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## THE READERS RE-OPENED

*HON. G. W. ROSS SAYS HE IS GOING TO HAVE ONLY ONE SERIES.*

**And that the Property of No Monopoly—What Else the Minister Says—The Trade also Express their Views.**

The following editorial announcement ppeared in the Globe of yesterday:

THE SCHOOL READERS.

We understand that the minister of education is desirous of having the question of new readers further considered, with a view to having only one set for the schools of the province, if this shall appear to be in the interest of the schools and to be practicable without doing injustice to the proprietors of any of the series already published. Under these circumstances it would therefore be advisable that trustees should postpone for a few weeks the introduction of new readers into the schools under their control.

It forthwith created a stir in educational and publishing circles as there was no doubt that it was inspired.

A reporter called on Hon. G. W. Ross, the new minister of education, at the Rossin last night.

Mr. Ross said that the announcement was a fact; that the intention was to give the schools of the province one set of readers if it was at all practicable; that he was working at it hammer and tongs; that something would have to give way (doubtless meaning thereby the two series already authorized); that the new series might be either a composite series—that is, one made up of a book of one series and a book of another—or a new series altogether made up of the good features of both; but as to what it really would be he could not say at present; that he was sure the general opinion of the province was in favor of only one series; and that when settled on the new series would be the property of no one.

Mr. Ross spoke with great earnestness and evidently he is going at the question vigorously.

In the hotel lobby the reporter encountered Mr. McIntyre, M. P.P., of South Victoria. He said he certainly would support Mr. Ross in having only one series. The fault he had with the new readers was that they were merely readers—that they did not convey enough useful information while teaching to read. He thought the old Irish national series to be superior in this respect.

The reporter interviewed Mr. Gage of W. J. Gage & Co. in the afternoon. He said it would be a great loss to his firm if their books were now thrown out, or the trade even postponed. They had just completed printing a large edition of their series and only that morning had they filled a $3000 order. They had other large orders in process of filling.

Mr. W. Taylor (James Campbell & Son), said he had only read the paragraph in the Globe; he had not seen any of the authorities, but his firm had written to the government asking if the Globe's announcement was true, as they had been at great expense in getting out their series, had twelve agents out on the road, and that the cost to his firm and to Gage & Co. so far in getting out their two series must be in the neighborhood of $100,000. This was a large sum to have jeopardised, and he really did not think the government or the minister would do anything to put them to such a loss. They had gone into the thing in good faith. What he wished to see was the deadlock that must ensue from the Globe's announcement removed as soon as possible.

It was further learned that country dealers had begun to cancel orders. It is also likely that school boards will not take any further action pending a definite announcement from the minister of his intentions.

The Hamilton Times of last night says: "Uniformity is highly desirable, because it involves great expense for a man to have to buy new school books for his children every time he changes his residence. It may be added that neither Gage's nor Campbell's readers are good enough for the Ontario schools."

*COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.*

**Annual Meeting in Toronto Yesterday—Reports and Officers.**

The annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers association of Canada was yesterday held at the association's rooms in the Public library building. There was a large attendance of members and considerable business was transacted. In the forenoon the chair was occupied by the president W. F. McMaster, and J. C. Black, vice-president, presided in the afternoon.

The annual reports show the association to be in a flourishing condition. Contrasted with the previous year the books show an improvement of $1,693 20 in the balance to capital account, that of 1882 being $12,711 18, while the result of the business of 1883 enables the association to carry $14,403 78. The permanent reserve fund now amounts to $72,862 43, while the other assets of the association bring up the surplus to $75,975 39. The membership roll shows a small increase over last year, the figures being 2042 for 1882, against 2114 for 1883, being an increase of 72. The receipts of the association for the past year have been $24,724 79, of which 20,974 has been received for ordinary certificates. The sum of $3000 has been paid out from the annual benefit allotment, leaving a surplus of $7,100 27, and the payments for the year in connection with accident bonuses amount to $3005.93.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. F. McMaster; first vice-president, J. C. Black; second vice-president, F. H. Maulson; treasurer, R. H. Grey; secretary, James Sargant; Toronto directors, W. G. H. Lowe, R. H. Mitchell, C. C. VanNorman, Alex. Hart, R. H. Linton, F. P. Marshall, Chas. E. Kyle, A. A. Allan, John Allan. Hamilton—Adam Brown, E. A. Dalley, vice-presidents; J. D. Stewart, G. E. Hamilton, M. Macfarlane, J. A. Orr, J. H. Herring, W. G. Reid, directors. London—J. Gouinlock, J. D. Peirce. Kingston—M. S. Sutherland, B. W. Robertson. Montreal—S. O. Shorey, vice-president; C. McArthurs, C. L. Shorey, Thos. Crean, Robt. Tyler, directors. Brantford—J. Harris, J. S. Hamilton. Guelph—C. Auld, J. B. Armstrong. Winnipeg—J. B. Stevenson, vice-president; G. F. Galt, G. B. Mather, directors.

