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THE STOCK MARKET

Bache & Co. Think the Bottom Level Has Been Reached and Advance is Now Due.

New York, Dec. 19—The "January Investment Demand," the condition welcomed by all bond dealers, is upon us, and the ease with which several substantial though not usually large issues of bonds have been sold, is due to the anticipation of purchases which usually take place at about this period.

The United Fruit Company, an industrial corporation with an inviting record and balance sheet, sold $4,250,000 of its 4 1-2 per cent. debenture bonds, and several railroads sold to dealers at advantageous prices considerable amounts of their mortgage obligations. Yesterday $5,000,000 New York State Highway 4 per cent. bonds offered at public sale were heavily over-subscribed. The average price obtained for the bonds was about that at which they would yield practically 3 1-2 per cent. on the investment. It is not surprising that a community with the enormous resources that the empire state possesses should be able to borrow money on the very best terms, but the eagerness with which an investment which yields only 3 1-2 per cent. is sought, even after the market has absorbed several hundred millions of securities within a short period, is indicative of its latent resources and broad potentiality. fi

During the reaction which has taken place in stocks in the last few days bonds have displayed signal strength, and have been practically unaffected by the conditions which have caused several sharp changes in prices of more speculative securities.

Stocks have declined on an average of 3 1-2 points since last week Thursday, when many issues reached a record figure. The reaction has been an orderly one and has about reached bottom. Stocks are now in line for an orderly advance.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET.

Monday, December 20.

New York Stock Quotations, Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.

	Saturday's Closing	Today's Opening	Noon
Amalg Copper	78⅝	79	78¼
Anaconda	47⅝	47½	47⅝
Am Smelt Rfr pfd	79⅝	79⅝	79½
Am Car Foundry	45⅝	45⅝	45½
Atchison	95½	95⅝	95¼
Atchison pfd	54½	54⅝	54
Brook Rpd Trst	53⅝	59¼	59
Balt and Ohio	108⅝	108⅝	107⅝
Chesa and Ohio	56	55½	56
Canadian Pacific	176	175¼	174½
Chi and G West	11⅝	11½	11½
Colo F & Iron	37⅝	37½	37½
Consolidated Gas	163	164	160
Gen Electric Co	158	157½	157½
Erie	32⅝	33	32½
Erie, First pfd	47⅝	47⅝	47⅝
Illinois Central		145	144
Kansas & Texas	38	38⅝	38¼
Great Northern Pfd	144	144	144½
Louisville and Nash	121⅝	122¼	120½
Soo	129⅝	130	130
Missouri Pacific	63⅝	62⅝	62
N Y Central	118	118¼	117
Pacific Mail	34½	34⅝	34⅝
Peo C and Gas Co		100	100
Reading	138⅝	138⅝	137½
Republic Steel	25	24¼	24¼
Pennsylvania	128⅝	128⅝	128⅝
Rock Island	22½	22⅝	22⅝
St Paul	24½	24⅝	24
Southern Ry pfd		58⅝	57⅝
Southern Pacific	117⅝	118⅝	116⅝
Northern Pacific	140	139⅝	138⅝
National Lead	77	77	77
Texas Pacific	31	31	32
Union Pacific	178	179	176⅝
U S Steel	52⅝	53	52½
U S Steel pfd	111⅝	111⅝	111⅝
Wabash	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Wabash pfd	47⅝	48½	48⅝

Total sales in New York Saturday 560,500 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

December corn	56⅝	56⅝	56⅝
December wheat	100⅝	99⅝	99⅝
December oats		48⅝	48⅝
May corn	60	59⅝	59⅝
May wheat	105⅝	105	105⅝
May oats	50½	50⅝	50⅝
May pork	16.17	16.32	16.22
July corn	60	59⅝	59⅝
July wheat	97⅝	97⅝	97⅝
July wheat		45⅝	45⅝

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom Coal	55b	56	56
C P R	176⅝b	175	174⅝
Montreal Power	108⅝	108	108
Rich and Ont Nav	77⅝	77¼	77¼
Illinois Traction pfd		92	91⅝

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

December cotton	8.94	8.94	8.87
January cotton	8.55	8.55	8.48
March cotton	8.64	8.62	8.59
May cotton	8.72	8.68	8.66

(Furnished by D. C. Clinch, banker and broker.)

