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See our Christmas Goods advertised on page 6.

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### WORK RESUMED ON WEST SIDE

Piling in Trestle Work Takes  
Another Cant

Superintendent Downey Says C. P. R. Will  
Make Repairs at Once—Suggests Sink-  
ing Crib for Retaining Wall.

The situation at Union Street, West End, is becoming more serious. The trestle continues to sink, and judging from its present appearance it will be a long time before traffic can be resumed on it. The piling at the northern end of the trestle has taken another cant and it is much more earth is washed away a collapse of the structure is expected. For the first time since the recent slide, work was resumed this morning. Several men were at work filling in the spot around the piling. The tide became high, however, before the work had progressed to any extent, and as a result so further repairs will be made today.

The stone cutting shed of Messrs. Siemens and Quinlan continues to be worked by the owners for the safety of their building. More damage may be done by this morning's high tide, as the earth supporting the piling is very loose and can easily be washed away. It has been decided that the repairs to be made on the trestle this year, will only be of a temporary nature, as the structure will have to be practically rebuilt. This work could not be properly carried on in the winter.

Superintendent Downey says that the trestle will be repaired at once, and traffic will be resumed on the structure as soon as possible. In the spring greater improvements will be made. Mr. Downey is of the opinion that a crib sunk under the trestle would be a good thing. It would act as a retaining wall and would prevent any further falling in.

G. S. Mayes has made a statement regarding a report which appeared in a morning paper that the government might buy a site, which runs along in front of the Union-street slide. He even did less work there than the specifications call for in order that another slide would not occur.

The plans of the C. P. R. for the rebuilding of the trestle are as yet known, but as greater improvements will be made in the spring it is quite possible that the piling will be straightened and strengthened at once.

### NORMAL SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Large Number Taking the  
Third Class Papers.

Private Baker of R. C. R. Captured in  
Quebec—Hockey Club and Rink  
Manager Fail to Agree

(Special to the Star.)

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—At the Normal School this morning examinations for third-class teachers' license were begun. Mr. R. E. Wallace, of the educational office, and Prof. Bellevue, of the French department of the school, are the supervisors. There are in all seventy-nine taking the examination, sixty-five in the English and fourteen in the French department. The former will conclude tomorrow and the latter the following day.

Word was received last night that Private Baker of the R. C. R., who some time ago deserted, has been captured in Quebec. Sergeant Woods, and Private Adams left this morning for that place to bring Baker back with them.

Hockey here at the present time seems to be in rather a muddle. Manager Hanson, of the Arctic Rink, refused to accept the terms submitted by the club and in return sent his own terms. These the club will not accept and have decided to stand by their own. As the conditions of each are at variance the rupture is a big one and few expect any arrangements to be reached. It is understood that the Fredericton hockey team willing to get the Arctic rink will negotiate for play at the Marysville rink and a good inducement has been held out to them by Manager Gibson in the granting of good terms.

### RAGE BETWEEN THE RAILROADS AND GOLD

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Investigation of the present fuel famine crisis in the Northwest may not stop with the investigation of the interstate commerce commission now on in Minneapolis. The probable cause of the affected state, but notably Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Montana, is the fact that a matter for legislative investigation.

The race is on between the railroads and the gold. If the weather does not bring down the efficiency of motive power and bringing on heavy blizzards, there will be a protest almost certain loss of life. Reports today indicate that the railroads are rushing fuel into the districts where there is either actual want or stocks are low.

A Grand Forks, N. D., special says that the coal shortage is a thing of the past in a few days. Coal is being shipped to points west and north of this city.

### SOVEREIGNTY OVER CONGO FREE STATE

Telegram Announces That Belgium Par-  
liament Has Formally Taken Charge  
of Territory.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Herbert S. Johnson, a leader in the Congo Reform Association, received a telegram while attending a banquet last night, summoning him to Washington. He departed hurriedly for the capital and said just prior to leaving, that it had been urged that the Senate take definite action before the holiday adjournment. The telegram stated that cable advice from Brussels indicated that Belgium had through its parliament formally assumed sovereignty over the Congo Free State, ending the closing up of formalities between King Leopold as personal proprietor and international landlord and the representatives of the Belgian government. The fact about the transaction which has so stirred up the interested leaders is that the deal is to be consummated far ahead of the death of King Leopold and the terms of the will of the King which were formally ratified by Belgium several days since, are to become effective at once.

