

# The Advertiser Wishes One and All a Merry Christmas

## BANK CLERK KILLED BY TERRIBLE FALL

H. A. Gibb, of Stratford, Topped Out of Window of Grigg House.

## IS A FORMER LONDONER

Dr. George Wilson and His Head Was Terribly Smashed—Coroner Is Investigating.

A young man, who registered as H. A. Gibb, of Stratford, fell three stories from the window of his bedroom at the Grigg House shortly after midnight and sustained injuries to his head from which he died while on the way to Victoria Hospital in the ambulance.

### The Accident.

He was then quite sober. In a little while he came down and went out and, it is stated, that when he returned he was very much under the influence of liquor. He went to his room and apparently undressed partially and lay down on the bed.

It is supposed that he rose and went to the window to get fresh air and pitched headlong through. He fell about thirty feet to the stone sidewalk below and his head was terribly smashed.

P. C. Fowler was standing on the corner about fifty feet from where Gibb alighted and at once ran to his assistance.

### Died in the Ambulance.

Dr. George Wilson was called and Gibb was placed in the city ambulance and hurried to Victoria Hospital. He died on the way.

Sergeant Monaghan of the police station, went up to Gibb's room and found that his overcoat, coat and vest and collar and tie had been taken off and placed on the bureau. His shoes and overshoes were placed beside the bed, and apparently the man was about to retire.

His valise has been taken charge of by the authorities, and Coroner Ferguson will make a thorough investigation of the case in the morning and decide whether or not an inquest is necessary.

### Was He a Bank Clerk?

There was a rumor that Gibb had formerly worked in the Merchants' Bank in Stratford, but this could not be verified.

The Advertiser called Stratford on the long-distance phone, but the station officer stated that he knew nothing of the young man, although a family by the name of Gibb live near Stratford, and are farmers.

### A Former Londoner.

Until two months ago Mr. Gibb was a member of the Merchants' Bank staff here, where he was transferred to the Merchants' Bank in Stratford as teller. It is stated that his home is at Athens, a small town east of Toronto. It has been learned here that Gibb had left a call for six o'clock this morning, and it is supposed that he was going to his home on one of the early trains.

The hotel authorities stated to The Advertiser that the water pitcher was missing from Gibb's room and that investigation upon the sidewalk showed that it had fallen with him and was broken into many pieces.

### STRATFORD BANK CLERK.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Stratford, Dec. 25.—Later it was learned that H. A. Gibb, the young man killed in London, was teller in the Merchants' Bank here. Mr. H. A. Patterson, manager of the bank, left yesterday afternoon for Kingston.

## THE DAY IN LONDON

"The Prince Chap" at the Grand, matinee and evening.  
Skating at the Princess Rink.  
Skating at Westminster Rink.  
Roller skating at the Sincro street rink.  
The Travellers' Club annual meeting.  
The Hub 5-mile road race.  
10 a.m.  
Curling match, President vs. Vice-President, Thistle Rink.  
9:30 a.m.  
Springwood Gun Club shoot.  
9:30 a.m.

## BUFFALONIANS LOVE REV. FR. FALLON

Prominent Citizens State They Will Attend His Consecration.

## A FAVORITE WITH ALL

Protestants and Catholics Alike Unite in His Praise—One of the First Preachers on the Continent.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Whenever a Buffalonian meets a Londoner, one of the first topics of conversation is invariably the appointment of Rev. Father Fallon as bishop of the diocese of London.

Protestant and Catholic alike speak of him in tones not of reverence only but of sincere love.

Arrangements are already being completed for the visit to London of many of Father Fallon's parishioners and prominent citizens at the time of his consecration. Your correspondent had the pleasure of speaking with a very large number of the prominent men of Buffalo, and the majority of them declared that if it was at all possible they would come to London to honor their fellow townsman, who has been so signally honored by his church.

### Popular With All.

The number will include many Protestants who have learned to value Father Fallon's distinguished services not only for the church but for the city.

