

**"JACK JOHNSON" IS ACCOMMODATED WITH CELL AT CENTRAL**

**Dusky Visitor On Saturday Requested Peaceful Place To Sleep—Found The Metropole Too Noisy.**

"Mistah Jack Johnson is my name." Somewhat taken aback the police officers politely invited the color- ed visitor to have a seat, when he called at Central police station about 11 o'clock on Saturday night.

**SCOPE OF LIFE SAVERS LITTLE CONFINED**

**Who The United States Officials Saved Last Year Apart From Those Imperilled By Marine Disasters.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Aside from saving hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property involved in marine disasters, the United States life-saving service managed to render assistance to many unfortunate persons in distress. The annual report of the superintendent of the service, Mr. Kimball, shows that a woman "about to be hurled over a bluff," an intoxicated man about to fall off a dock, a man who had lost his way in a marsh, another who had broken through the ice, two others who had climbed upon the roof of a cliff and were unable to descend and still another who tried to commit suicide, were saved by the vigilant guards.

Five automobiles imperilled in marshes or quicksands were rescued. During the last fiscal year there were 1476 marine disasters involving the lives of 5000 persons, which called the life-saving service into activity. Seventy-two vessels were totally lost, although only thirty people lost their lives in consequence of the disasters.

**SUBJECTS PAY LAST RESPECTS TO DEAD KING**

Brussels, Dec. 18.—The body of King Leopold was transferred from the Pavilion at Laeken to the Palace at Brussels tonight, by the light of torches carried by troopers acting as guides. The hearse was covered with crepe and drawn by eight horses with black draperies. It was surmounted with black plumes and bore the national coat of arms and the coats of arms of the various provinces.

**OFFICERS OF EMPRESS WERE NOT TO BLAME**

Quebec, Dec. 18.—Dominion wreck commissioner Demers rendered his decision in connection with the accident to the E. M. S. Empress of Ireland, off Monaca last October, this afternoon. After a lengthy and complete analysis of the documents produced and of the opinions expressed by the experts which had stated that the vessel had certainly not struck a reef but a submerged derelict, the court declared that nobody could be blamed for the accident.

**SEVEN DREDGES DOING THE WORK AT FORT WILLIAM**

**John Ryan, Inspector, On Visit Here, Speaks Of Recent Operations — Port Arthur Is Also Getting a Share.**

While only three dredges are employed by the Department of Public Works at the harbor of St. John, the winter terminus of the great trans-Atlantic steamship companies, seven dredges have been employed at Fort William and a number more at Port Arthur only three miles distant. Mr. John Ryan, dredgings inspector at Fort William, who is spending the Christmas holidays at his home Duke street, when interviewed by The Standard last night described the work that was being done at the port.

There were at the present time, he said, three important dredging undertakings going on. One of the works consisted in the deepening and widening of the Kamistakia River and its branch, the Mission, which connected the port with Thunder Bay on Lake Superior. These rivers were being made 500 feet broad and 25 feet deep to facilitate the grain boats. The work had not yet been completed.

**G. H. HARRISON TO AID IN IMMIGRATION WORK**

**Woodstock Man To Assist In Placing Scotch Laborers In Northern New Brunswick— Praise For Government.**

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 18.—The immigration policy inaugurated by the Provincial Government has proved so successful that it has been found necessary to temporarily increase the staff and G. H. Harrison of this town is now assisting the Superintendent of Immigration. He has been assigned to the upper part of the province and is arranging for the location of farm hands and other laborers. This is a grand opportunity for the farmer who has been handicapped by the lack of good reliable help to get experienced Scotch laborers at a very reasonable wage as the department has numerous applications from persons desirous of settling their sons in New Brunswick. These people are recommended by the superintendent as a very careful selection is made on the other side of the water. Arrangements are being completed to have a large number of experienced farm laborers arrive in this province early in April. Mr. Harrison expects to visit the district in the near future and will be glad to meet any who are interested in this forward movement of the Government.

**GRAIN GROWERS IN ANNUAL SESSION**

Brandon, Dec. 19.—Manitoba grain growers eighth convention came to a close Saturday. At the afternoon session, the recommendations of the committee on live stock, were adopted and a motion was carried endorsing the amendment of the inspection act set as to provide for a board of general inspectors. The taking over of the Fort William elevator by the Dominion Government was also unanimously voted for.

**GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN DESTROYED BY FIRE**

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Northbound Great Northern train from St. Paul to Winnipeg was wrecked Saturday night and the mail and baggage cars with the contents were destroyed by fire, including twelve corpses in the baggage car. Much Christmas mail for western Canada from western Ontario was also included in the list.