### DIED IN QUEBEC

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—Mr. Antoine Carrier, aged 77 years, father of L. A. Carrier, M. P., and wholesale merchant, died last evening from heart disease.

### FATHER ACQUITTED

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 18.—David Kizer, a wealthy farmer of Hollidaysburg, Pa., was acquitted last evening on a charge of shooting a bear out of season, made by state game warden Mr. Kizer testified that he was attacked by the bear and during the struggle they came close together. "It was then nip and tuck between him and myself," he said. "In the struggle that the maddened animal would be winner and my arms were badly torn. Finally I secured a stout club and killed it." The jury imposed a fine of the costs on the game warden who had arrested Kizer.

### OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Captain Poynter has been appointed to the household of Earl Grey as aide de camp.

### BOTH SIDES NOW CLAIM VICTORY

Will Take Weeks to Ascertain  
the Results.

Large Force of Inspectors Appointed to  
Supervise Insurance Election—How  
the Ballots Are Received.

(Special to the Star.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Early today both sides in the fight that has been going on to obtain control of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies and their vast assets claimed a victory. No matter what the result of the election, the result of the international committee said that a legislative investigation would be sought of the campaign methods of the International Committee. The International Committee claims the election of its ticket of trustees by 25,000 votes in the New York Life and by 14,000 votes in the Mutual. The New York claimed an administration victory by anywhere from 150,000 to 250,000 votes, while the Mutual management predicted a victory for the administration by 100,000 votes. It will probably take several weeks to ascertain the results.

The elections today will be held at the offices of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies, under the supervision of a force of inspectors appointed by the superintendent of insurance, Kelsey. The polls will be opened at 10 a. m. and the voting will continue until 4 p. m.; all of the ballots, which have been gathered with great labor and large expense, both by the companies and the committee representing dissatisfied policyholders will be cast, while many individual policyholders will cast their votes in person. Notice of contests, it is expected will be served regarding some of the votes without being presented in the hands of the two companies of the International Committee. Those that have been sent by mail to the New York Life are stamped with the hour of receipt and filed away in packages of 250 without being opened in steel cases. These cases have been locked with two padlocks, one key held by a representative of the company and another by Isaac Fuld, representative of the insurance department. These ballots will formally be turned over to the inspectors today.

Ballots will also be received by mail. Most of the ballots are already in the hands of the two companies of the International Committee. Those that have been sent by mail to the New York Life are stamped with the hour of receipt and filed away in packages of 250 without being opened in steel cases. These cases have been locked with two padlocks, one key held by a representative of the company and another by Isaac Fuld, representative of the insurance department. These ballots will formally be turned over to the inspectors today.

### JAPANESE FAST DISPLACING LABORERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Frank P. Sargent, Commissioner of Immigration, returned from Honolulu yesterday. He said that the Japanese were fast displacing all shopkeepers, contractors, carpenters and tradesmen generally of other nationalities in the Islands. The Japanese population of the island is, however, rather on the decrease on account of the Japanese rush for this coast. Hundreds of them are monthly arriving at Honolulu, but their stay is brief.

### LOU DILLON SENT TO CLEVELAND FOR WINTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Lou Dillon, John A. McKerron, the stallion, and four colts have just been shipped to Cleveland, Ohio, to "Doc" Tanner to be wintered there. Lou Dillon is in foal to McKerron, which has a record of 2:04 1/2. Lou Dillon's own record is 1:38 1/2. The four colts are yearlings owned by C. K. O. Billings. Three of the youngsters are by John A. McKerron, and the fourth is by Fred. S. Wedgwood.

