

MARITIME BEEF IN CREDIT TO FARMERS, SAY BIG DEALERS

Raise Fine Cattle in Maritime Provinces - Good Supplies in Market - Prices Steady.

The general appearance of the interior of the market building gives much evidence that the spirit of Christmas is abroad. The market is trimmed in a tasty manner with greens and bells while the stalls have also been decorated.

Inquiries at the market yesterday elicited the statement that the supply of meats and vegetables was well up to the average and equal to the trade. Lamb, pork and veal continue scarce, but increasing quantities are steadily coming in.

MATINEE MATCH IS ARRANGED FOR JAN. 1

"Go" Between Houlton and Caribou Speedy Ones for \$300 Purse - Race on Ice Track.

(Special To The Standard) Caribou, N. B., Dec. 19.—The Caribou Matinee Club has challenged the Houlton Driving Club to a matched race between the horses Stinky Dick of Caribou and Strathmore Burns of Houlton on the ice track above the Aroostook river dam here, at one o'clock January 1, and the challenge has been accepted.

TWELVE FOOT HOLE IN CONCRETE CEILING

"Fly" Wheel in St. Croix Paper Mill "Flew" Through Roof Hundred Feet Above.

(Special To The Standard) Woodville, N. B., Dec. 19.—Several hundred men employed in the mill of the St. Croix Paper Co. here are out of work as the result of the breaking of a 12-ton fly wheel this week. The wheel was thrown upward and tore a hole 12 by 5 feet in a floor of solid concrete a foot thick.

BANK OF COMMERCE SHOWS BIG PROFITS

The Annual Statement Issued Yesterday - Year Has Been Prosperous One for the Institution.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—In the Bank of Commerce annual statement issued today, profits are shown at \$2,992,997, or almost twenty per cent. on the paid-up capital of \$15,000,000, and 10.5 per cent. on the paid-up capital and reserve.

Let Consumers' Coal Co. heat your home. They sell good coal.

REBEL CHIEF ZAPATA NEAR CAPTIVITY

Broke Through Federal Ranks During Skirmish - Huerta Consents to Release American Prisoners.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—The federal troops just missed capturing Emiliano Zapata, the rebel leader, yesterday at Nampaya Ranch in the federal district about fifteen miles to the south of Mexico City, where he had established his temporary headquarters during his recent attack on the government forces.

The federal troops approached the ranch from several directions and skirmishing with Zapata's followers proceeded for an hour resulting in the route of the rebels.

Some of the rebel prisoners told their captors that Zapata himself was in command and was one of the last to escape. He broke through the circle of federal troops with a few companions who used the machetes to cut their way out.

The report sent to the war office by the federal commander said the rebels were not pursued owing to darkness and the difficult nature of the country.

Persons coming from the State of Morelos today confirm the report that the activity of Zapata is due to instructions received from General Carranza who was alleged recently to have sent several emissaries to confer with Zapata and other rebel leaders in the south. They are reported to have supplied Zapata with funds for the renewal of his campaign against the federalists.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—By appealing directly to General Huerta today Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires, obtained from him almost immediate consent of the release of three Americans now in jail whose liberation has long been delayed by legal manoeuvring.

It developed apparently that General Huerta had known nothing of the incarceration of the men or efforts that had been made by Mr. O'Shaughnessy to procure their release. He was impatient by the long series of evasions and excuses given him from other quarters. O'Shaughnessy risked inciting the displeasure of minor officials and found Huerta apparently willing and anxious to demonstrate by the order for release that he intended to indulge in fair play.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—The traitors Huerta and Blanquet after a very slight protest, obtained from the officials and found Huerta apparently willing and anxious to demonstrate by the order for release that he intended to indulge in fair play. He declared that as long as he is president he would not countenance and discrimination against Americans or any persecution of them because of nationality.

Zapata says that at a war council it was resolved to take the city by fire and sword, "on a day which for the better success of the assault is to be unknown on the moment the fight begins."

CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR PROTESTANT ORPHAN CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond take Children to Imperial--Give Dinner at Residence.

