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EMPRESS RAKED BY GIANT WAVES

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.

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

Regarding the reports from England, that the Dominion Iron & Steel 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.

Big Liners Buffeted Many Days Overdue

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 been experiencing as severe a buffeting as it has been forced to undergo in a long time of the westward bound liners.

SHIP ABANDONED

Crew of Robert Hood Reach Sydney in Distraught Condition. SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 18.—(Special).—John M. Bateman, chief officer of the American fishing schooner Robert Hood, and crew arrived from Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, and have made application to the American consul for assistance.

HOLLAND RESENTFUL

THE HAGUE, Dec. 18.—It is the opinion of the foreign office that the rumor that Venezuela had declared war against the Netherlands arose through confusion of the term "state of defense" recently declared by Acting President Gomez of Venezuela with "state of war."

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Knox Premier Taft Cabinet

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—W. H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, tonight announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

White House Messages Soon Free of Teddy's Billingsgate Speech

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

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18.—Commenting upon the message to congress to which members of that body vigorously object, Mr. Bryan says in tomorrow's Commoner:

"It must be admitted that the language employed by Mr. Roosevelt was uncalculated for and unbefitting to a presidential message. But Mr. Roosevelt is not—and we say it in the best of spirit—famous for his good manners. His chief boast is that he is the apostle of the 'square deal,' and yet on many notable occasions he has been guilty of cruel injustice in dealing with his fellows."

SEMINARY GIRLS ROUSE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—How President Roosevelt severely rebuked a party of girls from the National Park Seminary, at Forest Glen, Md., for riding past him Thanksgiving Day in Rock Creek Park, and how he caused the horse one of the girls was riding to strike the foot of one of the young ladies, knocking it from the stirrup, and a blow from the president's crop fell on the horse's flank.

EASTERN RAILWAYS HURT 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, which had been undertaken by a subcommittee of the trunk line association, resulted in a meeting of the subcommittee to-day, at which, it is understood, the formulation of charges against the New Haven Road for alleged violation of the association's rules, was begun.

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DENIES GRAFT PAID BODREAU

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

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(Special).—The sensational allegation that James Holiday of Quebec had paid \$3000 to J. B. 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 Van Felsen, who made the allegation, go out and get some large bills, but saw no money paid.

Holiday, the man who is alleged to have signed the cheques, persists in saying that, "to the best of my knowledge, I did not do so at all."

Witness deposed that he often made 50 p.c. profit on his sales and reliable made as much, too. He also recalled for J. J. Murphy and got a commission on orders secured while Boudreau got 5 per cent. on moneys advanced in payment of drafts.

CAN'T IMPORT CHINAMEN AS MURDER WITNESSES

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

WELLAND, Dec. 18.—(Special).—When the extradition case of Riley and Balz came up this morning Crown Attorney Cooper announced that he was unprepared to proceed, and he asked for a further enlargement of one month.

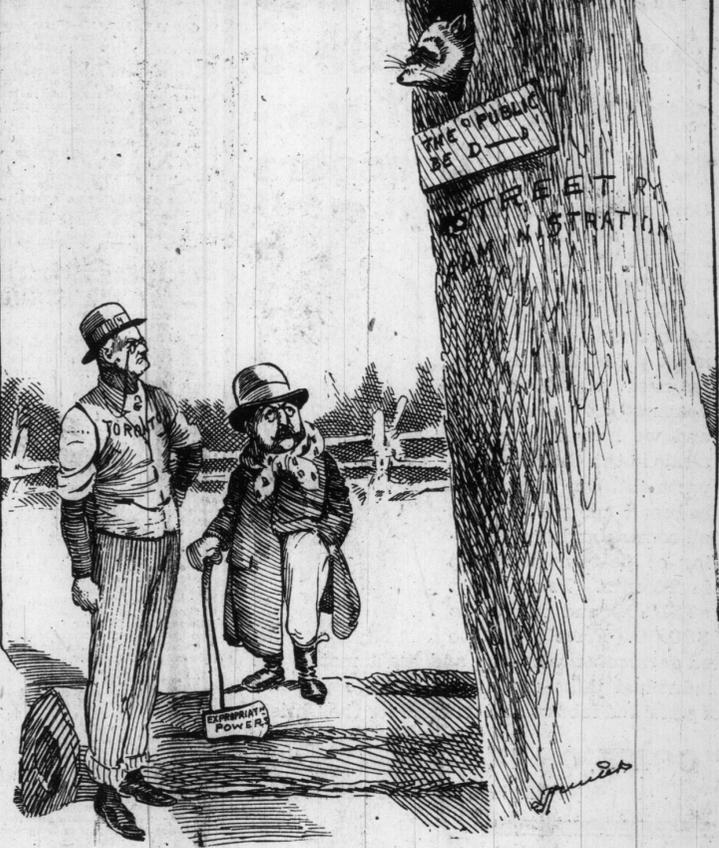
Quebec Legislature. MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—(Special).—It is the intention of the Quebec Legislature to be called to meet on Jan. 27.

