

CANADA'S ANSWER

Shows the Maumee Valley Wreck Was in No Way Her Fault.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 3.—The officials of the department of marine disclaim responsibility for the wreck of the Maumee Valley off Point Pelee, pointing out that every aid to navigation at that point had been furnished. The lighthouse at the point had been destroyed by fire last summer, and immediately a temporary light was erected.

In addition, two gas buoys have since been maintained there to show the channel, and these have been kept out later than ever this year. There was, therefore, no lack of lighting. It was the terrific gale that caused the wreck. A vote of \$30,000 for a new lighthouse, to replace the one destroyed by fire, was some time ago contained in the budget. The lighthouse will be erected on the middle ground, between Point Pelee and Pelee Island (a better location than on the point itself, where the former light was) in time for the opening of navigation next year.

Toledo, Dec. 3.—Capt. Detles, of the steamer Johnson, speaking of the sinking of the Maumee Valley, said that when he passed the vessel on Monday morning there was but one spar remaining in her, and that she was sunk in about 45 feet of water. At that time it was made of a stiff gale across the lake, and the snow made it impossible to distinguish objects at any distance. His opinion is that the Maumee Valley struck the eastern end of the middle ground, and was blown off side on into the passage, landing on Pelee Island. The position of the schooner is very inconvenient if an attempt is made to bring her to the surface, which is very improbable.

THE BUSINESS

OUTLOOK FAIR

But Mild Weather Curtails the Sale of Winter Goods.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Bradstreet's weekly review says: The ocean shipping business is closed for the season. The trade, and trade has been somewhat curtailed in certain lines. The volume of trade in wholesale circles is considered very satisfactory. Orders coming in from the Northwest and from the eastern provinces show a considerable expansion over previous years. Values continue firm for most times.

Toronto—There is a large movement in holiday goods at Toronto, but the continued mild weather has had a depressing effect on retail trade. Trade, so far as retailers are concerned, in winter goods has been disappointing, but the conditions of business generally are healthy. Values continue firm for staple goods.

London—Trade at London has been fair, but jobbers and retailers are grumbling about the backwardness in the movement of heavy goods, and are looking forward to colder weather to move them. Prices continue steady.

Winnipeg—At Winnipeg, business has shown more life under the influence of colder weather, with sleighing. Seasonable lines have been moving more freely. Work in the fur trade has already begun to get active, and the prospects of a good season are promising. The wheat movement has become much larger, and there is a marked improvement in collections.

Hamilton—At Hamilton there has been a fair jobbing demand, considering the mild weather. Holiday goods are selling freely to the country trade, and a good many spring orders are being booked. Collections are fair.

Trade at the Pacific coast has been interfered with by rough weather, but the cold temperature, with snow, has improved seasonal lines.

Business at Ottawa has been fair. There is more inquiry for holiday goods, and the prospects for that trade this year are very promising. Values are firm.

ONTARIO AT THE PAN-AMERICAN
Toronto, Dec. 3.—The Ontario government has decided to exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition at least two lines, fruit and minerals.

SUDDEN DEATHS AT HAMILTON.
Hamilton, Dec. 3.—James Kingston, a resident of Hamilton for over 50 years, who was employed by the Sanford Manufacturing Company, expired suddenly on the street Friday night while walking to his son's residence, where he lived. Death was due to apoplexy.

J. B. Buckingham, grocer, and a prominent society man, was found dead in his room on Friday night, shortly after returning from lodge meeting. Heart failure.

LEVEL-HEADED JAILER SPARKS
Windsor, Dec. 3.—The men, Seaman and Mathews, now in Sandwich jail awaiting examination on the charge of distributing worthless Dominion Bank notes, will be given a hearing Tuesday. Thomas J. Navin, the Detroit lawyer, came to Windsor and told the police he had been retained to look after Mathews' defense. He engaged J. W. Hanna, the well-known Windsor lawyer, to act with him, and the latter notified Jailer Sparks that the money had been found on the prisoner had been assigned to him. Sparks refused to hand over the money until after the prisoners are examined, claiming that it is in dispute, and he has no knowledge that it belongs to them.

