

### BIG RALLY FOR SHEPPARD

#### THE PRELUDE TO NEXT MONDAY'S SUCCESS.

Great Reception of Mr. E. E. Sheppard at the Auditorium—Enthusiastic Support—Barracking Speeches of Ex-Mayor Boswell, Ex-Mayor Clarke, W. E. Maclean and Others.

The great rally at the Auditorium last night was a grand climax of the fifteen meetings which Mr. E. E. Sheppard has held during his majority campaign. The building was crowded, and the meeting was unusual. There was a grand display of enthusiasm and the greatest orderliness prevailed. Mr. Sheppard had influential support on the platform as well as in the body of the hall and in the galleries. Many ladies were present. The speeches were of a high order. The success of the great demonstration is an augury of the victory which will be achieved at the polling booths on Monday.

Some of Those Present. Among those on the platform were: E. F. Clarke, M.L.A., W. E. Maclean, M.P., J. S. Fullerton, G.C., J. J. Foy, G.C., J. A. Worrall, G.C., Dr. R. A. Prynne, Frank Turner, C.E., Dr. W. E. Nesbitt, S. Jones, A. C. McDowell, J. C. Hopkins, J. P. Murray, J. E. McNeil, John Armstrong, John Massey, Richard Armstrong, Dr. Elliott, John Nunn, J.S. Boddy, A. H. Wallbridge, C. C. Robinson, A. A. Atkinson, W. D. Beddome, Charles Russell, John Fawcett, W. F. Summerhayes, W. D. Grand, S. D. Lander, George W. Thompson, G. B. Thompson, N. T. Lyon, E. Oliver, Alexander Paterson, James Thompson, Napier Robinson, Edmund Bentley, John Laxton, Dr. F. Winnett, T. Magar, G. Thompson, H. Smith, A. E. Webb, Robert Lamb, John Foy, C. Dalby, G. M. Rae, Richard Jevon.

The Chairman's Speech. Mr. Mayor Boswell was chairman, and it goes without saying that he was a model president. In opening the meeting Mr. Boswell said he was glad to see Mr. Sheppard and he knew that gentlemen made such rash promises during his last campaign that they were impossible of fulfilment. There might be some excuse, Mr. Boswell said, if those promises had been made by an untried man, but in Mr. Fleming, who had much experience as an alderman, they were excusable. In making such promises Mr. Fleming was "talking through his hat."

The speaker did not agree with those who ran down the control of the Mayor's majority, as a body, was honest, and that "there must be something wrong with the city government, and the Mayor's majority of the council opposed to the Mayor." The speaker referred in caustic terms to the gross personalities indulged in by the Mayor in a nomination day, which, he would have said, had hurt Mr. Fleming more than Mr. Sheppard. He maintained that Mr. Fleming had made a good Mayor, and exhorted his electors to put a capable man in his place.

A Stern Indictment. "The last year has not been a happy year for Toronto," said Alfred Boulton, ex-M.P., and he proceeded to show how the Fleming administration had been inimical to the city's best interests. He had been disappointed with the Mayor's performance during the last campaign, knowing that his promises were impossible of fulfilment. He was also disappointed with the Mayor's performance during the last campaign, knowing that his promises were impossible of fulfilment.

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### SUGAR DUTIES ARE REDUCED

#### THREE IMPORTANT PROCLAMATIONS FROM OTTAWA.

Discrimination Against Indirect Importation Removed—This is a Move in Favor of More Friendly Terms with the United States—A Double Dose of Sweetness to Us.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—To-morrow's Canada Gazette will contain three important proclamations suspending certain sections of acts passed in 1891 and 1892, which imposed different rates of duties on sugars and molasses when imported indirectly from the country of production to the rates charged where the importation is direct.

The classes of the Acts covered by the proclamations are sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Act of the 4th and 5th Victoria, Chapter 45, and section 29, same act. The result will be that during the continuance of these proclamations molasses and sugar coming into the country by indirect importation will be placed on an equal footing with direct importations.

The duty on sugar coming in by indirect importation was 5 per cent ad valorem, and on molasses 2½ per cent, and these duties are abolished by the proclamations. The result will be to take off the discriminating duties against indirect importations. This is a further step in the direction already taken by the Government of reducing duties when it is possible to do so, and also shows a disposition to be on as friendly terms as possible with our neighbors to the south.

These clauses of the acts mentioned have been quoted by the United States as evidence in favor of the Canadian Government's discrimination against the United States, while the United States make no such discrimination against other countries; and the Dominion Government has now done its best, in order to remove any ground for irritation, to suspend by proclamation the discriminating clauses as an evidence of a good and friendly feeling.

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### THE SARNIA STEAL

#### Private Detective Hodgins of Toronto Discovered the Money in a Strange Hiding Place Near the Office.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 30.—Detective Hodgins of Toronto, who has been here for the past four or five days, was instrumental in recovering the money stolen on Dec. 20 from the Canadian Express office here.

As a result of his enquiries, and from slight clues obtained, he formed the opinion that the stolen money was concealed in the Express company's stable, at the rear of the office. Search was made, but nothing discovered. The failure did not discourage the detective, and last night, in company with the express agent, Mr. Thomas Cook, and the stableman, Mr. Stewart, another search was made. After an exhaustive search of the interior of the stable, and nothing resulting therefrom, Mr. Cook and the stableman crawled under the barn and were rewarded by finding the plunder secreted in a length of rusty stove-pipe.