December 21st.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL BUREAU

The closing raid of Saturday being due to a report of Harriman's illness, the Times denial this morning may cause some short covering. Unless decided support is extended around Saturday's closing prices professionals will, we understand, extend the raiding. Decisive support would result in a recovery in the active list. The readjustment, however, is not yet completed and we expect to see further irregularity from time to time. Rallies will not hold, as a rule, for the present. The technical position is improving, but is not yet strong. There is an increasing amount of short selling and this will add to the techniques points. On declines purchases for turns in the better grade of stocks are suggested. We are not yet favorably disposed to industrials, and believe sales on rallies for moderate profits will give satisfaction. It will be pure folly to buy on strength or sell on weakness in making new commitments. News over Sunday aside from the denial of Harriman's illness, is not of special importance. The Eastern lines are now reported not to have filed freight rate advances with Washington. It had been supposed that entire country had raised. Considerable attention is being given to the Taft Sherman law talk, and it may be that the uncertainty of his own opinion will operate for unsettlement from time to time. The January disbursements are estimated now by the Journal of Commerce at approximately $180,000,000. There is one feature of the situation that is working strongly against a serious decline during the present reaction. It is the fact that money can be obtained for 3 3-4 per cent for a year, while many stocks at current prices return 4 1-2 to 6 per cent, and they are in a very highly esteemed class. Press comment and market literature now seems to be getting a little more bearish in tone. This feature should be closely watched, for when it is generally prevalent the market will be found much over-sold.

DETAILED STOCK GOSSIP.

Careful investigation shows reactionary tendencies to be still exhibited by U. S. Steel, Amal. Smelters, Ans., and Lead, although they may rally anytime. Among the rails Paul, Reading, U. P. and R. I. preferred are still hammered by professionals who sell mainly on rallies. So. Pacific should be bought on a scale down. U. P. appears to meet support around 180, N. P. 140, but if removed may go lower temporarily. G. N. is held between 141 and 143, with information favorable to purchases on decline. B. O. will soon buy 50,000 tons of rails. Gossip connects the St. Paul with the M. K. & T. since the Burlington Col. So. rumors.

SUMMARY

Americans in London steady about parity with some strength in Harrimans.

E. H. Harriman suffers bilious attack but not seriously ill.

Andrew Carnegie gives evidence before tariff commission today.

Anthractic peace board reports shows 150 disputes settled in three years without a strike.

Steel manufacturers will make $30 rails for $28 a ton for Pennsylvania.

New smelting and refining company will be incorporated under state laws of New Jersey.

Anthracite trade dull on account of the weather.

Holiday trade excellent but industrial business slowing down.

Supreme court to take recess today to January 4th.

Rogers Brown & Co. say iron markets are quiet and new business not expected until after holidays.

Department stores report satisfactory for most part showing substantial gain over last year.

National City Bank shows largest loss in cash in bank statement and heaviest reduction in loans.

Twenty roads 2nd week December show average gross increase 4.91 per cent.

Talk of purchase of North and South roads by Hill interests taking more definite form.

Twelve industrials declined .20.

Twenty active rails declined .55 per cent.

TOWN TOPICS

London prices a little higher this morning and the low range may encourage a little buying by outsiders but in our opinion the present reaction will run considerably further before there is that good sort of support among the leading stocks that has characterized the market for a long time past. There is no doubt now that there was an immense lot of distribution in Union Pacific and other leaders around the high prices that have been reached and those who sold will not be apt to begin buying again until the concessions offered are considerably more attractive. We would not be surprised to see Union Pacific sell below 175 on this move. The general list is a sale on the rallies now and especially the metal stocks and Harriman issues. We think Smelters and Copper are a long way from their bottoms. Week-end news is unimportant.

THE ENGLISH MARKET.

London, 2 p. m.—Anc. 47 3-8; Acp. 79 1-8; Atch. 95 3-4; B. O. 108 1-2; C. O. 56; G. W. 11 1-4; C. P. R. 175 1-4; Erie 33 1-4; D. 35 1-2; EF. 47 1-2; Ills. 145; K. T. 38 3-8; L. N. 121 1-4; N. P. 140 1-4; Cen. 118 1-2; O. W. 44 1-4; Pa. 129 3-4; Rg. 138 3-8; R. I. 22 1-2; S. R. 24 1-2; S. J. 58; S. P. 118 1-8; St. Paul 147 1-4; U. P. 178 3-4; U. S. 52 1-8; UX. 111 1-8; W. A. 19 1-2; WZ 47 1-4.

