

MORNING DAILY FOUNDED 1854 WEEKLY (NOW DAILY) 1877

CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CANADA, TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1907.

TWENTY CENTS A MONTH BY MAIL TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR BY MAIL

TORNADO VISITS ONTARIO TOWN

Demolishes Houses, Trees and Fences - Narrow Escape of Old Lady Confined To Bed - Coal Shed Wrecked Stops Traffic.

[SPECIAL BY CABLE] TORONTO, May 27.-A big wind storm visited Norfolk County in Western Ontario Sunday night. Two houses in the village of Nixon were blown down and completely wrecked and a grocery store suffered a like fate.

No lives were lost. The tornado came up suddenly from the south-west and though it cut a comparatively narrow swath it left great ruin in its course. Roofs were torn off, barns carried long distances, several buildings demolished, trees torn up, fences leveled.

REBELLION IN NORTHERN CHINA

Civil And Military Officers Murdered In Wong Tung And Remains Burned

[SPECIAL BY CABLE.] SWATOW, PROVINCE OF KWANTUNG, CHINA, May 27.-Rebellion has broken out at Wong Tung in the Upper district of Chinghu prefecture. All the civil and military officials at Wong Tung have been assassinated and their remains burned.

BRITISH INDIA IS DISQUIETED

Japan's Victorias Over Russia Inciting The Hindoos To Revolutionary Action

[SPECIAL BY CABLE.] LARORE, BRITISH INDIA, May 27.-Those who have been attributing the unrest in India to the victories of the Japanese over the Russians find confirmation in their belief in documents found in the possession of a Hindoo lawyer and his companion arrested here in connection with the tyrant Jitab Pawalpindi.

MILL HANDS IN CHATHAM STRIKE

Getting \$ 1.75 They Want Two Dollars Two Hundred And Fifty Men Ont

[SPECIAL BY CABLE] CHATHAM, N. I., May 27.-The demand of \$2 per day by the deal carriers in Snowball's and the Miramichi Lumber Co's mills and its refusal caused a complete tying up of Snowball's mill this morning and the enforced idleness upon 125 of 300 men employed there and caused the shutting down of one gang in the Miramichi mill which employed 190 men.

THE GOVERNOR OF B. COLUMBIA

Narrowly Escapes Death In Burning Yacht - Five Hundred Gallons Gasoline Exploded - He and Crew of Thirteen Escape in Boat.

[SPECIAL BY CABLE] VANCOUVER, May 17.-Lieut Governor Dunsmuir narrowly escaped death on Friday through the burning of his yacht in Queen Charlotte Sound. Governor Dunsmuir was returning from fishing with his son-in-law Major Andair, and three guests when the yacht Thistle was discovered to be on fire.

They were obliged with the crew of thirteen to take the boats and the yacht burned to the water's edge. Five hundred gallons of gasoline were in the hold and it exploded. After travelling 32 miles in their boats the shipwrecked party were sighted by a south bound steamer, which landed them at Vancouver on noon yesterday. The Thistle was valued at \$50,000.

PLAGUE DESTROYS MANY IN INDIA

SIMLA, May 25.-The government returns published to-day show that the deaths from the plague throughout India for the six weeks ending May 11, reach the appalling total of 431,802. In the Punjab alone 138,777 deaths occurred.

GIFT OF GOLD FOR ROYAL BABE

MADRID, May 25.-The traditional ceremonies conferring the Cross of Pelayo upon the Prince of the Asturias, the newly born heir to the throne of Spain, took place in the Palace yesterday in the presence of the royal family and a gathering of Government officials. The baby was invested with the Cross by his father the King. After this ceremony from the principality of the Asturias were received at the Palace and delivered a gift for the royal babe consisting of one thousand golden doubloons, equal in value to \$5,000.

THE LATEST FISH STORY

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.-The latest fish story concerns the herring and sea gull and it comes from Nanaimo. A boatload of herring, containing about fifteen tons, was left at Johnston's wharf, Nanaimo, during the noon hour while the fishermen went to dinner. During their absence several thousand sea gulls, the chronicler says ten thousand, ate all the fish on one side of the boat with such good results that they emptied it, and when the last herring had been removed from the side it was like the last straw that broke the camel's back, for the boat, with all the weight on the other side, was rolling all the remaining fish into the water.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY

At the Meeting Held At Brookfield On the 23rd Day of May

At Brookfield, and within the Presbyterian Church there, on Thursday, the 23rd day of May, 1907, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met pursuant to adjournment at a special conference. Mr. T. F. Fullerton, moderator pro tempore, with whom were present Messrs A. D. Scribner, W. H. Spencer, A. Craik, ministers and A. N. McLeod, elders.

THE TRIAL OF YOUNG MEIKLE

For the Alleged Murder of His Father, A Charlottetown Man.