**WELL KNOWN TORONTO MAN DEAD FROM FALL**

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 19.—Mr. Donald Gunn, president of Gunn's Ltd., the well known packers of this city was killed on Saturday by falling on the pavement on Young street, after he had avoided a slow going automobile. The late Mr. Gunn who was 65 years of age was known all over Ontario as an importer of fine horses. He was also a pioneer in the packing industry.

**Government Judge Naval Defence Bill**

**Dr. Daniel, M. P., Home From Ottawa Reviews Work Of Session—Scores Vacillating Course Of Administration In Holding Back Naval Defence Bill—Ministers Who Represented Canada At Imperial Conference Don't Want Union Jack.**

Dr. J. W. Daniel, M.P., arrived home from Ottawa on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays. In conversation with a Standard reporter last evening, Dr. Daniel spoke of the outstanding features of the session and the poor showing which the Government had made on these occasions. The naval defence measure, he declared had been held over until the opening of the next session in order to give the Government time enough to make up their own mind on the matter and to whip their lagging followers into line.

The Indian lands scandal in the west, the mismanagement which resulted in the deepening and widening of the disgraced deal in the purchase of the sawdust wharf at Richibucto, had all tended, he said, to weaken the Government in the House and before the people.

An interesting session. "The session so far has been a very interesting one," Dr. Daniel said, "from the fact that though the House has been in session for five weeks, the debates that have taken place, and even the discussion of the estimates, have been free from tediousness of talking for talk's sake, with the result that much business has been done and but little time wasted."

"The wreck of the Hostia as brought up in Parliament, shown without doubt to have been caused by the neglect of the official or officials of the Marine Department, is responsible for the condition of the seas to navigation in the Bay of Fundy, made a deep impression on the House and Country."

"Three or four years ago a Liberal member of British Columbia referred to a similar occurrence on the Pacific coast whereby a large number of people lost their lives; and he accused the department of criminal negligence with regard to that disaster. In the case of the Hostia, if ordinary diligence and interest had been evinced by the Marine Department, those thirty-five persons who found a violent death in the icy waters of the Bay of Fundy, would today be in the enjoyment of their health and strength and rejoicing in the very fact of being alive."

"Another notable occurrence this session was the dressing down Mr. Meighen gave to the Prime Minister for holding on to two seats for so long. Mr. Meighen showed conclusively that he was not a man of high moral character returned for two constituencies must make his choice as to which he will sit for within a week after the death in the icy waters of the Bay of Fundy, would today be in the enjoyment of their health and strength and rejoicing in the very fact of being alive."

"The Union Jack or the broad white ensign with the red cross of St. George flown by the Royal Navy does not appear to be a good enough flag for these masters of military and naval strategy, but they must have a different flag of their own."

"The idea of sending the car to this country is to enlist American capital, and exhibitions will be held in this city, in Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and other great traffic centres. The management of the exhibitions will be in the hands of Mr. Hart O. Berg, an American promoter, who managed the interest of the Wright Brothers' flying machine abroad as an associate of Mr. Charles E. Flint of this city."

A representative from Mr. Flint's office was at the pier to meet Messrs. Sussermann and Falcke. Mr. Berg will arrive here next week aboard the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria of the Hamburg-American line.

**IMPORTANCE OF ELECTRIC ROAD STRONGLY URGED**

**Hon. Robert Maxwell Returns From Ottawa Conference—Motive Power Used On G. T. P. An Important Question.**

Hon. Robert Maxwell, who was one of the delegation from this province to the conference arranged at Ottawa by Premier Hazen and Sir Wilfrid Laurier with reference to the electrifying of the G. T. P. as recommended in a resolution adopted in the local legislature, returned to the city Saturday. Among the delegates were Hon. Mr. Maxwell, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer and Hon. H. F. McLeod, representing the Provincial Government, Hon. J. P. Burchill, M.P.P., and Mr. J. P. Byrne, M.P.P., mover and seconder of the resolution, Hon. Chas. E. Oak of the Miramichi Lumber Company, and Mr. W. T. Whitehead, of the N. B. Land & Railway Co.

Hon. Messrs. Fisher and Pagsley represented the Dominion Government and the matter was left in their hands to report to the cabinet. Mr. Fisher expressed himself as fully aware of the importance of the preservation of the forests and promised that the Government would make the matter their most serious consideration.

"In New Brunswick," he said, "the railway traversed 300 miles of forest land and were able to show that locomotives set 60 per cent. of all our forest fires. This shows what an important matter it is to us. To Quebec it means much more because the length of track through their forest lands is as much as 700 miles."

**CREW ESCAPES FROM BURNING FISHERMAN**

**Fishing Tug Penelope Burns To Water's Edge While Crew Battle For Lives Among Ice Floes Of Lakes.**

Lorain, Ohio, Dec. 19.—The fishing tug Penelope, of Cleveland, burned this afternoon four miles off shore. The crew of three escaped after a battle with ice floes in the bitter cold which almost cost them their lives.

