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ONE CENT

### Playing Cards.

We believe our stock to be the most complete in the city.

Congress	Reduced price, 40c
Fancy Backs	50c
Plain Backs	20c, 25c, 30c, 35c
In Leather Cases	65c to \$1.45
Bridge Sets	\$1 to 9.50
Whist Sets	\$1.25 to \$4
Duplicate Whist Sets	\$5.75
Drawbridge	\$2.50 and \$3.80
Patience Sets	65c to \$1
Poker Sets	\$2, \$2.85, \$3
500 Sets	\$1.25
Poker Chips, per 100	25c to \$2.40
Poker Chip Boxes	\$4.80 and \$6.30
Bridge Scores	15c to 50c
Card Dominoes	15c to 25c
Domino Sets	50c
Checkers	20c, 15c, 40c
Cribbage Boards	75c to \$4.50
Dice, Bone, each	5c
Dice, Ivory, each	25c

W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd. Market Square  
St. John, N. B.

## Wringer Sale

We have just finished stock-taking and find we are over-stocked on certain lines of Wringers. To clear these out we are making the following prices:

10 inch BAYSIDE, former price	\$3.65, now \$2.70
10 inch BAYSIDE, former price	4.00, now 3.00
10 inch FALCON, former price	3.85, now 2.90
11 inch FALCON, former price	4.25, now 3.20
11 inch ROYAL CANADIAN, former price	3.75, now 2.80

WASHING MACHINES of all kinds.  
EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd. 25 Germain St.

## WE INTEND TO CLEAR OUT THE BALANCE OF WINTER OVERCOATS and SUITS.

And would advise you to get our prices on these garments before purchasing.

Suits for Men \$4.50 to \$15.00  
Overcoats for Men 5.00 to 15.00

American Clothing House,  
11-15 Charlotte St., St. John.

## MINK, TIES, STOLAS AND THROWOVERS

—AT—  
REDUCED PRICES

F. S. THOMAS  
FASHIONABLE FURRIER  
539 Main street, N. E.

## WASSON'S STOMACH TONIC

For Indigestion  
It has cured Many. It Always Gives Relief.  
45c. and 75c. per Bottle  
PREPARED AT

THE DRUG STORE, 100 King St.  
PHONE 587.

## CHAS. R. WASSON

Stores Close at 6 p. m.  
St. John, January 8th, 1909.

### BARGAINS IN CAPS

We have put the knife deep into the price of every cap in stock so as to make a clean sweep of the entire lot.

REGULAR 85c. and \$1.00 MEN'S CAP  
REGULAR 65c. and 75c. MEN'S PANT  
Sale Price 69c.  
Sale Price 49c.  
Prices on Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Underwear, etc., etc., almost cut in two.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing & Tailoring  
Opera House Block

### RAILWAY BLOCKADE TO CAPITAL BROKEN

#### Trains Now Running Over the Canada Eastern

Balated Passengers Reached Fredericton This Forenoon—Did Not Suffer Much Inconvenience.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 8.—The railway blockade so far as this city is concerned, is broken, and while today there are not running on schedule time communication has been re-established to the satisfaction of the people. The first train outward since Wednesday was despatched over the I. C. R. branch at 7.30 this morning, and shortly before 11 o'clock the two express, which were stalled at Cross Creek, reached the city with twenty passengers, who had suffered no discomfort by their detention, but had been well cared for and fed at the expense of the federal government. The line is now clear to Chatham, the washouts having been filled up and the food at Pennell having subsided, and the regular service will be resumed.

At 8.30 a train was despatched over the C. P. R. to Fredericton Junction, carrying the hundred passengers detained since Wednesday night, and the first inward train bringing passengers and mails from St. John and other eastern points and the west, is expected during the afternoon.

### YUAN SHI KAI CAUSED DEATH OF LATE EMPEROR

#### Will Probably be Tried on This Charge Says Chinese Exile—Dismissal Good for Country.

PENANG, Straits Settlement, Jan. 8.—In an interview here today, Yü Wei, the well known Chinese reformer, who was expelled from Peking, after the death of the late Emperor, said Yuan Shi Kai had been dismissed from his high position as member of the Grand Council of the Chinese Empire, because he was instrumental in the death of the late Emperor and that he probably would be placed on trial for his connection in this matter. "The result of this trial will convince foreigners that Yuan Shi Kai instigated the murder of the late Emperor," Kang Yu Wei declared. "His dismissal will work for the good of the constitutional party, the constitution will be no longer delayed."

