bituminous and 36,342,726 anthracite. As late as 1880 the output in the United States was only 71,070,143 tons.

How have wheat and clover passed the winter? The Toronto Sun has obtained reports from representatives farmers in different parts of the province. These reports vary somewhat, but on the whole are favorable, especially those received from the Huron tract, where fall wheat is largely grown.

St. Paul's Womans' Auxiliary.

Last night, the annual meeting of St. Paul's W.A. was held. Rev. Mr. Rollitt gave an inspiring address. Reports of the year's work were read, which showed an increase in the amount raised, as compared with previous years. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Carey; recording-secretary, Mrs. George Downey; treasurer, Mrs. Mitchell; secretary, Mrs. Sutherland; delegates to annual meeting at Brockville, Mrs. Gaskin, and Mrs. Elliott.

What The Chief Will Do.

At the next fire and light committee meeting, it is understood that Chief Elmer will state that he did not say any of the three applicants for the position of callman would be satisfactory to him. He will abide by the statement made in the city council by Alderman Bassam.

The steamer Pierrepont did not make an attempt to go down the river to-day. It was useless to try, as the ice jams were worse than yesterday. Passengers for Cape Vincent are still going across Wolfe Island.

JAPS CUT DOWN

SHARPSHOOTERS SURPRISED A JAPANESE PATROL.

Nearly All Were Killed—The Japanese Flag Lowered at Wiju And Outposts Retreat—Russians Chased.

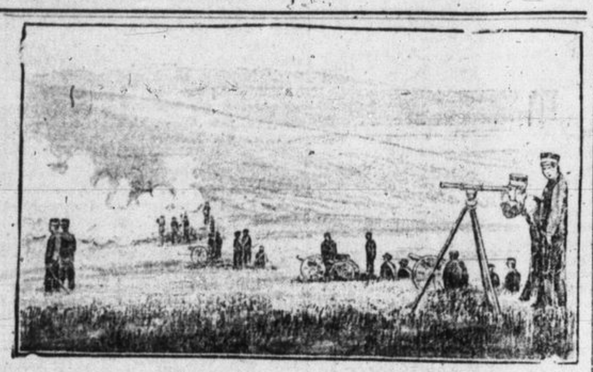
St. Petersburg, April 13.—General Kouropatkin in a despatch to the Emperor, bearing yesterday's date, says that General Krasnalinski, on the night of April 8th, ordered a detachment of sharpshooters to cross the left bank of the Yalu, opposite Wiju. The sharpshooters landed on the island of Samalind and surprised a patrol of fifty Japanese scouts just as the latter were approaching the east side of the island in three boats.

The Russians allowed the Japanese to land and then fired on them. Nearly all the Japanese were shot, bayoneted or drowned and their boats sunk. The Russians sustained no losses.

Non-Commissioned Officers Louchkine and Souhaschonov distinguished themselves in the fight.

On the following day the Japanese lowered their flag at Wiju and their outposts, which lately have been been seen, fell back.

On the night of April 9th, four Russians crossed the Yalu to Yongampho and made towards a Russian village, where they found a squadron of Japanese cavalry. They remained there twelve hours when they were betrayed by Koreans and found themselves obliged to swim the river, their boat having struck a sand-bank. One soldier lost his life. The Japanese pursued the Russians in a boat but were in turn attacked by a Russian boat, which had come to the rescue of the swimmers. The Japanese were all killed and their boat sunk.



THE ADVANCE S TO THE YALU.
Japanese mountain artillery in action near Ping-Yang.

Struck A Mine.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—While going out to meet the Japanese fleet, off Port Arthur, the Petropavlovsk struck a mine in the outer roadstead, turned over and sank.

According to very high authority the latest advices received at the Winter Palace here are to the effect that the naval battle is still progressing off Port Arthur. It is estimated that from 600 to 700 men perished when the Petropavlovsk sank.

Vice-Admiral Drowned.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—It is officially announced that Vice-Admiral Makaroff was drowned at the time of the sinking of the Battleship Petropavlovsk.

An account says twenty men escaped from the disaster to the Petropavlovsk. Grand Duke Cyril, was saved from death by a miracle. His brother, Grand Duke Boris, witnessed the catastrophe through a marine glass. The Japanese fleet included torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers. Vice-Admiral Makaroff ordered his whole squadron out of the harbor to meet the attack. It was while preparing to draw up his line of battle, in the outer roadstead, that the Petropavlovsk struck a mine on her starboard side amidships and immediately began to keel. Before the crew could flood the port compartments of the vessel in order to keep her on an even keel, she turned turtle and sank in a few minutes, carrying down almost the entire crew.

Captain Jakavlaff, the Grand Duke Cyril, and two other officers, were saved because they were standing on the upper bridge.

The frightful loss of life among the officers and men is due to the fact that they were all at their stations ready for action.

To Evade Conscription.

Berlin, April 13.—A dispatch to-day states that 5,500 Poles have fled from Russia and arrived in Posen. The men are endeavoring to evade conscription in the Russian army.

