### THEY WON HIS CONFIDENCE.

How Young Hamiltonian Was Fleeced in Rome.

An Australian and an Irishman Did Trick.

Victimized Others to Extent of 700,000 Marks.

How Mr. John Baby, 475 Main street east, who arrived home yesterday from Rome, Italy, was robbed brings to light how easily a person can be victimized in that country According to the opinion expressed by the Italian detectives it was a case of hand over your money or be slugged over the head. He wisely ose the former. How he was robbed, was by the old confidence game

chose the former. How he was robbed, was by the old confidence game that the most astule men have fallen a prey to, and in which those who have laughed at the duped ones have later been fleeced themselves.

He was en-route from China to Hamilton via Rome. On arrival in that city he decided to see some of the sights and while in one of the halls of fame there he was approached by an affable stranger, an Australian. Being a stranger in a strange land the young Hamiltonian naturally warmed up to the stranger who could speak Italian fluently. They became very friendsly. Mr. Baby wanted to cable home for money, as he was a little short. The Australian went with the Canadian to the bank in Rome, from where the details about the cabling were arranged.

One day walking down the street, a well-dressed man ahead of them dropped his purse. Mr. Baby picked it up and returned it to the man, who turned out the call lightness was not be the seed to the man, who turned out the call lightness was not such as a such as

returned it to the man, who turned out to be an Irishman. "God bless you, my boy; you have done me a good turn," was the reply. Straightway he was allowed to join the Australian and Can-adian. They soon all became very friendly.

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Later when they were sitting together the Australian asked the Irishman if he would trust him with £50. "Sure, my boy, and here it is," was the answer.

The money in Bank of England notes was counted out. The Australian want.

was counted out. The Australian went out, and in a few minutes returned, say-ing, "I don't want your money," and

The Irishman then tested the trust of the Australian for £100. It was cheerfully given, and when it was counted out a big roll was shown. The Irishman

\$200, but in such a menacing way he was given to understand if he did not hand over his roll it would go hard with him. There were just the three of them him. There were just the three of them in the room, and there was no alternative but pay. Directly he got the money the Australian went out. That was the last time he was seen. Of course the Irishman soon joined him. He was a party to the scheme.

Mr. Baby called at his hotel and told the clerk, who notified the police, and since the Hamiltonian left he has heard the rogues were campht.

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During the last few months Americans and Canadians have been duped of 700,000 marks by the same trick.

### IN PORT.

Donnacona Made Her Way Through Ice To-day.

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The Canadian steamer Donnacona, which is to have the honor of being the last ship to reach Buffalo this year, was out in Lake Erie battling with the ice in a snow storm Tuesday night, and if all goes well she ought to make harbor this morning, thus closing the season of navigation for this port. for this port

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The Donnacona, a sister ship to the Strathcona which went to the Niagara elevator yesterday, was reported near Bar Point by Boland & Cornelius, of this city, local agent of her owners, yesterday morning. She was making a brave fight in the ice. She has 125,000 bushels of wheat aboard to be put in storage here this winter. The Strathcona and Donnacona left Fort William, Ont., on December 10th for Buffalo. If the Donnacona gets in to-day she will have arrived one day later than the last boat last year. Although the regular season of navigation clowed on December 5th, the Donnacona and other boats were allowed to run later because their owners secured an extension of insurance by paying one per cent. of the valuation of their ships.

The Inland Navigation Company received word to-day that the Donna-cona reached Buffalo at 7 o'clock last night.

### HEADQUARTERS CHRISTMAS CANDIES

One of the finest confectionery stores in the east end is at the grand new store of W. A. Crawford, corner of Emerald and Barton streets. This is one of the largest ice cream parlors in the city and Mr. Crawford has especially laid in a choice selection of fine bon-bons in fancy Christmas boxes, oranges, also hot sodas, oysters and oyster stews. Give Mr. Crawford a trial.