Liverpool.—Due to come 1-2 higher Dec. and 1-2 to 2 points higher on later months. Opened steady, unchanged near and 1 higher on late. At 12.15—Quiet, but steady, Dec. 1-2 net higher, other months 1-2 to 1 point higher. Spot cotton quiet, 3 points higher, mid. ups. 4.88d. Sales 5,000, Spec. and export 300, American 4,000, imports 26,000, all American.

ADVICE AND NEWS.

New York—Specialist gossip is referring to stop orders in U. S. Steel near 52. Efforts have been made by the room, it is said, to dislodge them. The stock continues in a sagging movement as we see it.

Uptown bear gossip was reported over Sunday with regard to ACP. According to a story in circulation there is an account in this stock that is being gunned for. Boston private advices are favorable to the purchase of ACP. on breaks.

Only a small borrowing demand was reported for stocks Saturday after the close. Several experts say the shortage is not of large proportions, while the long interest is considerable and vulnerable.

N. Y. FINANCIAL BUREAU.

St. Paul.—James J. Hall, when asked about the report that Burlington had acquired Colo. Sou., said that the publication was premature, but would not deny the deal.

DOW JONES & CO.

Evans—The tendency of the market is still downward. It has been overbought and a good many people are now hung up with stocks for which they have paid more than going prices. I think that there is further liquidation on a large scale still to come and, therefore, advise selling on all rallies. There will probably be plenty of them as the market is apt to be irregular and will jump up sharply from time to time on short covering.

Liverpool—Wheat opened quiet, unchanged. Corn quiet, 1-4 off. At 1.30 p. m.—Wheat 1-4 to 3-8 off from opening. Corn 1-2 off from opening.

Orlando Smith, founder and president of the American Press Association, is dead.

New York.—Rumors are current this morning of a professional attempt to break the support extended to U. P. around the close on Saturday. This report is from professional quarters. If such an attempt fails, U. P. will be covered.

N. Y. FINANCIAL BUREAU.

A SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Bloomfield, Kings Co., Dec. 18—A most excellent entertainment was carried out by the pupils of Bloomfield school under the supervision of the principal, Miss Perkins. The programme was of considerable length and consisted of dialogues, singing, pantomimes, and shadow work. A wreath drill, also a flag drill were the chief features of the entertainment. This is only one of the several excellent entertainments Miss Perkins has given while teaching in this locality. Proceeds are for school fund.

Furness line steamship Tabasco, Captain Yeoman, is due today via Halifax from London. She was 16 days to Halifax and met a succession of hurricanes, with high seas. She had railing smashed, ventilators washed away, and one lifeboat damaged.

Russian steamship Alexander Kamburoff, Captain Neipken, from this port, passed Brow Head last Friday and received orders to proceed to Bristol with her cargo of deals.

West India steamer Sobo sailed from Halifax on Friday for Bermuda.

MARRIAGE ON SMALL INCOMES THE CAUSE OF MUCH POVERTY

What One New York Judge Thinks of "Rushing Into Matrimony Without Adequate Preparation."

New York, Dec. 17—"If a woman chooses to embark in matrimony with a man whose earning capacity is only $6 a week she must take her chances of getting her support. This rushing into matrimony may appeal to the President of the United States, but it does not to anyone who weighs the evidence and acts judicially to determine whether or not such a thing is reasonable, right or proper."

In these words Judge Foster, of the Special Sessions, addressed Annie Glassberg, who had left her husband because she could not live on his $6 a week. She asked the court to compel Glassberg to allow her $2 a week from his earnings for her support.

The request was flatly denied by the judge who went on to say:

"I am not going to encourage this crime of matrimony by making a husband whose earnings are $6 a week go out and steal to support a wife when he can barely support himself. The Society for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor, which has recently made a careful investigation, reports that the cause of most of the misery among the poor is the very large families which the poor are rearing."

The announcement of Judge Foster caused The American to make inquiries among people in a position to know of conditions in the crowded tenement districts where poor wages obtain. While the majority agreed that it was wise for men on wages averaging from $10 to $15 a week to marry while they were young, they held that no man should do so until he had saved up enough to furnish quarters for his wife and to provide for any emergencies for at least one year ahead.

FATHER CURRY BLAMES RENTS.

The Rev. Father J. B. Curry of St. James's Parish, who has had a long experience with the residents of the congested lower East Side, said he believed Judge Foster rendered a sane decision.

"But I believe with the President in large families," Father Curry added. "I also believe in the poor marrying young, but I tell the boys they should wait until they have accumulated enough to provide comfortable quarters for the wife and also to make provision for a family."

