

The Evening Times. LAST EDITION. THE WEATHER. Maritime-Strong westerly winds, fair and mild. Wednesday, fair, stationary to slightly lower temperature. ONE CENT

'T'WILL TAKE OFFICIAL COUNT TO DETERMINE CENTRE YORK RESULT

Conservatives Claim To Have Majority of One Vote, While Liberals Claim 19. In Last Election the Liberal Candidate Had Majority of 134, So in Any Case Present Contest Shows Large Conservative Gains.

WOODBRIDGE, Ont., Dec. 24 (Special)—The result of the fight in Centre York is uncertain. Until a late hour last night it looked as if Dr. P. D. McLean, liberal, had been elected by a majority of 19, but still later returns saw Capt. Wallace, conservative a majority of one. Which is correct may not be known until the official count is made and both parties are hopeful.

NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND

Seventeen Year Old Boy Found Dead—Believed to Have Been Drinking.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 24 (Special)—John McKay, aged 17, was found dead this morning in a foot of water at Mount Stewart, about two hundred yards from the home of his employer, S. C. Clark. An inquest is being held. It is thought the lad had been drinking.

A DARING ROBBERY. Masked Men Hold Up Chicago Salon and Get Away With Much Booty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—Four masked men entered the salon of William Knight last night and obtained \$400 in money, 8 gold watches and 4 revolvers. The watches and currency were secured from 15 patrons of the salon. The men were playing cards at tables when the visitors, each presented a revolver, entered. The players were persuaded to drop their game for the moment and line up at the bar, where two of the quartette accepted their contributions while the other two stood at attention. After this ceremony, one of the collectors went behind the bar and diverted the cash register of its contents. Then the four left the salon and escaped.

'T'WILL BE DRY TOWN. Promise of \$200,000 Gift to Hudson, Ohio, Closes Every Salon in the Place.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—A despatch to the Herald-Herald from Hudson, Ohio, says: Because of a gift of \$200,000, supposedly made by J. W. Ellsworth, a millionaire New York coal man, which promises to make this town a model village provided that the sale of liquor cease before the money is paid over, Hudson voted out saloons yesterday by a vote of 298 to 188. The town's sentiment is overwhelmingly "dry" but the chance to get municipal gas and light plants and the remodeling of the old western reserve college at a cost of \$100,000, overcame the saloon sentiment. The "dry" give all the credit to Ellsworth who offered to permit the sale of beer. No law being found to exempt the selling from the operation of an order veto, the amber beverage was sacrificed as well.

LIQUIDATOR APPOINTED. LONDON, Ont., Dec. 24—(Special)—The London and Western Trusts Company was yesterday appointed liquidator of the Wilcox Manufacturing Company, and Messrs. J. B. McKillop, Thomas Baker, G. N. Weeks and C. G. Jarvis were appointed inspectors. The Wilcox company's liabilities are said to amount to approximately \$110,000. The value of the assets has not yet been determined.

HIS INJURIES PROVED FATAL. COBALT, Ont., Dec. 24—(Special)—James McKnight, a native of Scotland, aged 36, who was injured in Townsville mine last Wednesday morning in a blasting accident, died on Sunday at Lakeside hospital and was buried yesterday at New Lakeside.

A DIVER DROWNED. PORT WILIAM, Ont., Dec. 24—(Special)—D. J. Hamilton, a diver engaged on the Grand Trunk Pacific bridge at West Fort, was drowned on Saturday through the diving dress bursting.

N. Y. MERCHANTS SAY MONEY STRINGENCY HAS HURT CHRISTMAS TRADE

Crowds of Shoppers Are Larger But They Have Not As Much Money To Spend, and Are Consequently Buying Cheaper Articles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—That the Christmas business this year will be smaller than it was last year, is admitted by most dealers in New York. The crowds are larger than the oldest dealer has ever seen, but the people are spending less money. Cheaper articles are being purchased and the push cart men in the downtown streets are doing the greatest business they have ever done. Very expensive articles are not being bought in large quantities. Diamond merchants say that the trade has fallen to less than half what it was last year and dealers in furs, who look upon Christmas as the greatest harvest season of the year, state that there is practically no business in their line. In the big department stores it is said that the stocks of fancy articles are being passed by and that by far the greater part of the Christmas buying runs to things that are known as "needful" presents. It is said that the call for Christmas cards is much greater than double that of last year, a fact which is said by the dealers to show that the people are saving as much money for presents as they are not spending as much money for presents as they did last year. Conservative dealers figure that the total business during the Christmas rush will not approach last year's business by 20 per cent.

