

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
MARITIME PROVINCES  
Decreasing Northwesterly to Northerly  
Winds; Fine and Cooler.  
Temperature at 3 A. M. 29 Degrees  
Above Zero.

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## MR. PUGSLEY HUNTING FOR INFORMATION

Asks if Premier Borden's Message to People of St. John as Published in Standard was Accurate.

### MR. HARTT A WHIP.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Notice is given tonight of over 60 questions, resolutions, etc., almost all by members of the Opposition, Mr. Lancaster (Lincoln) gives notice of a bill to amend the marriage act, he is not in town tonight and the purpose of his bill could not be learned.  
Dr. Sinclair is asking if the government in filling the vacancy in the seat created by the death of the late Senator Comeau, will recognize the claims of the Acadian population of the Maritime Provinces.  
Mr. Pugsley has notice of a long question regarding St. John harbor. Quoting Mr. Borden's special message to the people of St. John from the Standard of Sept. 20, he asks if the message was sent by Mr. Borden, at the government has taken to carry out the promises contained in the message, if the government still retains the security deposit of \$500,000 of the Norton Griffiths Company, and if the government will proceed with the Courtney Bay works.  
Mr. Pugsley is also inquiring as to the government's policy with regard to branch lines of the I. C. R.  
On returning to the Commons this morning after the reading of the speech from the throne, Mr. Borden moved the appointment of a committee to strike the standing committee to strike the standing committee to suggest that the committees be reduced in number. In former parliaments these committees had been too large. He suggested that the standing committee be reduced from 205 to 50 or 60, and the others to from 25 to 50. Thus the members would feel more responsible.  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed that the change would be an improvement, but doubted its practicality.  
The matter was left to the committee and the house adjourned till Monday.  
T. M. Hartt an Assistant Whip.  
The assistant whips of the Conservative party were announced today as follows:  
Maritime provinces, Mr. Hartt, Charlote.  
Quebec, Mr. Baker and Dr. Paquet.  
Ontario, Messrs. MacDonell, Sharpe.  
Middlesex.  
The West, Mr. Staples.  
Premier Roblin in Ottawa.  
Mr. Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, and Mr. Campbell, Minister of Public Works of that province, are in town tomorrow they will be in the provincial committee of the extension of the provincial boundaries. "We hope to close it up in one conference," said Mr. Roblin.  
Arthur Hawkes, superintendent of immigration, left tonight on a visit to the west.

## IS RUSSIA SENDING TROOPS TO PERSIA?

Report is That Armed Force Will Be Sent at Once to Concentrate Northwest of Teheran.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 16.—As no reply has been received from the Persian government to the Russian ultimatum of Nov. 11, it is announced that the government has ordered the immediate despatch of troops to Persia. They will be concentrated for the present at Kachin, called also Karvin which is 30 miles northwest of Teheran.

## COURT MARTIAL OF LIEUT. WHITE

Navigating Officer on the Niobe On Trial Yesterday—Hearing of Prosecution Occupied Entire Day.

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, N. S., Nov. 16.—Evidence in the trial court martial of Lieut. Chas. White, navigating officer on the Niobe, charged with negligence or by default stranding on the ledges off Cape Sable on July thirtieth last, was much the same that given yesterday at the trial of Lord Allister Graham. About a dozen witnesses in all were examined, but little that was new was elicited.  
Court opened at 9.30 this morning and adjourned at 5.45 this afternoon. The entire day was taken up by the prosecution, but at the opening tomorrow the case for the defence will be presented, and immediately afterwards judgment will be rendered.

## RAILWAY MEN ON THE IN NEW YORK

Thirteen Indictments Against Freight Men on the Charge of Giving Rebates to New York Firms.

### PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Thirteen indictments were returned this afternoon by the federal grand jury which has been investigating charges of rebating against several railroad freight officials, and members of firms in this city and Chicago. The inquiry has been conducted with unusual secrecy. Six of the indictments are against Robert, B. Ways, foreign freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company, for giving rebates to the Baltimore and Ascher, Oscar F. Kosche, trading as Charles D. Stone and Co., American Shipping Co. International Forwarding Co., all of Chicago, and Peter C. Kuyper, trading as P. C. Kuyper and Co., of New York. Others are against Thomas N. Jarvis, vice-president, and Clarence A. Blood, freight traffic manager of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, for giving rebates to George W. Sheldon and Co., of New York; Oscar E. Kosche, trading as Charles D. Stone and Company; Albert F. Grasser, president, American Shipping Company, and August Bontoux, president, International Forwarding Company.  
Tentative pleas of not guilty were entered to the indictments by Vice-President Jarvis and Freight Traffic Manager Blood of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Judge Martin gave them until December 4 to withdraw their plea or make any motion for their defence that they may deem necessary.  
Bail in the sum of \$5,000 each was furnished by the defendants.  
Assistant District Attorney John H. Crim, in a statement to the court, asserted that while the amounts stated in the different counts seemed small, this was so because they concerned but single car shipments. The total amount involved in rebating, he added, would approximate ten per cent of the total freight earnings of the Lehigh Valley and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Companies.

## LEPROSY IN PHILADELPHIA

Two Women Found Suffering From Dread Disease—One, Mother of Seven Children, is in Advanced Stage.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 16.—Two cases of leprosy were discovered in this city today. The first case, that of Mrs. Becky Schiffman, aged 58 years, was diagnosed by the physicians of the Pennsylvania hospital. It is said that she is in the early stages of the disease. She has been in the country 20 years.  
The other case, that of Mrs. Becky Fowler, aged 39 years, was reported by the physicians of the orthopedic hospital. She came to this country in 1905 and is said to be in an advanced stage of the disease. She is the mother of seven children, the eldest 15 years and the youngest nine months.  
Both women were removed to the isolation ward of the Philadelphia hospital and a quarantine established at their homes.

## MURDER AND SUICIDE IN A CLEVELAND STORE

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Frank M. Gear, 50, head of the F. M. Gear Jewellery Company, Col. Arcade, was shot and killed in his store tonight by John Phillips, who then shot himself through the head. Phillips is not expected to live.  
Up to two years ago Phillips was a member of the local lodge of the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen of which Gear was treasurer. He had a dispute with Gear over dues and since had repeatedly made threats to get even.

### TWIN SISTERS ASPHYXIATED.

New York, Nov. 16.—Twin sisters, 35 years old, Mrs. Eva L. Ems and Mrs. Ada L. Sanford, of New Britain, Conn., were found dead in bed today from gas asphyxiation at the home of their niece, Mrs. E. Humanson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., whom they had come to visit over Thanksgiving Day. The gas heater in the bedroom had been accidentally left open. It was found.

# THE STANDARD

SAINT JOHN, CANADA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1911.

## WILL FOREIGNERS TAKE HAND IN STRAIGHTENING THE CHINESE SITUATION

Fears Expressed for Safety of Missionaries in North of China.

### Yuan Shi Kai Names Cabinet Which It Is Believed Cannot Stand

30,000 Soldiers Join Revolutionaries, But Otherwise Situation Has Not Changed.

Peking, Nov. 16.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai's new cabinet was named in an imperial edict today, but it is questionable whether it will stand. One of the members expressed amazement at the appointment. It is believed that few of the new ministers have been consulted and it is expected that a number of them will decline to serve. The cabinet comprises curious appointments. Liang Shi-Chiao, appointed vice-president of the Board of Justice, is the Chinese reformer who was exiled to the island of Longwai in a member of the new government of Kiang Su. He signed, with Wu Ting Fang, the demand for the throne of Anung-Yen which the reformers sought to have delivered to the Prince Regent through the American legation. Several other members of the new cabinet are known to be strong sympathizers with the revolutionary movement.

