ON COMPANY LIMITED

PROBS- Fresh to strong wind snow falls; Comparatt MPHESS HAKEU

C.P.R. Liner Reaches Port After Fierce Battle With Seas-J. H. Plummer and Wallace Nesbitt Passengers.

HALIFAX. Dec. 18 .- (Special) .- The C.P.R. liner Empress of Britain docked at 11 o'clock to-night, just seven days from Liverpool.

Capt. Murray reports the roughest trip in his experience. On Wednesday off Grand Bank the ship was compelled to lay to part of the day and only succeeded in steaming 169 miles in 24 hours, whereas under ordinary circumstances she could reel off 400 in that time.

The ventilators, fore and aft, were carried away and deck gear damaged by heavy seas, which repeatedly boardde the ship.

Among the passengers were J. H. Plummer and three daughters; Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Toronto, and Hector McInnes, Halifax.

Mr. Plummer, asked concerning the Steel-Coal decision of the privy council, said he felt confident as to the result of the judgment in the case, which would be declared early in the

Regarding the reports from England, that the Dominion Iron & Stell Company were "dumping" steel rails into India and Australia, Mr. Plummer said he would take it to mean from the word "dumping" that the company have been selling rails below market prices. This was not the case; they were selling rails in these new markets at the same prices as to other

He was glad to be back in Canada again. He had crossed the Atlantic 20 times, and had never before exper-ienced such weather. The Empress had 651 passengers and the mails.

Big Liners Buffeted

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- With December on the North Atlantic at its stormiest, and the ocean lane criss-crossed by violent gales, transatlantic shipping has as it has been forced to undergo in a No one has kept anywhere near her schedule, while one staunch liner, the SS. Teutonic, from Southampton, which should have headed the fleet into port on Wednesday, is three days behind her When heard from early to-day she was about three hundred miles east of Nantucket, which meant that at the best she could, not dock until to-mor-

Strung along farther up the coast, all far behind their ordinary records, were La Provence from Havre the Baltic from Liverpoof, the Campania from the same port, the St. Paul from Southampton and the Minneapolis from Lon-

SHIP ABANDONED.

Crew of Robin Hood Reach Sydney in Destitute Condition.

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 18 .- (Special.)-John M. Bateman, chief officer of the American fishing schooner Robin Hood and crew arrived from Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, and have made appil- panions. cation to the American consul for as-

the following day, which caused stic damage that the vessel sprung a leak. After hanging to the vessel until Friday morning captain and crew were obliged to abandon her, the vessel being a total wreck. The crew were i destitute condition on their arrival here. They are being cared for b United States Consul Kehel, and will The Robin Hood is a vessel, of 9:

tons, and hails from Eastport, Maine It is owned by the Lyans Fish Co. of HOLLAND RESENTFUL.

Asks if Germany Wishes to Drive Her Into Franco-British Entente.

confusion of the term of "state of de leged violation of the association's in respect to the sale of a stoker to recently declared by Acting rules, was begun

welcoming embrace of the Franco-British entente. The Handelsblad favtro himself might be treated as contra-

British Ship Sunk.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The SS. Cata-one, bound from Boston, to-night collided with and sunk the British SS. Daghestan, south of Gedney Channel. The crew of the Daghestan was saved, the Catalone anchored apparently

not greatly damaged. Stratford Power Bylaw.

STRATFORD. Dec. 18 .- (Special.) Niagara it goes to ratepayers on Jan 4.

Knox Premier

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.-W. H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, to-night announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet: The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram which came late this afternoon conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he

would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

Taft Cabinet

White House Messages Soon Free of Teddy's

Mr. Bryan Looks Forward to March 4-Roosevelt Not Famous For Good Manners.

to which members of that body vigor- no money paid. ously object, Mr. Bryan says in temorrow's Commoner':

president's message. But Mr. Roose- Felsen. velt is not-and we say it in the best of spirit-famous for his good manthe apostle of the 'square deal,' and yet on many notable occasions he has been guilty of cruel injustice in deal-ing with his fellows.

"He has needlessly and wantonly insulted many individuals, and altho the public has borne this shortcoming pation of congressmen is excusable they will, The Commoner believes, do well months and thereafter White House rangement. nessages will at least be free from billingsgate.

