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ONE CENT.

NOT DEEP ENOUGH FOR LARGE SHIPS

Northwest Passage Too Shallow for Commerce

CAPTAIN HOGG'S STORY

Capt. Amundsen Was Obligated to Jettison Part of Cargo on Trip---Lack of Depth Will Affect Value for Commercial Purposes.

SEATTLE, Wa., Dec. 28.—Capt. Wm. Hogg, master of the whaler Bonanza, who arrived Wednesday morning on the steamer Jefferson last night said that Captain Amundsen, in sailing through the Northwest passage, was compelled to jettison a part of his cargo showing that the north-west passage is not deep enough for vessels of commercial tonnage.

It will probably be from 12 to 15 months before the value of the observation taken by Capt. Amundsen at the north magnetic pole is made to the scientific world, said Captain Hogg. "For two years Captain Amundsen photographed every movement of the magnetic findings that it moved back and forth almost in a circle. The observations were taken with self-registering instruments and no memory of the expedition able to give the results. This data will be submitted to the Royal Geographical Society of London, and the scientific world will be advised in sending out the expedition.

"There are only about three men in the world who are able to read the self-registering instruments used by Captain Amundsen in taking the observations of the movement of the north magnetic pole. It is estimated that at least a year will be required in compiling the data. Captain Amundsen expects to leave on the return of the ship Gjoa which is within stone's throw of the wrecked schooner Bonanza and plans to bring the Gjoa out by Behring Straits to San Francisco, reaching that city early next September.

Captain Amundsen has already sent out the observations as registered by the instruments in his sealed copper cans. This case has been forwarded to London and will be examined by the Royal Geographical Society.

"In the measurements of water taken by Captain Amundsen in the passage, a depth of only one foot six inches was found at the place where the Gjoa went aground. As near as could be ascertained by Captain Amundsen there is a great depth of water at any place in the passage although it is possible that a water-way may exist where the passage is blocked with ice."

OFFICERS ELECTED

Union Jack Lodge, No. 35, P. A. P. B. elected the following officers last evening in their rooms, Market Building, for the coming year.—W. M., Bro. Robert Goodrich, D. M., Bro. D. McArthur, Jr., R. S., Bro. Wm. J. Slazg, F. S., Bro. Walter Sproule, Treas., Bro. Geo. Earle; Chap., Bro. W. Wooding; D. of C., Bro. W. P. Montfort, Committeemen.—Foreman, Bro. Jas. Sproule, Bro. Jas. MacGee, Bro. D. McArthur, Jr., J. W. Vainward, H. S. McGowan, Outside Tyler, W. J. Ferris, Inside Tyler, Geo. Gray. The officers will be installed the 2nd Thursday in January, 1906.

In the St. Peter's Y. M. S. basketball league a postponed game between the Newmans and the Shamrocks will be played this evening.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WILL CLOSE THIS YEAR WITH SPLENDID RECORD

Nineteen Hundred and Five Has Brought Much Prosperity to the Island Province--Crops were Good and Business Generally Up to Expectations.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 28.—Prince Edward Island will close its account for the year 1905, with a balance on the right side.

Agriculture, dairying and fishing are the main industries, and these have produced satisfactory returns.

Crops of all kinds were good and prices were on the whole better than last year. Pork for example—towards the close of the year was quoted at 81 cents for the best clover, being an advance of nearly 60 per cent over last year. There was about 40 per cent. shortage in the number of hogs produced, as the low price of the previous year had the effect of causing many farmers to go out of the business. Next year a marked revival along this line is expected. The bad effects on the dairying industry of the summer of 1904 with its protracted drought and consequent shortage of grass on the dairying industry were felt in 1905, when many farmers discouraged by the previous

year decreased their supply of milk to the factory, consequently the output of dairy products is less than for 1904, but as the price of cheese was about the highest paid since the industry was established on the island. The prices of poultry were the highest that the island has known. The farmers were somewhat handicapped this season from the shortage of fodder; were sent out of the country to pay for imported hay, but nevertheless collections have been good and merchants report a satisfactory trade under the circumstances. Shipments of produce, especially potatoes, have been exceptionally large. The quality and the quantity of the stock and the fair prices obtained both by the farmer and the consumer, being as profitable as last year. Lobster fishing, which is the most important branch of the industry, yielded well for those engaged in it; the financial returns will be equal to that of 1904. Prices for systems were (Continued on Page 6.)

BIG PROJECT ON FOOT TO DEVELOP THE IRON MINES A LEPREAUX

There is a project on foot to greatly enlarge the business of the New Brunswick Iron Co., which owns a valuable iron ore property at Lepreaux.