Only Manchus are included in the new cabinet. Some of the ablest men of China are omitted, but under the circumstances the ministry is considered satisfactory. The composition of the new cabinet is as follows:  
Premier—Yuan Shi Kai.  
Board of Foreign Affairs—Liang Yun-Yen.  
President—Hu-Wai, vice-president.  
Board of Agriculture and Commerce—Chen Chin-Tao, vice-president.  
Board of Communications—Yang Shih-Chi, president; Liang Jo-Hao, vice-president.  
Board of War—Nang Shih-Cheng, president; Tien Wen-Tieh, vice-president.  
Board of justice—Shen Chi-Pen, president; Liang Chi-Chiao, vice-president.  
Board of agriculture and commerce—Chang Chen, president; Hsi-Yen, vice-president.  
Board of the navy—Admiral Shih-Chen-ping, president; Tan Shueh-Heng, vice-president.  
Board of instructions—Tang Ching-Chang, president; Tang To, vice-president.  
Board of colonies—Si Shih, president.  
Board of interior—Chao Ping-Chun, president; Yu Chen, vice-president.  
Opinion is divided with respect to the object Yuan Shi Kai has in view in his cabinet selection. Some think that he has lost his astuteness and intuition while others hold that he is playing a deep game. His real object may be to convince the Throne that a capable cabinet cannot be formed, but he gives the impression to visitors that he is determined to defeat the rebels.

The foreign diplomatic representatives have under discussion the appointment of a committee for the disbursement of the maritime customs, which are being reserved by the Inspector General, Francis Arthur Aglion, for the payment of loans and indemnities. This seems to be the beginning of foreign interference in the financial affairs of China. Certain members of the National Assembly are advocating the discontinuance of that body because a large majority of the elected members have left the capital. Those who remain are chiefly the Throne's appointees and the assembly is without a quorum.

Reports reach here of the murder of a German in Shensi and a French priest in Sze Chuen province, but these are isolated instances of harm coming to foreigners, who have been well protected considering the excited condition of both revolutionaries and imperialists.

### WAR IS POSSIBLE.

Willmatstad, Curacao, Nov. 16.—A short article in the Northwest and West in Venezuela, the Venezuelan government is engaged at Colombia because that republic declines to place President Castro under arrest and deliver him to the Venezuelan authorities. Castro is said to be on his estate at Cucuta, a town of Colombia, in the department of Santander, on the Venezuelan frontier.

Venezuela believes that Colombia sympathizes with Castro because of his extreme anti-Americanism. President Gomez has 3,000 men near the frontier to fall upon Castro if he invades Venezuela. Ever since the first reports of Castro's return to Europe, the Venezuelan government has been taking precautionary measures to prevent his obtaining a foothold in that country.

General Jos. Manuel Hernandez, known as "El Mochó," leader of the Nationalist party, has written to President Gomez from San Juan, resigning from the federal council on the ground that Gomez has not fulfilled his promises of reforms, and because valuable monopolies are being turned over to foreigners. It is believed that General Hernandez, President of the Venezuelan senate, and ex-minister of industries, and Dr. Alejandro Rivera, Vasquez, ex-speaker of the House of Representatives, have joined in a revolutionary movement in which, however, Castro will have no part.

### "APOSTOLIC SAINTS" STIRRING MANITOBA

Fisher River, Man., Nov. 16.—People calling themselves Apostolic Saints and dubbed Shakers, are working on the Peguis reserve, several people have gone insane through their doings.

Last spring two men started out to meet the Coming Saviour. They left their families to starve saying, "God will feed you." One of these, Fred Thomas by name, became so insane about midsummer to prepare to offer his child as a sacrifice. He was prevented and persuaded to kill a calf instead. This happened twice. He has destroyed most of his furniture.

Chang Waiting For Battle.  
Nanking, Nov. 16.—Throughout the day General Chang, commander of the imperialists, was preparing to receive the reformers' army, which he confidently asserts will meet him.

## EARTHQUAKE DOES DAMAGE IN GERMANY

Shock Felt in German Cities and Several Buildings Badly Damaged—Panic in Theatre at Heidelberg.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—Sharp earthquake shocks occurred tonight at Munich, Straasburg, Mayence, Frankfurt and Stuttenart. The shocks were quite severe at Stuttenart and Frankfurt. The disturbance took place about half past ten o'clock, and at Frankfurt, where several houses were badly shaken, half clad people rushed into the streets. Big cracks appeared in the walls of several buildings. At Stuttenart household furniture was overturned and pictures fell from the walls.

