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WHAT RUSSIA IS DOING

An Ohio Man Tells a Great Story of What He Saw.

TRAVELLED 17000 MILES.

Anglo-Russian Chinese Combination for the Partition of Asia.

Such an Alliance as History Has Never Yet Seen—It Will Make for Peace and be Able to Dictate Terms to the Rest of the World—The Trans-Siberian Railway and Branches Are Well Built—America's Open Door Will be Through Russia—A Pro-Russian Deliverance.

London, Dec. 22.—John W. Bookwalter of Ohio, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Russia, told the correspondent of the Associated Press in an interview to-day that he enjoyed unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country. He traveled 17,000 miles to the terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railway, to the end of the Ene traching the frontier of Afghanistan and to the end of the one penetrating China through Manchuria. All these are now practically completed.

Mr. Bookwalter was allowed to go everywhere, to see everything and to take hundreds of photographs, thanks to special permits issued to him by the Minister of the Interior on the application of the United States Ambassador at St. Petersburg. During his journey he conversed with the Governors of provinces and with military and civil officials of all ranks.

England, Russia and China.

"America's best open door to Central Asia and China,' said Mr. Bookwalter, 'is through Russia. A great surprise to the world is in preparation in that part of the earth, and it will come, I believe, very soon. Not many years will elapse before the world will see Russia, England and China combining for the partition of Asia. The very force of circumstances will bring this about. England and Russia will never be able to agree on a partition of China between themselves. Still less will they allow the other powers to share with them in the spoils of that Empire. They will be forced to defend China, which alone is helpless against the rest of the world, and to share with her the dominion of Asia.

Peace for Centuries.

"The alliance of England, Russia and China—of two-thirds of the human race—will be such an alliance as history has never yet seen, and it will be one which will give peace to the world for centuries. All its interests will make for peace, and it will be able to dictate terms to the rest of the world.

"America has very little to gain by an open door to China. That country is an industrial one, and whatever we may now be able to sell to them the Chinese will soon be able to make for themselves. One day, and that day is near at hand, whatever China buys from the rest of the world will reach her through Russia and Central Asia.

Russia Has Done Much.

"Russia in the last three years has done more to open the doors of China than England and all the rest of the world, has done in fifty years. No one, who has not seen it with his own eyes, can have the faintest conception of what Russia has done and is still doing in Central Asia.

"I have traveled over the twelve hundred miles of railway which she has built from the Caspian Sea to Tashkend, in Turkestan, over a branch of this line, which runs to the northern frontier of India over another branch, which goes from Merv to the border of Afghanistan. This last branch was not completed when I was there, but it will be open to traffic next week. There are also Russian lines all along the Persian frontier and penetrating into that country, either completed or rapidly approaching completion. All the work on these lines has been done by soldiers, who, in this way, are not in Russia, as elsewhere, non-producers.

The Work is Well Done.

"All this tremendous Asiatic railway system is owned and operated by the Government. All the lines are admirably built and splendidly equipped. I saw a bridge across the Amuduria, in Central Asia, at a point where the river is three miles wide, that cost 20,000,000 roubles and is the greatest piece of engineering work ever accomplished. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world, not excepted the Forth bridge, near Edinburgh, not excepted.

"Wherever I went I saw cities and towns springing up, such as Askabad, in Turkomania, for example, which already has 25,000 inhabitants. Near Merv the Czar is building a magnificent palace. New Bokhara, 12 miles from old Bokhara, has 12,000 inhabitants. The Russian policy in Central Asia is not to bring the new and the old into too close a contrast, and so she builds her railway stations a few miles away from the old centres of population, thus forming new and entirely modern centres. Where do the people come from to inhabit these towns? Why, from European Russia. The Government is turning her surplus European population into Central Asia just as the United States turned the surplus population of her Atlantic States into her great Western territories. What I have just seen in Central Asia is almost an exact reproduction of what I witnessed years ago in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, when the emigrants from the East were pouring into the West. No human power can stay the onward march of the Slav through Russia into Asia, which will be the feature of the twentieth century, just as the march of the Anglo-Saxon through America has been the feature of the nineteenth.

A Menace to British India.

"Already, thanks to her railways, Russia can at any time pour her armies across the frontiers of India by the same routes that Alexander, Tamerlane and Kubla Khan marched to the conquest of Eastern Asia. Russia to-day has 25,000,000 reserves, all of whom have served in the army from three to five years. One-fifth of her population has been drilled and disciplined to military work.