### BAND AT THISTLE RINK

The great interest taken in ice skating was very noticeable last evening at the Thistle Skating Rink, Robinson street, when many young people gather-ed and enjoyed the sport immensely. To-night the band will play special music. The sale of season tickets continues and the gift of a Thistle-ticket gives untold satisfaction.

### FERRIE COMPANY DIRECTORS

The directors of the Hamilton Ferrie Company have been appointed and are as follows: James Albert Woodmen, Haunibal Williamson Woodmen, James Freeborn: Otto William Gibb and James Chisholm.

### TORONTO NOMINATIONS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—The municipal nominations to-day were quiet, and but little real interest manifested in the specches. Although several majoralty candidates were nominated the real fight will be between Controllers Geary and Hocken.

## No Paper Saturday

Saturday being Christmas Day the Times will not be published. Advertisers will please bear this in mind, and send in their copy early for Friday's paper. church notices will appear in that issue. Help the printer by having your copy in in good time.

### TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—This morning a lady had her muff and purse stolen while she was in an up-town store.

-T. J. Stewart, York street, present ed each of his employees with a Christ-

mas turkey.

Mr. Harold Jolley is home from Rockford, Ill., to spend the holidays with his parents at Belmont House, Mount Hamilton.

Hamilton.

--Miss M. J. Froelich has been appointed Deputy Registrar of the County of Wentworth by R. K. Hope, Regis--As "Ratepayer's" letter has already

appeared in another newspaper, the Times does not think it necessary to re publish it.

-This is the SIst birthday of Mr. H. P. Dwight, the President of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, and the father of the telegraph in Canada.

—Miss Douglass, teacher of school section No. 6, Glanford, wishes to thank the many friends of that section and school for the kind presentation to her on leaving the section. -Mr. Harvey Davis, of Burlington has accepted a position as draughtsman at the Hamilton bridge works, and will commence his duties after the first of

-Rev. John Young, D. D., of St. John Presbyterian Church, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky" at the Christmas entertainment at Appleby on Monday evening

-Thomas Rogers, of this city, has Church, Burlington, from D. Acland and H. Crawford, of this city, has bought the Water street property of Mrs. R. Pick-

ering.

-The annual installation of the officered took place —The annual installation of the offi-cers of Wahanteka Circle took place last evening in the I. O. F. Hall by the members of Camp Walnut, W. O. W. An "at home" was held, after which an ex-cellent musical programme was rendered and dainty refreshments served. Lewis' orchestra was in attendance.

—At Toronto yesterday, in Scott vs. Shaver, J. A. Ogiivie, for defendant, moved to dismiss for want of prosecution. R. A. Reid, for plaintiff, contra. Statement of claim having been delivered since the motion was launched, the same is validated, and motion dismissed. Costs to

defendant in any event.

—The Misses Hinman-Atkinson millinery parlors will be a busy place tonight and all day to-morrow. Everything going at reduced prices. For ladies hats, large and small; children's hats and bonnets. Fur hats in all the latest styles. Bonnets for the elderly ladies. Call and see our Christmas novelties of all kinds.

### ONE MAN

Won the Entire Jury Over After Long Struggle.

Quite a little story lies behind the fact hat the jury which tried John Taglermoon the charge of writing Black Hand letters were nearly three hours in arriv

letters were nearly three hours in arriving at their verdict, whereas it had been anticipated that they would have reached a decision within a short time. The trouble arose over the way in which one of the jurymen adhered tenaciously to his opinion that Taglerino was not guilty, despite what the others had to say to the reverse. He finally triumphed and won the others over to his side. As soon as the jury filed into the room and started their discussion he expressed himself in favor of an acquittal. The others, it is said were mostly in favor of a conviction, and tried to convince him that their opinion was the right version of the affair. However, he would not hear of it, and said, "I will stay here all winter, but won't say that he is guilty when I believe he is innocent." The arguments of the remainder of the jurors were unavailing, but the force of arguments of the remainder of the jurors were unavailing, but the force of the solitary juror's arguments soon has a telling effect, and one by one the elev en changed sides, until they finally agreed on "not guilty."