"Congress has more important work to do than the resenting of insults. The Panama Canal for instance needs a searching investigation. Indeed the administration's strongest friends should be foremost also in seeing to it that the investigation is of such a character as to avoid all possible suspicion of a whitewash."

"Congress has more important work to do p.c. profit on his sales and Riktchie made as much, too. He also worked for J. J. Murphy and got a commission on orders secured, while Mr. Gregory got 5 per cent. on moneys advanced in payment of drafts.

There were some interesting developments at the afternor session.

Many Days Overdue SEMINARY GIRLS **ROUSE PRESIDENT**

been experiencing as severe a buffeting party of girls from the National Park which was received in October last. Seminary, at Forest Glen, Md., for long time of the westward bound liners. riding past him Thanksgiving Day in evidently in view of the enquiry, firmed to-day by Miss E. I. Sisson, teacher in the school, who was the times. chaperon for the party, according to The Washington Star this evening. 'As we were riding four abreast at the time, the president's horse crowded us no little as he dashed past; said Miss Sisson. "As he brushed not get the money."
past his horse struck the foot of one 'You know in September last that of the young ladies, knocking it from the stirrup, and a blew from the presi-the stirrup, and a blew from the presi-that there was some possibility of this

> I do not know whether the blow was You know that you should not go ahead of our party,' said the president, as he rode past us and turned

The schooner left the Bay of Islands on Dec. 7 and encountered heavy storm [ASTERN RAILWAYS HUR] BY CANADIAN PACIFIC

Investigation of Rate Cutting of New York, New Haven and Hartford Road.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-Investigation of charges of rate cutting by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, for three years at \$7500. which had been undertaken by a subcommittee of the Trunk Line Associa-THE HAGUE, Dec. 18. It is the tion, resulted in a meeting of the subopinion of the foreign office that the committee to-day, at which, it is un- partment rumor that-Venezuela had declared war derstood, the formulation of charges against the Netherlands arose thru; the against the New Haven Road for alderfeed Stoker Company was examined

President Gomez of Venezuela with the basis of the action is the alleged offence of the New Haven Road in cutting freight rates by means of cersenor Castro is greatly resented in The the action is the alleged offence of the New Haven Road in cutting freight rates by means of certain differential rates now used by the fax this stoker could not be account. e newspapers ask how a Canadian Pacific Despatch, which for ed for Mr. Mackle was certain that friendly nation can thus receive Hol- some time past has been building up a it had been delivered. He denied tha thru freight route into New York, the the original company with which he Germany wishes to drive Holland into New Haven constituting the eastern was not connected, or the present

and of the invading line. The action of the Trunk Line Asso- Henry Youlden of Youlden and Se ciation is said in railroad circles to re- by, foundrymen, of Kingston, cially now that coffee shipments are flect a situatio nwhich has given a have done a large amount of business commencing, and it suggests that Casis said that when the Canadian Pacinext witness. Mr. Perron was curfic Despatch thru its arrangement with lous as to a number of cheques made the New York. New Haven & Hartford, out payable to cash. Did they reprebegan its invasion of local territory, sent commissions to officials?
last July, the members of the trunk.
The New York, New Haven & Hart,
W. H. Reid of Sarnia, treasurer of

present change is contemplated." of \$5 an hour.

DENIES GRAFT

Holliday 'Can't Remember Signing Cheques — Fraser Settled Two-Year-Old Account After Enquiry Started.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.-(Special.)-The sensational allegation that James Holliday of Quebec had paid \$3000 to J. B. Billingsgate Speech A. Boudreau of the marine department, was not made any clearer at the Cassels enquiry to-day.

A. H. Lawrence, accountant of the People's Bank at the time, swore that he saw Boudreau in the bank at Quebec on two occasions at the end of May or beginning of June. He also saw LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18. -Com- VanFelsen, who made the allegation, menting upon the message to congress go out and get some large bills, but saw

Boudreau's reply to this later testimony in effect was a reiteration of the "It must be admitted that the lan-" denial that he was in Quebec in May guage employed by Mr. Roosevelt was or June and that in making his stateuncalled for and unbecoming to a ment Lawrence was influenced by Van

Holliday Doesn't Remember.

