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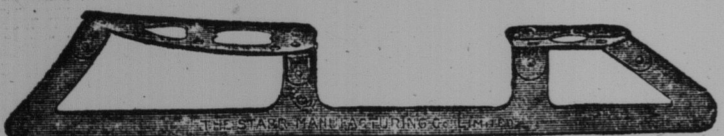
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THOMAS LAWSON SAYS HE WILL SHOOT

In An Oden Letter Warns Chugs, Is Convinced of Personal Peril and Says He Will Use a Revolver if Necessary.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Thomas W. Lawson has given out an "open letter" addressed to Henry H. Rogers.

"In the light of many happenings of late and the imminence of threats which are being made to me and against me, I wish to herewith notify you, and through you, any and all who are seeking me, that I will, in self-defense, shoot at sight the first who calls upon me or in any way comes into my presence after giving me notice such as the above. I regret being compelled to take this method of defending myself, and only do so after having become convinced that there are at this present time many would-be assassins seeking to put an end to me that they may put an end to the world."

"THOMAS W. LAWSON." NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Unwilling to let his dispute with the court, the fight instituted against Thomas W. Lawson by the Standard Oil and Bay State Gas companies, have decided that they will allow the charges of the Boston man to go unchallenged.

From the first Mr. Rogers and his colleagues declare they have been anxious to avoid a suit for libel, and have been trying to make out some method of silencing Lawson without forcing him to give legal proof of his assertions. It is claimed by Mr. Rogers' friends that his sole object in seeking to square the latest Lawson story was to enforce respect for the memory of President McKinley and Mark Hanna.

N. A. HORN BROOK & CO., O'Regan's New Building, 15 MILL STREET. King of Spain in An Automobile Smashup in Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—King Alfonso had a narrow escape while riding in a motor car on the Prado yesterday. A wheel of the car, which was driving personally, suddenly broke, and the car overturned, but the king escaped uninjured.

VERY SIGNIFICANT. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Zemstvo of the government of Tiver and of the district of Novoterek have had restored to them the right to elect their own presidents from among their own members.

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Expressions of sympathy with the reform resolutions passed at the recent conference of Zemstvo representatives raised a storm at the session of the agricultural society here yesterday evening.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. WANTED—A pastry cook at the VICTORIA HOTEL, King street. LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S Calling Cards, 100 for 75c. SUN OFFICE, 37 Canterbury street.

JAPS GAINING GROUND AT PORT ARTHUR.

Have Captured Another Important Possession—Fock Reported Wounded—Easy for the Jap Fleet to Get Coal

COAL STEAMERS IN PLENTY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A London despatch to the Times quotes the London Times insurance correspondent as saying: "Underwriters appreciate the importance of the westward movement of the Japanese warships. It is obvious that the squadron which is apparently under Admiral Kammura can pick up as many coal steamers bound for the Far East as it pleases and as a large number of these are engaged on Russian account the Japanese can fill their bunkers at the enemy's expense."

TO MEET THE BALTIC FLEET. TOKIO, Dec. 24.—Admiral Togo announced the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur.

CONQUERED THE SENATOR.

Pratt Maiden Keeps Her Soldier Lover At Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—J. Pierce is a red checked young fellow, a private in the United States army. Miss Minnie Swigert of Galesburg, Ill., is a pretty and modest girl, the sweetheart of the young man.

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE. Corner Berryman this morning empaneled a jury to inquire into the circumstances of the death of Fred B. Galbraith, who met his death by accident in the C. P. R. yard, Carleton, last night.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 23.—A fire which started shortly before 9 o'clock tonight in the Pelletier department store, had, by 11 o'clock, destroyed property valued at more than \$2,000,000.

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A C. P. R. HOLD UP.

The Fredericton train due to leave here at 7 a. m., did not get away till about 10:30 this morning.

ACCIDENT TO AN ACTOR.

Hick Amo, one of the actors of the Myrtle-Harder Company, met with an accident yesterday afternoon while moving his trunk down stairs in the York Theatre.

FIRE THIS MORNING.

Shortly after one o'clock today the fire department was called out for a slight fire in the horse shoeing establishment of R. G. Cosman, 163 Mill street.

BATTLED WITH GIANT SHARKS.

Shipwrecked Mariners Face Death For Days. Made a Two Hundred Mile Voyage in an Open Boat Almost Destitute of Provisions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—A voyage of 200 miles by sea, almost destitute of provisions and water and pursued by a horde of giant sharks that threatened momentarily day and night to capsize the craft and devour its occupants was the experience of Capt. Sam Harris and four South Sea Islanders who composed the crew of the little schooner Victor, wrecked on Apataki Island on Nov. 30.

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur yesterday stormed and now hold the heights east of Hoityangshukou. Prisoners captured by the Japanese report that the Russian General Kondratenko and another general officer whose name is not known have been killed and that Gen. Fock is among the wounded.

MAY LIVE ABROAD.

Rumor Current That Buffalo Bill Will Sail For France Shortly and May Never Return.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 24.—Col. W. F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") intends to leave his native land and spend his last years on alien shores.

DEATH OF MISS SCOVILL. The death of Miss Amy A. Scovill occurred this morning at her residence, Sewell street. The deceased lady was eighty-seven years old.

POPE RECEIVED THE CARDINALS.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The cardinals were received this morning by the pope and offered their Christmas greetings.

Great Sacrifice Sale of Toys, Dolls and Games.

The 2 Barkers, Ltd. 100 PRINCESS STREET. Mechanical Toys, 25c. kind for 14c.; Mechanical Toys, 50c. kind for 25c.

Notions at Little Prices.

Here are a few items that speak for hundreds. All are of thoroughly worthy quality, though prices are as low as you need pay for inferior goods. We can recommend every item.

SHARP & McMACKIN

335 Main St., North End.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Strong northerly winds, becoming colder. Sunday, fair and very cold. Synopsis—The disturbance passed to the southward of the maritime provinces and winds shifted from east to north, bringing a continuation of cold weather with snow.

Hats, Caps And Furs

FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

Dressy Hats, from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Cloth Caps, from 35c. to \$1.50. Fur Caps, from \$1.50 to \$25.00. Men's Fur Collars, from \$2.50 to \$25. Ladies' and Gents' Fur and Fur Lined Coats, from \$16.00 to \$85.00. Ladies' and Children's Neck Furs, Muffs and Mitts, in all the Stylish Furs.

ANDERSON, Manufacturer, 17 Charlotte St.

DUVAL'S

Pocket Knives, 4c. up. Acme Skates, 40c. up. Hockey Skates, 50c. Hockey Sticks, 15c. up. Skate Straps, 10c. up. Snow Shovels, 21c. up. Frames, 35c. up.

17 Waterloo Street.

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