### WEALTHY PRELATE DEAD

ROME, Dec. 18.—The death was announced today of Manager Adam, one of the wealthy Roman prelates. Manager Adam made valuable presents to Pope Leo XIII. and Pius X., his gift to the latter being a gold pectoral cross set with brilliants, and by his will he left \$1,000,000 to the Pope.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA WANTS MORE LABORERS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Minister of Agriculture Tatlow, has arranged with Commissioner Coombs, of the Salvation Army, to bring some thousands of Englishmen to swell the labor supply of British Columbia. The scheme will receive substantial aid from the government. The Army is also to bring out a number of servant girls.

### WILL WED AGTOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Miss Lulu Glaser acknowledged last night that she is to become the bride of Ralph C. Herz, an English actor, who was formerly leading comedian in her company.

### KING OSCAR MUCH IMPROVED IN HEALTH

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 18.—King Oscar is so much improved this morning that the attending physicians announce that after today they only issue one bulletin daily. This morning's bulletin follows: "The King slept seven hours during the night. His temperature this morning was 99.1 and his pulse was stronger, although still somewhat irregular. There is still a slight discharge of mucus from the trachea."

### SHIPBUILDING IN SCOTLAND

Inevitable Rise in Price of  
Materials Has Come

Growth of Foreign Shipbuilding is Causing  
Gravest Concern Among Glasgow  
Builders—The Outlook.

(Special to the Star.)

GLASGOW, Dec. 17.—It is reported in Glasgow that Messrs. J. & P. Coats, Limited, of the thread combine have announced a capitalization scheme whereby the shareholders are to receive a proportion of shares according to the amount of their holding. It is stated that the allocation is to be one new share for every three now held. It is figured out that the scheme when completed in its details will raise the ordinary capital to \$30,000,000, as against \$22,500,000 at present. The idea is to absorb a portion of the ordinary reserve of \$15,000,000. Many of the shares are held in the United States.

The heavily capitalized Scotch shipbuilding industry is experiencing the truth of the saying that, misfortune never comes singly. Following the labor troubles on the Clyde and Tees comes the shadow of foreign competition and the greatest fear being expressed in the Scotch local newspapers is the Sulzer Ship Bounty or Subsidy Bill pass the American congress in some form, thereby raising up a powerful competitor.

This country has made a practice of building ships for every maritime nation in the world, the secret of the Scotch success being, it is said, excellence of workmanship and cheapness of production. Time was when every stage of the manufacture from the raw ore to the finished product was carried out within the boundaries of England and Scotland. Then the foreigners, Germany more particularly, organized capital and laid down plants for the manufacture of plates and castings which, under the "dumping" principle, were sold at rates cheaper than it was possible for the local manufacturers to produce. As a result of the hold secured by Germany on the ship-plate market many of the local manufacturers have been compelled to close down their works. One foreign yard alone at present time holds contracts for at least ten large ships, some of which are well advanced towards completion. All the orders were secured in competition with local manufacturers whose tenders were far higher than those of their foreign competitors.

The manager of a large Scotch yard whose specialty is the large cargo steamers, says that he is not at all surprised at the growth of the foreign ship building industry. He says that the Scotch yards are being displaced by the foreign yards, and that we cannot long exist in competition with others simply on the strength of our reputation. "The foreign builder has simply got to be considered. In contracts open on both sides of the water the foreign tenders have averaged fully ten per cent below our figures. Advice from the Continent are to the effect that the yards there are full of work."

The resentment in Scotland at the removal of the Scots Greys from the Piershill barracks, Edinburgh, is increasing daily. A large number of letters have been sent to the newly elected Lord Provost of Edinburgh asking him to call another citizens' meeting to protest against the action of the Government. It is probable that nothing of the kind in years has so started the people of Great Britain and Ireland as the recent utterances of Lord Rosebery to the effect that if things like the removal of the Scots Greys were to continue it might be well for the people of Scotland to inquire into the advantages of a union with England. The Irish in their Home Rule declarations have not gone farther than some of the more excited of the Scots since they learned of the removal of their favorite regiment. It is stated that the removal of the troops is because of the fact that Piershill barracks are unhealthy and that the government is to abandon the barracks at Piershill, Glasgow, for similar reasons. Stobs, near Hawick, has been suggested as a suitable place for a cavalry station. It has been proposed by the Government that the regiment be quartered at Tidworth on Salisbury with a battery of horse cavalry, but military critics are pointing out that such an arrangement can hardly be considered more healthy than the barracks that have been objected to as unsanitary.