Asked if he thought it possible for a couple to live on $6 a week in this city, Father Curry said:

"No, I hardly think so. There is no doubt that the wages paid now are not commensurate with the increased expenses in living. The trouble is largely that of high tax rates, which have materially increased rents all over the city and the poor suffer consequently more than any one else. A man and his wife cannot get decent quarters under $18 a month, and if a man is earning only $24, what is left to live and dress upon? It is a shame that wages continue so low when living and rents are so constantly on the increase."

Robert W. Bruere, general agent of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, said Judge Foster was perfectly right in his decision. He declared that the needs of charity were much increased by the people marrying so young and upon the poor wages that they found themselves unable to provide the common necessities.

"The rapidity with which such families grow has become the greatest problem we have to deal with," he said. "These young women, who have rushed into marriage and become the wives of men earning from $10 to $15 a week, find after the first or second baby comes that they must go out and work in order to keep the family together. Each succeeding child, owing to the decreased vitality of the mother through exhaustion from overwork, becomes weaker and weaker, and it is the greatest marvel that they live at all.

"Finally the entire family become public charges or partial charges, especially if the father happens to drink or becomes sick."

Asked for a table estimating the percentage of men forced to solicit charity, Mr. Bruere furnished the American with the following:

	No.	Per Cent.
Sickness	98	30
Loss or lack of work	108	35
Insufficient work or wage	44	18
Old age	6	2
Accident	8	3
Death	4	1
Intemperance	18	6
Inefficiency	8	3
Man's desertion	6	2
Total	300	100

"Ninety per cent. of the applicants who are forced to beg for charity," continued Mr. Bruere, "do so through no fault of their own. These men would probably accept work if it were given them. If industrial and living conditions were what a reasonable standard of living demands, seventy per cent. of our applicants would probably require no outside aid.

THE SHIPPING WORLD

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

STEAMERS.

Almora, sld Glasgow, Dec 19.
Almeriana, sld London, Dec 15.
Dunmore Head, sld Maryport via Sydney, Dec 12.
Lake Michigan, sld London, Dec 2.
Manchester Shipper, sld Dec 10.
Manchester Trader, sld Manchester, Dec 11.
Montezuma, sld Antwerp, Dec 16.
Pretorian, sld Glasgow, Dec 5.
Pomeranian, sld London via Havre, Dec 18.
Shenandoah, sld London, Dec 12.
Salacia, sld Glasgow, Dec 12.
Tunisian, sld Liverpool, Dec 13.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Dr zt5C December 1908	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Tide High.	Tide Low.
21 Mon	8.07	4.38	9.54	4.05
22 Tues	8.08	4.40	10.38	4.50
23 Wed	8.08	4.41	11.22	5.36
24 Thur	8.09	4.41	12.00	6.23
25 Fri	8.09	4.42	0.33	7.12
26 Sat	8.10	4.43	1.23	8.03

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

ARRIVED TODAY.

Stmr Lake Michigan, 5340, Perry, from London and Antwerp, C P R Co., passengers and mdse.

Stmr Tabasca, 1913, Yeoman, from London via Halifax, Wm Thomson & Co.

Schr Annie A Booth (Am), 165, Belyea, from Boston, A W Adams, ballast.

Schr Gertie, 45, Ogilvie, from Eastport, J W Smith, ballast.

Schr Francis A Rice, 122, LeBlanc, from Church Point, N S, C M Kerrison, with 40 tons scrap iron.

Schr Georgia (Am), 291, Smith, from Boston, J W Smith, ballast.

Coastwise—Stmr Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, Campobello; schrs Xiphias, 15, Green, Grand Harbor; Effort, 63, Ogilvie, St. Andrews; Flora, 34, Brown, Grand Harbor; Emerson Paye, 47, Perry, Freeport; Clara A Benner, 36, French, North Head; Acadian, 31, Gorman, Meteghan; Sea King, 33, Dickson, Alma.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Stmr Parthenia, 3,316, Stitt, from Glasgow, Robert Reford Co., general cargo.

Schr Lois V Chapies (Am), 191, Robinson, from Lubec, A W Adams, ballast.

Schr Minnie Slauson (Am), 271, Murphy, from Calais, Stetson Cutler & Co, ballast.

Schr Francis V Sawyer, (Am), 324, Dobbins, from Jonesport, master, ballast.

