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LITTLE BARKEY AND ARIF ON OCEAN

Pickaninny Floating In Coconut Tree Branches

WAS BLOWN TO SEA Steamer Picks Up Willie Gee Sleeping, Exhausted, After Two Days on Strange Ocean Craft—Hurricane Carried Him From Port Antonio

(Canadian Press) New York, Dec. 23.—"There's a coconut tree drifting about of the bow, I do believe there's a human being in it."

THE WAR

London, Dec. 23.—A further relaxation of international tension was brought about today when Austria-Hungary informed the other European powers that she considered the Italian difficulties as approaching a satisfactory solution, as a result of Servia's action in suspending the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum...

MORE BANKS HERE

The report that the Dominion Bank is to open a branch in St. John is considered authoritative by those in a position to know, but when it will come is not known.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Paris, Dec. 23.—Rene Bichet, professor of French in the royal college at Budapest is dead. The police say that a college friend, a victim of the morphine habit, induced Bichet to try the drug, and gave him a hypodermic injection which proved fatal.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. P. Stupart, director of meteorological services.

FATHER, DAUGHTER AND SON FOUND DEAD

New York, Dec. 23.—At the home of Martin McGrovey in Brooklyn yesterday, their slayer, apparently, while still partly conscious, all three had left their beds and attempted to escape.

VICEROY OF INDIA IS BOMB OUTRAGE VICTIM

Wounded, While Making State Entry Into New Capital

ATTENDANT IS KILLED Fanatic on Roof Top Hurling Deadly Missile Into Howdah in Which King's Representative and Lady Hardinge Were Riding on Elephant's Back

(Canadian Press) Delhi, India, Dec. 23.—Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, was wounded and an attendant of his killed by a bomb hurled at the viceroy from a house top as he was entering his new capital in state today.

LEGISLATE AGAINST SMOKING BY WOMEN

Bill Introduced in Massachusetts House by Everett Representative

Boston, Dec. 23.—A man may not give his wife a cigarette nor a young fellow at some Bohemian reception professing acquaintance to some would-be maiden if the legislature passes the bill just filed by Representative Fred P. Greenwood of Lynn.

GASTRO BREAKS CROCKERY IN A PARIS CAFE

Ex-President of Venezuela Dogged by Sleuths—Sails for New York

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Matin says that when Cyrilliano Castro, the ex-president of Venezuela, arrived at Antwerp he found twenty detectives waiting for him. They dogged him to Brussels and then to Paris.

W. G. ROSS POSSIBLE HEAD OF MONTREAL HARBOR COMMISSION

Montreal, Dec. 23.—W. G. Ross may be the chairman of the new board of harbor commissioners. He has been at one time managing director of the street railway.

QUEBEC SMALLPOX REPORT

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Nine hundred and seventy cases of smallpox were reported by 155 municipalities in the province of Quebec from July 1 until December 20, according to figures by the provincial board of health.

Worry Over Buying Xmas Presents Leads to Suicide

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Worried until he became unbalanced mentally over the selection of suitable Christmas gifts for his friends, Mrs. Robert Schuessler, thirty years old, shot and killed herself.

SIX KILLED AT XMAS GATHERING

Part of School Building Collapses and Fire Adds to Horror of the Scene

Greenboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—Six persons were instantly injured and a score seriously hurt at Elkin last night, when a section of a school building in which the Christmas entertainment was being given, collapsed, throwing 200 persons twenty feet.

PARDON DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF HIS WIFE

Captain Van Schaick of the General Secum to Be Freed on Xmas Day

New York, Dec. 23.—Captain William H. Van Schaick, who commanded the steamer General Secum when she burned in the East River in 1904 with the loss of 1,000 lives and was sent to Sing Sing for ten years in 1906, owes his Christmas pardon to the president to his wife, who was one of the heroes of the boat.

WHITE SLAVE REVELATION IN MONTREAL CASE EXPECTED

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The beginning of a case which may produce some startling revelations of the working of the white slave traffic in Canada was heard in the recorder's court when a young man named Arthur Parent was charged before Mr. Recorder Geoffroy with assaulting Laurente Nadon, with whom he had been living in court with the accused man, who pleaded guilty to the charge.

