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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 13, 1902.

THE COMMUTATION.

The Sun has refrained from discussing the subject of the commutation of the sentence of Frank Higgins while the matter was pending. It has appeared to us that the question to be determined at Ottawa was mainly judicial, and that the proceeding of the department of justice was in a very practical sense a continuation of the proceedings begun in the circuit court. The jury found the lad guilty of murder. If he is guilty of a murder at all it was one of a most brutal and treacherous character. On one ground, and only one, the jury recommended him to mercy. The trial judge and the attorney general have sent forward their reports with a copy of the evidence. It is not known what they recommended. Mr. Fitzpatrick and his officers also heard Mr. Mullin's plea and argument. They had a number of citizens, but as all petitions for the commutation of a death sentence are signed by a large proportion of persons asked, the officers would perhaps not be greatly influenced by this document. Frank Higgins owes his escape to his youth, and perhaps to some slight remaining doubt as to whether he was the chief and original criminal in St. John where the boy who was killed and the boy or boys who killed him have lived, and where their families reside, most people would hardly have known what to say if they had been called upon to decide the course to be taken. But even those whose judgment does not command the decision of the government will have a feeling of relief now that they know the lad is not to die on the gallows. The execution of a boy of his age is repulsive even to those who realize the horror of the crime which has been committed. Besides there is present in the community an unwillingness that the last and irrevocable step should be taken while the mystery of the murder remains unsolved. To this day no motive for the crime has been discovered, and few accept as true the account of the tragedy given by the child witness for the crown, who shared with Higgins the guilty knowledge of the transaction.

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THE BOND TREATY.

The Bond-Hay treaty as now made public differs somewhat from the text previously given out by newspaper correspondents. Which text was nothing more or less than that of the Bond-Hay treaty. The new convention seems to open up the market of the United States to "green fish" so called, that is, codfish salted, but not dried. There is an enlarged list of goods to be admitted free from the United States, and in another list of articles the maximum duty is fixed, with the provision that no country, British or foreign, shall have lower rates of these articles than the United States. The treaty strikes Canada three ways. It gives the United States fishermen the right to set bait in Newfoundland on terms that are denied in Canada, thus giving the Gloucester fishermen an advantage over their Canadian competitors that they have not hitherto enjoyed. It admits Newfoundland fish to United States markets on terms which the United States denies to Canadians. It takes from Canada all preference and all hope of a preference in Newfoundland markets.

VENEZUELA.

Even a comparatively weak country like Venezuela cannot go on forever destroying or plundering the property of British and German people, and

repudiating financial obligations to foreign creditors. It seems to be necessary for American nations to protect their people in South American republics as well as from stronger assailants. A few years ago, when Venezuela claimed a large share of British territory, the United States intervened in the interest of the sister republic and the Monroe doctrine. Since that time the United States have been despoiled in Venezuela and President Roosevelt sees no reason to refuse himself about the existing situation. The president of Venezuela has called his people to arms against the European invader. An appeal to arms has no novelty for the Venezuelans who have been almost continuously engaged in civil war since they became independent. Civil war is, in fact the only method of a change of government known in Venezuela, and a short foreign war may afford a pleasing diversion.

A GREAT WORK.

Wednesday was a great day for Egypt. The Assouan dam is completed. It is a triumph of engineering enterprise and a public work of immense economic importance. By this latest work England has spoken another word to the world which Rudyard Kipling may think it worth while to report. Some applications have, with a pardonable appreciation of the building operations of his ancestors, told the British engineers that the Nile could not be dammed at this spot, for if the thing could be done it would have been accomplished four or five thousand years ago. But they didn't know everything. In Egypt, any more than down in Judea, and therefore they left for a score or two of centuries the use of a large area of Nile valley, which will now bear two crops a year instead of one, while much that has borne no crop will yield sugar and cotton, together with the ancient crops of leeks and onions. This dam is over a mile long, whose masonry foundation begins some thirty feet below the bed of the river. It is pierced by 180 openings 23 feet high and 7 feet wide closed by steel sluice gates. It is stated that 1,000,000,000 cubic metres of water can be stored in the pond created by this dam. This dam and the lock at Assouan are two out of many works carried out by England for the agricultural redemption of Egypt.

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MR. TRUEMAN'S APOLOGY.

Mr. W. H. Trueman, a government official, made a rather bad blunder when he rushed into print to scold Mr. Hatheway for discussing the coal strike, and to accuse him of promoting before the legislature an employer's liability bill so crudely drawn, and so mischievous in its probable effects that it had to be withdrawn. Having put his foot in it by sneering at the workmanship of a bill prepared by the attorney general, Mr. Trueman tries to extricate it by explaining that the subject matter is "well known to be of great complexity and legal difficulty." Most of Mr. Trueman's long letter is an argument to show how great was the task which Dr. Pugsley failed to perform to his own satisfaction, or that of Mr. Trueman. It is hoped that the attorney general will accept the apology, and perhaps Mr. Trueman will now see fit to consent to the further discussion of labor questions by Mr. Hatheway, and will forgive the gentleman for promoting Dr. Pugsley's crude measure.

