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In this question is set forth the text of an article by John D. Rockefeller, head of the Standard Oil interests, published in the current issue of the World's Work. The general subject of Mr. Rockefeller's article is the value of the co-operative principle in giving. Mr. Rockefeller expresses the belief that the general idea of co-operation in giving for education, scored a real step in advance when Andrew Carnegie consented to become a member of the general education board, "for in accepting a position in this directory," says Mr. Rockefeller, "he has, it seems to me, stamped with his approval this vital principle of co-operation in aiding the educational institutions of our country."

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QUAKE DAMAGES VESSELS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch received here from Catania, Sicily, says the Swedish steamer Asta, the Austrian steamer Budawto, and the Italian Orseola, were damaged to-day by an earthquake, and the consequent tidal disturbance at that port. The extent of the damage to the vessels is not given.

FRISCO'S NEW BISHOP.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—It was learned here to-day that Bishop Denis J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University of America, has been appointed bishop-coadjutor of San Francisco. The term of Bishop O'Connell, who is at present spending a few days at his old home in Charleston, S. C., as rector, expires on January 11th next.

"UNCLE TOM" DEAD, AGED 111 YEARS

(Special to the Times) Chatham, Ont., Dec. 28.—Admission Smith, the oldest man in Kent county, has died, aged 111. He was born in slavery in the southern states, and came to Canada by the underground route. He was by many believed to be the original of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom."

MERELY WANTED TO PULL PRESIDENT'S BEARD

Fanatic Creates Scene on Paris Street—No Political Significance. Paris, December, 28.—While Armand Fallieres, the president of France, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and Col. Lasson, military attaché at the Elysee Palace, was taking a morning stroll near Rue de l'Etal on Saturday, a poorly clad individual, who evidently had been lying in wait, suddenly jumped on the president from behind, and with a knife, aimed at Fallieres' neck, in an effort to seize his beard. Colonel Lasson and Secretary Ramondou sprang to the assistance of the president, dragged over his assailant, and turned him over to two special detectives who had been following the party on bicycles.

"President Fallieres' cane was broken in the struggle, but beyond a scratch on the ear he was not injured, and insisted on continuing his walk. As the detective slipped the handcuffs on the man he cried: "I am unarmed, I simply wanted to pull the president's beard." The president's assailant proved to be Jean Mattis, a cafe waiter, 24 years of age and a native of the department of Savoie. Medals of General Mercler, the former minister of war, stamps bearing the name of the Duke of Orleans, a card of membership on the Patrie Francaise and other Royalist documents were found on his person.

"During the examination Mattis boasted of being a Royalist, and talked confidently of having done his duty and obeyed the dictates of his conscience. Mattis was in close relation with the Royalist organization, and this gives color to rumors that he was an instigator of a Royalist plot. Serious evidence in this direction, however, is lacking. Mattis had been formally charged with assaulting a magistrate in the exercise of his functions. This crime is punishable by from two to five years imprisonment.

The leaders of the reactionary opposition to the government and the newspapers championing their cause disavow the assault, and claim that it was instigated by the police, to throw discredit upon their cause and distract public attention from graver questions. Merely Fantastic Act. Paris, Dec. 28.—The entire press of Paris, with the exception of such reactionary newspapers as La Libre Parole and the Echo de Paris, which have attacked in the streets of Paris on President Fallieres by an unemployed waiter named Mattis, a fantastic act without political importance.

"Of the cause of the Bourbons and the Bonapartists were not as dead as a doornail, such pitiful exhibitions of impotent fury would completely discredit them," voices the general opinion. Nevertheless, some of the Republican organs express the opinion that the government should do something to put an end to the campaign being conducted persistently by a small group of fanatics, and claim that it is the duty of the government to keep the public opinion informed.

The recent disorders at the Academy of Medicine, while originating from genuine dissatisfaction with the new system of examination are attributed largely to this same Royalist and Clerical agitation, which some time ago brought about the retirement of Prof. Thalmus, whose offices of director in writing a history of Jean d'Arc, to prove that the stories of her divine inspiration were mere legends, devoid of any historic foundation.

The mental collapse of Mattis is illustrated by the fact that he was swindled a few weeks ago by a matrimonial advertisement. He gave up his entire savings, \$1,200, under the impression that he was about to marry a young girl. The woman, however, was a married woman, and he was swindled. When the artillery appeared, a few well directed shots put an end to the trouble. The losses sustained by the revolutionists are not known, but are doubtless heavy.