Drove Enemy Off.

Chefoo, April 13.—A private despatch from Port Arthur say the Japanese attacked that place at daylight to-day, and that the Russian fleet, assisted by the forts, drove the enemy off.

A FATAL SNOW SLIDE.

Trainmaster And Engineer Buried In Alberta Canyon.

Winnipeg, April 13.—Trainmaster Dowie, and K. Dodd, assistant to the engineer of the C.P.R. were killed by the snow slide in Alberta Canyon, B. C. on Monday morning. They, together with a crew of workmen, were engaged in clearing a snow slide which had blocked the line, when another sudden rush of snow and rocks caught them. The two unfortunate men were buried under the slide, but Superintendent Kilpatrick, and five others, who were caught in the snow, have escaped with their lives. Two snow slides occurred, yesterday, and several previously. One snow and rock slide is believed to be a mile in length, and twenty-five feet in depth, in the worst places.

Report says that the windows of a local warehouse were cleaned, to-day, for the first time in four years.

INTREPID FIGHTER.

A Man Of Iron Will And Very Resourceful.

Col. Francis Younghusband, who is engaged in fighting and subduing the Tibetans, is the one man of all others who is most feared by Russia. Agents from St. Petersburg watched him throughout the whole course of his travels in Manchuria eighteen years ago, and, broadly speaking, they have been "shadowing" him ever since, though there is no record so far of any Russians having accompanied him up the Chumbi Valley to Tuna, notwithstanding the fact that the Tibet expedition is being followed with keen interest on the Novski. In 1887 Col. Younghusband made a tour through Chinese Turkestan, and his movements were dogged with extraordinary persistence by Muscovite agents in the guise of eastern traders; while his explorations in the Hunza region and the "Roof of the World" were made the subject of such solicitude on the part of the czar's government that more than once grave trouble was threatened in the Pamirs. Through the critical period, 1893 and 1894, Col. Younghusband was the British political officer in Chitral, and, had he stayed there, there is little doubt that no necessity would have arisen for the costly Chitral expedition which followed the tribal outbreaks in that zone soon after his departure. With eastern affairs this soldier, explorer and diplomat has an hereditary association, for his father, Major-Gen. Younghusband, C.S.I., did splendid service for the Indian government. Tall, handsome and of typically soldier-like bearing, Col. Younghusband hides an iron will behind the pleasantest of manners, and his tact and resourcefulness makes him an ideal of such an expedition as that which has marched upon the Forbidden City in the mysterious recesses of Tibet.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newsy Paragraphs Picked Up By Reporters On Their Rounds.

Ferguson's for cup cakes, 10c. a doz.

Albert Madill is very low, and his life is despaired of.

Assorted layer cakes and sponge drops at Ferguson's.

Fresh garden and flower seeds. Gibson's Reh Cross drug store.

John McIlroy, lately with the Gardiner Biscuit factory company, left this afternoon for New Westminster, B.C., where he will settle.

Ripe tomatoes, pineapples and bananas, just in at Ferguson's.

Early risers, in the vicinity of Macdonald Park, this morning, witnessed a sight well-worth seeing. The ice, which had been driven out of the harbor during the night, was piled up in several mounds, forty ot fifty feet high, near Snake Island and with a background of dark clouds, made a beautiful sight.

Sweet oranges, 10c. a dozen at Ferguson's.

Mill Haven Visitors.

Millhaven, April 13.—Rev. Mr. Shortt, Kingston, has returned home after visiting a few days at Charles Forward's. D. Clement and daughter, Deseronto, were visiting relatives here last week. John Clement lost a valuable young cow a few days ago. Mrs. Horace Rickey and James Young are under the doctor's care. Mrs. English and son, Kingston, were recent visitors here. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sharpe were visitors in Kingston this week.

Hogs A Little Higher.

Harris quotes select hogs in Toronto at $4.75, but Park, Blackwell & Co. have put prices up a notch, and quote selects at $5, with fats and lights 25c. less.

In Montreal hogs are still quoted at $5.25 to $5.50.

In Buffalo a decided drop has taken place. Best hogs there last week were $5.85. This week the top is $5.50. Roughs are $4.70 to $4.90.

Tribute To Ontario Fruit Orchards

"The Province of Ontario is," says A. G. Seyfert, U.S. consul at Stratford, "one of the finest fruit countries on the continent, and furnishes a great abundance of all kinds of fruits, for home consumption and much for export, of such as can be grown in this latitude."

Will Not Stay.

Rev. C. G. Rollitt wishes the item, which appeared in the Whig, last evening, to the effect that he had been appointed curate of St. Paul's church, contradicted.

Medical Superintendent Jones, of the London county asylum, told the society for the study of inebriety that bad cooking, resulting in mal-nutrition is one of the chief reasons for the drink curse.

Best navel oranges, 30c., 40c., and 50c. a dozen, at Ferguson's.

Negotiations are in progress between the International Mercantile Marine company and the Cunard company to reach an understanding for the ending of the rate war.