Several amendments were made to by-laws. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring treasurer, Hugh Blain, and he was invited to sit for his portrait, which will be hung in the association's rooms. The travellers will hold their annual dinner at the Royal hotel, [illegible], to-night.

*THE ROSSIN HOUSE BALL.*

**Goodwill Between Employer and Employes Exemplified.**

The seventh annual ball tendered by Mr. Mark H. Irish to his employes took place last night. The large dining-room was handsomely and tastefully decorated. About one hundred and fifty couples were present. Supper was served in excellent style. The tables were bountifully supplied with all the good and substantial things, fully sustaining Mr. Irish's appreciation of his employes. After the grand march the employes assembled at one end of the dining-room, and Mr. Henry Nolan, the chief clerk, addressed Mr. Irish as follows:

"This being the seventh annual ball you have kindly tendered your employes, I am deputed to thank you most cordially in their behalf. As an expression of affection and good will they united in presenting you with a handsome cylinder desk on Christmas morning. I am now, sir, delegated, and I have much pleasure in doing so, to deliver you the key of the same. We all join in wishing you, sir, Mrs. Irish and Howard many happy returns of the festive season."

Mr. Irish replied as follows:

MR. NOLAN AND THE EMPLOYES OF THE ROSSIN HOUSE.—In the days of leagues and unions of all kinds known to the manufacturing and commercial interest of the world, with a long list of secret societies created for various purposes, I presume I should express no surprise that you have organized among yourselves a secret society; that you have done so I have no doubt, and that you, Sir, were the chief conspirator, for on Christmas morning I found in my office a large, magnificent and valuable black walnut combination desk. I found upon this desk a card on which were written these words.

"Our good wishes to you and your family are all coupled with our Xmas box."

"THE EMPLOYES."

You are now, Sir, good enough to give me the key to that desk. When unlocked I have no doubt it will reveal to me the secrets of your society. I do not wish you to think it egotistical of me if I believe I shall find the fundamental principles that govern your society tabulated—

First—Fidelity.
Second—Loyalty.
Third—Friendship and Love.

For your fidelity our guests and patrons well know; for your loyalty I can speak unreservedly; for your friendship and love your acts fully demonstrate. I accept the key and the desk and return you my sincere thanks for them. More than this I cannot say, but with a society embodying all these principles, the future success of the Rossin house is assured. You have been kind enough, sir, to refer to Mrs. Irish and our little son, Howard. You are all aware that Mrs. Irish has been suffering for the past year with a protracted illness, and for the past six weeks the dark clouds of sorrow and affliction have hovered all around and about us, with scarcely any of the silver linin gvisible, but I am happy to say for the past few days the silver lining has been making its appearance, and our physicians give encouragement, that in the course of a few weeks she will be able to meet you in her usual vigor and health. Upon leaving my home on Jarvis street, one hour since, she desired me to convey to you her congratulations, and say that she hoped this, your seventh anniversary, would excel all others in pleasure and enjoyment, and little Howard too wished you much joy and happiness. Now, sirs, I trust nothing may occur to prevent all this being realized. Again allow me to thank you for the valued present. I hope you and your friends may have a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

**Police Court Pointers.**

The drunks yesterday numbered fifteen. James Foley $10 and costs. Ellen Freeman an old timer, six months. Wm. Jones, a Guelphite, disorderly on York street, $6 and costs. Aaron Raymond, Abraham Young and John Young, accused of assaulting Harris Wilhelmson, were discharged. Wm. Lunderus, felonious assault upon Philip Duell, remanded till Monday. The accused struck Duell with a hatchet for speaking lightly of his wife. Albert J. Williams, the tough from Chicago, was sent to the central prison for eight months for larceny. Stephen Huswhitt was accused of having embezzled $550 from Fitch & Davidson his employers. They claim that he collected several accounts for which he failed to make any return. Enlarged until Thursday next.