The boat, which belongs to A. H. Langell, of Cleveland, was founded to winter quarters at St. Clair, Mich. This afternoon Captain Chas. Inches discovered fire in the woodwork above the engine room and in only a few moments his position and that of Engineer Percy Upper and Fireman Jack Melver became untenable.

"The last notable occurrence that has taken place is the bringing to light of the extraordinary transactions in connection with the purchase of the celebrated 'sawdust wharf' at Richibucto, which Mr. Murray, a prominent Liberal politician purchased for \$700 and immediately shortly after—in fact during election time—sold to the government for \$5000."

**GYROSCOPE CAR IN NEW YORK NOW**

The gyroscope monorail on board the President Grant is twenty feet long and four feet wide and will accommodate ten persons. exhibition of his gyroscope in Berlin before Government officials, military officers and transportation authorities and the public from November 10 to 15.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Engineer Tom Walker and Fireman P. W. Bauer, both of Tucson were killed, ten persons, mostly trainmen, were seriously injured and thirteen others were cut and bruised today when an east-bound Rock Island train operated over the Southern Pacific tracks was wrecked east of Benson, Ariz. The injured persons were brought to St. Mary's Hospital at Tucson. Among them is Mrs. L. A. Bellows, Boston. Southern Pacific officials say that the train struck a curve at too high a speed.

**600 BRACE OF PHEASANTS FOR FRIENDS IN CANADA—SHIP LOSES AN OLD FRIEND ON VOYAGE OUT.**

Not the least interesting items in the cargo of the Allan steamer Tunisian which arrived here yesterday from Liverpool via Halifax were 600 brace of pheasants consigned by Lord Strathcona as Christmas presents to numerous friends throughout Canada. Once a ranger of the wide plains of the Canadian West and a mighty hunter, Lord Strathcona now draws tribute from his parks and preserves in Meville England and sends the proceeds to his friends in the newer land at the happy Yuletide season.

The Tunisian left Liverpool on Dec. 10th and on the voyage to Halifax broke her own record, besides lowering the time made by the turbine Victoria to Halifax this season. This was done in spite of the handicap of a dense fog early in the voyage which necessitated half speed for eight hours and later strong westerly gales and high seas.

The death of Nigger, a black cat which had seen eight years service in the Allan steamer, was an incident on the voyage. Nigger originally belonged to St. John and while still young developed a taste for a sea-faring life. The prospect of an unlimited diet of rats may possibly have proved an added attraction. After remaining seven years on the Ionian he was transferred to the Tunisian where he remained until he passed in his checks on the fourth day out. He was buried at sea in a canvas bag with full feline honors.

An Unwilling Passenger. Among the passengers who landed here was Bennie Zeigerman, the young son of Aaron Zeigerman of Chapel street, who on Friday afternoon took an involuntary trip to Halifax on the R. M. S. Hepparlan.

The lad was on board the steamer selling post cards and business was so brisk that the steamer had swung from the wharf before he knew it. The lad was too small to be lowered over the side of the ship and was taken on to Halifax, where he was transferred to the Tunisian.

When Bennie realized that he must go to Halifax he showed signs of distress but between his sobs was able to tell his name and Mr. Frank Kinney, near who was on shore, notified his parents. After leaving St. John, Bennie took things philosophically and proceeded to enjoy himself, according to his own account had a great time on board.

At Halifax, the Tunisian landed a record mail consisting of 2,092 bags and 1,431 baskets of parcel post. Of the 4,500 tons of general cargo, 1500 tons were landed at Halifax. The majority of the 639 passengers, including a musical troupe headed by Miss Florence Barnes, who are to play in Chicago, disembarked at Halifax.

**BISHOP LAWRENCE RAPS CHURCH FAIRS**

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—"When a church depends upon fairs, entertainments and spasmodic effort for support, it loses its dignity and influence throughout the whole community," states Right Rev. William Lawrence, Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts, in a circular letter sent to the clergy and laity of his diocese. The letter also emphasizes the importance of the churches paying the minister's salaries promptly that the clergy may not endure the shame of having unpaid bills.

**200 NEGROES HELD FOR ST. LOUIS MURDER**

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 19.—Three hundred negroes, each answering in some particular the description of the highwayman who shot and killed McOrman Eugene V. Goby and probably fatally wounded Conductor M. P. O'Brien on a street car last night, are held at police headquarters tonight. The negroes were captured by citizens. The thus sought for obtained \$40 from O'Brien last night by cutting out his pockets and taking the money charger. The car after the negro left at ran uncontrolled for four miles into the centre of East St. Louis. Rewards of \$50 by the men's employers and \$200 from the Street Car Men's Union were offered today for the negro's arrest.

