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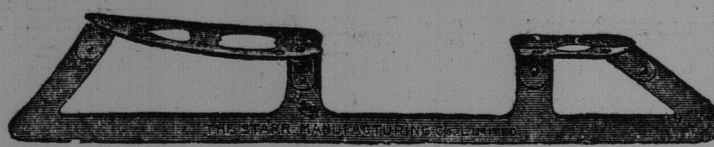
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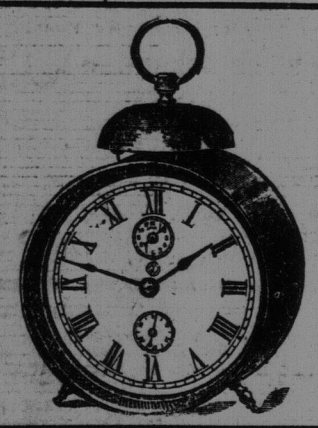
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BEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF RAILROADS IN CANADA

Wonderful Increases Shown in
All the Big Lines—C. P.
R. and Grand Trunk Break
All Previous Records

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—Never in the history of the Dominion have the railways had such a year as that which closes on Monday. The year of grace, 1906, made an excellent start from the railway view point. There was hardly any severe weather and the snow posed serenely in the sheds. That meant hundreds of thousands of dollars less in operating expenses so far as the big systems were concerned. When the Canadian Pacific closed its accounts for its financial year which ended on June 30, it showed gross earnings to the amount of \$61,669,768 and working expenses amounting to \$51,696,445, leaving the net earnings at \$10,973,323. The gross earnings from July 1st to Dec. 1st—the figures for the current month are not yet available—amounted to \$31,472,576, as against \$25,762,784 for the corresponding five months of 1905. This meant an increase in the net profits of \$2,476,456, for while both earnings and working expenses showed an advance the former came out well ahead. The November net profits, however, revealed a decrease of \$96,135, but there is a substantial advance in the gross earnings. So far as the Grand Trunk is concerned the gross receipts for the first half of the present year, the six months ending on June 30, amounted to \$2,621,631, compared with \$2,320,008 for the corresponding half of 1905, an increase of \$301,623, or nearly 13 per cent. The increase, it may be remarked, and the observation holds good equally well with the C. P. R. as with the Grand Trunk, was over the whole business of the company. Since the first of July up to the first of September, the date of the first G. T. figures yet compiled, the increase in the gross earnings have continued in the same proportion. In July the gross earnings were \$1,037,000, against \$923,270 in 1905. For August \$2,906,000, against \$2,551,000. For September \$2,925,000, against \$2,444,000. For October \$2,906,000, against \$2,581,000. The net increase in August, September and October were over \$1,000,000 a month and in July the net advance was very little short of the \$955,215. The fact that upwards of 4,000 miles of new line have been under construction this year, a greater amount than was ever known when railway building was in its palmiest days is also a most notable feature in Canada's railroading.

SLEEPING TRAVELLER DRUGGED AND ROBBED

Thief injects a Powerful Narcotic into the Face of His Victim

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A few nights ago a French gentleman was travelling from Bordeaux to Paris in a first-class corridor carriage. There was only one other occupant of the compartment—a man wearing a fur ulster. The two travellers settled themselves down to sleep and the man in the fur coat drew the shade over the lamp so as to make the light dim. The first passenger then fell sound asleep, and remained so until the train stopped for a few minutes at a large station, about two o'clock in the morning. The man in the fur coat immediately left the train, and his fellow-passenger was turning over to go to sleep again when he became aware of a peculiar sensation on the left side of his nose, immediately rubbed the eye. He mechanically rubbed the spot, when it smarted a little. His head also seemed heavy, and he was unable to go to sleep again, only dozing slightly. On reaching Paris in the morning he discovered that his pocketbook, containing his railway ticket and \$200 in notes, was missing from his left side pocket of his coat. The only other person who had entered the carriage was the fur-coated man who had got out in the night. After relating the circumstances to the police, he drove to his usual hotel, and there his attention was called to the fact that there was something the matter with his left eye. He consulted a doctor, who told him that he had been subjected to an injection of a surgical needle. The doctor added that the stranger could easily have killed him by injecting a poison instead of a narcotic.

