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BY TOY PISTOLS.

Thirteen Persons Dead and Seven In-jured in and Around Norfolk, Va.

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NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 6.—Thirteen persons dead and seven injured is the record made by the use of toy pistols in this city and vicinity since Christmas Day, Six more lives were sacrificed within the last twenty-four hours. The list of dead includes:—George Wright, fourteen years old, of Berkeley; Louis Calvert, twelve, of Portsmonth; Leonard Drumpold (colored), eight; Clynn Walker, twenty-five: George Spencer, seaman on the Lancaster; Harold Harney, six, Brambleton; Walter Sprague (colored), John Turner (colored, W. A. Brumsey, six: Charles Purnell Morris, twelve, West Norfolk; Willie Miller, eleven, Huntersville, and George Williams (colored), Oak Grove.

Every one of these met death on account of wounds received from the premature discharge of toy pistols, firing blank cartridges,
This great list of fatalities has caused action to be taken by the municipal authorities. The mayors of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley have issued orders to the chiefs of police to confiscate all toy pistols found in the possession of children.

Charles T. Bland, Portsmouth's representative in the legislature reconvenes, prohibiting the sale in the State of Vignina of firearms to any person under sixteen years old.

There is a wave of popular protest against these heretofore supposed harmless toys and it is likely that civil action will be taken against the manufacturers whose agents introduced liem in the state. There is also probability of procedure against the merchants who sold the weapons to boys.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 6.—The indictment in the Marsten case, in which Mrs. Annie Marsten, of Meductic, is charged with poisoning her husband, was laid before the grand jury this morning. Mrs. Marsten, who is out on hail, arrives in town Monday evening. Her sister, Miss Stairs, and George Chase, the mail driver, who are witnesses for the crown, failed to appear and Deputy Sheriff Hawthorne went after them with a warrant.

HALIFAX GOLD SEEKERS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 6.—A syndicate is being formed in this city for the purpose of sending a gold hunting expedition to the Strait of Magellan. It is reported that some sailors, while ashore there, found fine gold among the sands on the shore and this is taken as an indication of large deposits of metal in the vicinity. Capt, McLeod, of Pictou, has been mentioned as commander for the vessel, as he has been through the straits more than once and is regarded as a first class navigator.

FORT FAIRFIELD, Me., Jan. 6.—The high school building here was burned this afternoon, causing a loss to the town of over \$1000. The insurance is \$3,000. The library books and the laboratory apparatus were

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THE AMBULANCE

The Seamen's Mission Society wish to correct a statement which appeared in the Telegraph in regard to the ambulance call to Carleton. The ambulance was on hand at the freight shed twenty minutes before the coach (which had been ordered) appeared. Those 'in charge of the injured man decided to wait for the coach, as they claimed it had already been ordered.

Y. M. C. A. RAISES \$50,000.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 6.— President L. L. Doggett, of the Inter-national Y. M. C. A. training school, today announced that the \$50,000 en-dowment fund has been raised. The largest gift was \$10,000 to be known as the Parmelee memorial fund.

St. John, N. B., January 7, 1903.

Special Price-Boys' Reefers. We have been telling you of the great values we are giving in overcoats

and ulsters, and they have been going at a rate that has even surprised us, but when we consider the values there is no wonder for there is no other store in town even approaching the values offered here. NOW FOR BOYS' REEFERS.

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BRITAIN'S PROTEST

Against Turkey's Concession to the Russian Government.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 7.—Great Britain's protest against the permission granted in September last to four unarmed Russian torpedo boat destroyers to pass through the Dardanelles, into the Black Sea, under the commercial flag of Russia, will, it is believed, be followed by similar action on the part of Austria-Hungary and Italy, while Germany and France will remain aloof. Germany's aloofness is in keeping with her traditional policy not to embarrass the porte, while France abstains from acting against the interest of her ally, Russia.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Fatal Collision on C. P. R. Reported but not Confirmed Here.

A despatch from Montreal to the Star says: "On the Canadian Pacific rally ay at 2 this a.m. a nead-on collision took place between two freight trains about a mile and a half from Sherbrooke, just as they reached a fifteen foot embankment. The locomotives remained on the track, but were badly knocked out. Most of the cars went over. One of the firemen was killed and one brakeman injuned." No word of the above accident had been received at the C. P. R. offices in this city up till two o'clock today, and on enquiry at Montreal it was learned that the affair had not, at half-past one, been reported to the head office of the company.

OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

lo the Editor of the Star:

Sir,—Will you kindly explain why it is that the newspapers appear to take so little interest in the various matters which from time to time engage the attention of the common council? The Star is a wide-awake paper, and is usually abreast of the times in giving editorial expression on all subjects of vital importance to the public. Hence it is that I am surprised no comments, favorable or otherwise, have, at least so far as I am aware, been made bearing upon the several questions discussed at the last meeting of the council, questions which in my humble opinion should not be disposed of without a great deal of thought and serious consideration.

According to reports of the proceedings of the council it is proposed to obtain from the local legislature power to appoint the chief of police, which power, if granted, practically means the management and control of the whole police department. There surely must be some good reason why such a radical step as this should be taken by the council, and unless the leader in this movement can present the public with letter arguments in favor of thechange than they have as yet advanced, the public, I believe, will not be satisfied to have the council deprive the executive head of the police department of the power and control he now wields over the force. I cannot seriously think that the representatives of the press at the meeting could have advisedly given the public the opinions expressed by some of the aldermen in the discussion over this matter. Both Aldermen Maxweil and McGoldrick, the mover and seconder of the first resolution favoring the change, are credited with having expressed themselves as having no fault to find with the chief of police; on the contrary, they have actually said that the present incumbent is a good official. If this be really their honest conviction, I would ask why then, if the chief is satisfactorily performing the duties of his office, do the members of the council (who are constantly complaining of the valuable time they are losing attending

Will any citizen who knows anything concerning the main working of the police department believe that the council, in asking for this change, are police department believe that the council, in asking for this change, are actuated solely from motive to enhance the standard of efficiency in the department or to provide the public with greater police protection than they now enjoy? It would appear to be that the real reason for this proposed change has not yet been given, but I rather guess what the alderman are after is a little more patronage. I gather this impression of what Alderman away and the council—at least it was so reported to me by one who was present. According to my informant, Ald. Maxwell said at the council—at least it was so reported to two young men who had recently returned from South. Africa, he was told by the applicants in question that the chief had told them they had better go to Hon. Messrs. Dunn and McKeown and get their recommendations if they desired to become members of the police force. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I would suggest that unless a commission independent of the council be appointed, it would not be wise to interfere with the present system of management of our city's services. At least this is the oplnion of one who takes a good deal of interest in

THE POLICE FORCE.

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AN ENGLISHMAN EXPOSED.

(Philadelphia Press.)

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Casey (the stonemason)— Phwat's the row below?

Cassidy (the hod carrier)—Shure, English Jim just fell from the second flure t' the basement.

Sasey—Thot's an Englishman fur ye. Shure, it was two hours ago I told him a joke, an' it's took him all this toime to tumble.

PERSONAL.

A. McGinley, of the St. John Telegraph staff, was in the city today en route to Halifax.—Moneton Transcript,

At. B. Bridges, of Fredericton, is at the Dufferin.
Capt. S. P. O. Layborn, of the R. C. R. I., Fredericton, is in the city today. Miss Vera Nevins, who is pursuing her studies at the Halifax Ladies' College, left at noon today after spending her vacation at home.

J. M. Lyons, of the I. C. R., Moncton, was in the city yesterday and went to Montreal.
Premier Tweedie, Hon. C. H. LaBillois, Hon. H. A. McKeown, Hon. A. T. Dunn and Hon. L. P. Farris went to Fredericton yesterday afternoon.
G. H. Vroom, of Middleton, N. S., is staying at the Dufferin.
Parker Glasier, M. P. P., of Lincoln, is in Lown.
Chas, Harding went to Toronto yes-

is in town.

Chas, Harding went to Toronto yesterday, accompanying his daughter Florence to college.

Mrs. R. W. Smith of the West End has been suddenly callled to England on business, and will leave by the way of New York.

Judge Forbes entertained a party at luncheon at the Union Club yesterday. The guests were Rev. Dr. Kerr, Provost Gordon, Doctor Kirk, of the Scottish curlers, and Colonel McLean, Judge Trueman and Senator Ellis.