A meeting of the shareholders will be held about the middle of January, when matters in connection with the development of the property will be decided. At a recent meeting of the company John S. McLennan of Sydney, vice-president, Chas. W. Young of St. Stephen and R. N. Hickson of Montreal were appointed a committee of management to arrange for carrying on the work. At the present time borings are being made with diamond drills, but it is probable that after the meeting in January it will be decided to push the work more aggressively and a large shaft will be sunk.

The present company is capitalized at \$1,000,000, but the scheme under way now will provide for a much greater capitalization and a more extensive plant.

One of the men interested in the deal is the late Peter Lynch, who is now altogether likely that a large smelting plant would be erected at Lepreaux, the cost of boring is about \$45 a foot, which means a considerable outlay when 300 or 600 feet has to be bored. Mr. Lynch says they can sell all the ore they can mine at a net profit of \$2.50 a ton, and it is estimated that about half a million tons can be produced a year.

best iron mines on the American continent. If the scheme now under way is carried out successfully, it should mean a great boom for the village of Lepreaux, as a large number of men would have to be employed on the work.

Concerning the work now being done at the mine, Peter Lynch, who is in charge of the company, told the Times that they were boring now and have been doing so for some time, using diamond drills. The cost of boring is about \$45 a foot, which means a considerable outlay when 300 or 600 feet has to be bored. Mr. Lynch says they can sell all the ore they can mine at a net profit of \$2.50 a ton, and it is estimated that about half a million tons can be produced a year.

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Chronicle Publishing Company of Halifax to Erect Modern Newspaper Building.

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On conclusion of the concert Messrs. McCullough and Kerr, on behalf of the men, tendered thanks to the management and the ladies for the way in which they were always treated, and concluded by wishing all the citizens of St. John a happy and prosperous new year.

R. M. Smith, former president of the mission, also spoke.

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WAS RIGHT THERE WITH THE GOODS

Although Russell Sage Was Sick, He Had to Get Busy When Call Money Reached 100 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Tribune today says: "For the first time in several weeks Russell Sage went to his office in Nassau street yesterday riding down from his home in a fast automobile when he found the information that call money was at 100 per cent and in great demand in the financial district. For several hours he remained in his office, personally directing the lending of his cash at 85 and 90 per cent. In that time he lost about \$200,000. 'Don't crowd the boys too hard,' was his final order as he left his office and started for home. This morning yesterday was for a day only and meant a profit of about \$70,000 to him. He may make another visit to his office soon if call money takes another jump.

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THIEVES GOT AWAY

And With Them \$4,000 of Plunder—Cut Through Steel Door to Get Before Police Arrived.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—For the second time within three months and the seventh time within three years the jewelry store of Schwartz Bros. at 1288 Broadway in the heart of the Times Square district was robbed early today and about \$4,000 worth of diamonds, rings and watches were stolen. The loss in the seven robberies according to a member of the firm aggregates \$20,000.

The robbery was most daring as this part of the city is the busiest and the most brilliantly lighted throughout the entire night. Working during the height of a terrific rainstorm when most of the pedestrians had sought shelter the burglars gained an entrance to the store by cutting through a steel folding gate that barred the approach to the front door, and then went through a heavy wire screen that protected the plate glass in the door. They then smashed the half-inch-thick glass to reach their plunder. The burglars must have worked rapidly, for, in cutting the wires of the screen over the window, they set off a burglar alarm, yet they escaped with their booty before the police arrived. A patrolman saw two men and a woman in the doorway in time to see one of the burglars calmly walking down a side street. He had disappeared when the evidences of the burglary were discovered. It was all over before the agent of the burglar alarm reached the scene.

ADMIRALTY COURT

The case of Hatfield vs. the Wandrain, came up this morning in the admiralty court. This is a case in which Captain Benjamin Hatfield, of Adroon's Harbor, owner of the two-masted schooner Helen M., is suing Seaman & Co. of Montreal, owners of the schooner Wandrain for \$1,000 damage, as a result of a collision between the schooner mentioned. The accident occurred on Nov. 28, 1904. The Helen M. was lying at anchor in the channel of the Paroboro river, and was struck by the Wandrain, while the latter was being towed out of the harbor. This morning the witnesses examined were J. K. Seaman and Captain Roberts, the latter being on the stand when the morning session was adjourned.

GAS TANK EXPLODED

CHATEAUVILLE, Conn., Dec. 28.—The world today says:—An acetylene gas tank on the grounds of the country estate of Charles H. Mallory, president of the Mallory Steamship Line, at Byron Shore, exploded last night, killing James MacKay, a gardener employed on the place.