The spirit of Christmas was abroad in real earnest yesterday afternoon and last evening, when Mr. and Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond were hosts to the children of the Protestant Orphan Home, first at the Imperial Theatre and later at a dinner at their residence, Gormann street.

The children under the charge of Miss Frost and Miss Margaret Frost, matron and assistant matron, attended the afternoon show at the Imperial and were much pleased with Santa Claus. Indeed their approval of Santa, as seen at the Imperial, brought rounds of applause and much speculation as to whether it was a real Santa Claus or just a man dressed up.

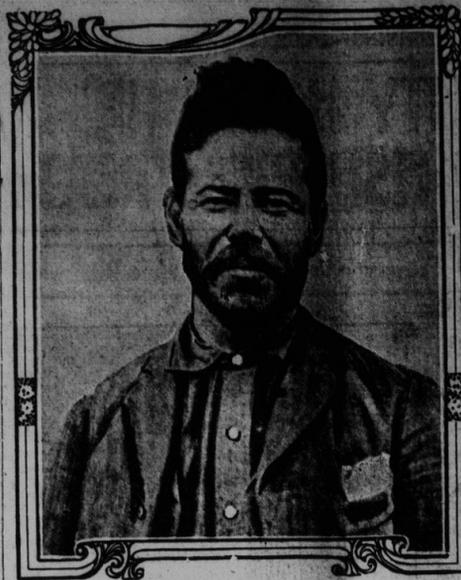
After enjoying the show to the full the children walked to Mrs. Raymond's home in Gormann street, where a bounteous dinner was served at five o'clock. To state that the dinner was greatly enjoyed would be putting it mildly, as the children, kept a large staff of volunteer assistants busily engaged. Chief Clerk carved and others who assisted were Mrs. Clark, Laurence Scovill, Atwood Bridges, Bliss White, Harold Raymond and Darrell Steeves and Miss Valerie Steeves of Fredrickton.

After dinner, games were played, and at seven-thirty the youngsters returned to the home. As they were leaving each was presented with an orange and a canoe full of candy. A pretty incident in connection with the affair was the hearty "Merry Christmas" that the children wished Mr. and Mrs. Raymond.

Cruel. "You will," said the attorney, during the course of their consultation, "you will get your third out of the estate."

"Oh!" exclaimed the widow, aghast, "how can you say such a thing, with my second recently cold in his grave!" - from the Green Post.

REBEL COMMANDER WHO NOW CONTROLS NORTHERN MEXICO.



GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA

Chihuahua City has been evacuated by the federals, and the city is open to the constitutional forces. With Chihuahua City in their hands, the way is open to the rebels to Zacatecas and Aguas Calientes, two-thirds of the way south to Mexico City from the State capital. Within a month, says General Villa, he will be knocking at the gates of the National Palace in Mexico City.

VICE-PRESIDENT WILL MOVE FOR AS LECTURER FREE WHEAT

Will Emulate Mr. Bryan and Start on a Tour--Sees No Reason Why He Shouldn't

Chicago, Dec. 19.—It was announced today by a Lyceum bureau here that Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall has signed a contract to lecture at least four weeks after the close of the present session of congress. The vice-president will receive \$300 a lecture, according to the announcement.

In an article to appear in the next number of the magazine published by the bureau, a statement by Mr. Marshall will criticize severely the newspapers which have found fault with his tour after being judged. Mr. Marshall's statement tells that he has examined all the records and precedents, and that there is nothing in the constitution, official or otherwise, to his taking to the lecture platform.

CHARLIE WHITE SENDS WOLGAST TO THE SHADES

Takes Lead Early in Ten Round Bout in Milwaukee - One of Best Fights of Year.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 19.—Charley White of Chicago, by brilliant boxing tactics, defeated Ad Wolgast of Cadillac, Mich., in their ten-round non-decision boxing contest here tonight. The contest was one of the best ever seen here.

The first round was even. White did most of the leading, but do damage was done by either man. The second round was a vicious one, each landing heavily. Wolgast several times sent hard rights and lefts to the body, but White always came back with a blow to the face.