**CANDIDATES WHO PASSED CIVIL SERVICE**

**The Official List Of Those Who Were Successful In The Recent Qualifying Examinations For The Civil Service.**

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following candidates have passed the preliminary examination for the outside civil service held on November 9:

At St. John—Arthur Byrt, Thomas Casey, Fred W. Cox, Albert C. Currier, Jeremiah J. Donovan, Fred Joyce, Thomas G. Morgan, William J. McLean, Harry R. McKim, Francis E. O'Donnell, Walker P. Pheasant, Jas. B. Power, H. H. Puddington, J. Wilson.

At Charlottetown—Joseph Cook, Gertrude Coyle, Edith Hayden, Katie Matheson, Bernice MacMillan, John McDonald, Carrie McDougall, Maude McLeod, Mary McLean, William P. H. McNeill, Hazen M. Newton, May Power, Ella B. Sinnott, William W. Smith, Ethel L. Wray.

The following have passed the higher grade examinations:

At Charlottetown—Kenneth H. Irving, Adelaide W. Newberry, Wm. W. Smith, Leith Wright.

At St. John—Patrick E. Barry, Leonard T. Cronin, Fred J. Newcombe, George E. Nugent, Harry H. Puddington, J. J. Dwyer.

At Halifax—Gladys S. Boreham, Guy E. Downie, Zohet D. Freeman, John T. Lebbetter, Heber Logan, John J. MacLellan, Alan J. MacCormick, Charles F. O'Brien, Dennis J. John, Harold L. Wall, Harry W. Wilson, Elma S. Shand, John B. Hanway.

**CORINTHIAN ASHORE IN HALIFAX HARBOR**

Shortly before noon a fleet of tow boats consisting of the F. W. Roebbing, the Shannon, the Togo and the Goliath, got great twelve inch hawsers to the stranded steamer; they pulled astern from the after part of the Corinthian, the steamer's own engines adding to the force. For an hour the terrific strain was kept up, the propellers of the four tow boats and of the liner churning the water furiously, so that the noise could be heard all along the water front. All efforts were made to get the Corinthian afloat, but it was decided to postpone further efforts until today when the ship will be lightened.

Cruiser Sent For. The C. P. R. towboat at St. John, said to be the most powerful on the American coast, was wired for and will arrive early this morning. With some of the cargo out and reinforced by the St. John towboat the Corinthian may be got off today. If not then the ship will have to be lightened till the steamer can be moved with 7000 tons aboard this is certain to be accomplished and probably before the half of the cargo is removed.

**POLICE BAFFLED BY WOULD-BE SUICIDE**

**Girl Found Dying In Norfolk, Virginia, Last Week, Still Withholds Identity—Authorities Completely Mystified.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—Having thus far successfully resisted every effort to ascertain her identity, the strange young woman who, at Virginia Beach last week, signed herself "Ruth Morton, Chicago," prior to attempting suicide, both by laceration and shooting, still lies unconscious at St. Vincent's Hospital tonight, with the mystery surrounding her case as deep as ever.

Though she has three 22 calibre pistol wounds in her head, the girl began to improve today and tonight her physicians believe her recovery is quite likely. Today for the first time since she was secretly brought to the hospital last Thursday, she agreed to take food, and for the first time she manifested interest in her probable recovery.

She had repeatedly declared that she wanted to die and have buried with her a man's handkerchief and a bunch of withered violets which she brought with her to Virginia Beach.

One of the strangest features of the case is that the police department, after all the publicity given the case has not received a single inquiry concerning the girl. In an effort to obtain some clue to her identity, a woman was sent to her bedside today to question her. The girl was firm and the woman left without the desired information. Apparently the only possible clue to her identity is the landanum fial which was found with the girl, marked "Willow Drug Company, Somerville, Mass."

She had destroyed everything by which she might be identified, even having cut from her hat the name of the place where it was bought.

"I came to Virginia Beach to die because of the remoteness of the place," wrote the girl in the note she left, which also told of \$25 she had with her to be used for her burial.

Creating a Disturbance. Police Officer Scott was called to the Chinese cafe on Germain street on Saturday night to eject two men who were creating a disturbance in the restaurant and who had refused to pay for two meals which they had ordered. When the officer arrived on the scene the men had escaped. Although the proprietor of the cafe was unable to give him their names, the officer has a good description of the offenders.

**Administration Notice**

Letter of Administration of the estate and effects of James C. Boyle, late of the Parish of St. Johns, in the County of the City and County of Saint John, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City and County of Saint John and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to file the same duly attested at the office of George H. V. Belyea, Solicitor, 45 Canterbury street, Saint John, N. B., within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. ELLEN BOYLE, Administratrix. St. John, N. B., Nov. 22nd, A.D., 1906.