BASIS OF NEW WATER RATES

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO BE MET BY THEM. The city council's proposal to increase the rates for water has been a subject of much discussion among citizens during the past week. As yet no details have been made public regarding the basis on which the new rates have been made, although these will doubtless be furnished the public if the debate on the finance committee's report takes place in open council and not at a committee meeting.

The members of the finance committee, as far as can be gathered from their talks, take the view that the rates are too low as it is and that consumers can very well afford to pay more. "I think the people of Victoria, considering the supply the city will be able to give them when the new works are completed, should not object to pay at least one dollar a month for the water they consume," is how one member of the committee put it.

It is understood that the rates have been calculated to cover not alone the annual actual cost of supplying water but the charges for the whole capital expenditure now being made on the domestic water system. On a sum of approximately \$600,000 the interest and sinking fund charges naturally form an annual sum which will materially affect the rates. The finance committee considers that the entire expense of the water department, both fixed charges on the capital outlay and the ordinary expenditure on maintenance and operation, should be provided for by the water rates charged to consumers.

The flat rates which are provided for in the report before council are a temporary expedient to meet the case of consumers whose supply is not measured. Whenever a meter is put in it will be connected up and the consumer will be charged on this basis. If the report is discussed in council it will probably come up this evening.

U. S. AMBASSADOR RESIGNS. Rome, Dec. 28.—The resignation from the diplomatic service of Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador to Rome, is announced by the Italian press to-day. The news is accompanied by a flattering expression of regret at the ambassador's departure. Mr. Griscom will remain in Rome until March 4th.

KILLED IN AUTO RACE. Disastrous Ending to Attempt to Take Curve at Terrific Speed. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 28.—As a result of a wild automobile race on the boulevard yesterday, one man was instantly killed and another man and two young women were severely injured. The accident occurred a short distance from San Leandro. The dead man is William L. Mowry, the chauffeur.

Mowry with his party was racing with another machine driven by John Morgan. The former machine came to grief on a sharp and dangerous double turn which Mowry attempted to make while going at terrific speed.

LIABILITIES ARE THREE MILLIONS. H. W. Poor of New York Stock Exchange Goes to the Wall. New York, Dec. 28.—Henry W. Poor, trading as Henry W. Poor & Company, at 33 Wall street, made an assignment on Saturday to Mark T. Cox, of Robert Winthrop & Company, for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Poor is also a member of the banking house of H. W. Poor & Company, of this city and Boston.

Henry W. Poor for many years has been a prominent figure in financial circles in this city and Boston. He lives in the magnificent residence at Lexington avenue, Gramercy Park, which was erected by the late Cyrus W. Field. One of the finest private collections in Canada, valued at \$1,000,000, Mr. Poor had gathered in his house was placed on sale a few months ago, and a large number of the choicest were disposed of. Mr. Poor has had extensive interests outside of his banking and brokerage business. He is president of the company which publishes "Poor's Railway Manual." He is a native of Bangor, 64 years of age, and a member of the class of '45 at Harvard. He is a member of many clubs. Creditors of Mr. Poor and all the lawyers in the case were in conference on Saturday, and it was said that no official information of any kind would be given out until the conclusion of the meeting.

According to reports in the financial district, the liabilities will approximate \$3,000,000. None of the attorneys would discuss the liabilities or assets, however.

THIRTY INJURED IN PANIC. London, Dec. 28.—Thirty persons were injured in a panic caused by a cinematograph fire at Stratford on Saturday evening.

HALF A CENTURY WITH HUDSON BAY

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PROVINCE IS IN PUBLIC EYE

MANY INQUIRIES MADE IN OLD LAND. Hon. R. G. Tatlow Has Returned From Trip to British Isles. Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance, has reached his home in the city, and is on duty again to-day in the parliament buildings. He says that British Columbia is coming more and more into prominence in the Old Land and the inquiries during his stay there were very numerous. That the province is becoming more attractive as a home for Old Country people is, he says, borne out by the statement of Hugh McKerracher, the Dominion government immigration agent in Aberdeen, Scotland, who came across the Atlantic with Capt. Tatlow. Mr. McKerracher said he found an increasing interest shown in British Columbia.

The result of this interest, the minister thinks, will be that many with modest means will come to the province to take up land. While fruit growing, owing to the showing made by the province at the various shows, seems to have a great attraction for them, Capt. Tatlow hopes to see dairy farming and poultry raising receive additions to their ranks.