Sch Adonis, 316, Brown, from Port William (N S), for Havana, returned again to port on account of storm.

ARRIVED SATURDAY.

Stmr Empress of Britain, 8,024, Murray, from Liverpool via Halifax; C P R Co, passengers and mdse.

CLEARED TODAY.

Schr Odonis, 316, Brown, from Port William, for Havana, was in for harbor.

Coastwise—Stmr Centreville, 32, Graham, Sandy Cove; schrs Virginian, Merriam, Port Greville; Maple Leaf, Spicer, Wolfville; Flora Brown, Grand Horbor; Yarmouth Packet, Shaw, Yarmouth.

CLEARED SATURDAY.

Schr Lucia Porter (Am), 284, Spragg, for Vineyard Haven, for orders, A Cushing & Co, 236,653 feet plank, etc.

Str Talisman (Nor), 1,178, Olsen, for Havana; Wm Thomson & Co, general cargo.

Coastwise—Schs Salettie, Hall, Grand Harbor; Lennie and Edna, Guptill, Grand Harbor.

SAILED SATURDAY.

Schr Witch Hazel, (Am), 238, Kerrigan, for Boston.

DOMINION PORTS.

Port Hastings, Dec. 18—Ard, stmrs Renwick, Chapman, Bridgewater; Amethyst, Fulton, Halifax; schrs Mary Jane Sampson, River Bourgeoise.

Cld—Schrs Mary Jane, River Bourgeoise; stmrs Renwick, St. John's; Amethyst, Chticamp, all with coal.

Canso, Dec. 18—Ard, schrs Thelma, Ingonish; Howard, Sydney.

Sld—Schr Argosy, Halifax.

Psd—Stmrs Scotia, Halifax for Guysboro; City of Ghent, P. E. Island for Halifax; Margaret, St. Peter's, for Halifax; Kilkeel, Halifax for Port Hastings.

Halifax, Dec 20—Ard 19th, strs Corsican, St John (and proceeded for Liverpool).

Sld—Strs Sokoto, Havana and Mexico; Shimosa, Suez for Boston (in for coal).

Sld 19th—Str Tabasco, St John.

BRITISH PORTS.

St John's, Nfld, Dec 20—Ard, str Pretorian, Glasgow and Liverpool for Halifax.

Southampton, Dec 20—Ard, str St Louis, New York.

Inishtrahull, Dec 20—Passed, str Grampian, St John for Liverpool.

Liverpool, Dec 20—Ard, str Canada, Portland.

Queuenstown, Dec 20—Sld, str Lucania, New York.

Manchester, Dec 18—Ard, str Manchester Importer, St John.

Liverpool, Dec 18—Ard, str Empress of Ireland, St John.

Glasgow, Dec 19—Sld, str Almora, for St John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Saunderstown, Dec 19—Sld, schs R Bowers, St John for Philadephia; Sarah Eaton, Calais for New York; Seth M Todd, do for do; Emily I White, Vinal Haven for do; Mayflower, Maitland for do.

Yokohama, Dec 19—Sld, str Monteagle, for Vancouver.

Portland, Dec 19—Ard, str Hird (Nor), Gundersen, Parrsboro.

New York, Dec 18—Cld, sch Virginia, Publicover, Halifax.

Boston, Dec 19—Sld, schs Valdare, Bear River; Gazelle, Plympton; Mercedes, Clementsport (last two anchored below; Annie Booth, St John; Garfield White, Port Greville; Francis Goodnow, from St George for Bridgeport.

New Haven, Dec 19—Ard, sch Clayola, Stone Haven.

Boothbay Harbor, Dec 18—Ard, sch Rebecca W Huddell, St John.

City Island, Dec 19—Bound south, schs Noormbega, St Martins; Abbie C Stubbs, St John; Empress, Campbellton; Earl of Aberdeen, Bridgewater for New York; Almeda Willey, St John for New York; Winnie Laurie, St John for New York.

Bound east—Str Rosalind, New York for Halifax and St John's (Nfld.)

New London, Dec 19—Sld, sch Adriatic, St John for New York.

Philadelphia, Dec 19—Ard, str Lux, Dunkirk via Halifax.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 19—Sld, sch Preference, from Port Johnson for St John.

Portland, Dec 20—Ard, str Hird (Nor), Parrsboro.

Boston, Dec 20—Ard, str Boston, Yarmouth, sch Ruth Robinson, New York.

New York, Dec 20—Ard, strs Campania, Liverpool; Baltic, do.