SALEM, Mass May 25.-Edgar Meikle, the sixteen year old boy who is on trial on charges of murdering his father, Charles Meikle, took the stand yesterday in his own defense. In the main the story he told was similar to that already credited to him by the testimony of other witnesses. But in cross-examination, the prosecutor brought out some apparent discrepancies between the testimony at the time of the inquest and that given yesterday. During his appearance on the stand some of the women in court were reprimanded for applauding, and Judge Stevens ordered their removal from the room should the offence be repeated.

UNREST IN INDIA STILL CONTINUES

CALCUTTA, May 25 Although there have been no outbreaks in Eastern Bengal, the unrest continues. It is largely attributable to the Hindoo movement to boycott English goods. The Mohammedans still refuse to join the boycott, and Hindoo bitterness against them has increased. A Hindoo organization called the National Volunteers is carrying on the agitation in the rural districts, keeping the whole population in a state of nervous irritability. The members are armed with spears, clubs and swords, and sometimes firearms, preaching sedition. Trade has almost stopped, and farming is hindered. The jute crop is likely to be seriously crippled.

THE PLIBISCITE IN PRINCE COUNTY

Facts pro And Con In The Matter Of Installing Water Works

Within a few days the people of Summerside will be called upon to vote for or against the installation of a water works and sewerage system. The cost of the system, together with an approximately correct statement of the yearly revenue and operating expenses, has been placed in the hands of citizens, by a board of commissioners, whose capability and integrity cannot be doubted. The citizens will therefore choose or reject with their eyes open, or deliberately closed. As in every case, here and elsewhere, when a forward step is contemplated, there will be opposition. There will be the usual whine about poverty and oppressive taxation. Those who magnify their own and general poverty, are to be found in every community; but every community that has taken a forward step has done so regardless of their whining, and the winners have lived to thank them for it. It will be so in Summerside. Its progressive citizens, those of them who understand by the fear of additional expenses, exchanged the ramshackle stores of primitive Summerside for the modern, up-to-date stores of today; those of them who through experience, know that it pays to be "in the swim," will see that the water works, and sewerage, and the sufficient number to authorize this step towards modernism at the coming plebiscite. It would be a serious matter for the town if it should turn out otherwise. To turn down the proposition now would be to practically abandon it for all time to come; discourage those who are planning for new homes and awaiting the town's decision on this vital matter; to declare to the world that Summerside is satisfied to make time in the old rut and refuses to take its place in the procession of progress and modernism. Such a decision would indeed be serious. Would be fatal to the town's future progress. This plebiscite will mark a turning point in the history of Summerside. It will mark the point at which the town either chose to go forward with its sister cities, or to give up the struggle and retreat to a step back again to the Green-shore stage. Those who are concerned with its future, who want to build up a live, progressive, prosperous and modern town, will vote for the water works, those whose only interest in the town is to bleed it, will vote against it.

SEEDING IS NOW NEAR COMPLETED

WINNIPEG, May 24.-The Free Press has received telegraphic reports from ninety telegraph stations, which indicate that in most cases wheat seeding is completed. Only about 10 per cent, remains. The acreage in Manitoba will probably be from eight to ten per cent less than last year, while in Saskatchewan there will be an increase though not so great as one was anticipated. A great majority of points heard from report that earlier sown wheat is grown vigorously and is already from one to two inches above ground. Practically everywhere the soil is in splendid condition and excellent seed has been found for grain. All that is wanted is warmer weather and rain. In Manitoba fifty per cent of coarse grain is in the ground, thirty per cent in Saskatchewan, and 75 per cent in Alberta. Fall wheat in Alberta is in prime condition. The prospects on the whole are fully fifty per cent better than ten days ago, and while the season is admittedly late, the growing possibilities of the west with a fine season from now on can get insure an average, if not a bumper crop almost equaling that of the last two years.

TURBINE YACHT FOR KING EDWARD

Invitations Issued For The Launching Of The Alexandra

LONDON, May 24.-A. & J. Inglis, of Glasgow, have issued invitations for the launching on May 30 of the turbine yacht Alexandra, built for the King. The craft, which will be launched by the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, is a steel vessel of about 2000 tons displacement. It has 4500 indicated horse power and will have a speed of 17 knots. She is 300 feet in length, 40 feet in breadth, and 23 feet in depth. She is built with a top galant, forecastle, and bridge deck 150 feet long, extending to the side of the ship, and carried on stanchions from the main rail.

J.A. EDISON AND HIS WATCHES

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.-Thomas A. Edison, the great American inventor, was presented with a beautiful Swiss watch by an European scientific society. That the gift was really a magnificent timepiece may be judged from its value, which was \$2,700. After some time the maker began inquiry to find out if the watch was giving satisfaction. This investigation brought to light the fact that Mr. Edison makes little use of the valuable gift. Instead he buys a steam winder costing \$1.50, breaks the chain ring off, and thrusts it in his trousers pocket. If it becomes clogged with dirt he squirts a little oil into it by way of encouragement, and if it proves obstinate after this treatment he smashes it with a hammer and buys a new one.