DEATH OF CAPT. MACOMBER.

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Last Friday night Captain William A. Macomber, formerly of North Sydmey, one of the best known master mariners in Cape Breton, died suddenly at his boarding house in Bertinck street, Sydney.

He was about seventy years of age and leaves two sons, Arthur and Adams, both away, and one daughter, Miss Lillian. Capt. Macomber was a deep sea mariner and sailed out of North Sydney for many years. Afterwards he was master of the Douglas H. Thomas, of the Dominion Coal Co., and latterly was in the service of the marine and fisheries.

Miss Lillian Macomber spent some time in St. John last summer.

RECENT DEATHS.

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Warne of Hill Grove, Digby, Jesse Warne of Hill Grove, Digby, one of the prosperous pioneer farmers of that county, died suddenly of heart fallure Monday morning, at the age of 80. The deceased leaves a widow, two daughters and one son, the latter, H. T. Warne, being a successful lumberman of Digby.

Frederick McDougall, aged 13, a native of Indiantown, Northumberland County, died yesterday at the Halifax School for the Blind.

The case before the circuit court this morning was White v. Hamm, an action for damages for false arrest against Officer Sol. Hamm of the north end force. The arrest accurred one Sunday last summer, when White and another boy named Johnson lifted a horse and wagon belonging to John Ferris of Indiantown and drove away to Milkish, where Officer Hamm, who pursued, collared them and who pursued, collared them and brought them back. The boy Johnson was in the stand all the morning, and the case continues this afternoon. G. H. Belyea and W. B. Wallace, K. C., for plaintiff; C. N. Skinner, K. C., for defendant.

DOMINION LINE SAILINGS.

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A private letter received in Halifax on Monday stated that the Dominion Line sailings from that port will be begun early in February though possibly there may be one sailing the latter part of this month. There was enclosed in the letter a Dominion Line folder, on which the announcement was made that sailings from Halifax would begin about Feb. 1st.

At Glad Tidings Hall last evening the Sabbath school children were given their annual treat. Over two hundred and fifty were served with supper, supplemented with candy, oranges, etc., and delighted with an entertainment of songs, speeches and readings afterward. About 400 friends of the children were present.

Aug. 1st, 1903, will probably be celebrated as the centennial of the founding of Chicago.

Etta Butler, the actress, is reported dying in a New York hospital.

The Crown Prince of Saxony will ask both the courts and the pope to annul his marriage.

Germany is reported to be impatient over the prospect of a prolonged delay in settling the Venezuelan question.

BY DYING OF WIND. illiam Lee Delivered From Terrible Death

DANBURY, Conn., Jan. 5.—No man ever approached nearer to death and escaped than did William Lee, of Brookfield. As the carriage of a sawnull was drawing him against a moving buzz saw, and as the teeth were even tearing bla flesh, the machinery suddenly stoned.

even tearing his fiesh, the machinery suddenly stopped.

Lee has a portable sawmill, which he
moves from farm to farm. Formerly he ran
it with a small steam engine, but recently
he substituted a windmill.

He took his mill to Henry Foote's farm
today. This morning he was feeding wood
to the saw, when something went wrong
with the machinery. Without stopping the
mill he went back of the saw to adjust a
beit. He slipped on the icy ground and feil
across the saw. In a few seconds he could
feel the saw tearing his clothing. An instant after that the saw was cutting the
flesh of his arm and his side.

Just then Lee realized that the saw had
stopped.

chinery to Russia.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The Russian steamer Baron Driesen has arrived and will load 3,500 tons of harvest machinery for the Black Sea to be used by the wheat growers of Souther. Russia, says a despatch from New Orleans to the Chronicle. On Jan. 1 freight rates on machinery were raised from 23 to 30 cents from Chicago to New York. The contracts were immediately let for shipment from. New Orleans Three more big ships will sail during January and February. The machinery is being shipped by Chicago firms, and \$2,500,000 worth of Western machinery in all will be shipped in the four steamers.

HUNDRED DAYS' SLEEP.