TWO CANADIANS TO TRY FOR THE BRITISH COMMONS

London, Dec. 23.—Charles Newhouse Armstrong, vice-chairman of the Central Railway of Canada, will be the next Conservative candidate in the Colne Valley Division of Yorkshire.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKES IN SICILY

Turin, Dec. 23.—Two violent earth shocks occurred yesterday at Messina and Reggio Di Calabria, Sicily. The disturbance caused a great panic but no casualties. The damage was small. The first shock was so violent that the earth seemed to open. It could be compared with the awful earthquake of 1908.

HICKEY SENTENCED

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—J. Frank Hickey, convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Joseph Joseph, a seven-year-old Lakawanna boy, was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence, thirty years maximum life.

MAY RESUME TOMORROW

It is probable that the running of the night ferry across the harbor will be resumed tomorrow. One of the inspectors looked over the boat this morning and the other will examine it tomorrow.

LASHED TO THE RIGGING; DROWN

SACKVILLE MOURNS FOR MR. PICKARD

One of Most Progressive Men of Community Passed Away Today

HAD MANY INTERESTS

Started as Dry Goods Clerk, Later Owned the Store and Branched Out Along Several Lines—Three Times Mayor

(Special to Times) Sackville, N. B., Dec. 23.—Charles Pickard, one of Sackville's best known and most progressive and most representative men, died at noon today after an illness of several months.

MAKE NEW WHARVES HERE 1,000 FEET

The proposal to take steps to have the government berth at West St. John increased in length from 700 to 1,000 feet was discussed by the city commissioners this morning and the matter will come before the council in the form of a resolution by Commissioner Schofield.

MARITIME HOCKEY MATTERS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—Manager Gregory, of New Glasgow, at an interview, names Manager Innes, of the Halifax Sox, as the man who offered him \$150 a game. Manager Innes characterizes the story as absurd, and says he never made such an offer or never asked Gregory to break from Moncton; that New Glasgow wanted their first game played at New Glasgow, as Gregory said they were not in the position to be as strong financially as some other clubs, and Mr. Innes had offered for the Soxals, to add them to the extent of \$100 out of their own receipts.

SAYS SHE WAS NOT PAID FOR WORK AGAINST LOCAL OPTION

Welland, Dec. 23.—Chester Rice, arrested here on a charge of fraud, said he was trying to raise money to pay his mother's hotel bill, and to reach Hamilton.

ANOTHER ARREST IN THE DE LUXE BOOK CASE

Boston, Dec. 23.—J. Frank Scanlon of Philadelphia came to Boston and gave himself up at police headquarters where he was arrested on a secret indictment warrant, accusing him of conspiracy in connection with the "de luxe" book investigation.

BRILLIANT SPEAKERS AT TRAVELERS' BANQUET IN MONTREAL TONIGHT

Montreal, Dec. 23.—One of the biggest banquets of the year is expected to be that of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association in the Windsor Hotel this evening.

LITTLE TOTS DROWNED; TINY HAND SHOWS FROM HOLE IN ICE

Toronto, Dec. 23.—One tiny hand protruding from a hole in the ice led to the discovery of the lifeless bodies of Albert Samuel Prosser, age four, and Bessie Morton, also four years, in a pond at Swansea.

HELPLESS COMRADES OF FLORENCE VICTIMS SEE TRAGEDY

Mate and Four Companions Nearly Lost Several Times on Perilous Trip in Ship's Boat to the Shore on the Newfoundland Coast

GERMAN MARKET FOR CANADIANS

Berlin Civil Engineer Says it is There for Oil Products—Praises Menton Gas Wells

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Mr. Von Der Osten, civil engineer of Berlin says that the German government having successfully grappled with the Standard Oil Company, the opportunity is good for development of a German market for the oil products of Canada.

PROMINENT CHATHAM MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Will Be a Sad Christmas For The Family of George Stohart

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 23.—Death came with startling suddenness, but in most peaceful form yesterday afternoon to George Stohart, one of the foremost men of the town. According to a custom of years he was in the hall of the Men's Union when he was taken ill.

WAS VISITING SISTER

Stricken as He Talked of the Holiday Season and Local Events—Active in Church and Civic Affairs and Will be Greatly Missed

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