Holliday, the man who is alleged to ners. His chief boast is that he is have signed the cheques, persists in saying that, "to the best of my know-

E. G. Odell of Quebec, grandson of Agent Gregory, said he had a private arrangement in respect to the sale of tiently it is plain that they are now growing weary While the indignaof Quebec. Witness sold to Ritchie, who was on the patronage list, and the will. The Commoner believes, do well to ignore the insult put upon them. latter sold to the government. His Mr. Roosevelt will retire within a few grandfather knew nothing of the ar-

Witness deposed that he often made "Congress has more important work 50 p.c. profit on his sales and Rik-

ments at the afternon se McKelvey of Kingston, continuing his in respect to house fittings supplied to J. F. Fraser, the suspende uperintendent of light and payments therefor. There was an entry in his book of "J. F. Fraser, \$1591, note." The witness said that it was a mistake. It should have read "chaque." It was a WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—How President Roosevelt severely rebuked a either British Columbia or Winnipeg,

Knew What Was Coming. Mr. Watson observed that this was Rock Creek Park, and how he caus- , McKelvey said the draft came in a Rock Creek Park, and now he caused the horse one of the girls was riding to rear by striking it with his riding whip, is told in a story which has just leaked out and been cormake any move to settle until last Octcber. Fraser had been dunned several

only man who could explain why the account had not been paid earlier.

but for her coolness and admirable horsemanship she hight have been thrown beneath the feet of the horses. Swim with the rest."

"No, I did not expect anything of the kind, I suppose we might be in the swim with the rest."

The cru Judge Cassels.

McKelvey was called again, when he in the saddle to look us squarely in the face. He then joined his com-

Payment for Golspie. Golspie, which was used to deliver the first offer to the department was \$5800, but it was for the steamer Myles, smaller vessel. Witness admitted that he had the influence of friends. That was always the case when pos-

The Myles was placed in commission ana subsequently the firm offered the Lake Michigan at \$6000, but the department would not accept. Mr. Mackay then came to Ottawa, where he saw Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Brodeur and Col. Gourdeau. He offered the Golspie for \$10,000, but after some negotiations was agreed that she would be hired This continued till the Golspie was

"What contracts or arrangements

We don't do business in that way. John M. Mackie of the Jones Unthe department for the steamer Aber-

According to evidence given at Hallpany, had given any money to officials

ford Railroad to-night gave out the the Reid Wrecking Company, produced following statement relative to the a list of all the work done by his com-Canadian freight rates:

"In the past summer the New Haven to an arrangement made at Fort Wil-Road gave its shippers the option of liam with Mr. Brownell work was using the differential freight rate to the done at a fixed price of \$25 an hour. Canadian Pacific. The object was to witness said it had been paid for that open up the territory of the New Harate, but after a reference to the books. bylow its second reading, and ven Road to the Canadian Pacific. No admitted that there had been a rebate

TO BRING THE COON DOWN.



MR. TORONTO: I really think I'll have to try that ax, Neighbor Whitney

AS MURDER WITNESSES

EIGHTEEN PAGES—SATURDAY MORNING DECEMBER 19 1908—EIGHTEEN PAGES

Ottawa Authorities Want Guarantee That U. S. Will Take Them Back.

WELLAND, Dec. 18.+ (Special.)-When the extradition case of Riley Witness said that Fraser was the and Baltz came up this morning Crown for a portfolio if he can be excited, Attorney Cowper announced that he "I have nothing to say," to said, was unprepared to proceed, and he seguin, with the Langlois faction at "except that it was unfortunate we did asked for a further enlargement of his back, is opposing the straight one month.

dent's crop fell on the horse's flank. matter coming up and pressed for the the drowning of seven thin men in "No, I did not expect anything of the the Niagara River on the morning of

The crown attorney presented docu-"You mean in the soup," observed ments from the department of justice "No, I am not afraid of being in the at Ottawa stating that the department had no authority to grant a Chinamen from Buffalo, who are want but that such an order would be pass R. O. Mackay of Hamilton was fur-ther examined in regard to the payent to him of \$7500 for the steamer | Washington that the Chinamen would ble, which was used to deliver be returned to Buffalo after the trial, house supplies in 1906. He said In view of the delay Judge Wells granted bail at \$4000 cach

> MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—(Special).— It is announced in official circles that the Quebec Legislature will be called

BAIRNS' BANQUET ---FUND

Dinner and Christmas Tree MASSEY HALL---DEC. 25.