### LIVELY TIME IN MONGTON HOCKEY RINK

MONGTON, Jan. 8.—The intermission period at the Victoria-Rambler hockey match here last evening provided some excitement. One of the snow shovellers, a twelve year old lad named Lavole, in cleaning up the ice, threw a shovel filled with snow direct in the face of a spectator named Win Beers. The latter became angry and selling a hatchet gave young Lavole a sharp rap across the back with the flat side of it, and the youngster dropped to the ice and laid there. Several in the vicinity thought the boy serious, but Beers was threatened with violence, being attacked by an older brother of the injured lad. He might have been roughly dealt with had not the police intervened. The lad was soon revived and as he was not badly hurt Beers, who had been arrested, was allowed to go.

After being rescued from death by a factory night watchman, Alois Pietro, an Italian, was this morning fined twenty-five dollars for vagrancy. Last night he crawled into a freight car for shelter and, although clad in four shirts and five pairs of trousers, was senseless from cold when found and taken to the police station.

Mongton business men are complaining strongly of the ineffective efforts on the part of the provincial postal department in connection with the recent C. P. R. washouts. Mongton has received no western mail for two days. Business men particularly have been subjected to much annoyance.

### FATAL COLLISION

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 8.—In a rear end collision at Sidney on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad this morning between two eastbound extra freights, Engineer John Sampson, of Ontario, was crushed to death under his engine and Fireman Larson was injured.

MESSINA, Jan. 8.—The body of a man who lived on the third floor above Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cheney, in the American Consulate building, was taken out from the ruins yesterday evening. The work to recover the bodies of the Chinese is progressing. There was a religious procession along the devastated water front of Messina this morning. Priests walked through the ruined streets carrying sacred relics and as they passed the people prostrated themselves.

### DOMINION STEEL IN THE LIME BUSINESS

#### Will Probably Take Up This Industry on a Large Scale.

Interested Also to Manufacture Steel Plates in the Future—Good Business Last Month.

SYDNEY, N. E., Jan. 8.—The indications are that during the year 1909 the Dominion Iron and Steel Company will greatly enlarge its operations and will take up the lime and more varied line of products from its department. At present the company manufactures and sells pig iron of different grades, steel in bar, billets and blooms, and rails and rods. Of different by-products it has sulphuric acid, sulphate of ammonia and tar to dispose of besides the furnace slag which it sells to the Sydney Cement Company. For some time there have been rumors that the company might embark in the manufacture of steel plates. This was in contemplation some time ago and the mill was purchased but nothing further has been done.

Now it is stated that the company will this season go in a large way into the manufacture and sale of lime. As is well known the company has large areas of the best limestone and modern kilns and would be in a position to command the market.

During the month of December the actual output of pig iron was 21,679 tons, steel, 57,000 tons. Shipments aggregated 24,150 tons and except for the delay in the arrival of shipping this month have run up \$1,000,000 worth of material was on hand to make up this quantity. It has since been ordered that the "India" steamer which sailed on Monday evening, or is now being shipped on the Fridtjof Nansen which is expected to sail at the end of this week or the first of next.

### CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO U. S. RECALLED

#### Special Envoys Had Spent Too Much Money and Did Not Succeed in Mission.

PEKING, Jan. 8.—Tang Shao Yi who is presently in Washington on a special diplomatic mission from the Chinese government, has been recalled to Peking. His mission has been enormously expensive and his return is regarded as giving color to the reports that charges of extravagance have been lodged against Yuan Shi Kai. The American and British Ministers here have abandoned their project to unite the various powers in a protest against the disturbing of the present policy of the Chinese government, which is thought to have been decided on by the dismissal from office of Yuan Shi Kai, a prominent member of the Grand Council, and this phase of the question is now regarded as at an end.

The ostensible reason of Tang Shao Yi's coming to the United States was to convey the thanks of the Chinese government for the resolution by the American government of a very considerable portion of the Boxer indemnity, which it has been declared that he proposed also to further certain plans for the enlistment of American capital in Manchuria. It has been said that he desired also to have the Chinese legation at Washington raised to the rank of an embassy but this movement has not yet been brought to a successful conclusion.