The provincial fruit attracted a great deal of attention. The remarkable cheapness from disease and the rich coloring put B. C.'s apples in a class far ahead of the other places represented. At all the shows it was the same experience. Immense crowds would gather about the display and want information. This was given by himself in some instances. On other occasions Agent-General Turner, R. M. Palmer or Mr. Scott of Salt Spring Island, were asked to give the necessary information. The cinematograph pictures shown were a valuable addition to the advertising which the province got. The minister points out that the apples sold in the Old Land at figures high enough to pay the cost of the transportation was always imposed upon the successful purchaser, and that was the fruit when exhibited for sale should be designated as B. C. fruit. This is the product of the province got another great advertisement. The free advertising of the province through the press wherever the fruit was shown was very hard to estimate.

While in London Hon. Mr. Tatlow had the offices of the agent-general brought from the quarters in the upper floors, about which considerable fault was found, and placed on the ground floor. The cost of the new quarters will be far beyond that of the old ones, but the province he considered required it and should bear the cost.

In connection with the Agent-General, who is kept busy with the very busy man. There are, in addition to the inquiries about immigration, visits from lawyers to examine the British Columbia statutes which are kept on file there. There are constant inquiries about mining companies, etc., so that all day long Mr. Turner is kept on his feet. One thing the minister attempted was to have the provincial inscribed stock placed on the list of securities available for investment as trustee for the province. To have done this for British Columbia would have necessitated similar action with respect to other provinces. With legislation pending which will call for vast amounts of money on the part of the British government, nothing could be done in that line.

In all cities in the Old Land the minister saw vast crowds of unemployed. There were many who were waiting for work, and there must be tariff reform. Mr. Tatlow accompanied her husband. Three weeks were spent in Ireland visiting friends.

BOSTON MAN WHO BATHES IN FIRE. Wonderful Psycho Powers of Human Salamander—Dematerialises Himself. New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Boston tells of the marvelous psychic powers of Fred E. Foskett, a young machinist, who gave an exhibition before Prof. James of Harvard and a number of well known physicists. Foskett proved himself a human salamander. Fire seemed to have no effect on him. He held lighted sulphur matches to his fingers, and let the flames from an ordinary coal-oil lamp pour a quart of alcohol into the basin, lighted it and then washed his face, bathing them for nearly ten minutes in the burning fluid, washing it up his arms and on his face—literally bathing himself in blazing alcohol. As soon as it was finished the physicians present examined Foskett, and they could not find the slightest trace of a burn or blister.

In a subsequent test, Foskett, dematerialized, seemed to dissolve into thin air as those present watched him. After forty-one seconds he materialized again.

CARMACK MURDER CASE. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Judge Hart to-day refused bail to Colonel Cooper, Robin Cooper and J. D. Sharp, charged with the murder of ex-U. S. Senator Carmack.

WANTS PARTNER ARRESTED.

(Special to the Times) Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—F. S. Nugent issued a warrant to-day for the arrest of Park A. Smith, his partner in the commission business, who, it is alleged, sold a car of provisions to a railway construction outfit at Port Arthur, and pocketed the receipts and left for the States. He came here a year ago from Seattle.

SOO HAS DAMAGING FIRE.

(Special to the Times) Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 28.—The Hussy block in the west end, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, and the Coronation block adjoining it was badly damaged. The loss will exceed twenty thousand dollars.

CAYENNE PEPPER ENDS FACTION FIGHT

(Special to the Times) Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—A package of Cayenne pepper dumped into the stove at the Jacob synagogue during a fierce faction fight cleared the place in record time. The whole crowd started sneezing. The police inspector, who was the dignitary to the winds and slipped through the nearest window.

CHINESE REBEL AGAINST NEW OPIUM LAW

Villagers Arm to Withstand Order Prohibiting Planting of Poppies. Amoy, Dec. 28.—The riots which started on Saturday with the refusal of natives to obey an order prohibiting the planting of opium poppies, now affect twelve villages. Twenty miles west of Tung An two thousand men are reported under arms. They have withdrawn to the Berlin mountains and the authorities have asked the Viceroy at Foo Chow for additional troops.

WAS "SUGAR KING" OF PACIFIC COAST. Claus Spreckels, Aged Eighty, Dies in San Francisco. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Claus Spreckels, widely known as the "sugar king" of the Pacific coast, died at 4:30 o'clock on Saturday at his home in this city, in his eighty-third year. The immediate cause of death was an attack of pneumonia, which developed alarming symptoms within the past two days. His condition on Friday night warned his physicians that the end was near, and relatives remained at his bedside until the hour of death. Rudolph Spreckels, who was prominently identified with the "graffiti" prosecutions in this city and who resided on Honolulu on the steamer Nippon Maru, was of the number, and John D. Spreckels, proprietor of the San Francisco Call, and head of the Oceanic Steamship Company, was also in attendance at his father's bedside, as were Mrs. Harry Holbrook and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, the daughters of John D. Spreckels.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Spreckels had devoted a large share of attention to the various enterprises in which he was interested, and it is less than a month since he appeared before the ways and means committee of the House in Washington as authority on the subject of sugar taxes. Two years ago he was attacked by a severe illness, but his vigorous constitution enabled him to withstand his sickness and he was after a time, restored to his usual health.