THE ARMY WILL FEED 125,000

Salvationists in New York Will Supply Christmas Cheer to the Poor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—More than 125,000 people will eat Christmas dinners in New York tomorrow furnished by the Salvation Army. The dinners are being put up in baskets for families of five and six and will be distributed on Christmas morning. Each basket will contain a five pound chicken in addition to vegetables, coffee, tea and bread, as well as plum pudding. In addition to its great Christmas dinner, the Salvation Army is collecting money for its regular winter relief work and 100,000 appeals sent to New Yorkers through the mail, have brought more than \$13,000 into the coffers of the army.

TO EXCAVATE HERCULANEUM

Italian Government Announces That the Work Will Be Commenced at Once.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—A despatch from Rome to the Times says the Italian government announces that the excavation of the buried city of Herculaneum will begin at once. The work will be carried out by the Italian government with Italian funds and the advice of eminent foreign archaeologists will be gratefully accepted. Times the proposal made by Professor Waldstein, of Cambridge, England, that the excavations should be supervised by an international commission is finally negatived. The artistic treasures which had been unearthed at Herculaneum are expected to prove far richer than those already discovered in the buried city of Pompeii where Roman houses have been uncovered which contained manuscripts and fragments of Roman newspapers and frescoes and innumerable other relics of the human life of one hundred years ago.

SEVENTY-FOUR BODIES FOUND

Rescuers in Darr Mine Find 74 Bodies in One Pile.

JACOBS CREEK, Pa., Dec. 24—Searching parties at the Darr mine today reached entrance No. 27, where they found 74 bodies in a heap. With the 46 bodies which have already been brought to the surface, the total number recovered today is 120. The bodies found in number 27 entry are not so badly mutilated as those of the bodies previously recovered. Today was funeral day at the mine. Twelve identified bodies were taken from the temporary morgue and placed in a line along the tracks of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. The last ceremonies were conducted in the open with hundreds of friends, relatives and sightseers as spectators. Following the services, the bodies were placed on a train and taken to Connelleville, Pa., for burial.

COMMENDS ROOSEVELT. German Paper Praises Him For His Efforts To Secure Peace in South America.

BERLIN, Dec. 24—The leading article which appears in the "Deutsche Tageszeitung" this morning and which has the caption "Roosevelt as Peace-maker," rejoices in the president's efforts to secure peace in the South American republics. While assuming that the action of the U. S. principally is instigated by the desire to assure the development of the Panama, the article recognizes that the cessation of revolutions and wars in those regions would be of great benefit to European and more especially American enterprises.

NO BARLEY, AND BEER IS SCARCE

Chicago Brewer Says Scarcity of Barley is Crippling Breweries—Saloons Will Close.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—One thousand saloons will have locked their doors and gone out of business in this city by May 1, next, said Adam Grafstein, president of the McAvoy Brewing Co., during a talk last night on the scarcity of barley which is seriously crippling the large breweries and the malt houses, and may mean a probable rise in the price per barrel of beer within a few weeks. Both breweries and maltsters for several weeks have been bidding almost to the point of wiping out the margin of profit in order to gather the few carloads of barley that arrive in this market each day.

TRYING TO BREAK THE WILL OF SENATOR BROWN

Action Recalls the Trial of Mrs. Bradley for the Ex-Senator's Murder.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 24—By their guardian, Mrs. Magdison, mother of Mrs. Anna Bradley, Arthur Brown Bradley and Martin M. Bradley, former Salt Lake City water utility contractor, are attempting to break the will of the late Senator Brown, whose mother shot to death in Washington. It is contended that Brown had so frequently acknowledged the genuineness of the insanity which will be proved by an abnormal state of mind, and this abnormality is attributed by the complainant to habitual intoxication. The estate is valued at \$50,000.