ASTHMA
FOR SEVEN YEARS
And for Three Months Previous to Taking Clarke's Kola Compound Could Not Work a Day.

Doctors Pronounced His Case Incurable—Now Completely Cured.

Clarke's Kola Compound has brought more genuine happiness to thousands of Canadian homes than any other medicine ever known. It is curing Asthma, a disease hitherto considered incurable, and bringing perfect health to thousands of one-time sufferers from this most dreaded disease.

Mr. Matthew Frost, of Port Arthur, Ont., O. P. K. employee, writes: "For over seven years I have been a most unfortunate sufferer from asthma and bronchitis. Many times for weeks I could not sleep other than sitting up in a chair, and for three months previous to taking Clarke's Kola Compound I could not work a day. Our doctors said they could do nothing for me, but gave a little temporary relief. I was becoming weaker all the time. A sincere friend brought me a bottle of this grand medicine (Clarke's Kola Compound), and in less than two weeks I was back at work again. I took it all four bottles during two months, and have not lost a day's work since, nor have I had the slightest symptom of the disease. This letter is also attested to by Mr. W. J. Clark, Port Arthur's leading druggist. Clarke's Kola Compound has permanently cured thousands of asthmatics. Sold by chemists everywhere. \$2.00 per bottle, three bottles for \$5.00, or sent on receipt of price of the U. S. and M. Co., 121 Church Street, Toronto. Send for Book on Asthma."

EUROPE TO AFRICA

A Proposal to Tunnel the Straits of Gibraltar.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The state department has received a report conveying further information as to the proposed tunnel from Europe to Africa under the Straits of Gibraltar, from Mr. George H. Murphy, consular clerk at Madgeburg, Germany. Mr. Berlier, the French engineer, who last submitted the proposal of this project to the governments of Spain and Morocco, is said to have perfect confidence in the feasibility of the plan, holding that it presents no greater obstacles than were encountered in the building of the tunnels of Mont Cenis, St. Gothard and Arlberg. On the other hand, Mr. Murphy states that the ventilation of a submarine tunnel, and removal of the constantly accumulating water are very formidable and expensive obstacles to be dealt with. Nevertheless, Mr. Berlier believes that by a secret process of his own he can grapple with these difficulties, and keep the cost of the work at a figure not exceeding that required in the enterprises at St. Gothard and Arlberg, or Simplon. By working simultaneously from both ends of the tunnel, he believes the date of the completion could be safely placed at 1907.

The proposed length of the tunnels is 25 miles, 20 miles of this under the sea. Railway connection in Europe is planned, by means of a line following the Spanish coast and passing through Tarifa and Algeiras into France. In Morocco the line would be constructed from Tangier, connection with the railway system at Tlemcen. The entire cost of the tunnel alone is approximately at over \$23,000,000, and of the entire connecting line between Spain and Algiers at about \$42,500,000.

The News Summary

The Cuban sugar crop promises to be the largest since the year 1895. New York is taking vigorous measures to prevent the spread of smallpox.

The condition of Dean Lauder, chaplain of the senate, who is ill in England, is worse.

Oscar L. Boos, aged 21, is probably dying at Bristol, Pa., in consequence of a hazing.

Lord Minto, governor-general, has accepted the presidency of the Navy League in Canada.

Daniel MacAlister, member of the British House of Commons for the North Monaghan division, is dead.

Lieut. Holson, U.S.N., has been taken to the Presbyterian Hospital at New York. He is threatened with typhoid fever.

Finley Peter Dunn, author of the Dooley papers, and for many years an active newspaper man of Chicago, is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

The German bark Herzogin Sophie Charlotte has arrived at Astoria, Ore., after a run of 25 days from Higo. This is one of the fastest passages on record.

Realizing the success which has attended the preliminary undertakings at Sydney, C.B., one of two iron ship-building plants will be established in the Maritime Provinces.

Samples of Canadian tobacco grown in South Essex were exhibited at the Paris Exposition, and the exhibitors have been awarded a medal and diploma.

The crops on the island of Guam have been destroyed by a typhoon, the most severe experienced in 40 years. In the town of Marapan the buildings were all destroyed and 28 persons killed.