### REFeree REPORTS ON THE FISHER ESTATE

#### Mrs. Fraser's Bequest Not Sufficient to Establish Old Ladies' Home.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 8.—The report of Harry G. Feney, referee in equity with reference to the suit of Frank I. Morrison, et al, executors of the estate of the late Miss Frances Fisher vs. The Bishop of Fredericton et al, was before the chief justice in the Equity Court today for confirmation. The reference was made to Mr. Feney to separate the interests of the two estates and the report shows that Miss Fisher's estate totaled \$2,500 outside of the Fisher homestead which she willed to the University, or but \$9 per cent, necessary to pay her other bequests.

Mrs. J. J. Fraser's estate paying all smaller legacies amounted to \$10,000 besides the Fraser homestead valued at \$6,000 and that the bequest of the former amount for the establishment of an Old Ladies' Home is not sufficient for that purpose and it is recommended that the fund be allowed to accumulate until it reaches an amount large enough to carry out the testatrix' wish. The matter is still before the court. The referee's report is exhaustive amounting to over 10,000 words.

The lawyers on the case are: A. J. Gregory, K. C., for the plaintiff, Havelock for the U. N. B., J. J. F. Winslow, for the Bishop and R. H. Hanson, for other legatees.

### RELIEF EXPEDITION FOR ARCTIC EXPLORERS

#### Ship With Provisions for Two Years Will Go to Search for Dr. Frederick Cook.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Arrangements are being perfected to send a relief expedition to the Arctic region. The ship to search for Dr. Frederick Albert Cook, the explorer and his party, who left New York on July 4, 1907, in quest of the North Pole.

William Wallace, an Arctic explorer, and Chester Bechoff, of New Rochelle, will jointly command the ship, which is to be fitted out at an expense of about \$35,000, with provisions which will enable the party to remain in the Arctic zone for two years.

### FRIEND OF NORD ALEXIS IS UNDER ARREST

PORT AU PRINCE, Jan. 8.—General Montevault Guillaume, one of the strongest supporters of ex-President Nord Alexis, was arrested yesterday on board the German steamer Altal, now in port. He was brought ashore and was guarded on his way to prison by a strong detachment of soldiers.

General Guillaume is the Minister of the Interior. A large crowd of citizens gathered and threatened him with bodily harm, but the troops protected him. The government has also taken steps also to secure the extradition of General Guillaume, the former military commander of Port au Prince, who is now in exile in Jamaica.

### ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Accident reports made to the public service commission by the steam railroads of the state show that leakage of rails is one of the principal sources of danger in railway travel, according to a statement by the commission today.

### BATTLE RUN MYSTERY IS STILL UNSOLVED

#### Whole Thing May Have Been a Hoax

Clergymen and His Neighbor Carpenter Both Missing—Clothing Identified by Wife of Supposed Victim

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 8.—The murder mystery of Battle Run Church near Columbus in St. Clair County seemed no nearer solution when the county officials resumed their investigation today, than it was when they entered the blood spattered church Wednesday noon and dragged from the stove the lumps of flesh and bone that appeared to be the remaining fragments of a human victim.

Rev. J. H. Carmichael, pastor of the church and Mr. John Browning, the Adair carpenter who was the minister's neighbor, have not been seen since Tuesday. Various theories were advanced to show that the bones found in the church stove belonged to one or the other of the missing men, but none of the offered explanations seem to accumulate any degree of probability or certainty. It was even suggested today that the red stains over the church might not be human blood and the gruesome pieces found in the church stove might have been taken from a cadaver stolen from some accessible graveyard.

In support of the theory that the murder indications are all part of a gigantic hoax the assertion was advanced that the missing preacher was known to be carrying \$5,000 of insurance.

### MAGISTRATE FOUND GUILTY BY COURT

#### Had Illegally Freed Women and Offered Bribes to Have Discovery Suppressed—Removed from Bench.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—City magistrate Droegge today was found guilty of the charge of unlawfully freeing women committed by him to the work-house and therefore was ordered from his position as city magistrate by the appellate division in accordance with the application of the bar association. It was charged against Droegge that he signed orders for the release of only such prisoners as had paid fees to two lawyers, who formerly had been associated with him in the practice of law. In addition he was alleged to have bribed reporters to suppress publication of the discovery of the practice. An investigation was made by the commissioners of accounts and then Mayor McClellan through the corporation counsel asked the Bar Association to take the matter up and the application for his removal resulted upon the association finding that a case had been made out against the magistrate.

### SAINT PETERSBURG, Jan. 8.—The Italian Chamber of Deputies will open tomorrow in extraordinary session to adopt such legislative measures as are necessary to relieve the distress and make good the damage in the earthquake district. Speaking to the Associated Press to-

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