**Reviewing the Medical Curriculum.**

The curriculum committee of the Ontario college of physicians and surgeons held two meetings at the Queen's hotel yesterday. The committee is composed of Drs. Macdonald, Hamilton, Bergin, Cornwall, Lovell, Kingston; Bray, Chatham; Fenwick, London; H. H. Wright (chairman), Geikie, Barritt, Spragge and Burns, Toronto. The business of the committee consisted of a general review of the curriculum studies, and it is understood important changes will be made at the next annual meeting of the college in this city in June. A member of the committee informed a World reporter last night that the changes proposed would be in the interest of the public and the profession.

**Suit for Life Insurance Premium.**

In the division court yesterday the case of the North American life insurance v Reford was heard. Mr. Reford (Reford & Hughes, Front street) signed and sent in an application to the North American; thereafter he met with the agent of the Confederation life, who, though he did not induce Mr. Reford to give him a policy, prevailed on him to alter his views on the matter and he refused to pay the premium, some $170. The action is to compel payment of premium and acceptance of the policy. Judgment was reserved.

**Arrest of Street Thieves.**

Miss Ida Walker of North street was accosted at the corner of Church and Anne street yesterday afternoon by three young men one of whom snatched her satchel. The trio then took to their heels, with several citizens and policemen in pursuit. Officers Armstrong and Young caught two and took them to the Agnes street station, their names being Charles Rogers and Edward Macdonald. The third escaped.

**Look Out for Them.**

A gentleman called at The World office last evening and exhibited a remarkably correct counterfeit $5 bill of the bank of British North America of the issue of July 1, 1877. The general finish of the counterfeit is excellent, but the paper is muddy looking compared with the genuine. The "1st" in front of "July, 1877" is [illegible] in the counterfeit.

*PROMINENT PERSONS.*

Ben Butler denies that he has been booming himself for president.

The secretary to the Canadian fishery commission arrived at New York from Liverpool yesterday.

M. Gambetta, father of the late M. Leon Gambetta, has married his servant, a woman 45 years of age.

The bishop of Huron has decided to offer Dr. Wilson, formerly of Kingston, the first vacancy in his diocese.

Sir Richard Cartwright was yesterday elected by acclamation to represent South Huron in the dominion house.

Sir Charles Duffy thinks that the English never grant anything they can help, and when they do they spoil it by meanness.

Mr. Gilbert took to writing librettos for comic operas because the critics reviled him for going too far in a namby pamby play.

Ulysses S. Grant, a son of Rev. Wm. Jesse Grant and a cousin to General Grant, is in jail at Dallas, Texas, on a charge of burglary.

Principal McCabe of the Ottawa Normal school has for some time been engaged in the compilation of a History of England for use in catholic schools.

Denis Kearny, the ex-sand lot leader, is keeping a coffee and doughnut stand on the beach not far from San Francisco. He is said to look more greasy and unkempt than ever.

The eldest surviving daughter of Sir Hector Langevin is to be married on Jan. 10 to Thomas Chapais, son of Senator Chapais, and private secretary to Lieut.-Governor Robitaille.

D. W. McCulloch, son of Mr. David McCulloch, collector of customs at Hamilton, was married yesterday to Miss H. A. Robinson, Rev. Dr. Mockridge of Christ church cathedral officiating.

Prince George of Prussia, the poet of the Hohenzollern family, has just completed another play in French entitled Mademoiselle Esther, which is said to be based on incidents in the life of Sara Bernhardt.

M. Vambery, the traveler, has a marvellous talent for languages. Latin, Greek, German, Hungarian, Slavonian, English, Danish, Swedish and Turkish he knew before he was 20; and to these he has added many other European and Oriental tongues.

For once Mrs. Grundy's voice is stilled. The company who attended Mr. Vanderbilt's ball last week were so refined and elegant, and Mrs. Vanderbilt dispensed the honors with so much grace, that the sensation mongers have nothing to say.

Pope Leo XIII. is constantly adding to the decorations of the Vatican and superintends all the work in person. Among his recent labors is the restoration of some of Raffaelle's works, which have been undertaken under the pope's direction by Lodovico Seitz, a celebrated fresco painter.

Napoleon, after having observed to Madame Campan that the old system of children's education was bad, inquired what she considered wanting to make it good. "Mothers," was the reply. As women are the first and perhaps the most influential teachers, we must have good mothers if we would secure good teachers.

Work has been commenced on Mr. Joaquin Miller's log cabin at Washington. The cabin will contain two apartments of convenient size. These will be lined with fur, and it is stated that the poet of the Sierras intends to mount a stuffed bear upon a persimmon tree in front of his door. The cabin is very picturesquely situated among some fine oaks.