"The United States will be committing a woeful mistake if she fails to retain the friendship of this great world power of the future."

Buy the wife a New Williams Sewing Machine for an Xmas present.

The Weather For Dineens' Furs.

Cold weather is predicted for holiday week—and that will be the beginning of real winter. There will be plenty of occasions for wearing the fur gifts bought for this Christmas—and Dineens' furs are guaranteed to wear well for years.

Needles, Oils and parts for all kinds of Sewing Machines at 64 King W.

FOSTER'S SUSPENSION

Allegations [illegible]g Partizanship, Bartering With Subordinates, Violation of Regulations.

Moncton, N.B., Dec. 22.—Only two witnesses have so far been examined at the investigation of affairs at Dorchester Penitentiary, where Warden Foster has just been suspended by the Department of Justice. These witnesses were Dr. Mitchell, penitentiary surgeon, and Vital Legere, who was a guard until some time last year. The allegations against the warden included strong partisanship, arranging for the purchase of a piece of marsh land by the Government by which he benefited personally, barter and exchange between the warden and certain prison officials in buying potatoes, coal, hay and other products, which bartering was contrary to regulations; trading Government horses with guards and others to his personal advantage; working guards and convicts on his private property without giving due credit to the Government for labor so performed; having a negro convict named Martin traveling round Memramcook and other places with the warden's stallion for service, a direct violation of regulations. Martin was a colored porter who stole a large sum of money on a Pullman car some years ago.

TERRIBLE SCENE IN A FACTORY

A Workman Was Torn to Pieces in the Machinery and a Dozen Women Fainted.

New York, Dec. 22.—A shocking affair occurred in the Costle Braid Company's works at Williamsburg to-day, when John Guertherman was torn to pieces in machinery. His clothing caught in the shaft while he was oiling the machines. His left leg was ripped from his body and fell to the floor. Then a scene of indescribable confusion ensued. There are 200 women employes, and some screamed and ran panic-stricken from the place, while others fainted. In the meantime Guertherman's other leg was severed from the body and also his right arm. When the machinery was stopped what was left of his body was found tightly wedged in it. Surgeon Glennen, who was called, devoted his time to restoring to consciousness the dozen women who were lying in a faint on the floor.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.

The Official Proclamation Giving it Effect Will Come Out in Saturday's Gazette.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The Canada Gazette will on Saturday contain a proclamation, signed by the Postmaster-General, bringing into effect the Imperial penny postage between Canada and Britain, along with the other portions of the British Empire, which have given their adhesion to the scheme. The countries which up to date have entered into the agreement besides Canada are: The United Kingdom, British India, Newfoundland, Natal, Jamaica, Bermuda, Barbadoes, Bahama Islands, British Guiana, British Honduras, British East Africa, British Central Africa, Uganda, the Niger Coast Protectorate, the Niger Company's Territory, Aden, Ascension, Sarawak, Malay State and Johore.

THE SLOANES HAVE SEPARATED

Husband is at the Hotel and Wife in the Mansion Which She Now Owns.

New York, Dec. 22.—Mr. Henry T. Sloane and his wife have separated. Both are leaders of New York society. Mr. Sloane has left his home, No. 9 East 72nd-street, and is now living at the Buckingham Hotel. Mrs. Sloane is still at the Sloane mansion. On Oct. 1, 1898, Mr. Sloane transferred to his wife the Sloane residence in East 72nd-street. This he did, not as a peace offering but as an indication of his wish that Mrs. Sloane might maintain her status in society. Mr. Sloane has retained A. C. Brown of the Equitable Life Building as his legal adviser to take charge of his legal interests. Mr. Sloane's children are living with their mother, pending a legal decision in regard to them. Mrs. Sloane is confined to her room with a severe attack of the grip.

Xmas Gifts at Dunlop's

Roses to suit every purse, at all prices. Select stocks of palms and rubber plants, from 60 cents each and upward. Cocoa palms, singly and in thickly-planted dishes, for table centres. Ferns of every variety. Make your selection early before the stock is picked over. Salesrooms, 5 King-street west and 445 Yonge-street. 5

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Found on King-street.

Any lady or gentleman who is losing their valuable time in looking for the new Oxford wrap can find this novelty with us in great variety. Also the largest stock of fine neckwear at popular prices. Sword, 55 King-street east only.

All kinds of machines repaired and cleaned at 64 King St. W.

Dineens' Furs For Christmas.

In the overwhelming surfeit of suggestions for Christmas gifts, furwear is poised above everything—and everything in furs is seen in Dineens' Christmas display of new fashions. To-day and to-morrow Dineens' remains open till 10 at night.