White took a big lead in the third. Raining lefts and rights to Wolgast's face and body almost at will. The former champion appeared to be worried by the heavy onslaught. Wolgast landed only twice during the round. Wolgast appeared to be firing in the fourth round, although at times he bored in and landed heavily on White's body.

The fifth round opened with Wolgast forcing White to the ropes and doing little damage. White almost sent his opponent through the ropes after a series of hard lefts and rights to the face, but Wolgast came back at times, playing for his antagonist's body.

The sixth round was Wolgast's. He did most of the leading, several times having White against the ropes sending right and lefts to the body and head. The round was a vicious one, White being worried at the close. The seventh round was even.

The eighth round was severe, the men fighting viciously at all times. White had a slight lead. Wolgast was clearly tired in the ninth. When the gong sounded the men were on the ropes, fighting viciously, and had to be separated by the referee and forced to their corners.

The tenth was vicious, each apparently striving for a knockout. Wolgast forced White to the ropes several times, but White fought cleverly using his left to great advantage on Wolgast's face. When the round closed they were fighting hard, the round ended even.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—The dissipation suit against the United Shoe Machinery Company as an alleged unlawful monopoly was adjourned today until January 6, to permit the court its usual Christmas recess.

NO TRUTH IN TALK OF FRICTION

Chief Engineer at Panama Publicly Denies Reported Trouble Between Him and Member of Commission.

Panama, Dec. 19.—With reference to reports published in the United States that the relations between Col. George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama Canal and chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, and Richard L. Metcalf, head of the department of civil administration and a member of the canal commission, were strained, the following letter sent by Col. Goethals, under date of December 18, to Mr. Metcalf, was made public today:

"There is no truth in the statement that an employee of the commissary department was circulating information concerning the commissary alleging graft on the part of some of the officials connected with that department. You at the same time offered your services and expressed a desire to protect the work against scandal, subsequently assisting me in the preliminary investigation and in securing all information possible in connection with the matter."

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DENIES CONFUCIANISM WILL BE RELIGION OF STATE IN CHINA

Vice-President Li Yuen Heng Assures Missionary—Stealing of Revenues by the Authorities.

Peking, Dec. 19.—President Yuan Shi Kai's design in obtaining the round robin promulgated today was to strengthen his hands for the autocratic measures now being instituted, according to authoritative opinion here.

As a result of pressure, large sums of money are coming from the salt tax; other taxes also are beginning to come from the people and remittances from the provinces to the central government.

Since the anti-Manchu rebellion, the provincial authorities and even individuals have been appropriating the revenues while the central government has depended upon foreign loans.

The foreign bankers recently gave President Yuan Shi Kai to understand that bankruptcy was ahead of the Chinese republic unless conditions were immediately altered.

The government's drastic measures began about three months ago and included the disbanding of regiments of soldiers, the retirement of army commanders without pay, and the dismissal of provincial governors while several rebellious colonels and many other disaffected persons were de-capitalated.

Vice-President Li Yuen-Heng assured an American missionary who interviewed him recently that Confucianism was not to be made the state religion of China contrary to reports which have been in circulation.

The Daily Hint from Paris.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—As a result of negotiations now in progress between Sir Rodolphe Forget and Sir William Mackenzie, president respectively of the Quebec and Saguenay and Canadian Northern, it is practically certain that the purchase by the latter of the Quebec and Saguenay will go through in a few weeks.

QUEBEC FACES LABOR TROUBLE. Quebec, Dec. 19.—There is said to be trouble in the best and shoe factories here, which if not settled soon, may lead to serious consequences. It is known that a number of the employees of the Gale Bros. and the John Ritchie Company's factories abandoned their work this afternoon. The officials of the factories in question refused to give details with regard to the alleged trouble, while officials at the headquarters of the workmen were equally reticent.

Husband (shaving)—Both the razor or? Wife—What's the matter now? You're dreadfully scared to be shaved. Wife—Dull? I ripped up an old skirt with it yesterday and it cut beautifully.—Funch.