Keats' only sister Fanny is still living in Madrid. She married Senor Llanos, a Spanish gentleman of liberal politics, and the author of Don Esteban, Sandoval the Freemason, and other illustrations of the modern history of the peninsula. During the existence of the Spanish republic he represented Spain at the court of Rome. Their son Juan Llanosy Keats is an artist of high repute in Spain.

Alphonse Daudet is 40 years old, wears his black hair so long that it reaches his shoulders, and has a benign, almost ministerial countenance. Owing to his extreme short-sightedness he some years ago met with a serious accident on the street, and since then he has walked out but little, and has become as well known to Paris cabmen as Victor Hugo used to be to omnibus drivers. He is greatly assisted in his literary work by his wife.

*DOMINION DASHES.*

**The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges.**

The Calgary, N.W.T., Herald, is printed in a tent.

A committee of five has been appointed by the shareholders to look into the affairs of the Hamilton Tribune.

Messrs. McCarron & Cameron of Quebec have been notified that their tender for proposed improvements on Cornwall canal has been accepted.

The Manitoba announces that the Hon. Mr. LaRiviere obtained from the federal government, during his stay in Ottawa, a sum of $40,000 for purposes of education.

The New York Irish World acknowledges $65.50 from Hamilton, Ont., to help in putting down tyrants, spies and informers. The money was collected in sums ranging from 25 cents to $2.

It is said that the government intend to introduce at the coming session of parliament an act restricting the operation of mutual life insurance companies, as the regular licensed companies of long standing have protested against these.

The government has refused to interfere in the disputed right of way case at Montreal between the Grand Trunk railway and Canadian Pacific railway. The matter will have to be settled by arbitration. In the meantime the blockade continues.

Emma Coverdale of Nelson township, Ont., sold a note for $52, purporting to have been made by John Colling, farmer, to Hemstreet & Bastedo of Milton, and left for the west. Mr. Colling repudiated the note, but the girl's frther paid up. She was found in Detroit.

At the meeting of the police commissioners of Hamilton yesterday, Chief of Police Stewart requested that the police might be armed at night. He said there are at present over seventy professional thieves and burglars in Hamilton who practised their nefarious business principally at night, and usually they went armed. It was not fair to expect a constable to cope with one or two burglars when he was armed only with his baton and they had revolvers. He averred that Hamilton was the only city in Canada whose police force went unarmed at night.

**North Victoria Election.**

LINDSAY, Dec. 26.—The North Victoria election case opened here to-day. There are 99 charges, some of personal bribery, against respondent, but it is thought the latter cannot be proved.

## UNSEATED FOR KENT CO.

*THE DOMINION MEMBER GUILTY OF BRIBERY BY AGENTS.*

**Only One Charge out of Sixteen Gone Into—A Rather Abrupt Termination.**

CHATHAM, Dec. 27.—The election trial against the return of Henry Smyth, conservative member for the house of commons for Kent, came to an abrupt termination to-day. The trial was opened late yesterday before Mr. Justice Galt, but nothing was done till this morning. Mr. James Bethune, Q.C., was counsel for the petitioner, Dr. Samson, who was the defeated candidate. Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., appeared for the respondent. Mr. Smyth was returned by a majority of 157 at the last general election.

The particulars embraced sixteen charges of bribery by agents and by the respondent personally. After the evidence on one charge it was held the offence of bribery by agents had been established and the election was declared void. This charge was to the effect that Edward J. Roche of Chatham had given one Lafayette Pierce sums of money on four occasions, altogether amounting to thirteen dollars to induce three persons to vote for Mr. Smyth. Lafayette Pierce gave evidence that he received the above mentioned amount from Roche, that he gave two dollars to his father and one dollar to James Mitchell, the balance very tenaciously sticking to his own hands. Job Pierce said he got the two dollars and Mitchell testified that he got a dollar to compensate him for his day's time in going to the polls.

The three witnesses in this charge were all colored gentlemen, and the giving of their evidence created considerable amusement. Lafayette appears to have been going from one political camp to the other with unblushing audicity thinking to gather in the most dollars by being a partisan of both sides at the same time.

His lordship held Roche had given the money for corrupt practises, and Mr. Robinson under that finding, asked leave to consult a few minutes with his client. He returned to court and said he would admit that Roche was an agent of the respondent, whereupon the court gave judgment and declared the election void.

Mr. Bethune asked to have the trial of the personal charge postponed till he could ascertain the whereabouts of eight individuals who were evading service.

Mr. Robinson stated the respondent had been examined and denied all charges of personal bribery.

His lordship said he would not be justified in postponing the case under the circumstances. The proceedings closed at 1 o'clock.