He is a big man, physically and intellectually. An athlete, himself in the highest and best sense, his influence over the young men is really marvellous. His powers of mind are also exceptional. Gifted with a ready memory, imagination, and a magnificent command of language coupled with ease and facility of expression his pulpit work is outstanding, and today he is numbered among the few really great preachers on the continent.

Men of all shades of belief and opinion are convinced that his rise in the church will be rapid, and Buffalonians sincerely wish him the greatest possible success in his new field of labor.

## DROWNED OCEY SNEAD IN FULL BATHTUB

Mother and Aunt Arraigned and Charged With the Brutal Murder.

[Special to The Advertiser.] New York, Dec. 24.—Gross and phrenology of the indictment against the Wardlaw sisters, charged with the murder of Ocy Snead, was made public today with the arraignment of Mrs. Caroline Martin, the victim's mother, and Mrs. Mary Snead, an aunt in the Tombs police court, when they were recommitted to the Tombs for 60 days pending extradition to New Jersey.

In the indictments against both it is charged that they did put Ocy Snead, with both their hands and cast, throw and push said Ocy Snead into a certain bathtub, where there was a great quantity of water, and by means of which said Ocy Snead was choked, suffocated and drowned.

Another count charged that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead did incite, procure, abet, counsel, hire and command Virginia Wardlaw to do and commit murder upon the body of Ocy Snead. As heretofore told the grand jury as an additional precaution, charges all three with aiding and abetting in the victim's suicide.

### A \$50,000 BLAZE

Fire Started by Explosion of Watchman's Lantern.

Ashabula, O., Dec. 24.—Fire, caused by the explosion of a watchman's lantern, destroyed the plant of the Conneaut Shovel Company at Conneaut early today. The loss is \$50,000.

### THE WEATHER

TODAY—SNOW OR SLIEET. Toronto, Dec. 24.—A rapidly moving disturbance from the Southwest States is approaching the lake region, and is centered over Missouri this evening. Fine weather has prevailed today throughout the Western Provinces, while from the lake region eastward cloudy skies have been general.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below—8; Atlin, 23—28; Fort Simpson, 22—34; Vancouver, 23—36; Edmonton, 6 below—22; Battleford, 19 below—4; Calgary, 4 below—24; Moose Jaw, 17 below—3; Minnedosa, 16 below—4; Winnipeg, 8 below—22; Port Arthur, 10—26; Parry Sound, 22—31; London, 22—34; Toronto, 25—32; Ottawa, 20—22; Montreal, 20—24; Quebec, 10—18; St. John, 10—18; St. John, 3—8; Halifax, 22—22.

FORECASTS. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong easterly winds, with snow and sleet Sunday—Northwest winds; fair and cold. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Easterly winds; cloudy; snow before night.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fair and moderately cold, followed by snow during Sunday.