AN INTERESTING REVOLVER.

The election of Mr. Moses Nickerson to the Nova Scotia legislature is a result from the machine management of the liberals, who after a visit from Mr. Fielding nominated Mr. Nickerson. This was done at a convention where Mr. Nickerson was nominated. Mr. Nickerson's reputation took the field as an independent liberal, and as the conservative did not propose to con-

front the case, the voters as a whole probably voted for the man from the north. A few days after the election, Mr. Nickerson was born on the coast, and was self-educated. He taught himself a number of modern and ancient languages, and developed a literary gift which in some ways would have brought him fame. After some service as a teacher and newspaper reporter, he established a paper of his own called the Coast Guard, by which appears some remarkably bright and witty writings in prose and verse. The political career of Mr. Nickerson will be watched with peculiar interest by his friends of the press, the more so that before he was crowded out of the nomination a government newspaper was established in his own field, apparently with the purpose of destroying his influence as a journalist.

THE LOSS OF TWO SEATS IN BY-ELECTIONS.

After long preparation for the contest, as a rude blow to Premier Peters of Prince Edward Island. There was no particular reason for the change except want of confidence in the government.

THE CHATELAIN WORLD OF THE 6TH CENTURY.

The sketch of the life and work of the late Mr. W. K. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds was associated with Editor Stewart on the St. John Tribune.

EGYPT'S RESCUE AND ASSOUAN DAM.

In recent cables to the Mail and Empire the departure for Egypt of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall was recorded. On Thursday the Duke will represent his country in the formal opening of the Assouan dam. The Duke is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. W. K. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds was associated with Editor Stewart on the St. John Tribune.

WHAT THE DAM MEANS.

The Assouan dam will control and control the waters of the Upper Nile, and will irrigate some 1,000,000 acres, and will irrigate some 1,000,000 acres, and will irrigate some 1,000,000 acres.

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OPINION ON EGYPTIAN OPINION.

These in mentioning the Assouan dam, which is a native appreciation of British aid, the British in charge are looked upon as the friends of the British. An Egyptian statesman, bitterly hostile to British rule, said to me: "I myself should be the first to do everything that I can to help the British. I myself should be the first to do everything that I can to help the British. I myself should be the first to do everything that I can to help the British."

WHAT EGYPT OWES TO BRITAIN.

Lord Milner, in his famous book where the remarkable episode is recorded, says: "Any improvement in his water supply, any thing which goes straight home to the heart of every Egyptian, it is the one sort of benefit which you can confer upon him, which the value is not only indispensible, but universally recognized. The most successful, the most creditable, the most unquestionable use of all the services rendered by our country in Egypt have been connected with this vital problem of water."

RECIPROCI- T.

John Charlton's Speech at Detroit, Last Night.

He Put Canada's Case Before Three Hundred Guests in a Most Forceful Way. Showing That the Day Had Come When It Was to the Interest of the United States to Make Overtures for Mutual Trade Benefits.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—Reciprocity between the United States and Canada was the keynote of the speech tonight at the dinner given at the Hotel Windsor by the national reciprocity convention by the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and the arguments in favor of it presented by John Charlton, president of the Canadian parliament, and Campbell Shaw, of Buffalo, were enthusiastically received by the 300 guests who were present. The afternoon session of the conference was devoted to the discussion of the reciprocity convention by the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and the arguments in favor of it presented by John Charlton, president of the Canadian parliament, and Campbell Shaw, of Buffalo, were enthusiastically received by the 300 guests who were present.

THE TRADES COMMISSION.

The trade commission between the United States and Canada for the fiscal year 1902 shows that the trade of Canada with the United States, without including previous years, has been a heavy unfavorable balance against her. The trade commission between the United States and Canada for the fiscal year 1902 shows that the trade of Canada with the United States, without including previous years, has been a heavy unfavorable balance against her.

MR. CHARLTON'S SPEECH.

Mr. Charlton was speaking to a most valuable one for the United States and Canada, under existing conditions. It is not a specially valuable one for the United States and Canada, under existing conditions. It is not a specially valuable one for the United States and Canada, under existing conditions.

WHEN BABY WAS SICK, WE GAVE HER CASTORIA.

When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

HAMPSTEAD, QUEBENS CO.

HAMPSTEAD, Dec. 3.—The river is frozen over and fit for teams to cross. United Empire L. O. L. No. 113, at its last regular meeting elected and installed the following officers: Myles E. Merritt, W. M.; Byron T. Clark, D. M.; Stephen E. Clark, chaplain; Arthur J. Van Wart, fin. secy.; John A. Dougan, treasurer; I. B. Van Wart, director of ceremonies; Geo. J. Rathburn, lecturer; Geo. B. Slipp, first committeeman; John Marve, second do.; Wilford Van Wart, third do.; Leo Fox, fourth do.; William G. McConchie, fifth do.

THE ALDEES BROUGHT OUT 122 TONS OF SCOTCH ANTHRACITE COAL FOR GIBSON & CO.

The Aldees brought out 122 tons of Scotch anthracite coal for Gibson & Co. This was imported as an experiment, and if it will give satisfaction more will be imported.