And previously acknowledged \$261.60 Senator Robt, Jaffray 10.00 W. K. McNaught, M.L. G. S. Schofield R. L. Brown & Son
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The publication of these lists is not helping the funds. One man last week wrote: 'I thought of sending you \$5, but you are doing so well that I am sending a couple of dollars. Three men who gave liberally last year, have not given a cent. Every one of them objects to the publication of "gifts." We would like to give each boy and girl a sensible present, "something to wear"—see samples in World's window—but this we cannot do, if the friendse cut down their dona-

\$43.65

Less than a week to subscribe Send donations to "World Office" or to 283 Yonge-street. J. M. Wil

Montreal Liberals Split on By-Election

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.-(Special.) The local government party have awak to hustle if their candidates are elect ed in St. Ann. St. Mary's, Chateaugua and Quebec Centre. Hon. Charle Devlin arrived in the city to-day and will take charge of the campaign. Sir Lomer Gouin has determined to stick to L. J. Gauthier, who is slated.

This, however, is the trouble, as Ald. government candidate, and they claim He, went down to the wharf at the that he will be returned. On the other toot of Bathurst-street, and there Page, John D. Clark and W. V. King. tors this evening that if they elected jumped into four feet of water. Then Gauthler they might be represented by a might be near future. The should fall of his object. But he did section of references in St. Any's heart section of reformers in St. Ann's head ed by Dr. Guerin, will not support M. J. Walsh, the government nemines

Nailed \$250,000 Will To Washtub Bottom

envelope and-nailed to the bottom of a and offered for probate. When Monahan died last September on a a sub-cellar the lawyer kicked over a washtub and caught sight of the ento Catholic charities.

DIED WHILE SHOPPING.

Mrs. Robert Stimson Succumbed to Heart Disease in Down-Town Store. Mrs. Robert Stimson of 103 Withrow in the T. Eaton Co. store late yester-day afternoon, and died in a few min-sir Max Wacchter Touring Capitals to Promote lifea. avenue was seized with heart failure Mrs. Stimson formerly lived in Lind-

say, but came to this city three years ago, and was a member of Simpsonavenue Methodist Church. Her hus-

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY. Charles Smith Alleged to Have Desert-

Charles Smith is a believer in matrinony. On Sept. 2, 1904, he took the vith Ber'ha Hickerson at Listowel. Later, when a child was born, he deserted her, and on Sept. 18 las: married Alice Groombridge, Rev. E. A. memorandum said that the plans of Sir Williams performing the ceremony.

He was arrested by Detective Newton reigning sovereigns of Europe. vesterday, charged with bigamy,

THE BANANA BELT. CALGARY, Dec. 18 .- The temperaure at noon to-day was 62 degrees.

CLUNG TO BOTTOM OF BAY

ened to the fact that they will have James McAdam, Crazed by Use of Morphine, Sought Death in Four Feet of Water. James McAdam, 139 Bellwoods-avenue, a clerk with the McDonald Drug

Manufacturing Co., was very anxious to die yesterday. So enamored of death was he that he was willing to face the filth and chill of the bay. not count on the presence of Edward saw, him jump in and rushed to the rescue. Dragging him out they took The government decided to-day, however, that M. J. Walsh was their man, and he will go to the polls. tal, and will recover.

EXPERT SHOPLIFTERS

morphine.

washtub the will of Patrick Monahan Mrs. Catharine North and Mrs. Lillie of Charlestown, disposing of property Potts, sisters, living at 32 Hastingsvalued at \$259,000, was found to-day avenue, were gathered in at the Eaton store by Frivate Detective Black while shoplifting expedition. no will could be found. John F. Lynch, were turned over to Detectives An-his former counsel, believed a will had derson and Archibald. Upon them been left, and to-day, with relatives of and in a valise which they had with the dead man, resumed the search. In them was \$200 worth of stuff said to have been taken from the Eaton store, where they were arrested Among velope containing Monahan's will. Af- the articles found were a number of ter bequests to relatives, \$10,000 is left lockets, brooches, and rings. In the

> sisters, was found \$500 worth of millinery, lingerie and dress goods. Part stole.