Remarkable Case of Miss Dora Meek of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The 100th day of CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The 100th day of the remarkable sleep of Miss Dora Meek finds her better than last week, though showing no sign of awakening, says a despatch to the Record-Herald from Centralia, Ills. She has been sleeping soundly eighteen hours a day, and the remainder of a time sitting with her head drooping as though asleep, her eyes half shut, apparently hearing nothing and seeing nothing. The young woman went to sleep during the excitement resulting from a lover's quarrel. She takes a little nourishment, and is in fair physical condition. Medicine and hypnotism have failed to arouse her.

TOWN WIPED OUT.

CASSELS, Colo., Jan. 7.—The town of Webster, a summer resort five miles above Cassels, in Platt Canon, has been destroyed by fire. A spark from a passing locomotive set the Webster Hotel afire and soon the flames spread to adjacent barns and outhouses. A high wind prevailed and the hotel and all the other buildings were soon in ruins. The total loss is not known.

FOR BURNS' BIRTHDAY. Boston Caledonian Club Plans Notable Observance of Event in Mechanics' Hall on Jan. 23.

(Boston Herald.) (Boston Herald.)
Arrangements are going ahead with decided impetus for completion for the 49th annual observance of the Boston Caledonian club of the anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns, which will be held Friday evening, Jan. 23, in Mechanics' hall. In addition to many other features, there is one already asin Mechanics' hall. In addition to many other features, there is one already assured which will mean much to the Scotch people in Boston, and other lovers of music. This is the appearante at the celebration of Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan, the Scotch prima donna, who has done more to bring old Scotch songs to the fore than any other person.

son.

Miss Maclachlan is dearly esteemed by all those of her land. Her name to them is what the prima donnas of other nations are to their people, and she holds in their hearts a spot which could not be surpassed. She has had a notable career, and foremost in the events of her life have been the occasions when by royal command she appeared before the late Queen Victoria. Hon. Curtis Guild, lieutenant governor-elect, has accepted the invitation of the club to deliver the oration on the occasion.

The committees are still hard at work preparing for the event, and a large gathering is anticipated. In former years fully 5,000 have attended the celebration, and this number, it is hoped, will be exceeded on this occasion.

AFTER 27 YEARS.

Murderer Captured by Son of Sherif Who First Had Him in Charge,

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Fate has bee industrious during the last twenty-seven years weaving a web that in the end has entangled William H. Murray and brought him to punishment for a crime he has tried to live down by good conduct and industry.

Like Jean Valjean, his fate pursued him to the evil and found him out. He has been arrested on a charge of mur-der and brought back to Illinois for trial.

Murray killed a man in Williamsburg, Jefferson County, Ill., in 1875, and except for less than a year immediately following the affair has lived since then in Tennessee. There he has built up a home and a good reputation.

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Sheriff Manion and Deputy Sheriff Satterfield went to Tennessee recently with a warrant for Murray to took him handcuffed to the train that was to bear him to the scene of his early troubles. He went without any offer to resist, and it was with some regret that the sheriffs took the extreme precautions they did.

But Murray had a record for daring, and on the books of the sheriff today is the story of two escapes from prison when escape seemed impossible.

In Tennessee Murray is known as William H. Howard. He has made a comfortable living there, and has a pleasant and happy home. His wife and children have been with him, and the children know nothing of the tragedy that had darkened the life of their father before they were born.

The wife is living in the hope that her husband will be acquitted of all blame in the affair and will return to his children as if nothing had happened.

CHARCOAL EPH'S DALLY

ber husband will be acquitted of all blame in the affair and will return to blame in the affair and will return to be saw started again. The cause of Lee's deliverance was the sudden dying down of the diverance was the sudden dying down of the for only an instant.

CHIPS.

Dey am some wimmen in de worr, said Charcoal Eph ruminating on things in general, dat cyarn't see de anything very important.

Those who are weary in welldoing are those who do the least of it.

The man who is simply waiting to do anything very important.

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PALMA.

PROF. BROWN, OF MONTREAL Scientific Head and Hard Reader and natural Callithenist, is at the Dufferin Hotel, where he can be consulted from 16 a. m. to 0 p. m. Fees, \$1.60 and upwards.

HARVEY ATKINSON REMEM-BERED.

Harvey Atkinson, berrister-at-law, British Columbia was vesterday afristers of Moncton city to the board of trade rooms. There were present Judge Wells, W. B. Chandler, E. Gir-