Sir William Welrond, M.P., addressing a conservative demonstration at Tiverton, Eng., said there was no likelihood of a general election this year, or next.

Doughnuts, buns and rolls, fresh tomorrow at Ferguson's.

The British budget will be introduced on the 19th inst.

THE OLD LAND

IS DEPRESSED FOR LACK OF GOLD SUPPLY.

Navigation Open—May Hold Two Live Stock Auction Sales In Toronto—Port Hope Outlet For Trent Valley Canal.

Toronto, April 13.—The board of control this morning, decided to recommend council to petition the Dominion government in favor of Port Hope, as the outlet for the Trent Valley canal.

B. E. Walker, general manager of the Bank of Commerce, who has just returned from a three months' trip to England, gave an interview, this morning, on the financial condition of Britain. He says financial affairs are temporarily depressed, because of the lack of the usual gold supply from South Africa. This will be relieved by the introduction of Chinese labor into South Africa.

The first navigation out of Toronto Bay, occurred, this morning, when the Stonehooker Newsboy, left for Port Credit. It is reported that there is now no ice along the lake shore. The harbor master will at once begin to place the buoys.

F. W. Hodson, dominion live stock commissioner, has written the mayor, advocating the holding of two live stock auction sales in Toronto, for horses in the spring, and cattle in the fall.

A deputation from New Ontario, headed by D. C. Cameron, M.P.P., secured from Premier Ross, this morning, a promise to amend the act of last session to provide that crown lands, sold because of three years' arrears of payment by purchasers, may be redeemed by the owner within a year.

The private bills committee of the legislature to-day finally settled the terms of E. S. Jennison's private bill, regarding the privilege of developing power on the Kaministiqua river, near Fort William. In addition to the provisions requiring him to do a certain amount of work before January next and to put up a cash deposit, it is provided that any storage of water by dams shall be under the supervision of an engineer to be appointed by the high court of justice and shall not interfere more than necessarily with the natural flow of the river.

Word has been received that the State of New York will appoint a commission to co-operate with the Ontario fishery department to regulate fishing in the lakes and in the St. Lawrence river.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest News Culled From All Over The World.

The Rockland hotel and stables at Bobycaygeon were destroyed by fire.

James Powell and M. McGrath, London jail officials, have been dismissed.

W. S. Devery wants $35,000 from city of New York, for alleged breach of contract.

Massachusetts democrats have no use for Hearst, and will support Olney for presidency.

A new and inexpensive process of preserving meat has been invented by a Berlin professor.

Joseph Chamberlain will be in the British House of Commons to hear his son's budget speech on the 19th.

An attempt was made to break into Badfield Bros.' safe at Morrisburg, but the cracksmen were frightened away.

The government will not interfere with the death sentence imposed upon Goyette, who murdered John Colligan and his son in Alfred township.

Rev. John Scrimger has been nominated as the successor to the late Principal MacVicar as head of the Montreal Presbyterian Theological College.

J. H. Cavanah, born in Leeds county, 1857, died on April 4th, at Lethbridge, Alta., from the effects of a critical operation. He was interred with Masonic honors.

Joseph Redmond, who is leaving Picton, to locate in Winnipeg, in the interest of the Heintzman piano company, was tendered a banquet, Friday, and given a gold watch.

Harrowsmith Happenings.

Harrowsmith, April 13.—The many friends of Dr. A. Macmillan are glad to learn that he is recovering from his severe illness in Chicago. We regret to hear that Morley Day is ill with typhoid fever in Toronto, and hope for a speedy recovery. Miss Perley is recovering from a severe attack of throat trouble. On Easter Sunday Miss Nellie Stewart sang a solo in the Presbyterian church which was highly appreciated. Mrs. Williamson, who spent the winter with her son, in Toronto, is spending a few days with friends here. She will sell her property in Napanee and move to Toronto. Mrs. William Buck has purchased a house and lot from Mrs. Williamson on Sydenham street. E. W. Sproule spent a few days at home last week. He passed in all his subjects at the recent medical exams. at Queen's. Miss Gracie Graves spent her Easter holidays with her sister, Mrs. Callaghan in Napanee. Miss Minnie Sproule spent her holidays with friends at Sharbot Lake. Mr. Lyons and bride, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lyons, his brother. The Misses Eleanor and Anna Bell Lyons were home for Easter. Mrs. D. Wood, Sr., is visiting at Newburgh. Mr. and Mrs. James Shibley entertained a large number of young people last Wednesday evening. Needless to say they had a pleasant time. Miss Lilian Trousdale spent a few days in Kingston and has resumed her duties as teacher at Petworth. Miss Lake and Mr. Fennell, our popular teachers, are again in their places. Miss M. C. Sproule attended Queen's medical convocation. Miss Edna Irish is home from Toronto. Visitors: H. Harvey, at S. F. Stewart's; Miss Hinch, at A. Hughes'; Miss Asselstine, at William Thompson's; Miss Edith Walker, at D. Woods', Sr.; Mrs. Williamson, at M. J. Sproule's. Earl Thompson left yesterday for Oswego.

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Crash Suitings
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