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It is pleasing to record that on December 31, 1899, there were no adjusted losses unpaid. In fact, one of the elements that have contributed to the growth of the London Mutual has been the good faith of the management in settling quickly fire losses in which there is no just cause for delay.

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BOGUS FREEMASONS

Clandestine Masons Invading Ontario—Try to Visit a Windsor Lodge.

WINDSOR, Jan. 30.—A daring attempt by a small party of impostors to secure admission to a prominent Masonic lodge in this city was frustrated Friday night by the vigilance of the lodge officers, who had been notified in advance of the probable attempt to gain admission.

Information was received that a man known as Dr. Goodrich would apply at the Windsor Masonic temple, and after registering in the usual manner, try to make his way into the lodge room without undergoing the usual preliminaries required of all strangers who claim Masonic affiliations.

When informed that they had been duped and that their Masonic knowledge was "faked," the young men asked to be permitted to depart for home at once.

FINDS "A FISH WITH LEGS."

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—A tin box marked "Handle with care" arrived at the Carnegie Institute to-day containing a specimen of scaleless aquatic life, called popularly "a fish with legs," found by Dr. John Haseman at Manaus, Brazil. The discovery is most important to zoologists.

\$11,000 WASHINGTON, D. C., AND RETURN

From Suspension Bridge, via Lehigh Valley R. R., Friday, February 4th. Stop-over allowed Baltimore and Philadelphia. Particulars 64 King-street East, Toronto, Ont.

HOTEL REFUSED NEGROES AND CUBA GOT EXCITED

Only the Strenuous Peace-making of President Gomez Prevented a Race Conflict.

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 30.—Fears of a race conflict, growing out of the recent disorders resulting from the refusal of the management of the principal American hotel in Havana to entertain negroes, have, in a very great measure, abated, and the possibilities for further trouble from this particular source have practically disappeared.

For a few days the situation was threatening, and there was a strong under current of indignation among the negroes, which, if it was feared, might not be kept in check. That it not only was restrained but that the difficulty, for the present at any rate, was successfully smoothed over, is mainly due to the personal efforts of President Gomez.

The president sent his secretary to confer with the management of the hotel and summoned to the palace Gen. Cebreco and other negro leaders, with whom he conferred personally. He pointed out that the intrusion of colored men where their presence was not desired was undignified and merely served to rouse the animosity of Americans, with whom it was highly desirable that all Cubans should remain on the most friendly terms.

In spite of this, however, the affair has served to revive agitation, which always comes to the fore at the least suggestion of racial troubles, in favor of organizing a great negro political party with the purpose of controlling the government.

Murdered by Fire. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 30.—Her clothes saturated with oil, pieces of a lace curtain tied tightly about her neck, another piece binding her feet, the dead and scorched body of Mrs. Alice Vanzandt was found lying across a gas stove in the kitchen at her home. Every indication points to murder, the police say.

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IT'S A WISE FATHER

Many Babies Secretly Adopted by Wives, Says Chicago Authority.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—"There are in Chicago to-day fully three thousand men fondling infants that are not their own, but babies adopted by their wives,"—and the "fathers" are none the wiser!—This was the statement made to-day by Lyman W. Rogers, treasurer of the National Maternity Hospital, from which institution he says some two hundred and fifty infants are adopted into good homes every year.

Of these two hundred and fifty infants, more than one-half are believed by the "fathers" to be their own, he declared. A majority of the babies, he said, enter homes in stations high above those which they would otherwise occupy.

"It is rare," said Mr. Rogers, "that a husband wants a child that is not his own blood. If some husbands who are bringing up children knew the truth about them, I tremble to think what the consequences would be."

STRIKE OF A DAY.

Ninety-six men of the "scratch room" of the Massey-Harris company went out on Friday for an increase in wages. They had been getting \$5.50 a ton for cleaning castings, but they claimed that some work was added for which they received nothing. The management gave them an increase of 25 cents a ton, and the men returned to work on Saturday.

LIEDERKRANZ PRESENTATIONS. One of the most enjoyable functions of the new year was the annual banquet of the Windsor Club, held last Friday night at the Liederkranz Hall. The occasion was marked by two presentations—one to Wilbur Buchanan and one to Christopher Kieberger. To the former the club presented a beautiful cutglass punch bowl and to the latter a handsome initialed traveling bag. The entertainers were the Toronto Rowing Club Quartet, Joseph Hawley, Denis Clary and Harvey Lloyd. At the piano sat John J. Patton, Charles Granger and Cecil Headman. John McCarthy acted as toastmaster. The toasts were responded to by A. Cross to the King; J. A. McDonald, K.C., and Fred Richards to Canada; Harvey Lloyd, to the ladies; Messrs. Buchanan and Kieberger to the guests and Mr. Patton to the club.