BOUGHT HONES INSTEAD OF PAYING HIS BILLS

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23—Before Judge Hale, in the United States district court today in the hearing ordered on petition of Roscoe E. Penney, a horse dealer of Augusta, who was petitioned to bankruptcy by the Granite National Bank of Augusta, and the Augusta Trust Company, the creditors claimed that Penney fraudulently withheld a large amount from his assets. Three hearings were held and the referee ordered Penney to produce the money. Within ten days from the issuing of the order Penney asked that the case be heard before the United States district court. In the meantime it is charged that Penney spent over \$6,000 on horses in Boston, when the money should have been paid the creditors.

TWO SHINGLE MILLS BURNED AT CHARLO

MOUNTAIN, N. B., Dec. 24—(Special)—Two large shingle mills at Charlo, owned by the Currie Lumber Co., were burned to the ground this morning. The fire was discovered about seven o'clock and there is a good deal of mystery as to how the fire started as there has been no work in the mill since October and no person, so far as known, around the mills. There was a severe thunder storm in the vicinity last night, and a flash of lightning may have started the blaze. There is some insurance but not sufficient to cover the loss which will probably amount to \$2,000. A large quantity of shingles and machinery were destroyed. A quantity of lumber outside the mills was also destroyed. The machinery was of high grade.

CHRISTMAS IN ROME

ROME, Dec. 24—The Pope was present in the Sacred college today for the exchange of Christmas greetings with the cardinals. Addresses were made, but the Pontiff conversed familiarly with each cardinal, speaking of modernism and the revision of the Vulgate. With Cardinal Gasparri he spoke at some length on the codification of the canon law.

WHY HE FORGOT. The Times new reporter is one of the mildest of young men at all seasons, and at Christmas time affability shimmers from his countenance with a brilliancy that makes people turn to him as a flower turns to the sun. But yesterday—yesterday he was in haste to get some parcels into the post office—and two or three citizens stood idly in the door, talking about something that happened last week or last summer, blocking the way and preventing busy people from going about their business, the young man lost his temper completely and forgot all about the season of peace and good will. The men may recover, but their condition is said to be somewhat critical.

HOT ON THE TRAIL. RICHBUCO, Dec. 24 (Special)—The search for candidates has been transferred from Charlotte to Kent, and scouting parties are out in various directions. The trail has been somewhat obscured by recent political storms, but Cliff, the guide, says he hopes to capture a specimen before New Year's. The smelt fishing is poor, but there is said to be some prospect of a fair catch of gudgeons.

LIVES LOST IN CHRISTMAS FIGHTS

Five Men Killed By Pistol or Knife in Louisiana or Missouri During Last 24 Hours.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 24—Five men killed by pistol or knife in Louisiana and Missouri during the last 24 hours is the record up to date of Christmas week fights in this section. At Covington, La., Henry Ronte, a negro, entered the front yard of a Mr. Bradley, while the latter to settle a money matter by "coming out to shoot it out." Bradley killed the negro. At New Albany, Miss., Ed. F. Hillhouse, a section man, shot and instantly killed Martin Fold, also a section man. Both are white.

IS THERE GRAFT IN THIS

TORONTO, Dec. 23—Prof. Shuttleworth, who, as city analyst, has been reporting Toronto water unfit to drink, is also a third owner of the York Springs, a private city water supply sales increase when the city water is unfit to use. Today Mr. Shuttleworth announced his intention of resigning.

HARRY LEWIS WINS

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23—Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, was given the decision over Patrick O'Keefe, of Ireland, at the end of a 12-round bout at the Wynnism Athletic Club in Chelsea tonight. Lewis maintained the lead in the ten rounds, but in the last two the Irish boy came up strong and put the Philadelphiaan on the defensive.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Dec. 24—(Special)—Stocks were extremely dull today. Prices weakened in late trading yesterday and were unchanged today. Mexican sold at 46 1/2 to 47; Twin City at 84; Detroit 84; and Dominion Steel bonds 70 1/2.

SUNFIELD MUST DIE

OTTAWA, Dec. 23—(Special)—The cabinet today refused to grant clemency for Jake Sunfield, under death sentence at Hamilton for murder committed there. The execution will take place on Friday.