### AN ACCIDENT.

Mayor McLaren Takes Precautions to Prevent Recurrence.

William Cameron, who formerly kept a hotel at the corner of Barton and Catharine streets, had a deep cut inflicted on his forehead this r

inflicted on his forehead this morning by the pole of a sleigh falling upon him. He had the wound dressed at the drug store. The pole was knocked out of place by another sleigh, which was passing.

When the attention of Mayor Mc-Laren was called to the accident he instructed the chairman of the Markets Committee to see that the city by-law, which requires that all poles and wagon tongues shall be securely fastened, was strictly enforced hereafter. Since the position of market constable was abolished Market Clerk Hill's time has been so taken up by his extra duties he has been unable to attend to the enforcing of the by-law. Mr. Hill will have an assistant next year.

### FAVOR TRACK RACING.

PAVUK IKAUN KAUNU.
Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23.—Windsor's objection to proposed legislation against race tracks will be brought before the Chundian Government in the form of a petition being circulated, which will be submitted before the proposed legislation comes under discussion. The petition points out that the holding of races affords a profitable market for farm products.

### A Final Word **About Games**

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## Christmas

**Paper** 

Any wishing copies of the Times' Christmas number can get them at the Times business office ready for mailing. Just the paper to send to friends Christmas greeting. During Saturday afternoon and evening there was a big demand for them, showing that they were appreciated by the public. Get a copy before they are all gone.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in Daily Times also appear in the Se Weekly Times. 50c first insertion;

#### 25c for each subsequent insertion. MARRIAGES.

CHAPMAN-KIRKBRIDE—On Wednesday Dec. 22nd, by Rev. J. McD. Kerr. assisted by Rev. E. B. Lanceley, Lella Fern, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirkbride 121 East avenue south, to Ernest A. Chap man, of Toronto.

DEATHS.

FAIRCLOUGH—In this city, on Monday, December 20th, 1909, at 228 Market street, James Fairclough, in his 77th year. Funeral (private) on Friday, December 24th, at 3.30 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers. SWAYZE—In this city on Thursday morning Docember 23rd, 1909, Hannah EHza Lee beloved wife of Abram Swayze, in her 73rd

## THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS-Fresh westerly winds, fair. Friday moderate winds, fair, with about the same temperature. WEATHER NOTES.

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The area of high pressure is now passing eastward across Ontario and the middle states and it is quite probable that a storm will develop in the southwestern states and move towards the great lakes during Saturday. The temperature continues fairly low in the western provinces and moderate in Ontario and Quebec.

Toronto, Dec. 23. (11 a. m.)—Forecaste for Friday: Fair, stationery or a little ligher temperature.

Washington, Dec. 23.—
Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair in south, partly cloudy in north portion to-night and Friday; moderate to brisk west to northwest winds.

winds.
Western New York—Partly cloudy,
with occasional local snows to-night
or Friday; northwest winds.
The following is the temperature
registered at Parke & Parke's drug

store:
9 a. m., 29; 11 a. m., 34; 1 p. m.,
30; lowest in 24 hours, 23; highest in
24 hours, 36.

### IN HER GLOOM.

Kind Hearls Take Rays of Sun shine to Mrs. McLelland.

That the heart of the great public beats strong and true was shown last evening and to-day after the Times published the story of Mrs. McLelland's distress since the sad death of her husband. Mrs. McLelland and her little family will have a visit from Santa Claus after all, and there will be cheering rays through the gloom that overhangs her little home at

Not long after the Times came out enquiries began to be made at the office, from Chief Smith and from Rev. J. Roy VanWyck.

By noon to-day Chief Smith had subscriptions amounting to about \$10, mostly from civic and public officials and Rev. Mr. VanWyck reported \$8, made up of \$1 from Mr. Hartz, \$5 from Sir Thomas Taylor and \$2 from "Brother in Christ."

And so the spirit of the man of Nazareth prevails.

## A Rattling Nice Line of Christmas

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Jec. 22.— Inz Adelbert—At New York, from Hamburg utonic—At New York, from Southampton. Jon—At New York, from Bremen canio—At Patras, from New York.

