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BY TOY PISTOLS.

Thirteen Persons Dead and Seven Injured in and Around Norfolk, Va.

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.

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, has drawn a bill, which will present as soon as the legislature reconvenes, prohibiting the sale in the State of Virginia 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 them in the state.

The list of injured who have developed symptoms of fatalitis has caused the last report to be among whom is Miss Bessie Ellis, of Portsmouth.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 6.—William Wells, eleven years old, is dead, and Henry Doyle, eleven years old, and William O'Neill, thirteen years old, are dying in this city of lockjaw, caused by shooting themselves while firing toy pistols on Christmas Day.

THE MAREN CASE.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 6.—The indictment in the Maren case, in which Mrs. Annie Marsten, of Meductic, is charged with poisoning her husband, was laid before the grand jury this morning.

HALIFAX GOLD SEEKERS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 6.—A syndicate in being formed in this city for the purpose of sending a gold hunting expedition to the Strait of Magellan.

PORT FAIRFIELD, Me., Jan. 6.—The high school building here was burned this afternoon, causing a loss to the town of over \$1000.

A STRONG POSITION.

What a Reciprocity of Tariffs Would Mean.

(Winnipeg Telegram) The importance of the Canadian market to the United States is beginning to be recognized in that country.

Under present conditions United States exports to Canada amount to a very considerable figure, and many papers in the United States are pointing out that by pursuing a policy similar to that adopted by the United States, Canada would stop the importation of the greater part of what she at present imports from that country, much to the disadvantage of American industries.

The Detroit Tribune alludes to the retaliatory policy expounded by Mr. Charlton in the United States, with the approval of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and it points out that if Canada determined to raise her tariff to an equality with that of the United States it would close one of the United States' best and most rapidly increasing markets.

Since 1866 it has been commercial war between us and our northern neighbors, or, if not exactly war, a "pacific blockade" maintained by us against their products.

According to reports of the proceedings of the council it is proposed to obtain from the local legislature power to appoint the chiefs of police, which, if granted, practically means the management and control of the whole police department.

THE AMBULANCE.

The Seamen's Mission Society wish to correct a statement which appeared in the Telegram in regard to the ambulance call to Carleton.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 6.—President L. L. Doggett, of the International Y. M. C. A. training school, today announced that the \$50,000 endowment fund has been raised.

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.

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 railway at 2 this a. m. a head-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, and were badly knocked out. Most of the cars went over. One of the firemen was killed and one brakeman injured."

OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

To 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 case before the circuit court this morning was White v. Hamm, an action for damages for false arrest against Officer Sol. Hamm of the night and force.

DOMINION LINE SAILINGS.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREAT.

At Glad Tidings Hall last evening the Sabbath school children were given their annual treat.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

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

BY DYING OF WIND.

William Lee Delivered From Terrible Death By Stopping a Windmill.

DANBURY, Conn., Jan. 5.—No man ever approached nearer to death and escaped than did William Lee, of Brookfield.

THE POLICE FORCE.

St. John, 7th Jan., 1903. In conclusion, Sir, Editor: I would suggest that unless a commissioner independent of the council be appointed, it would not be wise to interfere with the present system of management of one of the most important branches of our city's services.

AN ENGLISHMAN EXPOSED.

(Philadelphia Press.) Phawt's the row below? Cassidy had carrier—Shure, English Jim just fell from the second floor 't the basement.

CHIPS.

The man who is simply waiting to do something is not always waiting to do anything very important.

PERSONAL.

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

H. B. Bridges, of Fredericton, is at the Dufferin. Capt. S. P. O. Laybourn, of the R. C. R., 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.

Premier Tweedie, Hon. C. H. LaBelle, Hon. H. A. McKeown, Hon. A. T. Dunn and Hon. L. P. Farris went to Fredericton yesterday afternoon.

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

DEATH OF CAPT. MACOMBER.

Last Friday night Captain William A. Macomber, formerly of North Sydney, 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.

RECENT DEATHS. Jesse Warne of Hill Grove, Digby, one of the prosperous pioneer farmers of that county, died suddenly of heart failure Monday morning, at the age of 80.

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MURDERER CAPTURED BY SON OF SHERIFF WHO FIRST HAD HIM IN CHARGE. CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Fate has been indelible 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 end and found him out. He has been arrested on a charge of murder 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.

Sheriff Manion and Deputy Sheriff Satterfield went to Tennessee recently with a warrant for Murray to take 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.

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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 DAILY THOUGHT. Dey am some wimmen in de worl', said Charcoal Eph, ruminating on things in general, dat eynart' see de coveys on dey own steps fo lookin' at de dust on dey neighbor's windows, Mistah Jackson.— Baltimore News.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS

Will Ship \$2,500,000 Worth of Machinery to Russia.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The Russian steamer Baron Driese has arrived and will load 3,000 tons of harvest machinery for the Black Sea to be used by the wheat growers of Southern 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.

HUNDRED DAYS' SLEEP.

Remarkable Case of Miss Dora Meek of Chicago.

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, Ill. 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.

CASSELLS, Colo., Jan. 7.—The town of Webster, a summer resort five miles above Casells, 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.

Arrangements are going ahead with decided impetus for completion of 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 assured which will mean much to the Scotch people in Boston, and other lovers of music. This is the appearance 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.

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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.

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PALMA.

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HARVEY ATKINSON REMEMBERED.

Harvey Atkinson, barrister-at-law, who leaves Moncton for Peachland, British Columbia, was yesterday afternoon summoned by his brother barristers of Moncton city to the board of trade rooms. There were present Judge Wells, W. B. Chandler, E. Girouard, Jas. Kay, F. A. McCully, F. J. Sweeney, J. M. Knight, D. I. Welch, Geo. L. Harris, C. A. Steeves, R. W. Hewson, F. J. Sutton, and E. A. Reilly. His Honor Judge Wells presided.

The address was read by His Honor Judge Wells, and it was accompanied by a valuable and serviceable leather travelling bag.

Last evening representative citizens of Moncton met and presented Mr. Atkinson, who is an ex-mayor, with an address and testimonial.

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

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