A PROMINENT MEMBER OF L. O. F.

Threatened With Bright's Disease--Fe-ru-na Restored Him to Health.



O. FRED LINDSTROM, PAST GRAND MASTER L. O. F.

O. Fred Lindstrom, Past Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Chancellor of the Twin City Lodge No. 63, Knights of Pythias, also Past Chief Patriarch, Ridgely Encampment No. 22, writes: "Fe-ru-na has my hearty endorsement. There is no medicine I know of which can compare with it. I contracted a severe cold several years ago, which developed into urinary trouble, and threatened Bright's disease. As one of my friends was cured of Bright's disease through the use of Fe-ru-na, I thought I would try it also, and used it faithfully for three and one-half months, when my health was perfect. Since then, I have never had any trouble since, and therefore think it is but just to give it unlimited praise."

METHODIST CHURCH

And its Institutions Handomely Remembered by J. Wesley Smith. HALIFAX, Dec. 11.—The will of the late J. Wesley Smith makes the following public bequests: Quarterly official board of Halifax West circuit, \$5,000; Old Men's Home, conditional on \$10,000 being raised by others and the home started within two years from date of decease, \$5,000; Mount Allison University, to be invested, interest to be used for bursaries, \$5,000; Parsonage Aid and Church Extension fund, \$5,000; Sustentation Fund of Methodist church, \$5,000; Charles street church, for new building, \$5,000; Halifax Dispensary, \$1,000; poor fund in connection with Charles street church, \$1,000; Society for the Relief of Poor, \$1,000; Young Men's Christian Association, \$1,000; Oxford street Methodist Sunday school, \$500; Oxford street Methodist church, \$500; Charles street Methodist Sunday school, \$500; Charles street Methodist parsonage, \$500. Also an amount left in the hands of the executors in trust, at the expiration of the trust to be divided as follows: Supernumerary ministers and ministers' widows, \$7,500; education of young men for Methodist ministry, \$500; sustentation fund, \$7,500; missionary society, \$7,500; Ladies' College, Sackville, toward new building, \$5,000. The balance of the estate, when it is finally wound up to the percentage aid and Methodist church extension funds.

HEALTHY FOR WOMEN.

"Few things are more important to a community than the health of its women. If strong in the frame of the mother, says a proverb, the sons will give laws to the people." Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is especially woman's medicine. By its action on the blood and nerves it gives strength and vigor to the delicate feminine organs and ensures their regular and healthful action. It gives color to the pale, strength to the weak, and a rounded form to the thin and angular.

SUSSEX NEWS.

SUSSEX, Dec. 10.—The concert in the Free Baptist Church, Dec. 19th, promises to be one of high merit. B. Ambley Keith, who was kicked badly by a horse a few days ago, is improving. On account of the cold, stormy day, yesterday, the stock sale at the late Thomas Roach's farm was postponed. Dr. A. J. Stockton was in the city last night says Wednesday's Gleaser, his first visit here since his recent severe illness. The few of his many friends who had the pleasure of meeting him last evening of the morning before his departure for his home at St. John, gave the doctor a very hearty greeting.

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CITY

Recent Events

Together With from Co and E. The Central rail out to Chipman. The tug Berne C. T. White of Estey of Fredericton. The Hampton way will start in this year. WANTED—A KUMFOOT POW from ten to twenty. About 150 people today to take part in the str. Corrigantie.

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About 150 people today to take part in the str. Corrigantie. The James Barr this week to begin the rails on the rail. The Grand Mar, which arrived from her last broken was towed into. Dr. A. B. Athel was in Calais yesterday a successful pedicler on Mr. daughter of John Sch. Fred H. G. at Apalachicola, damaged to her m. walls. She is to be children for St. J. Mayor White has Canadian Society. A banquet of the annual banquet of the in Delmonico's on the. The damaged cars have been from the scene of at Belmont, and the symptoms of such prominence that the serious nature of the disease is at once suspected, but the chronic variety may come on so gradually and insidiously that its presence is not suspected until after it has fastened itself thoroughly upon its victim.

CHILDREN CAST

In the probate of the administration of Cornelius Calais Simons was granted to Christie, creditor. estate is valued as in consequence of C. proctor. Owing to the Tuesday only a Kyrrhoe stock to be sold at auction, choice animals of disposed of at private. Carleton dealers that the demand market has decreased in the last two years, market on which a year several stock, but without avail, have been selling week for \$1.5 a bar. George H. Duggan consulting engineer director of the De Steel Company, and the superintendent of furnaces at Sydney, terday at the Duff to Montreal. The a look over the effort Duggan is the great

TO CURE A COLD

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. B. W. Grove's is a natural remedy. HUGHES H. O. L. elected their officers year on Wednesday at Mary Callist. The officers are: W. M. J. Calvin, D. M. Linton, secretary; Bradley, F. S. W. T. Moore, president; G. C. Raynes, J. C. Calvin. The treasurer's statement to be in a go tion.

SISTER OF CH

The death took place at the Industrial Falls Wednesday at Mary Callist. The in middle life and w Spillans, formerly of She was a Miss Mary a religious for years. Death was Home at nine o'clock.

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