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A BOWLING ALLEY CASE IN THE COURT

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London, Feb. 13.—A despatch by Lloyd's from Brest, France, reports that the British steamer Forest Castle has foundered in the Bay of Brest and that nine of the crew were drowned.

The Forest Castle was last reported as sailing from Bordeaux, France, on January 27 for Bilbao. The steamer is of 1,800 tons net, 300 feet long, 43 feet beam and 23 feet in depth. She was built at Sunderland, England, in 1895 and owned by the Forest Oak Steamship Company, Limited, of Newcastle, England.

Edward George, high steward, aged five years, eldest son of the second Duke of Westminster, and heir to the Dukedom of Devonshire, was on board. He was not seen after the vessel was reported to have foundered.

Rev. James Crisp will address the temperance meeting to be held by the Rev. J. O. G. T. tomorrow afternoon in Haymarket square hall, at 4 o'clock. There will be special music.

MASKED BANDITS HOLD UP A TRAIN

Bold Robbery of Mail Car on Denver and Rio Grande Express—Engineer Ran His Train at Point of Revolver.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 12.—Two masked bandits held up the Denver & Rio Grande train No. 4 at Military Junction, between Fort Logan and Denver at 3:15 o'clock this morning, looting the mail car and registered mail. The train was due in Denver at 10:45 last night, but was running late. There is a steep grade just after leaving the Junction, and as the train reached the crest two men sprang into the glare of the headlights. One ran rapidly towards the engine and climbed into the cab. He had a gun in each hand and quickly had the fireman and engineer under subjection. As soon as the train was stopped the other bandit ran to the mail car and hauled out the contents. The men were shooting rapidly along the side of the train to intimidate the passengers and train crew. It is estimated they fired at least fifty shots.

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ZEAL OF WORKERS LEVIED A FINE FOR "FREE KINDERGARTEN"

Indications Are That the Free Kindergarten "Tag Day" Has Been a Complete Success—Few Who Had the "Change" Escaped the Vigilant Searchers, But the Day Was Productive of Many Funny Incidents—Some Men Who Did Not Contribute.

"Tag! You're it. Let no innocent man escape." This was the slogan of the young ladies who are tagging today in aid of the Free Kindergarten. If you don't wear an F. K. tag you are immediately put down as a Mr. Stingy. Without a doubt Tag Day is going to prove a big financial success. Everywhere on the business streets this morning the taggers were holding up every passerby, and going through business houses from top to bottom. Everybody seemed to enter into the spirit of the affair and very few refusals were met with. Men, women and children are decorated with the little tags of postcard and many are wearing two or three, and some upwards of a dozen, for each of which they have made a contribution. Even the messenger boys are wearing the tags and some of them have their coats decorated with half a dozen. The onslaught on the purses of the citizens began about 9 o'clock this morning, when over a hundred young ladies trooped forth from the assembly rooms of the Nickel Theatre and the north end headquarters and commenced their hold-up games. May luckless citizens on their way to work were pounced upon by the taggers and to escape the levy of youth and beauty which hedged them in a tight ring, they were obliged to make a dash for it. Many amusing incidents marked the work, and quite a number of men who felt immune from further attacks by reason their wearing tags, stood about the streets to watch others being caught.

One of the aldermen, while walking along Charlotte street, came to a group of taggers with their hearts on their coats, coming toward him, and he suddenly reversed his steps. He saw a man, and dodged into a store. He was not to escape, however, for he had been seen from afar, and aldermen are quite particular, especially about election time, the city treasurer was invited to cough up and look pleasant, and he coughed generously. On Prince William street, where on Sunday there is usually a crowd congregated on "change" all morning, the taggers were noticeably absent, but for a moment they quickly had the taggers at bay.

Special attention was given this morning to insurance offices, banks and business houses, and many of the taggers were very thorough. "Covered." A number of young men tried for several hours to get tagged on their feet, through back doorways or alleys, but they were eventually landed by the persistent collectors and good naturedly paid the "change."