Pember's Turkish and Vapor Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge. Bath and bed $1.00.

A Serious Charge.

Forsyth de Fronsac of 115 McCaul-street was arrested last night on a charge of indecent assault. The prisoner claims to be a music teacher, and it is said took liberties with a little girl who lives next door to him on McCaul-street.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Open all night, 202 and 204 King St. W.

For the Boudoir. Taylor's "Valley Violet."

Rev. Mr. Jenanyan.

BURIED, HE STILL SEARCHED

W. L. Barrett's Wife Lay in Potter's Field, New York, While He Yet Had Hope.

PATHETIC SIDE OF A GREAT CITY

Left Him to go Shopping, Was Killed; Identified Three Months Later by a Wedding Ring.

New York, Dec. 22.—On Aug. 28 last William L. Barrett and his wife, Harriet, came to this city from their home in Hoboken to select a flat, as they intended to remove here. They had been married a year. Barrett is a telegraph operator. They remained that night in the house of a friend and the next day the wife went out shopping in the morning, saying she would meet her husband in the afternoon. When she did not return at 5 o'clock he became uneasy. An alarm was sent out, but she was not found. He walked the wards of all the hospitals, but could not find her. The police had no clue. He went back to Hoboken without avail. Again he visited the hospitals. Then he went to the morgue. Her body was not there. He visited Blackwell's Island Hospital, and no result. For weeks he walked about the city, comforting himself by saying, "She can't surely be dead." On Nov. 20 he read about the dead body of a woman being found in the East River and wrote to the morgue keeper, repeating a description of his wife's clothing, and added that she wore her wedding ring, in which was inscribed: "W. B. to H. B., '97." The morgue keeper wrote back that the drowned woman did not have such a ring but a ring bearing that inscription had been received from the Flower Hospital on Aug. 30.

Mr. Barrett came to this city, saw the ring and identified it as belonging to his wife. At the Flower Hospital he was told an unidentified woman had died there of a fractured skull on Aug. 30. She had been knocked down by a cab at Fifth-avenue and Fifty-fourth-street the day before. The horse stepped on her head, and when picked up she was unconscious and remained so up to her death. There was $18 in her pocketbook, but nothing to disclose her identity, so the body was buried in the City Cemetery on Hart's Island.

Mr. Barrett was satisfied the dead woman was his wife and could not understand why the description of the wedding ring found on her finger had not been made public, as it would have led to her identification. He has just had the body exhumed and transferred to Greenwood Cemetery.

DIED ON GOLDEN WEDDING DAY.

Dr. Johann Asztalos and Wife Killed Themselves on Their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—A despatch from Belgrade reports a tragedy of unusual interest. Dr. Johann Asztalos, a physician of national reputation, and his wife, Caroline, committed suicide this week on the night of their golden wedding anniversary.

In 1849 Dr Asztalos fled with Kossuth, Perczel, Ben and Gembinski from Hungary. In Belgrade the young physician was received with open arms. His large practice during a period of half a century made him a rich man. He was financially ruined, however, during the past two years by his spendthrift nephew, whom he adopted and cared for as his own son. This young ingrate not only squandered all his uncle's capital, but was also the direct cause of a mortgage on the home of his benefactor.

On the day of the golden wedding the old physician, tired of an existence during which all his ideals were shattered, after obtaining his wife's consent, first shot her dead and afterward took his own life. Neighbors found the couple dead on the floor of their bedroom in loving embrace.

BOSTON MONEY PUT UP.

Syndicate Belonging to the Hub Will Furnish Funds to Build Railway Link in Canada.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Your correspondent learns that arrangements have been made to complete the remaining 88 miles connecting the Great Northern with the Booth system and Parry Sound. It is understood that a Boston syndicate has furnished the necessary money to complete the railway, and that Mr. Macdonald, the contractor, will begin work during the present winter.

The Smoke of Luxury.

A cigar case for the house or office has been given the name of "Humidor," because it keeps a proper amount of humidity around the cigars. G. W. Muller has imported for the Christmas trade some very neat and tasty moistening cases—articles indispensable to the smoker who is particular and purchases cigars by the box. These cases are shown in mahogany and quartered oak, some of them being richly mounted. Ask Mr. Muller to show them to you.

That Secret Dossier.

London, Dec. 23.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Government has decided to hand the Dreyfus secret dossier to the Court of Cassation. It will also be communicated to Madame Dreyfus and to M. Mornard, the counsel for Dreyfus.'