RAILROAD FERRY BOAT WAS SUNK

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Erie Railroad ferry boat *Patterson* from Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City to West 23rd St., New York, was rammed in midstream early this morning and sunk. All the passengers were saved.

Between one and two o'clock an alarm was pulled in from box 231 for a fire in Cosman's wool yard on Paradise Row. A shed had caught from a fire which was being used to boil some tar. Little damage was done.

DEMANDS FULL LIBERTY FOR PORTO RICO

Unionist Leader Denounces Roosevelt's Policy in Dealing With the Country.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 29.—Lorenzo Cintron, a speaker of the house of delegates and leader of the Unionist party has published an article in *La Correspondencia*, the party organ, criticising the message of President Roosevelt to congress for his policy in dealing with the island of Porto Rico. Senor Cintron says that to grant Porto Ricoan citizenship without self-government would be equal to saying to the world that the terms "American Citizenship" and "servitude" are synonymous. The idea is impossible of acceptance, but should it become a fact, Senor Cintron says in conclusion, that would be the hour to say to the people of Porto Rico, "prepare yourselves to aid liberty with sword and gun."

ITALY STANDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE

ROME, Dec. 29.—Answering an interrogation in the senate yesterday regarding the foreign policy of Italy, Foreign Minister Tittoni practically repeated the statement that he made in the chamber of deputies on December 18th. He added, however, that the Anglo-French-Italian convention concerning Abyssinia not only regulated the relations of these three powers with regard to Ethiopia, but dispersed the clouds on the horizon of Europe. The foreign minister's statement has confirmed and is proving the previous impression that Italy is working heartily for the maintenance of peace.

ATTEMPTS FRAUD WITH JEWELS OF PASTE

Musie Hall Singer Refuses \$25,000 in Settlement of a Bogus Claim.

ROME, Dec. 29.—A curious incident happened here some time ago, when a travelling trunk was lost. The owner, a music hall singer, declared that it contained valuable effects and jewelry, and she was offered \$25,000 in final settlement of all claims. But the music hall singer refused. It so happened that, pending negotiations, the trunk was discovered, and the order was at once given by the officials for a list of its contents. An expert jeweler was also requisitioned, and his response was to the effect that the asserted precious diamonds were all false. The fact reached the ears of the owner, who disappeared, and has not been heard of since. A warrant for her arrest was issued on the charge of having attempted to defraud the state railways.

"THE NEW YEARS SUN"

On New Years Day, Tuesday, The Sun will issue a special edition containing a large number of articles by prominent men in various lines throughout the Province, of branch of industry, their progress during the past year and their prospects for the future. Numbered, fishing, mining, education and kindred subjects are treated by experts. The edition will be well illustrated, and worth preserving. Orders for extra copies should be sent in at once.

BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS IS SERIOUSLY ILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A despatch from London says Baroness Burdett-Coutts is suffering from acute bronchitis. Dr. Barlow says her condition is grave. She is 82 years old.

TWO CARDINALS ARE DEAD FROM APOPLEXY

ROME, Dec. 29.—Cardinal Cadini and Cardinal Rippel died this morning. Both succumbed to strokes of apoplexy. Cardinal Luigi Tripepi was the perfect of the congregation of Indulgences and Sacred Relics. He was born in Italy in 1858 and was created a Cardinal in 1901. Cardinal Cavagnis was born in Italy in 1841 and was created a Cardinal in 1901.

ENGLAND STILL IN THE GRASP OF THE STORM.

Many Disasters Reported Involving Loss of Life

Some Vessels are Missing, While Others, Seeking Shelter, Are in Great Danger.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The gale raged on the northwest coast of Ireland today with terrible effect. Near Rathmullen, a three-masted schooner parted her anchor lines and drifted to a perilous position. A steamer went to her rescue and eventually succeeded in towing her to a position of safety. Nothing further has been seen of the vessel that is reported to have foundered near Rhoscolwyn Point, Wales. The lifeboat was out for six hours, battling with the storm, which continued with fury tonight. It returned at a late hour, having rescued two men and a woman. Several other vessels are in distress in the outer harbor of Holyhead and grave fears are entertained for their safety. All further attempts to refloat the Belfast steamer *Ormeau* which is stranded on the foreshore near Dover have been futile. A lifeboat stood by the Ormeau for fifty hours. The lifeboat men suffered severely, their clothes being frozen fast to their bodies. A number of tugs went out today to assist the Ormeau and the lifeboat. Several vessels have been assisted to Dover. The steamer *Liner* of Plymouth, reached port after having her sails blown away. The schooner *Cambrian* had a narrow escape from being blown ashore at Deal. The bark *Regis* struck the Goodwin Sands on Christmas day. The crew took to the boats and the vessel was wrecked. The bark *Regis* struck the Goodwin Sands on Christmas day. The crew took to the boats and the vessel was wrecked. The bark *Regis* struck the Goodwin Sands on Christmas day. The crew took to the boats and the vessel was wrecked.

