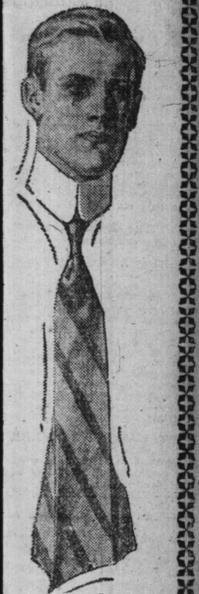


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## BIG GAIN BATTLE FOR LEOPOLD'S HEALTH

Three Daughters Practically  
Disinherited—No Valid  
Contest of Succession  
—Belgium  
Mourns.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—A contest over  
the succession to the throne of Bel-  
gium is possible. The Vatican is re-  
ported to have confirmed the marriage  
a year ago of King Leopold said Bar-  
oness Vaughan. Two sons are said to  
have been born from this union and  
both survive. The elder is Lucian, five  
years old. It is reported that he will  
claim the throne.  
The socialist organ The People, vio-  
lently attacks the memory of the king  
because he repudiated his daughter and  
admitted his favorite to his bedside.  
The paper discusses the reported mar-  
riage of the king and Baroness Van-  
ghem, and asks whether the child-  
ren of this union will hold prom-  
ises to the throne. This point  
appears to be settled by the constitu-  
tion. The children will have no rights,  
but it is understood that they will  
inherit a great part of the king's im-  
mense personal fortune.

It is pointed out by Senator Winer  
that if there was only a religious cere-  
mony the laws of the kingdom would  
prevent the accession of a child of such  
a union. The senator, however, does  
not believe there was a religious mar-  
riage.  
It is established that the Baroness  
Vaughan is of foreign birth she prob-  
ably will be expelled from Belgium.  
Like the favorite of Leopold II, the  
Baroness Mayer, whose body was at-  
tacked and destroyed by a mob after  
the king's death.

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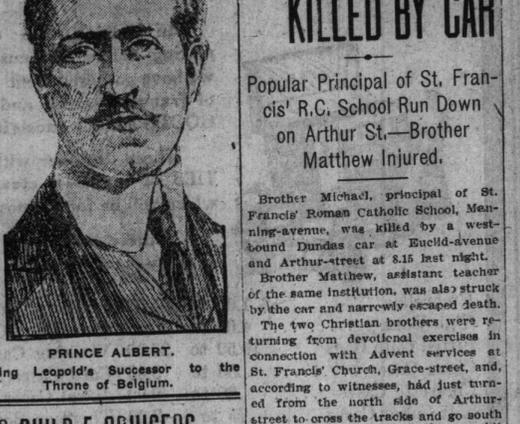
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PRINCE ALBERT,  
King Leopold's Successor to the  
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## TO BUILD 5 CRUISERS AND SPEND 3 MILLIONS

That's Said to Be the Government's  
Naval Program—Mr.  
Lemieux Returns.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A  
Liberal member of parliament here to-  
day stated that when parliament meets  
in January it will be found that the  
naval policy of the government will  
consist of the building of five cruisers  
in Canada, if possible, and that a vote  
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GENTLEMAN WITH WHISKERS: If you want to do the country a service, my friend,  
throw out that Laurier naval bill—and then, by gum, praps Laurier 'll throw you out,  
and everybody 'll be satisfied.

## Mrs. Caroline Martin Was in St. Catharines in Long Conferences With Niece's Husband.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—It became known to-night that  
Mrs. Caroline Martin, aunt of Mrs.  
Orey W. H. Sneed, the East Orange,  
N. J., bath victim, paid a mysterious  
visit to this city last June  
and was closeted back of locked doors  
with Fletcher W. Sneed, the husband  
of the dead woman, much of the time.  
The woman came here on Sunday, June  
18, and left the afternoon of June 19.  
When she reached the hotel the wo-  
man was dressed entirely in black and  
was heavily veiled. She registered as  
Mrs. B. Cleveland, Ohio, and was  
assigned to a room in the second floor.  
Returning to the desk she said that  
she would prefer a much cheaper room,  
and she had private reasons  
for sleeping at the New Murray. She  
was assigned to a room on the top  
floor, and then in the afternoon  
John Lucas, receiving an affirmative  
answer, she said that as soon as  
she would like to see him in her room.  
"I am his aunt," she explained.  
From this time until she left the fol-  
lowing Thursday afternoon Mrs. Ball  
pleasurably much time together  
in the former's room.  
One of the hotel attaches to-day snow-  
ed Sneed a picture of Mrs. Martin and  
said that that was a good picture of  
your aunt, isn't it? Sneed replied  
that it was a good likeness, and when  
he took the paper in his hand he was  
pleasurably holding a boy on his  
knee, he burst into tears and sobbed  
bitterly.  
When Sneed recovered himself he  
was asked by a reporter if he would  
make a statement after reading his wife's  
mother-in-law's statement that his wife  
was a victim of suicidal mania. He  
abruptly refused to do so. Sneed was  
again visited by the World man at  
his room in the servants' quarters  
shortly before midnight. He was found  
reading a New York paper and was  
talked enough to supply the reading  
room of a public library. Sneed said  
he did not intend to leave the city,  
and refused to answer further ques-  
tions.

## BE A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW, BUT Says It's a Conspiracy of Millionaires and Newspapers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Caroline  
W. Martin raised her heavy veil to-  
day and said her sister, who must  
explain to the courts of New Jersey  
the death of Orey Sneed, Mrs. Mar-  
tin, the victim's mother, Virginia War-  
den, and Mrs. Mary Sneed, are all  
another aunt, are all charged with  
the murder of Orey Sneed.  
"My daughter," said Mrs. Martin,  
"is a victim of a conspiracy of million-  
aires and newspapers. I have left  
every newspaper in New York is sub-  
sidized by these Orey came to her  
death by her own hand. I did not see  
her do it. I did not know that it was  
done until Virginia was arrested, but  
I was not surprised."