**Gossip From Montreal.**

A drunken man was found lying on the sidewalk with $1000 in cash on his person.

Westgate Bros., general merchants and manufacturers, are in financial difficulties; liabilities $25,000 to $30,000.

No newspapers had been delivered in Montreal from Monday up to last night. The post office people say other matter is keeping them busy.

The People's bank threatens to sue F. E. Gilman for $66,000 advanced to him on his checks on the Exchange bank, and certified to by the absent president.

It is stated a syndicate, with Mr. Seneca at its head, has made overtures to the government for the purchase of the Intercolonial railway, with a view of selling it again, as in the case of the North Shore.

**The Welland Election Case.**

WELLAND, Ont., Dec. 27.—The adjourned protest was continued here to-day. The judges decided that there was nothing in the Lee case evidence taken yesterday. The Huffman charge of paying higher rent than usual for the hall was dismissed. Dr. Coulter and Bennett were taken up, but not concluded.

**A Precocious Child's Frank.**

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 27.—This morning the 2-year old son of Mr. Bladon, of this city, obtained possession of a razor in a room of one of the boarders and attempted to shave himself, cutting a gash through his cheek five inches long. Its mother found it with the razor in its hand, covered with blood. It will probably die.

*UNITED STATES NEWS.*

C. P. Crawford, banker of Silver City, New Mexico, has assigned; liabilities $300,000.

A snowslide at Montezuma, Col., carried three miners down the mountain with fatal results.

A decree has been issued in Spain placing importations from the United States into Cuba on an improved basis.

C. A. Coutant & Co., fancy dry goods, Chicago, have failed; liabilities $100,000, assets nominally $50,000.

Wm. Hutchings, a butcher of Meriden, Conn., has eloped with the wife of John Wilkinson. He left $10,000 worth of creditors and she five children.

The exportation of goods from Sheffield to the United States has been much less this year than last. The Nottingham trade also shows a decrease.

Ferdinand Roderick and Agnes Austen, both in jail at Sageville, N.Y., for horse-stealing, have been married by the sheriff. The girl stole a horse to get to her lover.

It is said there are a hundred steamers offered for sale at British ports. It is proposed to utilize idle vessels by the exportation from New York of large quantities of petroleum.

About forty professors of modern languages from the principal colleges of the United States met in convention yesterday at Columbia college with a view to the establishment of an association for the purpose of promoting the study of modern languages.

**Tax Frauds in Cincinnati.**

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—The county auditor has discovered that a fraudulent increase in the valuation of property for taxes has been made on the books since 1880, to the extent of a million dollars, for the purpose of getting fees for procuring a refunding of excessive taxes.

**A Bill to Amend the U. S. Tariff.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—The Post will contain to-morrow an interview with Morrison, chairman of the ways and means committee, in which that gentleman is quoted as saying that the committee will report a bill making a pretty general reduction on existing duties.

*EL MAHDI'S INTENTIONS.*

**He Proposes to March to Cairo and to Mecca.**

CAIRO, Dec. 27.—Thirteen hundred Egyptian troops have arrived at Khartoum from Gashoda. They met with no resistance. These troops raise the garrison at Khartoum to four thousand men.

A female slave who was captured by El Mahdi after the slaying of a Kababish chief, her master, and who recently escaped from El Obeid, reports that El Mahdi is in great fear and has sent his family to a place of safety and that the neighboring tribes have refused to help him.

An emissary of El Mahdi has been arrested at Miniel on the Nile, 140 miles above Cairo. He declared that it was his intention to proceed to Cairo and to Mecca.

*AN EMBARGO ON SALT MEATS.*

**The French Government Prohibits Importations From America.**

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The government has decided to prohibit the importation of American salted meats until the chambers pronounce upon the bill which the minister of commerce will introduce at the beginning of next session. The prohibition will not apply to importations into Havre, Nantes, and Bordeaux, where, however, the arrivals will be subjected to a rigid scrutiny.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The statement is made by Paul Bert in Paris, professing to quote from a report of Detmers' of the United States bureau of agriculture, to the effect that diseased and dying hogs passed through the stock yards at Chicago daily, has drawn out a letter from Detmers. He declares the statement a falsehood.

*COMPENSATION FROM CHINA.*

**France Determined to Exact an Indemnity.**

PARIS, Dec. 27.—La National and Le Temps state that France will exact some security for the due discharge of the pecuniary responsibility which she has incurred by reason of the aggressive attitude of China in connection with the Tonquin question.

Admiral Courbet has been telegraphd to pursue his operations with vigor.