Sld—Schs J Kennedy, Calais; John B Norris, Tremont; Maggie Todd, Calais.

Calais, Dec 20—Ard, tug Springhill, Parrsboro, towing barges Nos 1, for Calais, and No 3, for St Stephen.

Hyannis, Dec 20—Ard, sch Francis Goodnow, St George for Bridgeport.

Chatham, Dec 20—Passed north, str Rosalind, New York for Halifax.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 20—Ard, schs Nettie Shipman, South Amboy for Rockland; Arthur M Gibson, New York for St John; Chesile, do for do; Walter M Young, Perth Amboy for Lubec.

City Island, Dec 20—Bound south, schs Merrill C Hart, Weymouth; Manuel R Cuza, St John.

New London, Dec 20—Ard, schs Sarah Eaton, Calais for New York; Seth M Todd, Bangor for do; Isaiah K Stetson, Boston.

SPOKEN SUNDAY BY WIRELESS.

4.30 a m—SS Amerika, 160 miles east of Cape Sable, bound New York.

5.05 a m—SS St Paul, 220 miles east of Nantucket Light, bound New York.

5.55 a m—SS Naraganset, southwest of Cape Sable, bound east.

10 p m—SS Philadelphia, 650 miles east of Sandy Hook.

10 p m—SS Baltic, 100 miles east of New York, bound New York.

RECENT CHARTERS.

British schooner Collector, 99 tons, from Perth Amboy to Halifax, coal, $1.20; British schooner Virginia, 114 tons, same.

MARINE NEWS

Two sealing schooners have been sold and will go into another trade.

The Alice Gertrude, which has been laid up since the end of last sealing voyage, has been sold to the Halifax Fish Company.

The E. B. Marvin has been sold to Captain Lewis Murray, of Port Richmond, C. B. She was formerly the Molly Adams, an American schooner. At one time she was engaged in the ehring Sea fisheries under command of Captain Sol. Jacobs, the noted fish killer. She was sold to the Victoria Sealing Company and named after Captain E. B. Marvin, a Halifax man, who was one of the pioneers in the Pacific coast trade.

The burning oil ship, Klam Kaloma, was bombarded by the harbor fort at Signapore, last Friday, and soon sank with her hull riddled with shot. The flaming steamer—which hails from England, arrived in Signapore from New York two days ago, with her cargo of case oil on fire. All attempts to extinguish the blaze were unsuccessful. It was impossible to go near the vessel because of the possibility of explosions, and finally the harbor agents appealed to the commandant of the gort. The gunners at a distance of two miles, sank the craft with their six-inch guns.

The steamship Catalone has bone to New York to go into dry dock for examination. The Catalone grounuded in the St. Lawrence last summer, but continued in the service. The steamship's charter to the Dominion Coal Company has expired, and after examination she will proceed to Philadelphia and load grain for Leith. The Catalone was before reported in collision with the British steamer Daghesters, which sank. She was in this port recently, and was commanded by Captain Glove. She is of 3,773 gross tonnage and is owned by the English and American Shipping Company of London.

IMPORTS.

From London and Antwerp, ex S. S. Lake Michigan—500 boxes raisins, H W C; 6 pkgs paper, Globe Publishing Co.; 17 roles sheet lead, W H Thorne & Co; 2 cases polish, Emerson & Fisher; 263 bdls iron ware, N B Telephone Co.; 161 cases glass, Robertson, Forster & Smith; 151 pkgs mdse, H C Olive; 2 cases chinaware, J L Cassidy & Co; 4 cases glass, Simon Bache & Co; 25 pkgs crockery, W T Marlew; 586 ingots spelter, J Pender & Co; 50 cases sardines, D & G; 7 cases stoneware, Stranky & Co; 75 pkgs glass &c, Fenstein & Ribbies; 4 pkgs mdse, A W Abbott; 46 pkgs bottles, &c., Pollock Bros. Also goods for the west.

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OBITUARY

Iden Rootes

Iden Rootes, who for nearly sixty years was proprietor of a flourishing baking business in Indiantown, died yesterday after a long illness of heart trouble. Mr. Rootes was an Englishman by birth, having been born in Benenden, Kent county. At the age of sixteen, he came to Canada and settled in Hamilton (Ont.) While living there he met Miss Sarah Dykeman, of Jemseg (N. B.), whom he married, and they came to St. John.

