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We have a line of boys' school boots that has added a great many customers to our store. It is a Box 'Half Laced Boot, Blucher Cut, and we warrant every pair to be solid.

Size 8-10	\$1.35	Size 11-13	\$1.75
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MADE IN TAN OR BLACK LEATHERS.
High cut or ordinary length. Made of the very best Kangaroo stock. Hand sewed and guaranteed to keep out the water.

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You need them now and we have them. They are made in a variety of styles and of popular material, Patent Leather, Kid, Velvet, and Satin.

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Just the thing for good rough wear. Made of Heavy Split Leather. Tap Soles, and guaranteed Solid Leather throughout.
A good shoe for a man who wants a solid shoe at a low price.

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OPPOSES ATTEMPTS TO DISTURB PEACE IN AUSTRO-HUNGARY

Budapest, Jan. 22.—Count Albert Apponyi in the lower House of Parliament today criticized severely what he described as "the efforts of influential quarters to disturb Austro-Hungarian relations with Italy and to bring about a conflict between the two countries." Hungary, he declared, had the liveliest sympathy for Italy, and the character of deputies of Hungary would be the Rock of Gibraltar, which all attempts to force the monarchy into a policy of fateful adventure would be wrecked. No countenance should be given to any attempts to undermine Austro-Hungary's well tried foreign policy.

Officers Elected.

At the meeting of the Young Men's Guild of St. John's Presbyterian church, last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Rev. J. H. Anderson; president, W. D. McKay; vice-president, Robt. McAfee; sec. gen., Walter Armstrong; cor. sec., Geo. Gray; treasurer, W. A. Capson. The following conveners of committees were appointed: educational committee, E. M. Slader; music, P. G. Jones; social, J. B. Hamm; athletics, Roy Cummings.

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At our Annual Clearance Sale we are further giving 10 per cent. Cash Discount on all up-to-date stock of Boots, Shoes, Slippers and Pumps.

- Read Our Daily Bargain List
- Ladies' Fine Calf and Vici, Good-year Welt, Laced Boots, \$3.50 quality... \$2.00
 - Ladies' Fine Kid, High Cut, Laced Boots... \$2.00
 - Reduced from \$4.50
 - Men's Velour Calf and Dongola, Good-year Welt, Blucher Laced Boots \$3.50 quality... \$2.00
 - Men's Oil Grain Waterproof Working Boots... \$2.00
 - Reduced from \$3.50
 - Men's Good Rubbers... 70c.
 - Women's Good Rubbers... 40c.
- Sale goods cash, no appropriation.

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SUN YAT SEN BELIEVES HE WILL WIN OUT

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"The republican governors, the national assembly at Nanking and the military leaders absolutely refused. Hence our changed demand that Yuan Shi Kai must surrender the sovereign powers of the throne and the republic. We must recognize the republican government before Yuan Shi Kai could be elected president of the republic."

"If Yuan Shi Kai, however, was unable to await the recognition of the republic by the foreign powers I agreed to proceed to Peking and discuss a settlement with Yuan Shi Kai or that Yuan Shi Kai should come to Nanking. I do not want to see the republic and the people of China divided into two parts, one of which would be loyal to Yuan Shi Kai and the other to the republic."

"This arrangement appeared to be a liberal one and certainly worked to ward securing the peace and the future welfare of China. Delay now involves further unsettlement of the country with much sacrifice and suffering."

"Similar terms will never again be offered to the Manchus unless these are accepted. To disarm and send back to bondage the whole people of this country, it is now too late."

"We will never submit to the dictation of the Manchus or of Yuan Shi Kai. The republican movement is now represented by fifteen provinces. Three hundred and fifty million people in China are heart and soul with the republic and are implacably opposed to Manchu rule. The three remaining provinces, No Nan, Shan Tung and Chi-Li are certainly our adherents. The Chinese troops in the imperial army, who are now supposed to be loyal to Yuan Shi Kai, are really republicans and will join us at the proper time."

"We control all the treaty ports except Tsin and Nanking, which are ice bound. The republic in fact is protecting the vast majority of foreigners and foreign property. Why then should the foreign powers promptly recognize the republic? This question is already being asked by the people of China while the dread of foreign intervention which is invited by certain persons in Peking hangs like a pall over the country and over natives and foreigners alike. These foreign powers, especially the United States, have always spoken of their friendship for China. We pledge good will and the observance of all treaties made with the Manchus. We will discharge every obligation of the open door in China."