Early in September last a prolonged earth shock occurred at Stuttenart and two lighter shocks at Aix-La-Chapelle and Eschwerter, but no damage of any consequence was done.

At Constantine in the Grand Duchy of Baden, many buildings, including the post office, were badly damaged. The railway viaduct near Lautlingen fell in. There was a panic in the theatre at Heidelberg.

Newcastle, Nov. 16.—Before Col. Maltby at the police court, Isaac Votter who recently broke jail at Newcastle, was fined \$20 and \$15 costs for two months in jail for vagrancy, and \$30 and \$15 costs or three months for breaking jail. The prisoner went behind the bars for the aggregate sentence of five months in default of payment. Votter was arrested at Campbellton by Officer Savoie who got into communication with Chief Dickson with the result that the prisoner was brought to Newcastle on Friday last. The original charge was a disturbance on the Intercolonial Railway system between Newcastle and Gloucester Jet.

The saw mill season on the Miramichi has closed after quite successful operations, considering the inaction of the poor market. D. J. Buckley closed his mill at the French Port cove on Thursday last. He had a good season although a couple of his drives were abandoned. There are not as many in the woods as last season, but a fair number of mills have been closed. The closing of navigation at the port of Newcastle. Only the river boats are now running.

James E. Walsh, bridge inspector under the local government, reports that the bridges in his section of the county are in excellent condition. He personally has superintended the construction of the new bridge on the 30 bridges in this county since the local government came into power. Mr. Walsh said that he had practically completed his season's work. Under orders from the department he had lately constructed the Johnson bridge across the North-west. About 510 feet of new work had been done, while the two shore spans had been covered. At Sutherland's on the Little South-west a new bridge was constructed. This structure is 110 feet long. Some repairs are contemplated to the Way bridge across the Northwest and this bridge along with the building of a new bridge on the Chapin island road at Trout Brook, will be done by Mr. Walsh in the early spring.

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## ADVOCATES SMALLER AND FASTER SHIPS

Sir William H. White, Famous Naval Constructor, Says Smaller War Vessels Would Be as Efficient and Cheaper.

### FEWER BIG GUNS.

New York, Nov. 16.—Smaller battleships and cruisers were advocated by Sir Wm. H. White, former chief constructor of the British navy, in an address today before the annual meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. Sir William is acknowledged to be one of the world's foremost naval architects.

"My personal conviction, based upon long continued study of the problem," he said, "is that the wisest course in warship building would be found in more moderate dimensions and a reduced unit cost for capital ships. Experience has established the fact that, without having resort to the extreme dimensions which recently found favor, it is possible to produce capital ships which shall be powerfully armed, protected, steady gun platforms, capable of fighting their guns in all weather when actions could take place, and able to maintain their speed in rough water. The value of high speed in capital ships has been much discussed, but it really opens up a separate field into which it would be undesirable to enter now.

"Suffice it to say that with equal speed a reduction in the number of heavy guns carried in a single ship would enable considerable reductions to be made in size and cost; and that, for a given total expenditure on the first cost of a fleet or squadron, a more formidable and flexible force could, in my judgment, be obtained, with greatly reduced risks from either gun fire, under water attacks or magazine explosions."

In regard to merchant ships, Sir White said that the upper limit of size has been reached for the trans-Atlantic service in the largest steamers already.

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## MURDERER'S MOTHER IN THE STAND

Severe Beatings in Youth May Have Affected Mentality of Bertram. Spencer Declares Parent at Trial.

### INSANITY IN FAMILY.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 16.—The man now on trial for his life, accused of the brutal murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone, was brutally treated by his own father, from his early childhood, according to the testimony of Mrs. W. L. Spencer, when she took the witness stand today on behalf of her son, Bertram G. Spencer, charged with the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone.