**Dynamite Demons Abroad.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—There appears to be a renewal of attempts to destroy life and property by explosives. A dynamite cartridge was exploded in Strabane, Ireland, yesterday, destroying the roof of a house. A box of explosives with a fuse has been found on the track of the Great Western railway, near Axminster. Had a train passed over the box a serious explosion would have ensued.

**The Tomb of Victor Emanuel.**

ROME, Dec. 27.—The king has consented in accordance with the wishes of the pope to erect the tomb of Victor Emanuel inside the chapel of the pantheon instead of in the centre of the structure. The pope had intimated that if the king's original plan was carried out it would result in the anathematization of the pantheon.

**Rescued from a Watery Grave.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Intelligence has just been received of the arrival at Operto of fifty-three men who were on board the Belgian steamship Flantyam, which sailed from New York Nov. 11 for Antwerp, and was not since heard from. The men were rescued from the steamer by the brig G. D. T., which sailed from a Canadian port for Operto.

**The Priesthood in Germany.**

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Herr von Gossler, Prussian minister of ecclesiastical affairs, to-day forwarded to the Bishop of Kulm 119 dispensations for priests in the diocese of Breslau, who had hitherto been debarred by the May laws from exercising their functions.

**A Diplomatic Prince.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Standard's Berlin despatch says during the visit of the crown prince to the pope the latter repeatedly referred to questions concerning the church, but the prince declined to commit himself on that subject.

**A Scotch-Irish Convention.**

BELFAST, Dec. 27.—A reunion of the representative Scotch-Irishmen will be held here July 4, 1884, when representatives from America, Great Britain, and the British colonies will be present and deliver addresses.

*THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.*

Ghislain, Cahn, Painvin and Drion, bankers, Antwerp, have suspended; liabilities four hundred thousand pounds.

A severe shock of earthquake has been felt at Zepec in Bohemia, causing the inhabitants of the town to flee to the neighboring fields.

Chief Officer Stewart of the Cunard steamer Persia committed suicide in a railway carriage at Wheesden junction, England, on Wednesday.

The London Telegraph says the French scare over the importation of American pork is unprecedented and is probably caused by the protectionists.

Dragoons stationed at a village in the province of Valhynia, Russia, suddenly attacked and plundered the Jews of the vicinity, who were unable to offer any organized resistance. The rabbi and several of his confreres died from injuries received during the affray.

Two hundred students, offended by an article published in the Communist journal, Cri du Peuple, at Paris, besieged the office last evening and demanded that a retraction be printed. The editor declined and the students dispersed, intending to meet again to determine what course to pursue.

**Some Real Fighting for the Army.**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27.—Captain Hunter and two other members of the salvation army were arrested this afternoon charged with violating the city ordinance by parading the streets last evening. They gave bonds. Capt. Hunter has given the chief of police to understand that the army will parade every night regardless of the city ordinance, and the police have been instructed by the mayor to arrest them in every instance.

*SAFE OVER THE SEA.*

| Date. | Steamship. | Reported at. | From. |
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| Dec. 27 | Westmoreland | New York | Antwerp |
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| Dec. 27 | Nederland | Antwerp | New York |
| Dec. 27 | Wisconsin | Queenstown | |

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—Great anxiety is felt here in regard to the Wyoming, the steamer Celtic two days is overdue. Her owners have sent a powerful tug to Queenstown, where she is to await further orders. The Celtic sailed from New York Dec. 15.

*PETER BARGETT'S LOVE AFFAIRS.*

**He Leaves His Wife in Canada and Takes up With a Colored Woman.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 27—Peter Bargett, a French Canadian, is locked up at the Central police station, charged with stealing $225 from Susan Anderson, a negro woman, with whom he has been living. Bargett, who has a wife in Canada, came to Chicago last August. On Monday night the woman awoke and found Bargett trying to take the money which she had on her person, but went to sleep again when he assured her it was all right. When she woke again the money had gone, as also had the Frenchman. He was arrested in a house of ill-repute yesterday by Detectives Thorpe and Tierney. He had no money about him, but had bought a ring, a pair of trousers, and a ticket for Detroit. The colored woman is tall and stout, weighing about two hundred pounds, while the Frenchman is tall and thin. She in company with the officers found him. She dragged him out by the collar, saying she did not care so much for the money as she did for his leaving her for a white woman.