BAIRNS' BANQUET FUND

Dinner and Christmas Tree MASSEY HALL—DEC. 25. And previously acknowledged: \$23.90

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 suitable present, something to wear—see samples in 'World's Window'—but this we cannot do, if the friends cut down their donations. Less than a week to subscribe. Send donations to: World's Office, c/o 283 Yonge Street, J. M. Wilkinson.

TO BRING THE COON DOWN.



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

Montreal Liberals Split on By-Election

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—(Special).—The local government party have awakened to the fact that they will have to hustle for their candidacies as elected in St. Ann, St. Mary's, Chateauguay and Quebec. Charles, Hon. Charles Devlin arrived in the city today and will take charge of the campaign.

Nailed \$250,000 Will To Washtub Bottom

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Enclosed in a red envelope and nailed to the bottom of a washtub the will of Patrick Monahan of Charlestown, disposing of property valued at \$250,000, was found to-day and returned to Buffalo after the trial. In view of the delay Judge Wells granted bail at \$5000 each.

DIED WHILE SHOPPING.

Mrs. Robert Stinson Succumbed to Heart Disease in Iowa-Town Store. Mrs. Robert Stinson of 105 Withrow-avenue was seized with heart failure in the T. Eaton Co. store late yesterday afternoon, and died in a few minutes.

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

Charles Smith Alleged to Have Deserted First Wife at Listowel. Charles Smith is a believer in matrimony. On Sept. 2, 1904, he took the plunge with Bertha Hickerson at Listowel. Later, when a child was born, he deserted her, and on Sept. 18 last, married Alice Groombridge, Rev. E. A. Williams performing the ceremony. He was arrested by Detective Newton yesterday, charged with bigamy.

BOUND TO END HIS LIFE GLUNG TO BOTTOM OF BAY

James McAdam, Crazed by Use of Morphine, Sought Death in Four Feet of Water. James McAdam, 135 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 fifth and chill of the bay.

EXPERT SHOPLIFTERS

Mrs. Catherine North and Mrs. Lillian Potts Had Plunder Worth \$500. Mrs. Catherine North and Mrs. Lillian Potts, sisters, living at 32 Hastings-avenue, were gathered in at the Eaton store by Private Detective Black while on a shoplifting expedition. They were turned over to Detectives Anderson and Archibald. Upon them and in a valise which they had with them was \$200 worth of stuff sold at the store, which the girls had stolen.

FEDERATION OF EUROPE.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Sir Max Waechter, who is touring the capitals of Europe advocating the abolition of emperors and kings and the formation of the 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 proposed union.

THE BAYANA BELT.

CALGARY, Dec. 18.—The temperature at noon to-day was 62 degrees.

Parkview Mansions
Corner Fernmount and Roswell-avenue. \$40 to \$85 per month for suites four to seven rooms; each a complete home.
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18TH YEAR

TAFT MAY HALT PANAMA CANAL WORK

Will Take Eminent Engineers to Isthmus to Decide on Wisdom of Adopting Sea-Level Construction.

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 president-elect.

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 Galun Dam, is to be continued, or whether, while there is time, the plan shall be changed. It will thus be plain that the visit of the president-elect to Panama is to be of the most momentous importance.

Eleven U. S. Soldiers Poisoned by Methyl

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—General Frank H. Bliss, in command of the United States forces in the Philippines, has reported the death of eleven enlisted men of the 18th Regiment, stationed at Camp Keating, Manila, from methyl poisoning, resulting from drinking Columbian spirits. The names of the deceased soldiers are not given by General Bliss.

WALL STREET PROBE STARTS

Committee 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.

48th NEW RIFLE CLUB

A largely attended meeting of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the 48th Highlanders was held at the armory last evening to organize a miniature rifle club.

BIGGEST BUYING DAY OF 1908

Of course this, the Saturday before Christmas, will naturally be the biggest shopping day of the year. Dineen's are prepared for it and will be quite able to attend to patrons in their customary satisfactory manner. For their purchases of any description it is conceded that Dineen's is the place to go if you want absolute reliability and real value for your outlay.

THE BAIRNS' BANQUET AND Christmas Tree Entertainment MASSEY HALL, DEC. 25. All Creeds, All Colors, All Nationalities. Poverty and Hunger the Only Conditions. 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, c/o 283 Yonge Street, J. M. Wilkinson. "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."