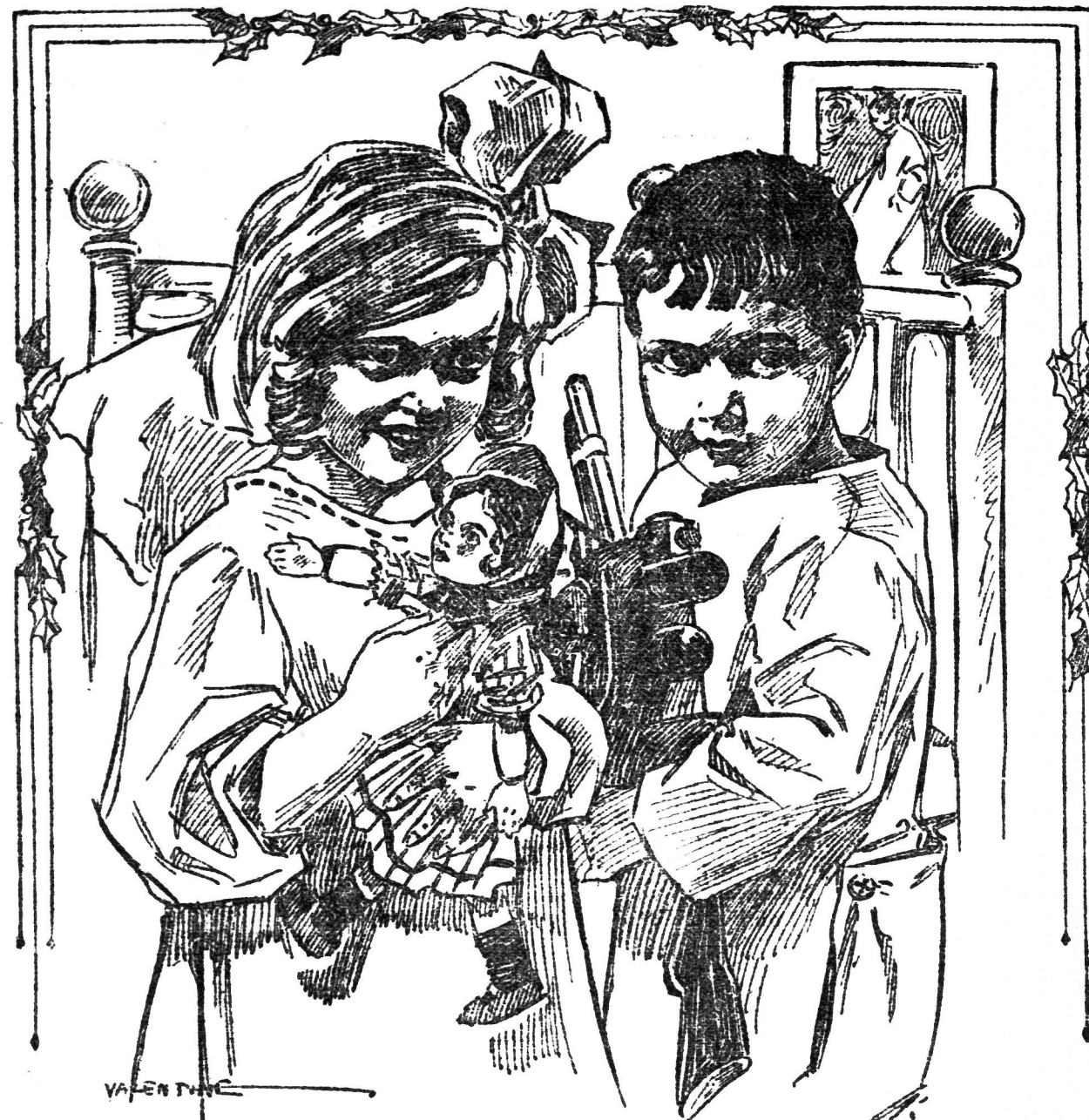
Maritime Provinces—Northerly to westerly winds; fair; about the same temperature.

Lake Superior—Fresh winds; cloudy and cold, with light local snowfalls.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fine and cold.

Alberta—Fair and a little milder.

## CHRISTMAS MORNING!



## LONDONERS HAD BIG TIME IN BUFFALO

Local Shriners Presented Group Photograph to Nobles of Ismailia Temple.

## NOBLE DAVIS' ADDRESS

In Which He Eulogized the Work of the Arab Patrol of Buffalo—Very Pretty Occasion.

At the annual smoker of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, held last evening in the German-American Hall, Main street, Ill. Potentate A. L. Davis, of Mocha Temple, presented Ill. Potentate Dr. W. L. Alexander, of Ismailia Temple, and Ill. Noble Dr. Brown, past Imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine of North America, with a handsome group photograph of the officers and Mocha Temple.

On the occasion of the last ceremonial session of the local temple, Dr. Alexander and Dr. Brown were present, and appear in the photo taken at that time.

"The Buffalonian Visit."