The newspaper office received attention early and a couple of the taggers went through the "Times" office from basement to top floor. The writer was "tagged" as he attempted to leave the building. Several wagons have been made by passing the taggers, but directly a galaxy of "taggers" corralled him, and after a relentless siege he disbursed several silver coins, and thereafter was immune. Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief, Jenkins, Detective Killen, Reserve Officer Olive, Geo. A. Henderson and three newspaper men fell victims at the band stand on King square, where a trio of young ladies was stationed.

No small measure of the outpouring of money for the free kindergarten can be credited to the north end, for the cups of young ladies in charge of that section of the city made things decidedly interesting for the residents; and it was "pay up" for the man who visited that section. The forces moved on the inland side of the city and the public property of industrial development, said the governor general, depend on the preservation of the forests. Destruction of its forests, had cost the United States \$1,000,000,000 and as up to Canada, to take warning from them and stop the wanton and reckless waste of their timber resources.

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A NEW PLAN FOR ICY SIDEWALKS
A new scheme for treating icy sidewalks is likely to be inaugurated here today. While in upper Canada recently Mayor Bullock noticed that a new plan was used instead of sand. The idea of the scraper is to scrape the surface of the ice and scatter it away with the chance of slipping. It is understood that Engineer Murdoch has sent a plan of the scraper here and one will be built as soon as possible. The cost of going over the sidewalks in this way would be much cheaper than sprinkling sand.

P. E. ISLAND NEWS
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 13.—(Special)—In the skating races held here last night the Charlottetown men won the main events. H. Stearns won the 220 and 440 yards, K. Rogers the half, H. Smith the mile, Ivan Pedin the three miles, and Sam Doyle, the well known hockeyist, the 50 yards.

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DARING ROBBERY IN MONTREAL STORE

Young Lady Cashier H. A. Wilder's Establishment Knocked Down and Robbed of \$100—The Thief Escaped.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—(Special)—A most daring robbery occurred here at noon yesterday when, on St. James street, in the full tide of traffic, Miss Damsour, cashier in H. A. Wilder's big furniture establishment, was knocked down and robbed of \$100, the thief getting clear away.

Miss Damsour was taken to the hospital, and an hour later, when she recovered consciousness, said that she was alone on duty on the cash desk, when a man came in and approached her. His manner alarmed her, and she dropped the bills into the box, when the man rushed forward and grabbed them. She seized his hand, but he at once struck her a heavy blow on the jaw, and she remembered nothing more. When Miss Damsour was found she still had a five and a two dollar bill clutched in her hand. The robber escaped.

EARL GREY SPEAKS ON FOREST WEALTH OF THE DOMINION
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 13.—(Special)—Earl Grey received a great ovation as he rose to speak at the Canadian Foresters Association banquet in response to the toast of his health.

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CAPTURED IN QUICK TIME
Harold Wells Arrested at Fredericton Junction Yesterday on a Charge of Theft from His Step-Mother.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 13.—(Special)—Harold Wells, aged 17, was arrested at Fredericton Junction on the arrival of the Boston train at that point this morning by Detective Killen, and conveyed to the city on the Montreal train at noon. Wells accused of stealing a pair of trousers valued at \$15, from his step-mother, Mrs. John Beatty, surviving only in the deceased's grand child, Marion McPartland. The death is a particularly sad one, as mother, father and daughter have died within a year. The daughter, Mrs. McPartland, died in February last, while the mother, father and daughter have died within a year.

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TAFT SCORES CRITICS OF THE PANAMA CANAL
"Empty Unfounded Criticism" Arouses the Ire of the President-Elect—It Serves no Purpose Except to Discourage the Workmen.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 13.—In his speech at the banquet at La Crosse, given in his honor here last night President-elect Taft regretted that he termed as unfounded criticism of the canal work. There was, he said, nothing so discouraging as a fire in the rear and any person, or are allowed out of college for any reason. But the girls living in residence, who attend the university, are not allowed to attend lectures.

ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT AND GIVEN PURSE OF GOLD.
Chatham's Ex-Town Treasurer Entertained Last Night and Given Purse of Gold.