The original wrappers had been removed from the packages and a number of Traders Bank notes were found, and these were sent to the larger packages of the Bank of Montreal and Bank of Commerce were intact. The money is, however, comparatively small. Mr. Cook has been warmly congratulated today on the recovery of the money.

The Port Union Tragedy Assesses Serious Proportions—The Inquest. Government Detective Greer left yesterday for Highland Creek to investigate the facts in connection with the death of Missie Davis, who was shot and killed by Pat Fenton, a farm laborer, on Christmas morning, Fenton, who is at present lodged in the county jail here, is a dwarf in stature and ugly rumors are afloat in connection with the tragedy, many people going so far as to intimate that the shooting was not accidental but the carrying into effect of threats which the prisoner had frequently made against the life of his victim, Mr. James A. Moore, a barrister at law, who had been engaged to defend the accused, and will leave for Port Union this morning to look after the case.

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### THE STEAMER UMBRIA SAFE

#### SIGHTED OFF FIRE ISLAND AT MIDNIGHT.

From Reports of Steamers That Have Signaled the Umbria From Time to Time Her Passengers May Be Expected to Arrive Without Mishap—Capt. Cook of the Steamer Manhattan, who reported sighting the Umbria, a short time ago, said to a reporter: We were three miles from the Umbria; it was blowing very hard and I thought possibly we so I asked three times whether assistance was desired, but each time the answer "No" came back.

We remained near the Umbria for two hours, and while in sight of her saw a Canadian Bateau. The boat was manned and signaled the Umbria, but did not stop. While we were about the passengers on the Umbria were up on deck watching us. The vessel was going at the rate of about a mile an hour, and at that rate of sailing should get in here to-night or to-morrow morning.

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### A SAMPLE OF RUSSIAN CRUELTY

#### A General Poisoned Because He Was Investigating the Conduct of an Embassy of the Tsar.

OSKANA, Dec. 30.—Letters from Tashkent report that General Baranok, who recently died at that town and is generally believed to have been poisoned by persons having cause to apprehend the results of the administrative reforms which he was about to introduce in Turkistan, had been deputed to investigate and report upon the conduct of the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovich, the Tsar's cousin, who has lived in exile in Central Asia since the painful drama which 20 years ago brought about the disgrace of His Imperial Highness.

The Grand Duke's manner of living is described as strange beyond measure; so extraordinary, indeed, that many people suppose him to be either demented or addicted to habits of intemperance. His tyranny to those about him is excessive and all the people tremble at his approach. Lately the Grand Duke has had a magnificent palace built at Tashkent, but he lives in an old and dilapidated building with his wife, a person whom he married in a fit of eccentricity and whom he constantly beats. Another of the peculiarities of his Imperial Highness is that he is at home and abroad a native robe or khaki, which resembles a robe de chambre, and is neither rich in appearance nor free from rents. At his orders are 30 Ural Cossacks who carry out his every command with blind obedience.

The Prisoner caused people who have offended him to be buried up to their necks in sand while their heads were left exposed to the burning sun. A doctor who was subjected to this treatment became insane. THE FIRST CASE. Prosecuted Under the Modus Vivendi For Entering Behring Sea. VICTORIA, B.C., Dec. 30.—The first case prosecuted under the modus vivendi for entering Behring Sea last week was heard yesterday in the Admiralty Court. The case was against the schooner Osear and Hattie, seized by the United States cruiser Mohican at Anik.

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### THIS SUGGESTS A SUICIDE

#### A WELL-KNOWN ELGIN COUNTY MAN DIES SUDDENLY.

Wilson W. Diaber, a prominent Liberal politician in the county for many years, takes Quinine Powders at a Hotel in Dutton—Found Unconscious Next Day—A Heavy Life Insurance.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 30.—Wilson W. Diaber of this city, one of the best known men in Elgin County, died suddenly at Dutton village yesterday under circumstances which suggest suicide. Diaber, who was 53 years of age, was a prominent Liberal politician, and has been one of the leading workers in every contest which has taken place in the county for many years. His name was also prominently mentioned in connection with the registration, the shirvey and other positions in the gift of the Ontario Government.

The facts in connection with Diaber's death are briefly these: Wednesday night he went to Dutton and put up at Justice's Hotel. During the evening at Diaber's request the landlord sent a boy to Kirkland's drug store for some quinine powder, and he returned the powder were given to Diaber and he retired. He failed to come down to breakfast next morning, and when the noon hour arrived Diaber had still failed to put in an appearance the door of the room was open. An inquiry was made, but despite every effort at resuscitation the man died at 11 o'clock. At first the impression got abroad that the druggist had made a mistake in supplying morphine instead of quinine. This Druggist, Kirkland, denies; he is positive that no mistake was made. The doctor practically agreed that the druggist made no mistake and attribute death to apoplexy.

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### THE SUNDAY WORLD

#### The New Paper That Will Interest Thousands of Toronto's Citizens.

This week's issue of The Sunday World will be found particularly interesting. Lorna Dixon's article on society, doing in Toronto will be read with avidity. Touchstone's articles on the drama are as attractive as ever. Ebor contributes a very interesting political-moralizing article on New Year's Eve, and the night services at the Old County celebrations of New Year's Day.

Will It Get to the Grand Jury? At the Police Court yesterday Mr. W. F. Maclean of the World was committed for trial at the January assizes for publishing the article entitled "That City Hall Appointment" in Wednesday's World. Mr. Lindsey and Mr. James Baird appeared for Mr. Maclean. Mayor Fleming and Mr. T. C. Robinson were also present. The article called the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Lindsey as a member of the Board of Trade a "gross insult" to the Mayor's office. The Mayor's office was also present.

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