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HORRIBLE MASSACRES BY THE MEXICAN INDIANS.

ESPERANTO MAY BE
LANGUAGE OF KINGS

Queen of Spain Knows It Well, and Has Induced Alfonso to Study It.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The announcement that Prince Olaf is to be taught Esperanto is expected to give a great impetus to the study of the universal language. An official of the British Esperanto Association told a reporter yesterday that Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain was the first royal personage to take up Esperanto seriously. "Her Majesty," he said, "has quite an Esperanto library, and has already interested King Alfonso in its study. There is no reason why any person should know two or three languages before he can speak Esperanto. In fact, a 3-year-old child can learn it much faster than an adult, if properly instructed. Esperanto would be a great boon to future sovereigns. present kings are expected to know at least three languages. King Edward, for instance, speaks French and German perfectly, understands Italian, and has some knowledge of Russian. "Esperanto is making immense strides. The London County Council, which has already opened Esperanto classes at four of its schools, is prepared to open more if a sufficient number of students present themselves. "Esperanto is now included in the syllabus of the National Union of Teachers. The next international congress, which will bring together 7,000 Esperantists, will be held at Cambridge in August, 1907."

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VICTIMS TORTURED BY FIRE— American Residents of the Village Escaped by Hiding Under a Platform— Fiendish Treatment of Women and Children.

HISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Details received yesterday say that last Saturday evening a Yaqui Indian band attacked and burned the new town of Llancho on the Cananea, Yaqui River and Pacific Railway, southeast of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico. They murdered ten men, women and children, fatally shot two others, and took three women away captives to the hills. The Indians retired after nearly two hours of plunder, riot and arson, being frightened away by a work train from Guaymas, which they doubtless mistook for a relief train. Soldiers from the fort two miles east entered the town 15 minutes later. Llancho was a railway station with a box car for the depot and telegraph office, surrounded by tents occupied by fifty Mexican laborers and three families. The only Americans in the place where the railway station master Thompson, and his family, and two American well drillers. At the first alarm the well drillers fled to the fort and gave an alarm. Thompson, his wife, and their five-year-old boy crawled under a plank walk that lay about 15 inches above ground between two tents in which they were living, and remained there while the tents not 15 feet away were looted and burned. The Indians first made an attack on the store and canteen run by an Italian. He made a fight, but to no purpose, being soon overpowered, and while the Indians drank merrily and plundered the place they slowly tortured him to death. His wife, an American woman, was mutilated and also tortured with fire. The sister of this woman was then captive. The "house" was then burned. The station agent and his family under the plank walk listened to the shrieks of the tortured. Those inhabitants of the town who got away, escaped into the cactus thickets nearby and the Indians did not follow them but contented themselves with the murder and torture of the prisoners captured in the first charge. A woman and her mother-in-law on a box-car which had been side-tracked there for temporary use as a house, and escaped.

About 8 o'clock the whistle of a work-train from Guaymas gave warning of its approach and the Indians hastily left. Soldiers from the fort arrived about 3 hours after the firing of the first shot. General Torres arrived at the scene of the massacre from Guaymas and took charge of the organization of an expedition. This band of Indians has a stronghold in the mountains only a few miles to the west of the station. They had often been seen to come near the railroad and watch the trains pass, but never offered any violence to Americans or American property before.

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PRINCE'S DIVORCE SUIT RESENTED BY GERMANS

Brother of the Czarina the Most Unpopular Ruler in the Fatherland

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Probably the most unpopular person in Germany at the present time is the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt, who in 1901 divorced his English wife, Princess Victoria, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Installing in her place about a year ago a highly popular German princess.

The Manchester Importer arrived and docked about three o'clock this afternoon.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 29. — Ven. Dean Gilpin died at noon today.

PROMINENT HALIFAX CHURCHMAN DEAD