Not are the Scottish people happy over Mr. Haldane's philosophical observations that importance are the interests of the army and the navy and the nation taken as a whole. Mr. Haldane on behalf of the War Department declares that to erect new buildings would mean saddling the Scottish estimates with a heavy burden.

### THE CLARKE CASE NOW GOING ON

Stenographer's Reports Found  
to be Erroneous.

Contained Errors and Judge's Corrections  
Led to Lengthy Discussion This Morn-  
ing—Mr. Baxter Addressing Court

(Special to the Star.)

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—In the supreme court this morning the crown case reserved of King vs. Wm. E. Clark was taken up. The chief justice presided and the full bench with the exception of Justice Barker were present. Before proceeding to argue the stenographer general called the court's attention to the fact that the judge's charge reported by the stenographer was erroneous in several important particulars. Some of the mistakes were most extraordinary ones.

Judge Landry said he had read over the charge sent by Mr. Devine. It contained errors and he had taken the liberty of writing in a few words to make it plain. Mr. Baxter, who appeared for Clark, called the court's attention to the fact that the judge's intimation made quite an important change in one part of the charge. The reporter had, in his honor's directions to the jury regarding the prisoner's evidence, this sentence: "The fact of his coming on the stand and swearing to his innocence is not to be taken that he was not guilty." The judge has inserted after this the word "take" the word "conclude."

Whether this correction should be allowed to be made by his honor led to a lengthy discussion between the court and counsel. Judge Landry said he had intended to say as he had corrected and he could not believe that he had made the statement as reported. The chief justice said that if Judge Landry said the report should be corrected that they would accept it. Mr. Baxter then began his argument, moving for the prisoner's discharge and was still addressing the court on adjournment at noon.

### BANK OF ENGLAND MAY RAISE RATE OF DISCOUNT

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Unless a wholly unexpected demand for gold crops up, local bankers see no reason to fear that the Bank of England will consider it necessary to raise the rate of discount as a result of today's rise in the rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany. The step taken at Berlin is regarded as a precautionary movement rather than an indication of the intention of taking gold from Berlin. The Bank of England recently made its 6 per cent rate more effective by freely discounting bills, thus practically obtaining control of the money market. As the bills mature the situation will be relieved and a further easing of the market will result from the approaching release of the accumulations of customs monies now in the government coffers.

While it is true that the Egyptian and Argentine gold demands have to be met it is understood that the Bank of France is ready to again relieve London by the release of further gold should the necessity arise. The increase of the German Bank rate had some effect on the stock exchange here where it was accepted as proof that money will remain dear well into the New Year. Consols, as a consequence, were sold this morning, resulting in a loss of 3-16 before noon.

### NORTHWEST IS IN GREAT PERIL

No Coal to Keep the Whole Country from  
Sneezing—A Strong Appeal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—U. S. Senator McCumber, Saturday, received the following telegram from J. P. Whitmore, dated at Galesburg, N. D.: "The United States army cannot be better employed than in compelling and assisting these railroads to drop every thing and haul us coal. Half the Northwest will be freezing in a week and the whole of it in two weeks."

Mr. McCumber announced his intention of forwarding the telegram to the President as the commander-in-chief of the army.

He said representations concerning the coal shortage had been made to the Interstate Commerce Commission and that he had been assured that the subject would receive consideration at the meeting which the commission will hold in Minneapolis next week.

mates with \$1,000,000 next year. Nor do the Scottish people like his efforts to still secure a postponement of a settlement of the problems involved until next year when he says financial circumstances may render the return of the Scotch Greys possible. They are a unit in insisting that the question be settled now and for all time while the greatest public interest is being taken in the matter throughout the length and the breadth of Scotland.

Seven persons, members of a family named McMurray, residing in the Maryhill District are suffering as a result of poisoning through partaking of American tinned meat.