"There is danger now that the people of China will be forced upon the people of China that the foreigners are merely friends and supporters of the Manchus. The atmosphere of Peking is not the atmosphere of China, but we feel that the former is now pervading the chancery of Europe and America."

President Sun Yat Sen evidently expects early recognition from one of the leading powers. Meanwhile the massing of troops to the north of the Yang Tse river continues. It is estimated that the republican force of all arms now numbers over 100,000.

Elaborate plans are on foot for the improvement of Nanking. The educational department has concluded the drafting of the program of the government and the provisional constitution has been nearly completed.

YUAN SHI KAI IS PUTTING UP A HUGE BLUFF

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Yuan Shi Kai's bluffing is becoming obvious. He has held special trains ready for several days for his departure, but now that the Manchus have accepted his challenge, he remains in Peking. He has asked for a further so-called secret leave indicating that he has no intention of relinquishing the premiership. He is now recognized as anti-Manchu, therefore this distrustful country accuses him of personal designs. But it may be that he is only following a patriotic determination for the purpose of preventing a division of the country with the prospect of sub-division.

The foreign legations do not desire to see Yuan Shi Kai retire, because a capable substitute for his office is not available. It is realized that Yuan's presence alone prevents widespread disorders in the north, which would endanger the lives of foreigners. It is believed that he will remain in Peking protected alike from Manchu attacks and rebel dynamite, until the Manchus discover their own inability to cope with the situation whereupon he will resume control.

The population of Peking is becoming more tense every day owing to the continued delay in reaching a solution of the deadlock. Outbreaks on the part of the reactionary Manchus are expected to occur at any moment. From the provinces of Shan-Si and Shan-Tung further disorders are reported, but the conditions in the province of Ho-Nan are said to be improving.

It is now considered as indisputably proven that the revolutionaries are responsible for the attempt on the life of the Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and that one of their number threw the bomb at him as he was coming from the imperial palace recently.

STEAMSHIP LINE ARRANGES FOR A WEEKLY SERVICE

Rotterdam, Jan. 22.—Arrangements have been completed by the Hamburg-American line to run a regular service of fruit steamers between Rotterdam and the West Indies, in connection with the Columbian Fruit Company. Monthly sailings are to be started in March and the company hopes eventually to arrange for weekly steamers.

MITCHELL'S ENEMIES ARE AFTER HIS SCALP

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 22.—Enemies of John Mitchell in the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, failed in an effort today to put the organization on record as endorsing Mitchell for his attitude toward the National Civic Federation. He obtained the passage of a resolution providing for an investigation of the charge that the miners' convention last year at Columbus, Ohio, was "packed" against him when it demanded his resignation as a paid official of the Civic Federation.

HALIFAX PLAYERS IN ISLE OF PALMS

Capacity Audience Delighted by Excellent Musical Programme—One of Best Ever Presented Here

St. John theatre-goers extended a right royal greeting to the Columbus Musical Club, of Halifax last evening when they presented "The Isle of Palms" in the Opera House. The performance served to prove most convincingly that this city is ready, even eager, to express their appreciation of true art. One of the largest audiences of the season filled the theatre, and after carefully judging the performance almost to a voice pronounced the production an unequalled success and that all that had been promised in advance was realized. From the very start the performers struck a responsive chord, and as the piece progressed the popularity of both the play and players grew in proportion. Frequent and prolonged applause with which each of the principals was received bore testimony to the merits of the members of the company.

The Isle of Palms, which the club chose for their vehicle is essentially a musical comedy, but of unusual brightness and as refreshing as its title. Replete with wholesome comedy and sparkling dialogue, rich in musical gems, catchy airs and bright choruses, such is the combination which makes the piece a most delightful entertainment. None of the features of the piece was passed over without recognition by the audience, and the interludes of several local artists gave the performance a personal touch as far as St. John is concerned.

Such for "The Isle of Palms" in itself. While the comedy has much to commend it to the approval of an audience, it was quite obvious that all the bright spots were excellently brought out by the members of the cast. That one and all realized the opportunities which the piece afforded for individual and in concert, and by the graceful acting and dainty dancing. The principals gave a most pleasing account of themselves, while they received most hearty support from the others of the cast. One of the most conspicuous features of the evening was the work of the chorus, which is well balanced, fairly strong, and graceful. The rhythmic movements in the many pretty numbers called forth much favorable criticism.