Apart from the importance which attached to Claus Spreckels as the pioneer sugar refiner of the coast, and an investor of millions in California and the Hawaiian Islands, the Spreckels family has for many years been one of the most prominent in the state. John D. Spreckels, his eldest son, has been for years a directing influence in Oriental trade, and from his father's interests, and Rudolph Spreckels, president of the First National Bank of this city, has been a supporter of the "graft" prosecution in San Francisco to the extent of thousands of dollars, in addition to his active participation in the sugar industry.

HOTTENTOTS ARE AGAIN ON WARPATH. German Soldiers Sent to Pursue Raiders Are Shot Down. Capetown, Dec. 28.—The Hottentots in German Southwest Africa are again on the warpath. They recently raided some cattle posts near the Bechuanaland border and murdered two Europeans. Seven German soldiers were sent in pursuit of the raiders but they were all shot down by the Hottentots. There is great anxiety among the local residents.

DOES AUSTRALIA WANT HIM? U. S. Judge Favorably Inclined Towards Burglar, Exiles Him to Antipodes. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Instead of granting a parole to John Griffin, a young man from Monterey, who fell among evil associates in this city and was sentenced to ten years imprisonment for burglary, Judge Cook on Saturday sent him to Australia, to help that land and was referred to send him where he would be entirely removed from his former associates.

OLD MEN MAKE FINAL APPEAL

ASK MAGISTRATE JAY TO MAKE THEM VOTERS. After listening to arguments on the question of the eligibility of male householders over fifty to vote, so long as the Municipal Elections act remains as it is, Police Magistrate Jay reserved his decision until to-morrow morning. City Solicitor Mann was present and thanked his worship for adjourning the matter from Saturday so as to enable the city to be represented. He stated what had taken place at the court of revision and the decision of that body to be guided by Chief Justice Hunter's ruling that the intention of the legislature, as read from the act, was to make the payment of the road tax an indispensable condition of the right to vote. There might be a class, the court of revision recognized, who were exempt from payment of the road tax and yet who should have the franchise, but so long as the act made the payment of the tax a sine qua non there was no power to put this class on the list. A curious thing about the tax, which was levied by-law on all males between 21 and 50, was that it was to be levied on the demand, and if it had not been demanded in many cases the court allowed its payment when applicants appeared before it. It was the intention of the council that next year the persons taking the right to vote shall be one who is entitled to give a receipt for the road tax and where he finds it has not been paid he will demand it before accepting the application for registration.

"The court in opinion has no interest in this matter and the city council berends the applicants," said Mr. Mann. "There is no doubt that a statute conferring the franchise should have a retrospective operation." Frank Harris was in court on behalf of the Victoria State's Association to see that everything possible was done in the way of presenting the case for the old men.

Joseph Peterson, who has been so active in pressing the rights of the elderly householders, quoted Judge Spinks' reported oral decision in favor of the old men at Kamloops. He argued that the court should look at the equity of the case rather than the strict letter of the law.

In reply to a remark as to having claimed the exemption in former years Mr. Peterson stated that he had once offered to pay the tax, although he was probably over fifty, and the then collector said: "Not if I know it. Why, you might get a vote that way and then the day after election ask for your money back because you are exempt."

Magistrate Jay remarked that it seemed hard these men should be deprived of their votes, many of them residing in the city for many years. He promised a decision to-morrow, after careful consideration of the law.

PASTOR CAPTURES CHURCH BURGLAR. Thief Endeavors to Secure Release by Bribe of 50 Cents. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Rev. C. N. Lathrop, rector of the Church of the Advent, after a desperate struggle on Saturday night captured Albert J. White, burglar, in the city and in the church. Rev. Lathrop went to the church in the evening at 8 o'clock as is his custom on Saturdays, and upon turning on the lights, discovered a side window broken, rushing around to the rear door, Rev. Lathrop found White. A struggle ensued in which the minister proved the victor and took his prisoner across the street to a store, where the police were notified. White pleaded with the minister to be released and to never try burglary again, but his pleadings had no effect. Finally, as a last resort, he tried to bribe his captor with 50 cents with which he was paid for the broken window.

When searched at the police station a jimmy and other burglar tools were found. The Church of the Advent was entered by burglars once before about ten days ago, when several articles were taken.

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