# Mayoralty

MAYOR McLAREN regrets that owing to the shortness of the campaign and the occupation of his time with civic duties, it will be impossible for him to see the electors personally, but he will be pleased to meet his supporters and those desiring information at

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## GAS CASE

ADJOURNED. County Court Non-Jury Cases Now in Progress.

The only case taken up at yesterday afternoon's session of the County Court was that of Ontario Pipe Line Company vs. American Street Lighting and Lamp Company, for the recovery of \$317.68 due on excess gas used by the defend-ant's from the plaintiff's lines above the amount stipulated in the contract. The defendants had a counter claim for mon-cy owing for work, and materials, which was almost equivalent to the amount claimed by the plaintiffs. P. V. Byrnes, manager of the Ontar-io Fipe Line Company, when cross-ex-amined by W. Smoke, said he was un-able to give the exact statement of the moneys owing without first looking over

able to give the exact statement of the moneys owing without first looking over the books so as to refresh his mind. The gas had been overused during July and August, but at the end of each month his company had notified the defendants of the fact stating the amount. His Honor adjourned the case to hear further arguments. Nesbitt & Gauld appeared for the plaintiff, and Watson, Smoke & Smith for the defendants.

At this morning's session the action of Morris vs. Stein and Petryl, was taken up. The plaintiff brought action for

n up. The plaintiff brought action for declaration to set aside a conveyance y Stein to Petryl, his stepbrother, be-

by Stein to Petryl, his stepbrother, be-fore a judgment Morris secured in a pre-vious action by him against Stein had been recovered.

The contention of the defence was that Stein owed Petryl \$400 and had paid him part of that sum, while the plaintiff argued that the judgment should have been paid previous to the hould have been paid previous

ettling of his debts.

His Honor reserved judgment, Nesbitt & Gauld for the plaintiff and Publow & Ogilvie for defendants.

## English Pheasants and Hare.

Long Point ducks, shell oysters, tur-keys, chickens, geese, ducks, Cambridge sausage, Grimsby tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, mushrooms, cucumbers, head lettuce, O. A. C. cheese, O. A. C. butter, lettuce, O. A. C. caeses, O. A. C. outer, Christmas stockings and crackers, Euglish plum puddings, pineapples, grape fruit, pears, Malaga grapes, muffins, crumpets, Turkish delight, mistlettee, holly wreaths.—Peebles, Hobson & Co., Limited

### WEALTHY WOMAN.

New York, Dec. 23.—Edward H. Harriman was really worth at the time of his death over \$200,000,000, although a recent appraisal of his estate placed its value at \$149,000,000. The wealth of Mrs. Harriman may be conservatively estimated at \$220,000,000, which would make her probably the richest woman in the world.

### TORONTO BOY KILLED.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—While stealing a ride on a shunting engine on the G. T. R. tracks between Galt avenue and Marjory street this morning, Percy Hodgson, aged 14 years, of 264 Pape avenue, was thrown under the wheels and instantly killed. An inquest into the fatality has been ordered.

### TRIPLE MURDER.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Jennie Jackson, colored, and her two-year-old granddaughter, were murdeerd last night and the house fired by the slayers. Firemen found the bodies to-day still warm. John Haughmer, William Swan and Dilly McKinley, mother of the murdered child, have been arrested

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New York, Dec. 23.—Predictions of the bull element that cotton would reach the 16 cent mark before the holidays, were made good to-day. The May contract was near that point in the forenon trading and stronger cables favored a rise. The bull traders saw their opportunity and on stronger buying the market went up to the predicted figure.

### BECK WON'T RUN.

(Special Wire to the Times.)
London, Ont., Dec. 23.—Later.—After a conference this afternoon with the Hon. Adam Beck, his close friends announced that he will not be a Mayora'ty candidate, as his legal advisers have informed him that the Hydro-Electric Government contract will have him from taken. ernment contract will bar him from taking his seat.

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