He went into the baking business in Hammond street nearly fifty-six years ago. The Indiantown fire practically ruined Mr. Rootes, but with much pluck he started business again in the same street. Twenty-six years ago his only son, James Rootes, who was associated with him in the business, died, and since then he carried it on alone until two years ago, when he practically retired, owing to his health and advancing age.

Mr. Rootes was in his eighty-fourth year. He was of a very kindly, retiring disposition, and many friends will be sorry to hear of his death. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. F. A. Spearin, of Indiantown; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. J. N. Golding, jr., Mrs. H. D. Fritz, wife of Dr. Fritz; Mrs. Helen Roberts, James I. Rootes and Miss Spearin, all of this city; and Mrs. J. A. Burke, of Stanley, are the grandchildren.

Mrs. Sophia Morrissey

One of the oldest residents of the North End, in the person of Mrs. Sophia Morrissey, died on Saturday at the home of her daughter Mrs. John Ross, Westfield, after a tedious illness. Mrs. Morissey's husband, Abraham J. Morissey, who died eighteen years ago, was a caulker, doing business when shipbuilding was at its height. Mrs. Morissey was 73 years of age and resided in the North End in the vicinity of Adelaide street for 50 years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Ross, of Westfield, and four sons—Frank, engineer of the government cruiser Curlew; William, in the employ of T. H. Estabrooks; Albert, painter, and Harry, letter carrier. Three sisters and one brother, also survive. The sisters are Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Ellen Ross, of West-old, and Mrs. Judson Pitt, of Greenwich, Kings county. The brother is James Ross, also of Westfield. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at Westfield.

J. Milton Davidson

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 20—(Special)—The death occurred today of J. Milton Davison, manager for Prince Edward Island of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Mr. Davison was born in 1857 and was a son of the late Henry Davison, of Charlottetown. He entered the banking circles in his early youth, beginning as accountant with the old Merchants' Bank of Prince Edward Island. On the amalgamation of the Merchants' Bank of P. E. I., with the Canadian Bank of Commerce he continued his connection and held the position of manager. He had just returned from Montreal, feeling much improved in health.

Henry Teakles

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 20—(Special)—Henry Teakles, aged 68 years, died last evening at 9 o'clock at the home of his cousin, J. A. Humphrey, corner Queen and Main streets, where he has been residing for the past year. Chronic bronchitis was the cause of the death.

Deceased was widely known and highly respected and had many friends. He is the last survivor of the late Hugh Teakles, and was born in 1840 in the parish of Sussex, what was then known as the Dutch Villa. He was very active in life and began business with his brother, Mark, who opened up a blacksmith and carriage shop where the Wortman building now stands. He followed this business for about 20 years. He then went into partnership with J. A. Humphrey, and was known as the firm of Humphrey & Teakles, general merchants. He remained at this business until about six years ago when he had to retire on account of ill health. He was, however, able to be about until about six weeks ago when he was confined to his bed.

Mr. Teakles was a charter member of the Chisholm Lake Fishing Club. He was also a past master and one of the oldest members of Zion Lodge, where he held the office of treasurer for a number of years. Mr. Teakles was never married. The funeral takes place Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, service at the residence of J. A. Humphrey and interment at the Upper Corner cemetery. The Masons will attend in a body. Rev. Dr. Rogers will officiate.

Harry Willis

Harry Willis, who had been in the employ of A. O. Skinner here for more than twenty years, but who, on account of his health, went to Vancouver last March, died in that city on last Thursday. He was a son of Edward Willis, at one time proprietor of the Morning News here, and afterwards postmaster. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Ells, of Carleton, and a child. One sister, Mrs. J. B. Manson, resides in this city. His mother is in Winthrop (Mass.), with her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Baxter. A third sister is Mrs. N. Littler, of Halifax. Brothers are E. LeRoi Willis, of Sydney; G. M. Willis, of North Sydney, and A. S. and W. H. Willis, in Halifax. He had many friends in St. John and all will regret to hear of his death.

Miss Alma A. Hughes

Miss Alma A. Hughes, daughter of the late Thomas and Annie Hughes, of Narrows, Queens county, died yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Pickett, 278 Germain street. Service will be conducted at the house this evening at 8 o'clock, and the body will be taken to the Narrows on Tuesday morning.

INTERESTING ITEMS

A REMINDER.

While you are shopping for Christmas, don't forget to lay in a supply of Muskoka Christmas Stamps.