ROYAL Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money and Makes Better Food

VETERAN DEEP SEA MARINER IS DEAD ON LOSING "MONA LISA"

Capt. Wm. McLaren of P.E.I., Sailed as Master of Square Riggers for Many Years.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 19.—Captain William McLaren, a veteran deep sea mariner, died at his home in Georgetown today, aged 76. He was a native of Richibucto, but has lived on the island since a boy.

In his young days Captain McLaren engaged in ship building with his father, who built many vessels. After sailing in many seas, master of square riggers, the captain returned to the Maritime Provinces, being for a time commander of one of the first Dominion government cruisers, the schooner Critic.

Shocked. One specially fine specimen of the banker's clerk, whose collar is always immaculate, whose tie sets the fashion in his own district, and whose trousers are crossed behind, was recently summoned to the manager's room of a well-known Liverpool banking house, where he found, in company with his chief, a very prepossessing young lady.

"Ah, Mr. —," said the manager, "this is Miss — from the States. Would you be so kind as to take her across the 'Flags' to such and such a cable office?"

Mr. — was, of course, delighted. The two traversed the street, conversing easily, he pointing out objects of interest, she showing well-bred appreciation, which the clerk rather gratefully indicated. "Oh, thank you so much," said his companion, and held out her hand, which the incipient banker clasped.

When, however, he recovered his and, so to speak, he looked at the palm as though horror-struck, for, in adding him farewell, the lady had left him a shilling as a memento.—Liverpool Daily Post.

Santa Claus, the Monkeys, Lion and Hunter at 3.30 Today

IMPERIAL "SLIPPING FINGERS" A Selig Melodrama with a Moral

"MARY'S NEW HAT" "A JANITOR'S LIFE" AT 3.30 AT NIGHT

TRAVEL SCENES--Cosmopolitan Life in Cairo, Egypt. Picturama Jura, an Exquisite Film

UNIQUE--Second SPECIAL Feature "The Trail of the Lost Chord"

SMASHED L... Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—... from Narvik, had... sailing voyage, dur... three lifeboats, stov... moveables and ha... ders flooded.

DAMAGE... Boston, Dec. 19.—... ed by Sea Maids P... into recently of... tucket by Rich Lad... of the latter vesse... (\$500.

IN COL... Bermuda, Dec... (Dan) Jespersen, fr... and Cardiff 27th fo... minington, N.C., has p... Sir Hind (No. 4)... vig Nov 23 and in... Charleston, has put... 24, P.F.F.T.H.R.V.

DANGERS TO... New York, Dec... Hydrographic Offi... Sir Arctic report... N, lon 63 18 W, p... ing upright and... feet out of water... to wreckage.

SHIPPING... The new turbin... more and Compan... service from Liver... ried out her preli... Clyde Tuesday aft... tractors were 400... mail. An extended... Wednesday with... towards Lands En... to Halifax begins... The Royal Mail... Liner Chalmers... port Thursday e... ampton. She has... ago with strong... seas. She was 1... The hauler, 2,993... liner to arrive fr... between... Indies. She will... Sunday. The four... neto, is on pass... The American... Babcock, of wh... Port Natal, Sou... after a voyage of... cover, B. C.

MINIATURE... December—Ph... First quarter, 5th... Full moon, 13th... Last quarter, 20th... New moon, 27th.

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Chaleur, 2993, W... Frankrig, Wm. 7... Kwarra, J. T. E... Kanawha, 3,458... Manchester Imp... & Co. Victoria, Wm.

Annie M. Park... Chas. C. Lester... Calabria, 461, J... Cora May, 117, J... H. M. Robt, Port... E. 299, A. V... Hattie H. Barbo... Harry W. Lewis... Helen G. King... Henry, 187, D... Helen Montague... Lucille, 164, Ma... Margaret May R... Nellie Eston, 95... Orisumbo, 121, ... Scotia Queen, 1... Sallie E. Ladlow

PORT OF... Arrived... Sob Harry V... Forth Amboy, ... coal, City Fuel... Coastwise—D... Lahey, St Step... Westport III... and Cld; Ruby... gareville and...

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DOMES... Halifax, Dec... can, Liverpool... Sid: Str Can... Sid: Str Can... Fairbairn, A.