

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Kaiser's Son May Marry Czar's Daughter.

HEAVY MAN DEAD

Death of Inventor of Ship Gyroscope.

Fifteen graduates of Knox College were licensed by the Presbytery. Samuel Milligan, retired farmer, died at Millhaven. He weighed 370 pounds. Police Constable Farmer was committed for trial for assaulting a brother officer.

Professor H. T. J. Coleman, of the faculty of education of the University of Toronto, may succeed the late Dean W. S. Mills, of Queen's.

Mr. Justus Miller, a prominent citizen and ex-Mayor of Ingersoll, succumbed to a chronic disease aggravated by a fall ten days ago.

A contract in connection with Hydro-electric development at Cedar Rapids has been let to a New York firm for more than three million dollars.

Joshua Reid, an employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was killed when run over by a train between Coldwater and Eady.

The Canada Casket Company and the Lusty Lumber Company at Rodney were completely destroyed by fire. The loss is \$20,000, with insurance of \$9,000.

The teamsters and laborers employed by Belleville cleaning the streets struck for higher wages, and in consequence the civic department is at a standstill.

The report is revived that Prince Adalbert, the third son of the Kaiser, and the Grand Duchess Olga, the eldest daughter of the Czar, are to be betrothed.

Otto Schlick, an engineer of Hamburg, Germany, who invented a ship gyroscope, a contrivance to reduce the rolling of vessels at sea, is dead. He was born in 1840.

The U. S. National Geographical Society has decided to make a grant of \$20,000 towards defraying the expenses of Capt. Amundsen's proposed expedition to the Arctic.

Anna Bell, aged two years, infant daughter of Adam Fox, an Augusta Township farmer, near Brookville, was burned to death in the sight of her parents.

Mr. Robert Howe, M. E. and C. E., one of the best known mining and civil engineers in Toronto, passed away at his residence, in his 75th year.

Robert Wanda, a 15-year-old boy, was instantly killed in the leather factory of Clarke & Clark, Toronto. He was caught in an elevator shaft and his head so badly crushed that he expired before assistance could be given him.

Albert Lacey, an employee of the Michigan Central Railway, St. Thomas, who was at the boarding-house at Montrose when the outbreak of smallpox first occurred, about March 17, has developed a mild case of smallpox.

The Welland Canal was opened, bridge tenders going on duty. W. H. Low and Wm. Staaf, bridge tenders at Welland, have been dismissed, and James Blackwell and George Harper appointed in their places. D. Leitch, at Air Line, has been dismissed and George Lee appointed.

A POWER WAR

Detroit Company Opens Fight Against Hydro.

London, Ont., despatch: The prospect of the immediate extension of the Hydro Electric power to the Windsor has resulted in marked activity on the part of the electrical interests, and an announcement has been made of the purchase of four Essex companies by the Edison Company of Detroit, which is operating in Canada under the name of the Essex County Light and Power Company. The companies sold are the Amherstburg Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited, for \$12,500; Essex Light and Power Company, \$13,750; Kingsville Electric Light Company, Limited, \$11,250; and the Leamington Light and Heat Company, \$22,000. The total amount involved in the deal is \$60,500. It is reported that a number of other deals are now in progress, and that a bitter war is to be waged against Niagara power. The Edison Company has no particular concern for the business in Essex County or Ontario, but is said to fear the exportation of the energy from Niagara Falls to Detroit.

BELGIAN STRIKE

Populace Fears the Possibility of Disorders.

Brussels, April 14.—All the hopes that the general strike for manhood suffrage would be averted have vanished one by one, and it now seems certain that the most sweeping attempt yet made in the world's history to apply the methods of organized labor for purely political ends will begin Monday. The leaders of the movement display the utmost confidence and the strike fund now amounts to approximately \$3,000,000, and fresh contributions from home and abroad are pouring in hourly. The bulk of the Conservative middle class population, who up to the present, because of the assurances of the Government and Clerical press that the strike was a bluff and a hoax, re-

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A DESPERATE MEASURE

The strike has been decided on by the Belgian Socialist party as the last desperate measure to make the Government give Belgium a system of manhood suffrage instead of the system of plural voting now in practice. Its success or non-success will be of consequence to the world at large, for if it succeeds it will demonstrate the practicability of the strike as a political weapon.

GREEK KING'S WILL

Shows His Wealth Was Much Exaggerated.

Athens, April 14.—King George's will, which is written in Danish, was opened yesterday by the royal family. Its terms will not become generally known for several days. When published it is bound to create a sensation. The document is chiefly political. Throughout it shows the great love of the dead King for his adopted country. It enjoins upon his successor that one consideration alone is important—namely, the eventuality of the Greek nation, to which he must subordinate all personal feelings, as also passing political considerations. The testament disposes of only \$750,000, thus giving the lie to detractors of the late monarch, who pretended that he was amassing wealth at the expense of Greece. This money is equally divided between the two youngest sons, who would otherwise be almost penniless. The enormous palace in Denmark is to be sold like the rest of the personal estate and the money accruing therefrom will provide all members of the royal family with an average annual income of \$20,000 apiece. King Constantine is now engaged in translating the will, which will be read in the Greek Parliament.

LADY THOMPSON

Widow of Former Premier Died in Toronto.