When the Londoners arrived, and made known that they had something for the two distinguished Buffalo nobles, Noble Davis was called to the platform, and was introduced. He spoke of the very pleasant recollections the nobles had of the visit of Dr. Alexander and Dr. Brown to London, for their assistance and advice at the meeting. The splendid speech of Dr. Alexander's on that occasion was most favorably commented upon, and the reference was received with pleasure. Noble Davis did not fail to pay a deserved tribute to the Arab patrol of Capt. Sackett, and declared that undoubtedly it was the finest in America. Londoners were still talking of their fine drill. He then presented the pictures.

London's Hospitality.

The gifts were acknowledged by Ill. Noble Judge, Jacob Stearns, the first Potentate of Ismailia Temple. He referred to the hospitality of Mocha Temple, and hoped that the kindly relations that existed would continue.

Dr. Alexander made a few remarks, and spoke of the kindly reception he and the nobles of Ismailia Temple received at the hands of London Shriners.

A Smoker.

Then followed an old-fashioned smoker and entertainment, and it any of the visitors did not have a good time, it was their own fault. Among those who took part were "Billy" Dore, of Hamilton, who made a great hit with his imitations of Harry Lauder. "There is no end to the hospitality of Dr. Alexander, and the nobles of Ismailia Temple," declared Ill. Potentate Davis.

Capt. Sackett and the patrol deserve unlimited praise for the excellent entertainment.

MANY TOBACCO BARNS BURNED.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 24.—A dozen tobacco barns in Spencer and Warwick Counties, containing many thousands of pounds of tobacco have been destroyed by fire in the last few days, supposedly by night riders.

## LORDS TRAPPED BY WELSHMEN

Lloyd-George Says He Is Glad To Have Been the Man.

## CAWDOR ON THE TARIFF

Says That Tariff Reform Will Bring a Great Boom to the Trade of the Country.

London, Dec. 24.—An encouraging report has been issued regarding Mr. A. J. Balfour's illness. Mr. Haldane, however, who was also ill, is no better.

Lloyd-George in a speech last night said: "The Lords are in the trap. When I recall the contemptuous things they said of Wales on Welsh questions, I am glad to think it was a Welshman who set the trap. (Prolonged cheers.) We have caught large rats at last. They will not destroy our measures much more. There will be rejoicing in the land when we see the House of Lords set aside, when we see a clear path for education and land and religious equality. Then the song of Wales will re-echo through the hills and dales, a song that has not been equalled since the song of Miriam after the Red Sea had been crossed."

The Walls of Jericho.

Lord Cawdor, in an address said: "There is a great big tide beginning to flow in favor of tariff reform. It is capable of being resisted now, but before long it will sweep with it in a great mass of feeling the whole country. (Cheers.) The moment we touch tariff reform we will have a trade boom in this country, and so bring about the diminution of unemployment." (Cheers)

Bonar Law, the Canadian, said that if the question was going to be settled by violence and shouting, then we are out of the competition, as it is won already, but the city of Jericho is the last recorded instance in history in which a great citadel fell on account of shouting. (Laughter.)

Free Church in the Crisis.

Speaking at a public meeting at Spennymoor in connection with the

## ZELAYA ON THE RUN WITH MILITARY GUARD

Former President of Nicaragua Flees From Capital.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—Former President Zelaya arrived at Corinto on a special train today from Managua, whence he departed at 3 o'clock this morning on a boat to Momotombo, and there took a special train for this place.

Death of A. J. Thompson.

The death occurred at the family residence, lot 27, concession 6, of West Nissouri, of Andrew J. Thompson, husband of Mrs. Lauretta Thompson. Mr. Thompson was in his seventh year. The funeral will be held on Monday, and interment will be made at St. Mary's.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Special Musical Programmes Will Be Carried Out Today.

## SERVICES AND SERMONS

Announcements from Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches.