FRENCH GOVT. IS ACTIVE PREVENTING HOLD-UPS

Attempted "Corner" of Potato Crop Frustrated by Notice That It Would Mean Prosecution.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Premier Briand has arranged for the flour mills and oil reservoirs in the west and north to send flour and oil to Paris by special trains for the relief of the sufferers. The last two named societies were organized after the war of 1870, and have large reserves of money and supplies, which were collected to meet the contingency of possible war or a national calamity, and their entire resources are being employed. Sixty relief stations have been established in Paris, as well as camps for the free distribution of soap, food and clothing in the outskirts of the inundated towns and villages along the river.

The local government authorities are displaying great devotion and zeal in the work of salvage and rescue. Nevertheless, the conditions, especially in the country districts, are pitiful. The houses of farmers are submerged to the roofs and in many cases the inhabitants have lost everything, including their live stock.

It is estimated that the Seine, which under normal conditions moves thru Paris at the sluggish rate of less than a mile an hour, is now carrying thirty times the ordinary at a speed of twenty miles an hour. During the last few days, thousands of visitors and residents have left here for London or the Riviera.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. CURES ALL KIDNEY DISEASE. BRONCHITIS, RHEUMATISM, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, GRAVEL, DIABETES, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, BACKACHE, STOMACH DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS, CONSTIPATION, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.

CHURCHES SHORT OF MEN

Equipped Educationally for Missions of Far East.

That there are not enough missionaries to fill the requirements in the foreign fields of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches of Canada is a grave problem the members of the foreign boards of these churches are called upon to face.

So great is the lack of these people that recently the Methodist Church issued a circular calling for theological student volunteers. This was sent in favor of local option, and copies were given to the students, but so far small results to the plea have been shown.

The Canadian Baptist Church has a total of 502 workers in the foreign field, of whom 82 are white missionaries; Presbyterians have 624, with 239 missionaries, while the Methodists have 255, with 209 sent out. This force has been proven to be far too small for the work, and the authorities say it is imperative that steps to secure more help should be taken immediately.

Next Local Option Campaign.

Again the Dominion Alliance is preparing for another strenuous local option campaign, which it is stated will be even on a larger scale than last year. Meetings are being called already to get the different places in line. On Friday next a mass meeting will be held in Cooksville to discuss means of campaigning the Township of Toronto (Sumner); Tyrone East; Pileashire; West Dumbartonshire; Invernesshire; Ross and Cromarty.

Alleghen Breach of Alien Labor Law. GUELPH, Jan. 30.—As the result of a mass meeting held in the Trades and Labor Hall, the attention of the Ottawa government is to be called to the alleged violation of Canada's immigration laws in the importation of ten British weavers to take the places of striking weavers, who were employed by the Guelph Carpet Mills.

CONCESSIONS TO IRISH IN THE SECOND BUDGET

Reduced Spirit Taxes and Increased Naval Vote Predicted—Signs of Harmony in Cabinet.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The week closes with the Liberals in better heart as a result of their gradually swelling total. They emphasize the fact that with the laborites, the government's purely British majority will be forty.

It is pointed out also that the more moderate opinion, which a few days ago echoed the Conservative suggestions of a conference on the subject of the house of lords, has now come into line, the extremists declaring that it is the government's first duty to pass the budget at once and then take up the matter of the lords.

It is hinted that the second budget, which is due to be presented immediately the first is passed, will contain concessions to the Irish, in the reduction of spirit taxes, and to the imperialists by an increase in the navy, for which probably \$25,000,000 will be voted.

The Unionists are confident that the government will be plunged into difficulties from the outset by the laborites, who are certain to reintroduce their "right to work" bill, which was rejected by the government in the last parliament.

Election returns announced Saturday included: Liberal—Westbury (Wiltshire); Osmonds (Yorkshire); Frome (Somerset); Jarrow (Durham); Forest of Dean (Gloucestershire); Pileashire; West Dumbartonshire; Invernesshire; Ross and Cromarty. Unionist—Stamford (Lincoln); Lawes (Sussex); Ramsey (Huntingdonshire); Droltwich (Worcestershire); Anttrim South; Dublin South. Nationalist—Donegal East; Fermanagh South; Tyrone East. Liberal gain—Jarrow (from Laborite). Unionist gains—Ramsey, Droltwich. The New York Herald's London correspondent cables: "Concerning the rearrangement of the cabinet, I hear from a source close in touch with the government that the man who has established the largest claim to the home office and who is most likely to press it is Mr. Winston Churchill. For in no case will he accept the office of Irish secretary if vacated by Mr. Birrell."

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