Ottawa has excellent prospects of having another industry, in the shape of a large bridge and structural iron works. Several Montreal capitalists, as well as local men, are interested in the project.

The Field & Devoe Stock Company, who have been playing an engagement at the Duncombe Opera House, at St. Thomas, the past week, stranded there Saturday night. Poor business is the cause of disbanding.

The gold in the United States treasury amounts to \$474,108,336, with \$250,755,569 in gold certificates outstanding against it. The gold supply of the entire country is about \$1,100,000,000, against \$692,000,000 in 1896.

The award of the Swiss Government in the Franco-Brazilian boundary dispute gives Brazil 147,000 square miles of the contested territory. France gets about 3,000 square miles northward of Humac Mountains.

A Constantinople dispatch says: The relations between the porte and the United States are said to be excellent. The visit of the United States battleship Kentucky does not influence the nature of these relations.

Some of the Canada Atlantic Railway employees are complaining that they are being subjected to competition from alien labor imported from the United States. Complaints have been entered with the alien labor officer.

Colonel Michael Murphy, president of the board of health, says that there is no occasion for a scare over the outbreak of smallpox on the middle west side, New York. He says that the department has the situation well in hand.

A special from Washington says: The announcement of the existence of the Acre republic of South America and the news of its extension came almost simultaneously. It was declared in December, 1899, but it was not crushed until August, 1900.

It is probable, says the Constantinople correspondent of the London Standard, "that the contract for a cruiser to be built in the United States will be cancelled as soon as the Kentucky shall depart, for it is difficult to see how the money is to be found."

The following is the population of Ontario cities: Toronto, 182,132; Ottawa, 53,727; Hamilton, 50,035; London, 25,234; Kingston, 18,009; Brantford, 15,234; Windsor, 14,915; St. Thomas, 11,221; Guelph, 10,741; Stratford, 10,331; Belleville, 10,339; St. Catharines, 10,144.

Attorney-General Gibson has telegraphed the Windsor authorities that, in his opinion, it would be inexpedient to try to extradite Holmes, alias "Red" and "Black" and afterwards robbed Mrs. Hattie Norton in Windsor. The law provides that a man cannot steal from his wife nor a wife from her husband.

Mrs. Eliza W. Miller, widow of the late Associate Justice Samuel F. Miller, of the United States supreme court, was found dead in bed Saturday morning at her home in Washington. Mrs. Miller had just returned from her old home in Keokuk, Ia., where she spent Thanksgiving Day.

Five men tried on an Ogden avenue electric car at Randolph and Canal streets, Chicago, Friday night. The robbers were beaten off after a furious battle, but not until Edward J. Wright, president of a commission

MUSCLE AND NO FAT

What Thin People Need to Round Off the Corners.

What thin folks need is flesh or muscle, not fat.

To be symmetrical and properly proportioned every person should have a certain amount of excess flesh, but to be plump does not necessarily mean to be fat.

Fat is undesirable; it clogs and retards the action of the muscles, interferes with the healthy action of the heart and lungs, and when very excessive, predisposes to fatty degeneration of vital organs, to say nothing of the discomfort resulting from too much adipose tissue.

Common sense would suggest that if one wishes to become fleshy and plump the thing most needed would be flesh-forming food, that is, albuminous food like eggs, beef, oatmeal, etc.

The kinds of food which make flesh are the foods we have on our tables every day; but the trouble is that our stomachs, from weakness or derangement of some kind do not promptly or properly digest it.

Really, the principal reason so many people remain thin is because their stomachs do not properly and completely digest and assimilate the flesh-forming beefsteak and eggs we eat every day.

There are thousands of such people, and they are really dyspeptics although they may not suffer any particular pain or inconvenience from their stomachs.

If such persons and all thin people would take after their meals some simple and natural digestive, like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the food would be quickly digested and the proper degree of plumpness very soon result because these tablets are prepared exactly for that purpose. They digest every kind of flesh-forming food, which is the real reason why they so quickly build up and strengthen thin, dyspeptic men and women.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets cure every form of indigestion on this common sense plan, that the stomach digests the food promptly, giving strength to every nerve and organ in the body, and the weakened stomach a chance to recover its natural vigor. Nothing further is required to cure any stomach trouble, except cancer of the stomach. They make thin, dyspeptic people strong, plump and well.