The Christmas services to be held in the city today and on Sunday promise to be of an unusually attractive and inspiring nature. Special music has been prepared by the choirs of all churches, largely of a Christmas nature, and most of the churches are being tastefully decorated for the occasion. In most of the churches where special services are being held today, the Christmas musical programme will be repeated at the Sunday evening service.

Helping Those in Need.

Immense quantities of goods of every sort have changed hands today, and as a result there are thousands upon thousands of happy men, women and children. One of the pleasantest features of the whole Christmas season has been the work done by school

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The Catholic Services.

Christmas services will be held in both the Roman Catholic churches today and in all the Anglican churches. At St. Peter's Cathedral mass will commence at 6 o'clock, and for every half hour till 8:30. At 10:30 high mass will be celebrated, with vespers at 7 o'clock.

At St. Mary's Church there will be six masses during the morning from 6 o'clock till 8:30. The children of the parish will attend the 8 o'clock mass

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## CHRISTMAS DAY DAY OF GLADNESS

Londoners Well Pleased With Themselves and the World in General.

## A SEASON OF GIVING

In Which There Is Far More Pleasure Than in Receiving—Businessmen Well Satisfied With Conditions.

"Hallo, my fine fellow," said Scrooge to a boy in his Sunday clothes. "What's today?"

"Why today is Christmas day," said the boy with all his might of wonder. Scrooge sent the boy away to buy a big turkey, and thought as he stepped out into the glorious morning and heard the church bells pealing forth and encountered pleasant people wishing each other "Merry Christmas," that there never was such a season as Christmas. And he was right. There is only one time in all the year when there is such universal good feeling abroad in the land.

### The Only Day.

There is only one day in all the year when bright faced happy children wake with the first beams of light and often before, and hurry from warm, comfortable beds to see what Santa Claus has left for them while they slept. There is only one season in all the year when everyone recognizes that he is everyone else's brother and that one and all are fellow passengers on the same journey. This is the root and branch of the hearty greetings of "Merry Christmas," and the giving of some little remembrance of the day.

### The Spirit of Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas has thoroughly permeated London everywhere there are the signs that good fellowship prevails.

Children were awake just as early this morning as children ever were before, and they looked just as eagerly in their stockings as other children have done. Postmen have carried just as many parcels this week, if not more than they ever did in London's history and merchants throughout the city unanimously state that the week has been one of the best they have ever known.

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Sentenced to Serve for Twenty Years

Mrs. Wilhelm's Punishment for the Murder of Her Husband.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary J. Wilhelm was today sentenced to serve twenty years for killing her husband, Frank Wilhelm, a well-to-do real estate, last February.

When her counsel appealed for clemency on the plea that this was "the joyous Christmas tide" the prosecutor retorted: "But there is one who was not given a chance to enjoy this joyous Christmas time, and that is Frank Wilhelm."

A WESTMINSTER GOLDEN WEDDING



Mr. Alex. Begg.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Begg, of the fifth concession of Westminster and the Wellington road, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday last. There were some 30 relatives and friends present on the occasion, and the gathering was a very happy one, and Mr. and Mrs. Begg were made the recipients of many beautiful gifts. Mr. Begg was born in Banff, Scotland, in 1837, and came to Westminster Township when only three and a half years of age. Mrs. Begg was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and also came to this country at a very early age. Her maiden name was Christina Cormick. Mr. and Mrs. Begg were married in Zorra, Dec. 22, 1859, by the Rev. Mr. Miller. Among the relatives present at the gathering were Mr. Begg's brother, Mr. John Begg of Westminster; Mrs. Begg's three sisters, Mrs. McBurney of Woodstock, Mrs. Mathewson and Mrs. McLeod, and the four children, Mr. Harvey Begg, Mrs. George Eddy of Shelden, Mrs. John Nichol of Winton Grove, and Mrs. W. M. Odell of this city.

## CHRISTMAS EXAMS. AT THE COLLEGIATE

Results of the Recent Tests Are Handed Out by Principal McCutcheon.