Without hesitation and with no display of emotion, the mother told in great detail of numerous occasions on which her husband had punished young Bertram with extreme severity. That a certain amount of punishment was admitted by the witness on cross examination, as well as a Sunday school superintendent in Lebanon, Conn. The treatment accorded by his father made Bertram very nervous, Mrs. Spencer said, and ever since a particularly severe beating over the head with the butt of a heavy whip in the hands of his father, the boy had complained of pains in the head.

Other forms of punishment which Spencer's mother testified she had effected on his nerves, were the tying of the lad on a chopping block and telling him his head would be cut off, and binding him to a tree in the woods and saying that the wolves would eat him.

Mrs. Spencer said that Bertram tried to commit suicide by drowning and at another time by taking poison. Often, she said, her son had attacks of frenzy, frothing at the mouth and making strange sounds in his throat, while his eyes looked like those of a wild animal. Much family history was related by Mrs. Spencer in testifying that many of her own relatives and those of her husband were insane.

Strong Evidence.  
After Mrs. Spencer left the stand nearly a dozen witnesses were examined. Practically all of them testified to the insanity of Bertram when he was at home, at various places in Connecticut or at the Mount Hermon school. Several of these witnesses described Spencer's look as "wild and indifferent" and others told of threats and actual attacks upon them by Spencer when he was angry.

Miss Mary J. Miller, secretary of the Mount Hermon school, had report cards showing that Spencer failed in most of his studies.

An incident which Mrs. Spencer had alluded to in her testimony was described by Benjamin F. Carpenter, a Lebanon, Conn., farmer. He said that when he and Spencer were together in a trench, Spencer's father told him to work faster. Spencer became angry and went at his father with a shovel, which witness got away from him. Spencer then ran into the house. The witness said Spencer often had a vacant stare and appeared to be pulling himself together when no one was speaking.

A relative, Charles A. Gager, of Norwich Conn., testified to a quarrel in which Bertram Spencer was involved at a dance at Norwich several years ago, when Spencer tried to shoot a man, but was prevented from pulling the trigger of his revolver.

A half-brother of Spencer's father, Wm. K. Spencer, of Middletown, Conn., corroborated Mrs. Spencer's testimony that Spencer's grandfather died in an insane asylum and that various other of his relatives had been insane. Similar testimony was given by Samuel N. Hyde of Franklin, Conn.

One physician was called today, Dr. Edwin L. Danielson, of Lebanon, Conn., but he was not permitted to testify as to Spencer's mental condition on the ground that when he knew Spencer, he was neither the family physician, nor an expert in mental diseases. He testified to treating the young man for lumbago, pneumonia, and on cross examination, told of having signed a certificate in connection with Spencer's entrance to the Mount Hermon school, in which he wrote the word "No," in response to the question as to whether he was suffering from any nervous disease. He explained on the stand that in referring to nervous disease, he had no thought of insanity.

Throughout the day's proceedings the defendant, in contrast to his violence of yesterday, was thoroughly self-controlled.

## BOMB THROWN AT STREET CLEANERS

Men Engaged in Breaking Garbage Cleaners' Strike in New York Doing Good Work—A Harmless Bomb.

New York, N.Y., Nov. 16.—The work of clearing the city's streets of the masses of refuse which piled up during the strike of garbage cart men, admittedly broken, proceeded rapidly today with more than a normal complement of carts out in the streets, thoroughfares, resulting in the rapid dwindling of the refuse piles.

Police guards were still with the workers in some sections, but there was a marked thinning down of the protective force. The nearest approach to trouble came when a bomb of some sort was thrown into the cellar of a street cleaning department stable on the upper East Side.

The missile exploded without harming anybody or doing any damage, but a panic ensued among the strikebreakers in the place. Police reserves had to be called out to restore order in the neighborhood.

## SUICIDE BECAUSE HIS HEALTH FAILED AT 82

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—Rear Admiral John I. Taylor, U. S. N., retired, shot himself in his residence today, dying within a half hour. He was 82 years old. Despondency over failing health is believed to have prompted the suicide.

### COMPULSORY LISTING FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

London, Nov. 16.—To render more efficacious the national war against consumption, the local government has issued an order making notification of the disease compulsory.