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Fine Wines and Spirits.

Before placing your Christmas and New Year order for wines and spirits call and look through our extensive vaults. There you have a selection of the choicest brands on the market. Ask for our catalog. Mara's, 79 Yonge-street. Phone 1708.

Armeda Te a has the Flavor.

The Fur-Values at Dineens'.

There might, perhaps, be some difficulty about convincing some people that furs are the handsomest gifts for Christmas. But, a single visit to Dineens' Christmas fur display, will convince anyone that Dineens' furs, at Dineens' prices, are the richest fur values offered in Toronto. Store open till 10 every night.

Irish and Scotch whiskey, also Sherries and Ports, at Thos. Taylor's, 174 Queen W. Phone 106.

Special Notice.

Christmas eve falling on Saturday this year our store will be closed at 7 p.m. Mail or 'phone your orders early. Mara's, 79 Yonge-street. 'Phone 1708.

Call and see the New Williams Sewing Machines at 64 King W.

Dame's Gallery open Xmas—Monday—330½ Yonge street.

Taylor's "Valley Violet" at Xmas time.

TROUBLE IN THE WEST.

SIR WILFRID: What about these Western Grit hostiles?
INDIAN AGENT SIFTON: Well, a great many of 'em are still off the party reservation, have shot at me several times and are going to make future trouble for us, I'm afraid.

MRS. HAYES GETS A DIVORCE

Defendant Formerly a Builder in West Toronto Who Skipped With Another Woman.

DECREE HAS BEEN MADE ABSOLUTE.

Plaintiff is Entitled to the Custody of Her Child, and Also to Alimony.

New York, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Hon. Leslie W. Russell, a justice of the Supreme Court, sitting in special term in this city, has granted an absolute divorce to Henrietta Louisa Hayes of Toronto from Richard Hayes, who was formerly a well-known builder in the West End of that city, but who left his home in company with a prepossessing young lady of the same city some time ago.

Judge Russell has decided that the plaintiff is entitled not only to an absolute divorce, but she is also entitled to the custody of her child.

The judge also awarded alimony, to be paid by the defendant, Richard Hayes, to the plaintiff for the support of herself and child. The plaintiff was formerly a Miss Harvey of Toronto.

NIAGARA FALLS POWER

A New Plan Invented Which Will Involve an Expenditure of Half a Million Dollars.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Miller Electric Construction Company of Pittsburg, Pa., has invented a new plan to utilize the power of Niagara Falls, and it is expected work will begin the first of the year, necessitating the expenditure of about $500,000.

It is proposed to erect a large building close to the Falls, it being kept in place by anchors and heavy iron cables. With a series of contrivances it is expected to utilize all the force of the falling water. Electrical fluid is to be transported by conduits and heavy wire to distant points.

Pember's Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge-street.

"Come To-Day," He Says.

G. W. Muller issues an urgent invitation to his patrons not to leave their holiday purchases of cigars, pipes and tobaccos until the last moment. He say he is desirous of assisting all to a satisfactory choice, but in the rush of the last day there would not be time to choose carefully. Come today. Come early in the day.

To The Trade.

We will be open until 7 o'clock Saturday night this week. Steele & Honeysett, 116 Bay-street.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and Bed $1.00. 204 King St. W.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. ed

Try Wilson's Hygienic Brown Bread. 730 Yonge street. Phone 3616. 135

The attention of users is invited to the merits of E. B. Eddy's indurated fibre ware tubs, pails, etc., which are for sale at all first-class grocery stores. Housekeepers readily recognize their superiority over the ordinary wooden tubs, etc. 135

Unsurpassed. Taylor's "Wild Rose."

ANOTHER BLAZE ON KING ST.

On the North Side, East of York, Considerable Damage Was Done Last Night.

THE WATER TOWER HAD TO BE USED

Losses in Boots and Shoes and Paper Boxes—Building Belongs to Baldwin Estate.

The north side of King-street, just east of York-street, was the scene of a fire at 8.15 o'clock last night, which for a time threatened to devour the surrounding whole block with its fury. The fire burned for half an hour and at times the flames, bursting from the windows, could be seen from a long distance. The blaze is thought to have started in the stairway leading to the premises of James R. Harkness, paper box factory, on the third floor.

Constable Saw It.