Chatham, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The supper given last night to ex-Town Treasurer Johnston was a most enjoyable affair. The guests were the members of the first three ex-mayors, J. B. Benson, James Nicol and W. C. Winslow, as well as one or two members of Chatham's first town council, when Mr. Johnston was appointed treasurer. The guest of honor was on the mayor's right, and was presented with a purse of gold.

CASE WAS NOT PRESSED
Moncton, Feb. 13.—(Special)—John Robinson, who on Wednesday last was arrested by I. C. R. Officer Perry for creating a disturbance on the I. C. R. premises, was this morning brought before Magistrate Steeves, but the case was dismissed by mutual consent of the parties concerned.

PREDICTS AN ELECTION
Plymouth, Feb. 13.—Mr. Pease, the chief Liberal whip in the House of Commons, in a speech here last night announced that the government would appeal to the country "before any months" for a mandate to abolish the veto of the House of Lords.

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JUDGE ADVISES A SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE

Judge White Urges That the City and McArthur & McVey Get Together and Settle Differences—Lengthy Litigation Would be Expensive.

Fredericton, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The case of McArthur and McVey vs the City of St. John was adjourned at noon today until Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Judge White strongly advised the parties to get together and try and arrange a settlement. He pointed out that the trial would likely be a protracted one, the expense to both sides would be great, and there were many nice law points involved in the case which would be carried from court to court on appeal. His honor's remarks seemed to favorably impress the counsel and they promised to hold a consultation at 10 o'clock on Monday to see, if some compromise cannot be arranged.

George McArthur was on the stand all afternoon but not very much progress was made in regard to the amount of damages his firm had sustained, but Mr. Pease strenuously objected to this evidence. The court finally ruled that the evidence was admissible but it should be obtained from Mr. McArthur.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON
Presentation to Rev. J. H. MacDonald—Government Exhibit for Sportsmen's Show

Fredericton, Feb. 13.—(Special)—Rev. J. H. MacDonald, pastor of the Brunswick street Baptist church, was last evening presented with a handsome gift of a presentation containing \$100 in honor of his fifty-sixth birthday. The presentation was made at the church prayer meeting and was presented by the members of the Mission Band and their part by providing a monster birthday cake and bouquet of white carnations for the pastor.

The government exhibit for the New York state fair, which will follow on the 22nd inst. The exhibit is valued at \$200 and closes on March 31st.

Robert N. Belton, Scott Act witness, lately committed suicide on the 11th inst. by jumping from the top of the tower of the Mission Baptist church. An unsigned circular letter has been sent out calling a meeting of ratepayers for Monday evening to nominate candidates for the next civic election, who are in sympathy with the Scott Act enforcement.

Ald. Crowe, who represents Queen's ward, has signified his intention of retiring from civic politics.

AUCTIONS
Business Was Brisk at Chubb's Corner This Morning

At Chubb's corner today there was sold at auction all the right, title and interest in a lot of land situated on Sydney street belonging to the estate of York Theatre and Victoria Hotel, Company to A. W. Macrae for \$1.

Auctioneer Lantieri also sold at auction the household property and furniture thereon belonging to the estate of the late Edward Elliott. Walter W. Chase bought it for \$2,100.

Auctioneer F. L. Potts sold the leasehold property belonging to the Heans estate of late Paradise Road to Kenneth J. Macrae for \$75.

The freehold property No. 122 Duke street, with dwelling thereon, went to J. P. D. Tilly for \$2105. F. L. Potts auctioneer.

A \$1000 six per cent city bond due 1911 was sold to Rev. J. H. Macrae for \$1000 and brought 12 per cent.

Auctioneer Potts sold the freehold lot with building thereon situated on the corner of Meadow street, belonging to the heirs of Elizabeth Ann Duncan to Thomas Dean for \$1100.

THE WEATHER

Fresh to strong north-easterly winds; cloudy and mild, with showers of rain. Fresh northerly winds, becoming

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Jack Selby, a rising young comedian, is well known here. The Josina Simkins Evelyn Heatherell is the leading lady. Her part as "Dolly Anderson" in the Queen Devil is eliciting much favorable comment from eminent critics. In many respects she is said to be the equal of Miss Olga Netherland.