## REPORT ON COOK'S RECORDS READY?

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—It is prob-  
able that a report of the examination  
of Dr. Cook's north pole records will  
be presented at to-morrow's meeting  
of the committee of the University of  
Copenhagen.  
The prospect of such an early ter-  
mination is not regarded as a good  
omen by the public friendly to Cook.

## Winnipeg Fair FOR RAILWAY OPENING

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—  
Private information goes to show that  
the centennial international  
fair, planned to be held here in 1912,  
will be put off one year, largely to  
meet the personal wishes of Sir Wil-  
frid Laurier, who would like to see  
the fair combined with the official  
opening of the National Transconti-  
ental Railway from ocean to ocean.  
Also, the national red and the G.  
T. P. would by that time be in a po-  
sition to get a share of the advantage  
accruing from the heavy traffic in  
connection with the fair.  
The same source suggests that this  
great spectacular fair in Winnipeg  
would be followed by an early general  
election, in which Sir Wilfrid, for the  
last time, would lead his party.

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## TEEN ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF ORE

Stealings From Cobalt Mines  
Now Believed to Have  
Aggregated Quarter of  
Million Dollars  
a Year.

Ten arrests have now been made in  
connection with the gigantic thefts of  
ore from the Cobalt mines which are  
now said to approximate at least \$250-  
000 a year in ore disposed of to the J.  
E. Wilkinson company alone.  
The number was advanced by eight  
yesterday when the police yesterday  
rounded up additional prisoners upon  
charge of receiving and selling in viola-  
tion of the provision of the criminal  
code, and Chief Caldwell of Cobalt  
gathered in two more at the mining  
town on like charges.  
Thus far none of the thieves has  
been arrested as only the go-betweens  
are known to come to the city, and as  
these are the only charges which can  
be tried here. Of these latter two es-  
caped from the police yesterday and  
more are to be located. Further ac-  
tion against those on the spot at Co-  
balt is expected to-day.

Earlier in the afternoon, J. H. Mc-  
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## MORGAN'S BIG VENTURE INTO TELEPHONE FIELD

Gobbles Up Six More of the Inde-  
pendent Companies in Rich  
Middle West Territory.

TOLLEDO, Dec. 17.—The acquisition  
this week by J. P. Morgan & Co. of  
telephone interests in the middle west  
was extended to-day by the purchase  
of six independent telephone com-  
panies of Ohio and Indiana, making  
eight companies now in control of the  
New York banking house.  
The announcement made to-night  
with authority by Clarence Brown,  
general counsel, on his return from a  
conference with Morgan & Co. is:  
"In addition to the acquisition of the  
stocks of the United States Long  
Distance and Cuyahoga Telephone  
Companies, J. P. Morgan & Co. have  
purchased for their own account a ma-  
jority of the stocks of the Toledo Home  
Telephone Co., the Youngstown Home  
Telephone Co., the Dayton Home  
Telephone Co., the Indianapolis Tele-  
phone Co., the New Long Dis-  
tance Telephone Co. of Indiana, and  
the New Telephone Co. of Indianapolis."  
The system thus acquired by Morgan  
& Co. embraces 101,500 telephones and  
40,000 miles of long distance lines, cov-  
ering Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. The  
companies have an aggregate capitaliza-  
tion of \$12,500,000, \$4,500,000 pre-  
ferred stock, and \$1,000,000 common.  
The actual value of the physical prop-  
erty is estimated at \$23,000,000. Mor-  
gan & Co. are said to have paid ap-  
proximately \$10,000,000 cash for their  
acquisitions.

## Bairns' New Year Banquet

J. H. Smith, Hamilton, \$5.00  
Frank Sexton ..... 1.00  
"Tiny" Tim ..... 1.00  
Dr. Gilmour ..... 1.00  
The Lowndes Company ..... 25.00  
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"Kid" ..... 1.00  
Bill Melady ..... 1.00  
The N. J. Ford, Publisher ..... 5.00  
Allen Wright ..... 5.00  
J. W. Beatty ..... 1.00  
H. A. E. C. Pallister Lines ..... 1.00  
Misses Rosevear ..... 1.00  
Mrs. Percy Pearce, Berlin, Ont. .... 1.00  
Alice G. Meyer, Berlin, Ont. .... 1.00  
Dr. Daniel Clark ..... 1.00  
J. W. Davidson, Montreal ..... 2.18  
Cupp Kiddies ..... 1.00  
E. F. C. City ..... 4.00  
W. Thomas ..... 2.00  
Friends ..... 1.00  
Mrs. W. Richardson ..... 1.00  
E. R. Scott & Son ..... 2.00  
H. B. Toronto ..... 1.00  
Emma Joselin ..... 1.00  
E. W. Duckworth ..... 1.00  
"Kid" ..... 1.00  
N. M. W. ..... 1.00  
Wm. Leeson ..... 1.00  
Jno. W. Moyes ..... 1.00  
Total ..... \$102.72  
Friends of the Bairns! This is  
our first report of the Bairns of the  
first week; but please understand  
that it is only 10 per cent. of the  
total. We are preparing for the dinner  
alone, to say nothing about other  
necessary expenses. The coming  
year is the great gift week of the  
year. Please send in your sub-  
scriptions at once, so that we may  
not be short when we are at. Last year  
a number of warehouses and fac-  
tories took up a subscription among  
the employees. May we not ask all  
of them to do it this year? This  
fund appeals strongly to the work-  
men, seeing that those boys will  
soon join the ranks of the indus-  
trial classes. If you are a friend  
Send in your subscription to The  
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