THREAD MILLS SHUT DOWN

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 23—The American Thread Company's mills here were shut down today. They will run the last three days of this week, but will be idle next week. They employ 1,000 operatives.

HE'S A TERROR. Dr. Puggley announces that as soon as he gets a fair chance he will knock the block off of any tory bribes who stands up against him. Oh, Willie!

THE TROUBLES OF SANTA CLAUS. Yesterday and saw the long line of stockings hung up, from that of Premier Robinson to that of the man who wants a job as overseer of scrub-lades in public buildings, he is said to have observed that even if he could locate the Tory half million there wouldn't be enough to go round.

'WHOLE POLICE FORCE MUST FIND OUT WHO GAVE THIS BOY RUM'

Magistrate Ritchie's Caustic Comment In Case of a Boy Drunk.

'T'would Be More To Your Credit To Find This Out Than a Whole Year's Arrests --- Magistrate Scored the Police Over MacFarlane Case.

A DRY CHRISTMAS

All the Saloons in Chattanooga Will Be Closed Tomorrow.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24—For the first time in the history of the liquor business in Chattanooga all the saloons of the city will be closed tight on Christmas Day. This is neither the result of law, ordinance or outside influence, but of saloons having some weeks ago agreed to observe the day. This action has aroused much favorable comment.

EASY MONEY FOR TOMMY

Tommy Burns Matched to Fight Jim Roche, Champion of Ireland, on March 17.

LONDON, Dec. 24—Articles of agreement have practically been signed for a contest between Tommy Burns, who recently defeated Gunner Moir before the National Sporting Club, and Jim Roche, the Irish champion. The fight, which will take place at Dublin, probably March 17, is for £2,500 and a purse of £7,500.

ATE LIZARDS FOR 5 MONTHS

Crew of Bark Alexandria Cubis Cast Away on Desert Island.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—With a tale of hardship and privation that adds another chapter to the romance of the sea, Mate Donald Morrison, of the long lost bark Alexandria Cubis, has arrived at his home in Southampton, L. I., in time for Christmas. The vessel was wrecked in the Pacific near the equator and the crew put off in two boats. One of the boats in which was Mate Morrison, reached an uninhabited island, where he and nine others remained for five months, until they were rescued by a steamer from Westfield the other boat and who finally reached the mainland. During this time they lived on turtles and lizards and all the water they had was from a small brackish spring.

A VICTIM OF SLICK GAME

James Smith's "Few Drinks" Led Him Into An Experience He Will Not Soon Forget.

To have one's horse and sleigh, buffalo robe, cushions, some Christmas presents, and a suit case full of clothing stolen, to say nothing of four bottles of gin, is at any time rather unpleasant; such was the experience of James Smith who says that he is an employee of the Ingewald Pulp & Paper Company.

NEW COMPANY FORMED

The Sackville Paper Box Company Was Organized Yesterday.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 24—(Special)—A meeting of the newly-formed Sackville Paper Box Company was held yesterday, when Dr. J. H. Secord, A. B. Cogg, M. P., S. W. Cogg, T. R. Anderson and C. C. Awar, were elected directors. Subsequently the directors met and appointed Mr. Secord president and Mr. Awar, secretary. The company has purchased a building, and the work of installing machinery will be begun soon after the New Year. A. W. Davis, formerly foreman for the D. F. Brown Company, St. John, has been appointed foreman. The building purchased is the one now used as a carriage factory by Blair Taylor.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Comben, wife of Rev. Charles Comben, took place today at Woodstock. Funeral service was held yesterday at the deceased's home, City Road, and the body was forwarded to Woodstock. The body of Mrs. Floyd, who died recently in Amherst, arrived here by this morning's train and was conveyed to Fernhill cemetery for interment. Rev. S. Howard officiated.

SONS OF NEW ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Five hundred sons of New England attended the 102nd annual dinner of the New England Society tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria. The tables were decorated with pumpkins and other things suggestive of the land of their birth. Governor Hughes, who was to have been the principal guest of the evening, was ill and was forced to send his regrets, and ex-Governor Black was unable to attend, owing to the death in his family. Austin B. Fletcher, president of the society, presided.

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