The flames were first noticed by P. C. Catners and he sent in the alarm from box 13. Almost at the same time Mr. R. J. Jamieson, who has a boot and shoe manufactory on the first floor, saw the flames burst through the roof of the room where he was working, in company with two employes, H. Willis and George Mathers. The two quickly raised the windows and called on passers-by to ring the alarm, but at this time the Bay-street section of the brigade was on the scene, quickly followed by the reels from Lombard and Queen-street halls.

Water Tower at Work.

The water tower was put into service and did much to confine the blaze to the one building. The firemen fought the blaze from the front and rear, but failed for some time to subdue the flames in the top flats. Tons of water from four hydrants were thrown into the building, but it was half an hour before it could be gotten under control.

What Was the Cause?

The cause of the fire is a mystery. The men who were at work in the building at the time the fire started are at a loss to account for its origin. The building is a three-storey brick structure, and almost the whole of the two upper flats is given up to the manufacture of boots and shoes and paper boxes. The ground floor is occupied by J. E. Kaiser, barber, and Archille Roumegous' restaurant. Mr. Kaiser lives in the rear of the shop, but fortunately his family were away on a visit. The losses will be about $4500. The loss on the building will amount to $1500, fully covered by insurance; the loss of $1000 on R. J. Jamieson's stock of boots and shoes will be covered by insurance in the Manchester Insurance Company; James R. Harkness' stock of paper boxes was destroyed and his loss will total $800, insured for $1000 in the Manchester Insurance Co. The occupants of the ground floor, Messrs. Roumegous and Kaiser, suffered most from water coming through the ceiling. The building is owned by the Baldwin estate, of which Barrister Charles Millar is the agent.

Neckwear to please everyone. Have you seen the New Chunnley Muffler? Nothing better. Harcourt & Son, 57 King St. W.

Havana Cigars.

Not ordinary cigars, but such lines as the celebrated La Antiguedad, H. Upmann, Eden, Henry Clay, La Miel, Diaz Garcia, La Africana. Messrs. A. Clubb & Sons, 49 King west, have just received a large shipment of these celebrated cigars, direct from Havana, Cuba. Before buying, see them, and save money.

Did you ever try the Top Barrel?

Steele Bros., 7 and 9 Leader-lane, will be open until 10.30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Great bargains in cigars and pipes.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTER

Than When the High Commissioners at Washington Adjourned For the Holidays.

LORD HERSCHELL MUST GO HOME

Therefore the Session in January Will Probably Last Not More Than a Fortnight.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The next session of the Joint Canadian High Commission will be limited pretty closely to a fortnight. Lord Herschell, the British member of the commission, is booked to sail for Europe on Jan. 25. He cannot delay longer in the United States for the reason that he is obliged to attend the opening of the Paris arbitration on the Venezuelan boundary, being one of the arbitrators. There are indications that, after all, the joint commissioners regard the prospect of reaching an agreement as very much brighter than they did just before the adjournment of the session, and the opinion is now expressed in well-informed circles that, before Lord Herschell's departure, a treaty will have been completed settling all the points in dispute between the two countries, and even making some slight progress towards the attainment of reciprocity.

Port Wine at 50c per quart up, at Thos. Taylor's, 174 Queen st. W. Phone 106.

Ethel Gosselin's Suicide.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—It developed at the inquest on the body of Ethel Gosselin today that the girl and her lover quarrelled over religion. The girl was a Roman Catholic and Johnson was a Protestant. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane. The remains of the 17-year-old suicide were interred to-day.

Suitable Presents for Smokers.

Fenwick Bros.' Regal Cigar Store, 17 King-street west, have in stock the following suitable presents for ladies: Briar root pipes, in cases, ranging from 50c to $25 each; meerschaum pipes, straight and curved stems, finest quality; also beautiful Hookah pipes, from $1.50 to $10 each; cigar and cigaret cases, pouches, etc.; also choice cigars, put up in boxes of 10's, 25's, 50's and 100's. No trouble to show goods. Purchase now and avoid the rush. Orders by phone promptly filled, 3016.

Try Thos. Taylor's old rye whiskey at 60c per qt. and up, 174 Queen W. Phone 106.

Street Fights in Toulouse.

Toulouse, France, Dec. 22.—Serious street disorders occurred this evening between the promoters of pro-Dreyfus and anti-Dreyfus meetings. Several persons were severely injured, and the windows of a number of Jewish shops were smashed.

Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.

Four More Warships Ordered.

London, Dec. 22.—The British Admiralty it is reported, has just placed orders for four warships with shipbuilders on the Clyde.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Come One, Come All

To Toronto's new wholesale, and see our big variety of imported cigars, at wholesale prices. Boxes from $1.50 up. M. McConnell & Co., corner Colborne and Leader-lane.

Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.

THIS DAY WILL TELL

Whether or Not the G. T. R. Operators Will Strike.

SO THE REPORTS INDICATE.

General Manager Hays Failed to Agree to the Demands of the Men

Then a Message Was Prepared by the Men, Which is Said to be Practically an Ultimatum—An Answer to be Given This Morning Which Will Settle the Question as to Whether the Men Will go Out or Not.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A crisis in the negotiations between the telegraphers in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway and the railway company has, it is understood, been reached. The telegraphers' committee, accompanied by Grand Chief Powell of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, met General Manager Hays at 10 o'clock this morning. The conference lasted until nearly 1 o'clock, when the committee withdrew.

Seen after the conference, Grand Chief Powell was very reticent as to what had taken place. It was inferred, however, that a crisis in the negotiations had been reached. The committee did not continue its conference with Mr. Hays this afternoon, and it is understood that to-morrow by noon will decide whether the negotiations looking to a settlement of the grievances of the telegraphers will be broken off for good. The committee has been in session in its committee rooms at the Balmoral during the greater part of the afternoon. They will authorize no definite statement, but there is every reason to believe that a crisis has been reached.

Is it an Ultimatum?

The Telegraphers' Committee sent Mr. Hays a communication this evening, and from all that can be learned, it has taken the form of an ultimatum. In fact Mr. Powell said that the future action of the men would be guided by the General Manager's reply, which will probably be known early in the day.

EACH WILL GET A TURKEY.

It is a Lucky Thing to be a Street Railway Employe at Christmas Tide.

The employes of the Toronto Railway Company, who have the good luck to be married, have always been remembered by the management at Christmas time, and each given a plump turkey, in recognition of past services. This season, however, it has been decided to make everyone in their employ happy, and accordingly a turkey will be presented to every man to-morrow night. The action of the company will be admired by everyone, and it sets an excellent example to merchants and others, who employ large staffs, to remember them at this happy season. The company have secured seven and a half tons of fat turkeys.

To-Day's Program.

Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Toronto, 2 and 8 o'clock.

"Too Much Johnson," at the Princess, 2 and 8.

A good show at the New Bijou, 2 and 8.

West York case at the Court House, 10 a.m.

Cartwright Club, 1206 Queen-street west at 8.

Many Happy Returns.

H. P. Dwight, president and general manager, Great North Western Telegraph Company, and a resident of Toronto for nearly 50 years, born at Belleville, Jefferson County, N.Y., Dec. 23, 1828.

Cooler Weather Coming.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 22.—A low area, which has moved quickly up from the Southwest States, is now central over Lake Huron, and is developing in energy. There is a general recovery in pressure throughout the west and northwest, and the outlook is for a gradual decrease in temperature in the Northwest and also in Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34—44; Kamloops, 24—34; Calgary, 22—30; Qu'Appelle, 10—24; Battleford, 14—20; Winnipeg, 8—16; Port Arthur, 24—30; Parry Sound, 34—36; Toronto, 34—42; Ottawa, 34—38; Montreal, 34—38; Halifax, 32—42.

Probabilities

Lower Lakes: Strong winds or moderate gales from the westward; fair weather; local snow flurries; a little lower temperature to-day, still lower on Saturday with fair weather.

Georgian Bay—Strong winds or gales from the westward; lower temperature today, with local snowfalls; still lower temperatures on Saturday with fair weather.

Ottawa Valley and St. Lawrence Valley—High winds, with rain or snow; lower temperature to-night; still lower and fair on Saturday.

Gulf—Strong winds or gales from southeast to southwest, with rain or snow.

Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales from south to west, with rain; fairer tomorrow, with a little lower temperature.

Superior—Fair, with lower temperature to-day; Saturday fair and still colder.

Manitoba—Fair and colder to-day; Saturday fair and still colder.

At Oak Hall clothiers, on King-street east, there is an overcoat and suit stock that combines goodness of material, "smartness" of cut and moderation in price—in fact, a model stock from which to choose. The store will be open for business on Friday and Saturday before Christmas until 9 o'clock. The window display is very fine, and is decorated with long, needle pines from Alabama.

Ocean Steamships.

Dec. 22.	At	From
Karamania	New York	Marseilles
Augusta Victoria	Genoa	New York
Saale	Bremen	New York
Phoenicia	Hamburg	New York
Corean	Glasgow	St. Johns, Nfld.

A charming aroma, Taylor's "Valley Violet."