The principals of the piece are well known in their native town, but although some of them appeared for the first time here, it is safe to assume that a hearty welcome in the future. Among those whose work came in for special recognition Miss Ella M. Courtenay won new honors last evening. In the role of Lulu Lalla her rich contralto voice was heard to advantage in several numbers, and the impression which she made in "The Messiah" last week was ably sustained last evening, not only by her singing, but by her acting as well. A handsome bouquet testified to her popularity with the audience.

Miss M. Cullen and Miss V. Curry, the other ladies to whom more difficult work was entrusted, created an impression. Both are the possessors of sweet, sympathetic voices and were forced to respond to a number of encores.

F. P. Quinn, who has already been heard in St. John on former appearances of the club, was a welcome addition to the cast. His singing being of a high order and especially in "Dreams (Palo Tosti)" was he heard to excellent effect.

The comedy of the performance fell for the greater part to C. B. Clarke and F. P. Purcell and R. J. Leary. Mirth ran riot just as long as either or all of the trio held the stage. Mr. Leary, as Simpson Christy, kept his audience in a continual convulsion, though at times his actions spoke rather than his words, he proved himself a comedian of the first order.

The Isle of Palms, as produced by the Columbus club last evening was indeed a treat and with the capacity house which they received and the goodwill of the audience, large attendances may be reckoned on for this afternoon and evening when they will repeat the piece.

The members of the company were yesterday entertained to a sleigh drive by a number of the local knights of Columbus and were the guests of Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory at the tea hour. After the performance last night they were given a reception at the Keith assembly rooms by members of the local council.

DOCK RAMMED BY STEAMER, FORMER BADLY DAMAGED

Kingston, Jan. 22.—The dock and government pier here were badly damaged during the night as the result of being rammed by the Hamburg-American cruising steamer, Fruet Bismarck.

The vessel was about to be docked when the order was given from the bridge for the engines to run full speed astern. The telegraph was misunderstood by the engineer, who started full speed ahead. Almost immediately she collided with and cut through the government pier, afterwards smashing the police wharf and the harbor master's launch.

There was a panic among the passengers and the crowd of people waiting on the dock stamped in all directions. No one was severely injured and a party of tourists suffered no ill effects. The damage to the docks is estimated at \$20,000. The Fruet Bismarck escaped with very little damage.

The Fortnightly Club. The regular meeting of the Fortnightly Club was held last evening at the residence of Rev. J. J. McCaskill, No. 6 St. Andrew's street, and was largely attended. It was a most interesting and successful meeting. A paper was read by Dr. H. L. Spangler on the Negro problem in the United States.

A Busy Day in the Steel Trust Case

Witness Complains of Court's Alleged Decision to Publish Secrets of Steel Trade to the World.

Washington, Jan. 22.—"Is it your purpose to publish to the world all the details of our mill costs of production?" demanded President James J. Farrell today when put on the stand before the Stanley Steel Trust Investigating Committee.

"If it is," said Mr. Farrell, "I think it a gross injustice to an industry built up in competition with Belgium, Germany, Russia, and other nations. If it is proposed to put these secrets in the hands of our foreign competitors, our foreign business won't be worth anything within twelve months."

Mr. Farrell and J. A. Reed, general counsel for the Steel Corporation, were witnesses before the committee. At the outset they said they had no objection to members of the committee examining records to satisfy themselves, but they insisted that publication would work irreparable injury, not only to the steel corporation, but to everyone of its competitors in this country.

"It is most vital that this committee be kept in the dark," continued the chairman, "and come what will, we will know it. There is power enough in this government to find it out."

Chairman Stanley said he did not intend to expose secrets unnecessarily, but that he would insist upon the corporation complying with subpoenas duces tecum for records not yet produced. It was tentatively agreed that Expert Moore should examine the cost sheets of the corporation to verify figures to be submitted by the corporation regarding composite prices of production.

"I believe that there should be publicity of corporation, that they should show profits and losses and general conduct of business," said President Farrell. "I think that there should be a supervising board, but I believe that it would be impracticable, almost impossible, for a governmental board to fix prices, even to fix maximum prices. To determine the cost of articles manufactured in the steel business alone requires a corps of hundreds of experts."

"I would have a supervisory board which would have authority to investigate all corporations for the purpose of preventing not only unusually high rates, but also unusually low rates which would result in reduced wages and impairment of plants."

When asked about a statement before the committee by Andrew Carnegie that it was obvious that there was some sort of combination among steel men today to maintain prices, President Farrell said: "I understand Mr. Carnegie made that remark, but Mr. Carnegie has not been in the steel business for over twenty years."