## SOME OF THE LEADERS

Students Are Named Who Stand Out Prominently in Different Divisions—Names Arranged According to Merit.

The results of the Christmas examinations at the Collegiate Institute were given out last night by Principal McCutcheon.

The different classes mentioned represent a standing as follows: Class I, 70 per cent and over, Class II, 60 per cent and over, Class III, 50 per cent and over, Class IV, 40 per cent and over. In every case the names are arranged according to merit.

A number of the students stand out very prominently for the excellence of their work.

In the first year they are Ross Bolton, son of Dr. Bolton, of 377 Wellington street; Cuthbert Darch, son of Mr. Fred Darch, and Walter Shosenberg.

In the second year Vernon Hughes, son of Dr. Hughes, 234 Queen's avenue.

In the Middle School, Harold Caverhill, and in the Upper School Clarence Davey, in Commercial C, Annie Reid.

In the Middle School the classes will be arranged after the Christmas holidays on the basis of the outcome of these examinations. From the results it is evident that some of the pupils will be prepared to write on the departmental examinations next July, while others will require another year.

## UPPER SCHOOL.

Senior Leaving, Part I.

Class I.—C. G. Davey, Eric Anderson, I. Bartlett, M. Darch, J. Harvey, V. Mooney, G. Shaw, G. Manning, H. Galpin, R. Mitchell, A. Bremner, M. Ma-loney.

Class II.—J. Kelly, M. Bragg, G. Wheable, E. Sullivan, G. Baker, W. Ford.

Class III.—D. Bowden, M. Pfaff. Unclassified.—G. Benson failed to write on two subjects, R. J. Howie failed to write on three subjects. The following did not take the examination: G. H. Ellis, Nora Gleeson, M. Plastow, Iva Graham, E. G. Liddicoat.

## SARNIA COL. INST. COMMENCEMENT DAY

A Fine Programme of Exercises—List of Those Who Won Diplomas.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Sarnia, Dec. 24.—The Collegiate Institute commencement exercises took place Wednesday evening at the town hall. Dr. Logie, chairman of the board, presided. The programme was as follows:

Piano duet—Miss Iva and Clara Crawford.

Chairman's address—Dr. Logie.

Distribution of diplomas—Commercial diplomas were awarded by R. E. LeSuer; junior matriculation by Rev. Canon Davis; senior matriculation and scholarships by Albert J. Johnston.

Valedictory—Miss L. M. Sharp. Vocal solo—Arnold Harris. Wand drill—Class of girls. Reading—Miss Emily Fleck. Vocal solo—Arnold Harris. Piano solo—Miss Lottie Rhodes. Drill—Cadets.

Diplomas—Lower School Commercial. Alma Elder, Grace Galbraith, Grace Gibson, Annabel Kennedy, Ethel Morphy, Ethel Mann, Kathleen McNamara, Irma Shanks, Edith Wilkinson, Irene Whittaker.

Middle School—Junior Matriculation. Iva Crawford, R. R. Duxton, J. K. Geddes, Jennie Grant, M. H. Gutteridge, R. L. McGurk, (pharmacy), Ethel M. Proctor, Lulu Shaw, Claire Smith, A. Norris Suhler, R. E. Watson, E. W. Weston.

Iva Crawford, Jennie Grant (honors), Helen E. Hodge, Donald J. Leitch, Lulu Shaw (honors).

Upper School—Honor Matriculation. Lillian M. Sharp—Class II honors in moderns and English.

Katharine Kelly—Class III, honors in mathematics and English.

Entrance Into Faculties of Education, Part I.—Flossie Hosie.

Part II.—Edgar Hutchinson. First J. I. Carter Scholarship, \$150. Lillian M. Sharp. Second J. I. Carter Scholarship, \$100. Edgar Hutchinson. Third J. I. Carter Scholarship, \$50. Flossie Hosie.

James Brown, stowaway on the steamer Ionic, left the hospital today fully recovered from the effects of his exposure.