FEDERATION OF EUROPE.

PARIS, Dec. 18 .- Sir Max Waechter, who is touring the capitals of Europe band is an employe of the Williams advocating the abolition of emperors and kings and the formation of the The remains will be interred at Lind- United States of Europe, was received to-day by M. Pichon. French minister of foreign affairs. Sir Max favors King Edward as the first president of his pro-

> Last October the London newspapers iblished a long memorandum by Sir Max Waechter, advocating a "federation of the states of Europe" as a remdy to the existing alarming situation nvolved in the opposition of disunited Europe to united North America. The Max had been submitted to all the

Drank Polson by Mistake. Edward P. Coulman, photographer 603 Crawford-street, died Wednesday, having taken some of his photographi solutions in mistake for medicine.

Will Take Eminent Engineers to Isthmus to Decide on /

Wisdom of Adopting Sea-Level Con-

struction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-William H. Taft will be accompanied by a corps. of expert engineers when he goes to Panama late in January for the purpose of investigating the work on the canal and deciding whether it shall be continued under the present system or whether it would be advisable to call a halt and begin construction of a sea

level canal. There were many stories as to the meaning of the sudden meeting between the president and presidentelect.

Mr. Taft, it was finally admitted. came here of his own initiative to consult with the president about the Pan-ama Canal, as this question has become one of the greatest concern to both the outgoing and the incoming

It was learned that Mr. Taft, when he goes to Panama, accompanied by several eminent engineers, will test finally whether the lock canal plan with the questionable Gatun Dam, to be continued, or whether, whi there is time, the plan shall be chan ed. It will thus be plain that the vis of the president-elect to Panama is t be of the most momentous importance The president, it is said, realizes tha if he insists on the lock plan bel continued and it should prove to be failure, it will greatly reflect on fame. There have been many disquing things about the Gatun D scheme and the entire lock canal plan including the constantly mounting fig-ures of the total probable cost.

Eleven U. S. Soldiers Poisoned by Methyl

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—General Pasker H. Bliss, in command of the United States forces in the Philippines. has reported the death of eleven en-listed men of the 18th Regiment, stationed at Camp Keithley, Mindanao, from methyl poisoning, resulting from drinking Columbian spirits. The names of the deceased soldiers are not given

by General Bliss WALL STREET PROBE STARTS

Committees Organized Under Governor Hughes' Commission. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- The commission appointed by Governor Hughes to investigate the New York exchanges organized formally to-day. Horace

White was made chairman. Two committees were appointed, one The other, committee on ways and means, of Chairman White, Clark Wildiams and David Leventritt. The commission wil hold its next session Dec. 26 at the rooms of the chamber of commerce. All meetings, it was said. would be executive.

48th NEW RIFLE CLUB. A largely attended meeting of off-His rash act, according to his own the distribution, was due to indulgence in norphine.

Theft of \$1100. Charged with theft of \$1100 offrom BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Enclosed in a red Mrs. Catharine North and Mrs. Lillie street, Charles V. Syrett was arrest-envelope and nailed to the bottom of a Potts Had Plunder Worth \$500. ed yesterday by Detective Tipton. He left the company's employ as bookkeeper. He was admitted to ball

> BIGGEST BUYING DAY OF 1908. Dineen's Are Prepared for ft With Greatest Display of Furs and Hats.

Of course this, the Saturday before Christmas, will naturally be gest shopping day of the year. Dincen's are prepared for it and will be quite able to attend to patrons in their custemary satisfactory manner. For fur valise were a skirt, blouses, shoes and purchases of any description it is conceded that Dineen's is the place to At the house of the women, who are go if you want absolutely reliability and real value for your outlay. As headquarters for men's hats Dineen's is known far and wide.

The store at Yonge and Temperance streets will be open till 10 o'clook to-

THE BAIRNS' BANQUET

Christmas Tree Entertainment MASSEY HALL, DEC. 25. All Creeds, All Colors, All Nationalities. Poverty and Hunger the Only

In addition to the children, 100 tired mothers will be entertained.

Donations of clothing thankfully received. If you intend to contribute,

DO IT NOW. Send your donations to The World, or to 288 Yonge Street.
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"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."