Mr. Farrell told the committee that steel rails in this country which sell for \$28 a ton, the basic price, supply only half the market. Special rails are made at higher prices. He also urged more expensive rails for safety.

PRIVY COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON "MIXED MARRIAGE" BILL

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Mr. White argued from the legal standpoint that the Tenere decree was not part of the civil law of Quebec, and went on to say that what the House was dealing with was not law but public opinion, that it was desirable to alter the assumption that a law would not dissolve the doubt which existed, but would rather make the confusion worse.

Public opinion would not be satisfied until the highest court had pronounced upon the matter, and therefore Mr. Borden's course of submitting the bill and other questions to the courts was the wisest.

E. G. Porter, speaking as a strong supporter of the principle of Mr. Lancaster's bill, said that he had not so far understood that the bill was to be sent to the courts. He now understood the finance minister to say that the bill would be done, and asked if it was Mr. Borden's intention.

Mr. Borden replied that he had already stated that if anything was to be submitted to the court, it was the validity of the bill. The bill would go on either with or without the further questions which might be necessary.

Mr. Porter professed himself satisfied and Mr. Lancaster followed suit, assenting to the bill being sent to the courts, though confident that it was correctly drafted.

Ald to Highways.

In opening Mr. Cochrane introduced two bills. One was to reduce the number of commissioners on the National Transcontinental Railway from four to one. Questions of policy are largely decided, he said, and now only one commissioner is needed.

The other was the bill respecting aid to highways.

He described the bill as rather meagre because it has been impossible to decide in detail just what is the basis of carrying out the plan proposed.

"So we propose doing it largely by order in council until we can get more definite information. Money will be divided the same as our subsidies for the different provinces and our object will be to work in with the different local governments."

In reply to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Cochrane further said that the Dominion would join with the provinces in anything they choose to grant or if they do not care to grant anything at all it would go on with their consent, to fix the standard of roads to be constructed. Then Dominion could go on either with or without the assistance of the provinces.

In reply to W. A. K. MacLean he said that money probably will be expended out of the revenue, the sum to be appropriated will be in supplementary estimates.

LATE SHIPPING.
Steamer Arrives.
Rockland, Me., Jan. 22.—Schrs. Har- old B. Cousins, St. John, N. B.

Sciatica EXPECTED DEATH ANY DAY

Another Case Where Life Was Saved and Health Restored by "Nerviline."

"We have all read and heard of the agonies of Sciatica, but only those who have been tortured by this dread malady can fully appreciate what it must mean to be cured after years of suffering."

It is because he feels it his solemn duty to tell to the world his faith in Nerviline, that Victor P. Hires makes the following declaration: "For three years I was in the Royal Mail service, and in all kinds of weather had to meet the night trains. Dampness, cold and exposure brought on sciatica that affected my left side. Sometimes an attack would come on that made me powerless to work. I was so nearly a complete cripple that I had to give up my job. I was in despair, completely cast down because the money I spent on trying to get well was wasted. I was speaking to my chemist one day and he recommended 'Nerviline.' I had this good liniment rubbed on several times a day and got relief. In order to build up my general health and improve my blood, I used Ferrozone, one tablet with each meal. I continued this treatment for four months and was cured. I have used all kinds of liniments, and can truthfully say that Nerviline is far stronger, more penetrating, and infinitely better than anything else for relieving pain. I urge everyone with lumbago, neuralgia, rheumatism or sciatica to use Nerviline. I know it will cure them."

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DIED.
NUGENT.—On the 22nd inst., Margaret, widow of Michael Nugent, leaving two sons and three daughters to mourn.
Funeral Thursday morning at 8 o'clock from her late residence, 46 Mill street to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for requiem mass. Friends are invited to attend. (Boston and Portland, Me. papers please copy.)

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WELL KNOWN MAN DEAD.
New York, N. Y., Jan. 22.—William Watts Sherman, whose daughter Miss Mildred Sherman became the bride of Lord Camoys last November, died at his home on Fifth avenue at noon today. His family were at the bedside when death came. Mr. Sherman had been ill for several months.

A \$40,000,000 COMPANY.
Augusta, Me., Jan. 22.—The Puget Sound Traction, Light and Power Company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The authorized capitalization is \$40,000,000 of which nothing was paid in. The names of the real promoters do not appear.

St. John Opera House MONDAY AND TUESDAY Jan. 22 and 23 MATINEE TUESDAY

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