This excellent preparation is sold 50 cents for full sized treatment by all druggists in United States, Canada and Great Britain.

house, was robbed of a satchel containing more than \$300 in currency and checks. There were twenty passengers on the car, which was badly wrecked.

A dispatch from London to the New York World says: Richard Croker, when he arrived at his country home in England, had notice served on him that he had been assessed an income tax of \$5,000 on a \$100,000 income. This is the high rate levied in England on account of the Boer war. The tax is levied on temporary residents as well as citizens.

Fred W. Bushell, city editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, died in that city on Saturday from cancer of the stomach. Deceased was born in England 41 years ago, and came to Canada in 1860, when he was 19 years old. In 1882 he accepted a position on the Saginaw Daily Courier, and filled positions on that newspaper and the Courier-Herald until he was about to run out of the business, entering the service of the Tribune of that city.

Western Ontario.
Sunday was opening day for the St. James Presbyterian Church, Thamesville.

Mr. Wm. Leake has sold his 100-acre farm in Logan to Mr. James McKenzie for the sum of \$5,000.

A representative of a large Canadian oil company is in Pelee Island, endeavoring to secure options on the oil fields.

George Walters, a former newspaper man, of Windsor, was married at Northville, Mich., to Miss Ethelwyn Johnson, of that place.

The congregation of the Windsor Avenue Methodist Church, of Windsor, have invited their pastor, Rev. James Livingstone, to remain for the fourth year.

Arthur Wiesman, an employee of the Walkerville basket factory, had his right forearm nearly severed by a band saw.

SUFFERED 15 YEARS
With Backache and Kidney Complaint.

Doan's Kidney Pills Cured after Everything Else Failed.

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THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair and mild.

EARLY CLOSING—Customers will kindly bear in mind that this store closes at 7 o'clock every Saturday evening to permit employees to enjoy a well earned rest.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

In the selection of a Christmas Gift care should be exercised and time should be taken. An article possessing the following requisites can easily be secured here just now while stocks are at their best and will never fail to please: (1) It should be appropriate to the receiver, to be acceptable; (2) It should be beautiful, to please the eye; (3) It should be useful to be sensible; (4) It should be durable, to serve as a lasting as well as a pleasing reminder of the giver; (5) It should be thoroughly good of its kind; (6) It should be inexpensive, so that it will be no hardship for the giver to be generous. Such gifts are here in abundance. This is the right time to select them.

Corset Reductions.

Quite a long time since we gave so special a chance as this. We find that some broken lines are accumulating, and to make a speedy clearance we are not only so particular about getting what they are worth as we were a week ago. You will observe that the quantities are limited. Still quite a number can participate in this special chance. Come early, as the high grade of our corsets will sell these quickly at such low prices.



\$1.25 CORSET WAIST FOR 50c

Christmas Handkerchiefs

We always carry a great assortment of Handkerchiefs, but you will find the selection better now before the holiday season.

Choice range of Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, from 8c to 35c

Two lines Unlaundered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, pure linen, different patterns, 10c and 12c

A nice line of Children's Handkerchiefs, colored borders, at 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 7c

A good line of White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, as low as 4c and 5c

Hosiery Specials

These are extra low prices on extra good quality Hosiery.

Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, seamless, spliced heel and sole, clearing, per pair 15c

Special line of Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, double heel and toe, per pair 25c

Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, high spliced heel, at 35c pair, or 3 pairs for \$1.00

Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Hose, double heel and toe, regular 45c line, clearing, per pair 38c

New French Flannels

Another shipment of French Flannels just to hand to add to our already large stock, among them being navy blue ground with white polka dot, pale blue ground with white polka dot, and pale blue ground with white stripe, selling at per yard 50c

All now left of those popular 30c French Flannels are offering at half-price 15c

American Eclipse Flannels, 34 inches wide, for ladies' waists and sacques, in red and pale blue grounds with black Fleur de Lis and lovers' knot spots. This is a very choice line, selling at 25c

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.