MISSING HEIRS TO BIG ESTATE

NEW YORK, May 23.-A despatch from Washington says: Arthur Dreyer an English barrister, who recently came to the United States to search for heirs to the famous de Golla estate in England, will soon return to his native land. His search has been in vain. As a result the bulk of the \$5,000,000 de Golla fortune will probably revert to the British crown. Mr. Dreyer's mission to America disclosed that John Cook, a nephew of Mr. DeGolla, died in the Government Hospital for the Insane here in 1895. His only living relative is his sister, Sarah Cook an inmate of the Norfolk, Va. Hospital for the Insane, who is unable to enjoy any of the vast wealth in her own life. A sufficient sum will be turned over to the hospital authorities for her support.

ODDITIES OF LAND TENURE

LONDON, May 21.-There is absolutely no end to the oddities and eccentricities that mark the tenure of real property in England. The London Globe tells of the curious customs of keyhole tenures still prevailing at Cowland, the famous abbey town in the Lincolnshire fens, where there are a number of cottages which had neither copyhold, freehold nor leasehold. They were originally built on waste land, and in each case the possessor of the key holds an undivided tenancy. Although some of the occupiers have replaced the mud and thatched dwellings of antiquity with brick and slated buildings, they have no power to sell or will them away, for they have no deeds. On a tenant dying the first person to cross the threshold takes his place if he so desires.

THE WEATHER. FISHERY BULLETIN.

[SPECIAL BY CABLE.] TORONTO, May 27.-Fresh to strong southeasterly to southwesterly winds, unsettled and showery. HALIFAX, May 27. Georgetown.-Herring fair, lobsters scarce, bait to be had at Georgetown. Bloomfield.-Herring and lobsters plenty. Alberton District.-Herring and lobsters fair. Miramichi.-All branches dull. Minard's Liniment Cures Croup. To this question, the witness replied "No." The District Attorney then asked questions regarding the boy's testimony at the inquest and the boy was still being examined when the court adjourned. THE SPEECH FOR DEFENSE. After Inspector Wells of Lynn and his son questioned by James I. Sisk began the closing plea for the defense. Mr. Sisk pictured the lad getting dinner for his father, and pointed out the inconsistency of thinking that while thus engaged he was all the time saying "I will kill my father." Mr. Sisk scored Jerry McCarthy for his testimony against the boy, and Roland Meikle, uncle of the defendant, who, he said, came from Prince Edward Island. "That would have been no investigation in this case," declared Mr. Sisk, "and no suspicion would have been attached to the defendant, had it not been stated by Roland Meikle. He enlarged upon the eccentricities of the elder Meikle and laid great stress upon the remark attributed to him that "life is not worth living." He concluded by making an eloquent plea in behalf of the prisoner. He maintained that it was the boy's legal right, from the time his father died until now, not to speak unless he desired, and it is not anything against him if he refuses to do so. As has already been announced in yesterday's telegram to The Guardian the boy was acquitted by the jury.

CANADIAN HAGS ARE CHAMPIONS

BOSTON, May 25.-The three days show of the Country Club at Clyde Park, Brookline, closed last night with the championship classes, eight of which were on during the day. While the event itself was not the success that was hoped for, it was at least a success socially. The three championships in the hunter and jumper classes were won by Canadian horses, Captain W.H. Evans, of Montreal getting first in the heavy-weight class, with Sweet Belar, S. E. Ogilvie, getting the blue in the heavy-weight division, and Baret McKinnon, of Montreal winning the blue of the medium weight hunters with Myrtle.

LEGAL BATTLE OVER MRS. EDDY

At Last the Lawyers Get to Close Quarters in Contest

CONCORD, N. H., May 24.-Following several skirmishes during the past few months, in which motions, petitions and affidavits have figured to such an extent that an apparently simple case has become grossly complicated, the first legal battle fought about the person of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder and leader of the Christian Science denomination, in connection with the suit in equity seeking an accounting of her property, was opened here today. The original suit brought by Mrs. Eddy's son, George W. Glover, of Lond. S. D., his daughter Mary Baker Glover and George W. Baker, of Bangor, Maine, the last named a nephew of Mrs. Eddy, was brought in the name of the Christian Science Society by her three relatives, acting as "next friends," and was directed against Eddy's son, Mrs. Eddy's secretary, seeking for an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's property, which the "next friends" alleged was being misapplied by the defendant.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

[SPECIAL BY CABLE.] CHICAGO, May 27, 1907. May Corn ..... 54 1/2 Wheat ..... 104 1/2 Pork ..... 116 1/2 July Corn ..... 62 1/2 Wheat ..... 102 1/2 Pork ..... 116 1/2

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