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I esc awful solitudes, cherishing his scheme of deception and planning in that solemn stillness the details of his plot. Centuries hence the history of polar research will be studied with interest, and the student pursuing these records of heroism, sacrifice and tragedy will comb across the mysterious page of Dr. Cook's romance and will ponder over the mystery of that remarkable pre-tender, wondering what the true secret of his adventure may be. Some painter will give his idea of the ex-pression of a main who could conceive and carry out

THE CHRISTMAS LULL. tender, would read of the ex-may be. Some painter will give his idea of the ex-may be. Some painter will give his idea of the ex-many pression of a man who could conceive and carry out such a design. Some Browning may bring him on the stage to explain his own motive in monologues with many parentheses. He will be a theme for the psychol-ogist, the moralist, the student of abnormal types for generations to come. THE CHRISTMAS LULL. The Montreal Herald prints a cartoon in which a fat and prosperous looking civic grafter stands in the fat and prosperous looking civic grafter stands in the fat and prosperous looking civic grafter stands with bowed head and a look of shame, while the city grafter smokes a cigar and looks as if he owned the premises. To be complete there should be a third figure—the Dominion grafter or rake-off man.

The British political campaign will be mitigated ring the next few days by the Christmas festivities, is period the opposition leader will improve by ing to get well enough to speak, a thing which he not been able to do since Parliament prorogued. Balfour is much missed in the field, He is not an im-sioned and exciting orator like Mr. Lloyd-George, nor picturesque in his phrases as Winston Churchill. He reasonable, persuasive and moderate, who makes peo-believe him more casily than many rehement speak. There is no other man in the Unionist party to speak with authority, and none whose words have weight at all comparable to his. The sh-The Montreal aldermen convicted by Judge Cannon of much graft refuse to resign their seats. They have found several verbal inaccuracies in Judge Cannon's report, and contend that this nullifies the whole con viction. They must have learned this from the dredgers and the Central Railway grafters.

Lord St. Alwyn, who says that the Lloyd-Geor-budget does not seem to him to be socialistic or revol tionary, but that he does not consider it sound finance is better known as Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. He wi Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1895 to 1902 in the Conservative administration.



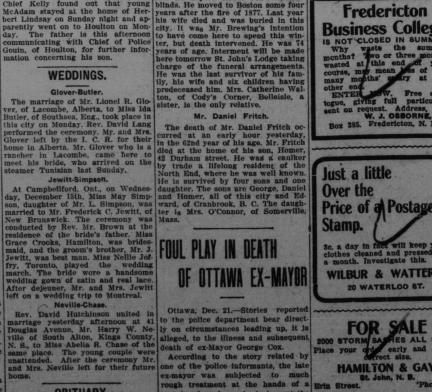
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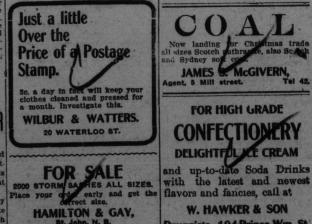
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Stories reported to the police department bear direct-ion circumstances leading up, it is aleged, to the illness and subsequent cath of ex-Mayor George Cox. According to the story related by fore of the police informants, the late examptor was subjected to much mough treatment at the hands of a man in whose house he had spont the earlier portion of the evening of Dec. 4. Mr. Cox was seen about 9 o'clock in company with the individual in question, after leaving the latter's house, and his actions towards Mr. The detective department is in full massession of the facts. The detective department is in sacertained was confined to his room on the day following the laddent recorded and pradually became worse until he pass-

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