Toronto despatch: Following a serious operation, Lady Annie E. Thompson, widow of the late Rt. Hon. Sir John Thompson, Prime Minister of Canada, died yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock at the General Hospital. Lady Thompson had been ill for a very short time, and was taken to the hospital only a day before her death. Lady Thompson was the daughter of the late John and Catherine Affleck, of Halifax, N.S., and was born and educated there. In 1870 she was married to the late Sir John Thompson, who died in 1894. On her husband's death a fund, to which the Canadian Parliament contributed \$25,000, was raised for her benefit. She was presented to the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra. She was very well known throughout Canada and was closely identified with several benevolent organizations, having been president at large of the National Council of Women for Canada. She assisted in founding this body. During recent years she had lived a rather retired life at her home, 1815 St. Joseph street. A son and a daughter survive. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

FORMAL BLOCKADE

Announced Against Montenegrin Coast.

London, April 14.—The only concrete fact in regard to the war this morning is the formal declaration of a blockade on Antivari to the coast of Montenegro, which began at 3 o'clock on Thursday. No fighting is reported at Scutari, where it is said excessive rains are preventing the operations. It is reported from Belgrade that Serbia is in compliance with the advice of Russia, has decided to withdraw from Scutari. Talk of compensating Montenegrin financially if that country will abandon Antivari, abounds in many quarters. Russia and Italy, according to one report, will find the money. Nothing reliable is known as to the general situation, but it is looked upon in optimistic manner.

SIR P. GIROUARD IN MONTREAL.

Montreal despatch: Sir Percy Girouard, former Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, now director of the Armstrong, Whitworth Company, gun manufacturers, and shipbuilders, arrive here this morning. He will leave for Ottawa in a day or so, where, it is said, he will confer with the Government on dock schemes for the Pacific and Atlantic.

FOR BRITISH AIR MASTERY.

London, April 14.—Claude Grahame-White announces that he has submitted to the Government a scheme for putting aviation in Great Britain on a sound basis. He has undertaken, with a group of financiers, to find \$10,000,000 with which to establish aerodromes in all big cities, buy hydro-aeroplanes and dirigible balloons and train every year 500 pilots for the army and 500 more for the navy. The Government is considering the offer.

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CURE A FAILURE

Friedmann's Toronto Cases Have That Tendency.

Toronto despatch: That in some, at least, of the tuberculosis cases treated by Dr. Friedmann, in Toronto, there has been a failure to produce the final results expected is practically admitted by the Toronto General Hospital. While the passing of the days has not been realized, Dr. Friedmann is preparing a report on the results of the Friedmann tests. His attention was called this morning to the reports of the collapse of patients in Montreal and New York, who had apparently made a start towards recovery after treatment. "What is the condition of the patients here?" he was asked. "There has been no change," he answered. "No change one way or the other?" "No." "There were some who made temporary progress here?" he was asked. "If seemed so," was not the too helpful answer, "but I will have the report on the matter shortly." It is known that some of the patients whose former treatment had been abandoned after the Friedmann injection have again been placed under the old treatment.

SOME BIG INTEREST

Charged Farmers by Banks in the West.

Shown in Testimony in Bank Act Inquiry.

Ottawa, Ont., despatch: This was western day in the Banking Committee. George Chipman, editor of the Grain Growers' Guide, the official organ of western Canada, was the first witness. He thought that bank charters should be renewed for ten years. With rapidly changing conditions in Canada, especially in the west, there should be opportunity for revision of the Banking Act. He stated that each branch bank should at intervals publish a statement of its business, showing loans of all classes, deposits, etc. In describing the financial reports of the average farmer settling in the west, Mr. Chipman intimated that he did not think that changes in the law would lead to farmers being able to obtain more money on loans from banks. Mr. Chipman said he had sent out a request to farmers to give him statements of their experience with banks in the way of accommodation, and what interest they paid. "What interest was charged?" asked Mr. Amos. "The interest was 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 20 per cent., and averaged 12 per cent.," said Mr. Chipman. "The notes were sent and showed that the interest rate was generally 10 per cent. The notes were almost all for a month, and Mr. Chipman said a fee of a dollar was charged for each amount."

DEPORTATION?

Rumored Action Cause Flurry Among Militants.

London, April 14. It is understood that a member of the House of Commons, who is friendly to the cause of woman suffrage, intends to ask Reginald McKenna, Home Secretary, next week, whether he is contemplating a plan whereby Miss Zelle Emerson, of Jackson, Mich., and other foreign militant suffragettes guilty of "breeding English laws, will be deported as undesirable aliens. Under the English law, Mr. McKenna would be bound within his legal rights in doing this. Through the report that he intends to do so, his cause has caused considerable commotion among the militant women whose political opinions, as well as among those whose affiliation with the militant suffragette organization, might lead to their being sentenced to a term in prison.

THAW IN NEW YORK

To Testify Before the Grand Jury re Bribery.

New York, April 14.—Harry K. Thaw came down to New York to-day to testify before the grand jury investigating the alleged attempt at bribery to get him out of the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminal Insane. His answer, Mrs. Mary E. Thaw accompanied him. Thaw was taken to the grand jury rooms in the Criminal Court building. After signing a new indictment there, Thaw was taken to the chambers of Supreme Court Justice Sutherland, where it was planned to take his testimony. Because Thaw had been a dead issue, his testimony could not be included in the list of witnesses from a witness stand, but will have to be given in a narrative form.

SEEDING SOON IN WEST.

Winnipeg despatch: Seeding will be general in Manitoba by the middle of next week. This would be very near the same day as last year, April 15. In a very few districts the snow is still on the ground, but is rapidly disappearing. Seeding operations appear to have been delayed more by wet fields than from weather causes, although in some districts, rainfalls have delayed the farmer after the usual spring moisture had dried up. Little wheat seeding has been done but discing, harrowing and a good increase in the plowed area reported from some localities.