*A FIENDISH BUTCHERY.*

**A Woman and Her Two Children Torn to Pieces and Burned.**

BEVERLY, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Elizabeth Somerfield and two children, living on Rich mountain, were murdered, and their cabin burned by unknown parties on Sunday night. The mail carrier was the first to discover the crime. In the grounds surrounding the house he found a crushed skull, with portions of charred flesh adhering to it, protruding from the melting snow. A few steps distant lay a human heart, with the ground about it stained with blood. Near by was a portion of the breast of a woman, which had evidently been torn from the body. Further search revealed a smaller skull, a number of charred bones, and a large crowbar on which were spots of blood and hair. The mail carrier had met two men, who informed him that the cabin had been burned, but they said nothing of murders.

*GEN. GRANT EXPERIENCES A FALL*

**His Left Leg and Side Seriously Hurt.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Gen. Grant, while alighting from a coupe at his residence on Monday evening, slipped and fell on his left side, sustaining serious injury in the leg about four inches below the hip joint. The surgeons say no bones are broken, and the supposition is a bruise of the sciatic nerve has been sustained. The general was assisted to bed, where he has remained ever since, lying in one position on his back. While the injured leg is most painful, the general's health is otherwise good, and he is comparatively cheerful. The surgeons anticipate nothing serious, but it will be several weeks before the patient is able to leave the house.

Gen. Grant's injuries were less painful to-night, and he was resting comfortably at a late hour. His leg is very much swollen, and he will be unable to leave his bed for several days.

**Murderous Somnambulism.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A strange and fatal tragedy has occurred at No. 41 Jessie street. Ben Blaz, of the whaling barque Wanderer, several weeks ago eloped with Miss Florence Williams, a pretty girl from Pueblo. The couple occupied apartments, and appeared very much devoted to each other. Blaz for years has been subject to attacks of nightmare and somnambulism. During the night he arose in the bed and deliberately shot his young wife in the head while asleep. She sprang to the floor in terrible agony only to see Blaz shoot himself through the brain, dying instantly. An investigation showed that it was a clear case of somnambulism. The woman will die.

**Crops in the States.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The statistician of the agricultural department has completed preliminary estimates of the principal crops of the country for the year. They show that potatoes as well as other roots and oats have grown luxuriantly and yielded abundantly. The average yield of corn per acre is nearly 23 bushels, or 12 per cent. less than the average. The quality of the corn north of the fortieth parallel, however, is worse than for many years. The wheat crop is slightly in excess of four hundred million bushels, and the cotton product is about six million bales.

**The Pennsylvania Miners.**

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—The officials of the local miners' organization pronounce the report of an intended strike of twenty thousand miners in Westmoreland, Blair, Clearfield, Bedford and Huntingdon counties absurd. They say the men had but little work and have scarcely money enough to buy two week's provisions ahead. A strike for the district price has been ordered in four of the mines on the Lake Erie roads. The mining rate is three and a half cents and the men have been working for a quarter of a cent less.

**Capt. Webb's Body.**

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 27.—The body of Capt. Matthew Webb, who died in the whirlpool rapids of the Niagara river, will be exhumed on Jan. 7, in the presence of his widow, and again interred with proper funeral ceremonies. Mrs. Webb cannot afford the expense of removing the remains to Boston as she intended. When the swimmer's remains were placed in their present resting place last July there were no services.

**A Boston Bank Shaky.**

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Union market national bank of Watertown has voted to pass its dividend due January. The Journal says there are rumors concerning the financial integrity of the concern, but the directors state the assets are sufficient to meet all claims. The bank's capital is two hundred thousand dollars.

**An American Tragedy in Germany.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A private despatch from Hanover, Germany, states that Col. Henry R. Rathbone killed his wife and committed suicide. They were connected with two of the most prominent families here. The lady was the daughter of U. S. Senator Harris.

**Revival of the Mollie Maguires.**

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—It is feared there will be a renewal of the Mollie Maguire outrages in the bituminous districts when the great strike is inaugurated. Coffin notices have been sent to a number of persons.

**Importation of Foreign Labor.**

READING, Pa., Dec. 27.—A petition requesting congress to prevent the importation of foreign labor under contracts made abroad is receiving many signatures of the working men in this section.

## ORANGEMEN MURDERED.

*A PROCESSION FIRED UPON WITHOUT WARNING.*

**Four Men Killed and Fifteen Wounded—Newfoundland in a Blaze—The People Armed and Threatening More Trouble.**

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Dec. 27.—The orangemen who were fired upon at Harbor Grace yesterday were taken completely by surprise. At first they thought the firing was from powder gun carried by friends until they saw their men fall, four being killed and some ten or fifteen wounded. Police despatched from here at four yesterday reached Harbor Grace at nine last night. The horse police, who followed part of the way by train, arrived this morning. The night passed quietly, one hundred special constables having been sworn in. There is pent-up excitement in the neighboring villages.