Don't Miss seeing Walter H. Irving's Christmas stock, the most varied and most attractive in the city. His store full of all the season's novelties and the latest ideas in bracelets, pins, blouse sets, lockets, rings, signet rings, combs, fobs, and all other lines. Prices are right too.

Ladies' party frocks, delicate net and lace waists, scrupulously cleaned by the Ungar process. Tel. 58.

The stores of W. H. Thorne & Company, Ltd., will be open each evening this week, as follows:—Monday, 9 o'clock; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 o'clock; Thursday, 11 o'clock.

No man ever tires of receiving what is useful. Any conservative man would appreciate a handsome dress overcoat. At C. B. Pidgeon's store is the right kind of style and quality at a lower price than elsewhere.

OPEN EACH EVENING.

Emerson & Fisher's store will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 10 p. m., and on Thursday evening until 11 p. m.

Capt. James Reid, of the Reid Wrecking Co., who has been endeavoring to float the Turret Bell, has gone to Halifax. His employes are removing the wrecked steamer Inverness, and the tug James Reid has hauled the steamer 200 yards in the direction of the channel, with 150 yards intervening yet. When the weather becomes favorable, operations will be continued.

On Thursday night the Liberals of Vernon River tendered a banquet to Premier Haszard, Messrs. Prowse, Warburton and Irving. Hon. Geo. Hughes and Hon. J. H. Cummiskey were also present.

CHECKS MISSING; THEY TOTAL $236

In reference to an advertisement notifying the public against handling certain checks that were lost or stolen, A. A. Wilson, K. C., said last evening that on Thursday last G. W. Titus, of Bloomfield, entrusted a neighbor, who was about to start for St. John, with four checks totaling $236.81 for deposit in the Bank of New Brunswick in this city. These were in an envelope and the understanding was that the man was either to mail them or carry them to the bank.

Next day Mr. Titus communicated with the bank and learned of the non-arrival of the checks. Up till Saturday afternoon they had not been received at that institution.

Mr. Wilson was communicated with by telephone and notified the banks and advertised particulars. One of the checks was drawn by G. W. Fowler on the Bank of New Brunswick, Sussex, in favor of G. W. Titus for $19.25; a second by D. M. Lawson on the bank of New Brunswick, this city, in favor of Mr. Titus for $12.77; a third by B. W. S. Titus to G. W. Titus, on the same bank, for $4.79; the fourth was for $100, and was drawn in favor of Mr. Titus by J. William Smith, on the Royal Bank of Canada in this city.

POPULAR HOLIDAY NUMBER

Among the Christmas Numbers, that have come to hand, the "Canadian Pictorial" (fifteen cents; published by the Pictorial Publishing Co., 142 St. Peter Street, Montreal) deserves special mention. Its unique and very charming cover appeals at once to everyone, and its contents, from the bright Christmas Stories and wealth of Christmas pictures to the Sweet Old English Carols, words and music complete, are full of Christmas spirit. Yet even the Christmas number, true to the motto "News by Views" of the "Canadian Pictorial" shows some splendid pictures dealing with the stirring events of the month the world over. The "Canadian Pictorial" has won for itself an enviable place among Canadian publications, for its exquisite photogravures and fine workmanship throughout stands unexcelled, and is wonderful value for the money. (One dollar a year, including all special numbers). The new feature "Unknown Old Favorites," is meeting with hearty appreciation. This gives words and music complete each month of one or more of the old favorities that most people think they know, and know they love, yet that only a few can follow right through. A rollicking and spirited old English ballad will appear in the January issue. Short stories have recently been added, the numerous departments are well sustained and further improvements are contemplated for the coming year 1909.

Three selected back numbers as samples will be supplied from office of publication for ten cents in stamps. Liberal clubbing offers are announced.

Chamboy, France, Dec. 20—Cardinal Victor Lucian Sulpice Lecot, archbishop of Bordeaux, died at a hotel here today from hemorrhage of the brain while returning from a visit to Rome. Cardinal Lecot was the leader of the movement among a group of French ecclesiastics to find a basis of settlement in the difference which has arisen between the government and the church. He was the exponent of Liberalism in the college of Cardinals and went to Rome to submit to the Pope a plan for the amelioration of the material condition of the French clergy.

The many friends of Rev. W. H. Sampson will be glad to hear that he is recovering nicely from his sickness. During his long ministry of more than twenty years Rev. Mr. Sampson had not previously lost two services on account of sickness. The Anglican chaplain at Sand Point, appointed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, preached for him last evening, and it has been arranged that he will also officiate at the Christmas services.