At present Harbor Grace is quiet, but the town of Carbonear is on fire with commotion. Business is suspended, and public and private houses are closed and barred. More than a thousand men with firearms and other weapons are congregated in the streets preparing to march to Harbor Grace. From every part of Conception bay crowds of men are thronging to the scene of the disturbances. The executive government has deemed it advisable to cable to Halifax for military and naval assistance. The police force is powerless to cope with a riot that any hour may develop into alarming and disastrous proportions. What will be the outcome of the whole affair it is now hard to see, but it is thought the flame will spread and not confine itself even to Newfoundland. No arrests have yet been made.

*GRAVEYARD INSURANCE.*

**A Doctor who Killed his Patients to Realize on his Policies.**

FALL RIVER, Dec. 27.—The case of John F. Downing, who was burried on Tuesday, is said to be another "graveyard" assurance case. Downing was admitted to the ancient order of hibernians a few months ago, having been passed as sound by Dr. Hennessy, the society physician. Soon after several policies on his life amounting to $15,000 were taken out, one being held by Dr. Hennessy, another by Edward Driscoll, the agent who has left the city, and others by various persons. Downing's father claims his son's death was hastened by malpractice by Dr. Hennessy, and it is asserted the large death rate among Hibernians during the past two years has been partly due to Dr. Hennessy's efforts to realize on insurance policies. A policeman whose life was insured was taken ill and treated by Dr. Hennessy and grew rapidly worse. Under the treatment of another physician he speedily recovered. There is no trace as yet of the whereabouts of Hennessy or Driscoll.

*SNOW SLIDES IN COLORADO.*

**A Six Days Storm—Great Loss of Life Reported.**

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—Following is the list of killed in the snow slide at the Mendota mine, near Telluride, on Monday, the 4th: J. H. Bond, C. S. Herrick, Thos. Dunegan, Wm. Taylor, John Davis, Wm. Applewhite, F. Slater and Lewis Huckins. At Silverton a terrific wind storm set in on Dec. 19 and has been raging furious six days. It has proved the most disastrous to life ever known. Of fifty seriously injured in the Virginius mine on Friday, three have since died, making nine in all. Yesterday a miner named Broet Walla was buried in a snow slide at the head of Clementi creek, and cannot be found till spring. Yesterday two men were caught in a snow slide near Irontown, and carried 15,000 feet down a mountain side. When extricated they were frozen from the waist down the flesh opening in seams. They cannot recover. A train of 25 freight cars at Monument was overturned by the high winds on Tuesday and a number of cattle killed.

**The Standard Fire Company.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27—Superintendent McCall of the insurance department announcing the retirement from business of the Standard fire office, London, Eng., says he will hold the deposit of the company, $200,000 United States bonds, until all the risks in the United States have expired. The funds in this company are sufficient to protect American policy holders, but it is understood the foreign capital is largely impaired.

**Intercollegiate Rowing Association.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Intercollegiate rowing association held its annual meeting here to-day. Princeton, Cornell, Wesleyan university, university of Pennsylvania and Bowdoin were represented. The proprietors of the United States hotel, Saratoga, sent a communication agreeing to board the men free of charge; also guaranteeing free transportation of the men and their shells to and from Saratoga if the races were held there. The proposition was accepted, and it was resolved to hold the regatta at Saratoga on July 4.

*FROM THE TOP TO THE FOOT.*

J. K. Kerr, Q.C., fresh from England and the highest court in England as well as from bearing Hymen's happy torch, made his reappearance in Canadian legal circles yesterday before the division court in a $170 suit. The learned gentleman in addressing the humbler court frequently said "Now my lords you will see," and several times reached round to see if his legal wig was duly fixed on his head.

*THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW*

If Mr. Ross is going to make a clean sweep in the education department.

Why so many aldermanic candidates attended the trades and labor dinner last night.

And so many were at the Jewish ball.

How many balls and suppers there were last night anyway.

If Moses Oates was caught in the cold dip last night.

*FRESH.*

Fresh is the face of maiden fair,
Fresh is the powder on her face;
Fresh the pomade on her hair,
Fresh her gentle, courtly grace.

Fresher than all these forsooth,
Fresh as the dew which lingers yet,
Fresher far is yon wild youth
With his unsalted cigarette.

—*Drumstick.*

*KEEP ON YOUR FURS.*

WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE, TORONTO, Dec. 28. 1 a.m.—*Lake—Moderate to fresh from the northwest; fair, continued cold weather, with snow flurries.*


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