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D. R. JACK'S QUEER FELLOW-PASSENGERS St. John Man Sailed With a Company of Mormons

THEIR NEW CRUSADE The Telegraph's Special Correspondent Studies the Saints at Close Range—They Have a Colony in Canada, and Are an Aggressive and Powerful Sect.

Editor's Note—Mr. D. Russell Jack left St. John some weeks ago for an extended tour in Europe. He expects to go to St. Petersburg and Moscow. Mr. Jack has kindly consented to write a series of letters for The Telegraph, discussing subjects of interest. The first letter, which came to hand yesterday, is presented herewith.

(By D. Russell Jack.) Liverpool, Dec. 8.—On Wednesday afternoon, the 20th November, the S.S. "Windward" sailed from Boston, carrying on board about fifty-eight passengers. She had scarcely passed Boston light before it became known that there were several Mormons on board. Every man at once regarded his room-mate with suspicion, and to wonder, among other things, as to how many wives he was husband to. Each person kept from everybody else, and an unusually long time elapsed before the customary friendships were formed. Shuffle-board, whist, betting on the day's run, and the other usual pastimes of an ocean voyage were not even mentioned. The smoke-room was deserted, and the bar steward informed a chance customer that never in his life had he seen such a dry crowd.

On Sunday morning, service was held as usual, at which nearly all the passengers attended. Upon leaving the ship, late in the day, some of their number were much surprised to find upon the bulletin board a notice informing them that Divine service would again be held at 2.30 p. m. Those who attended the second service found about forty-eight persons present, the exercises commencing with hymn sung to the air familiarly known to many as "The Old Oaken Bucket." Then followed the communion of the Lord's Supper, of which all present, with about five exceptions, partook, water being used in place of the customary wine. Needless to say, from this time on, the sheep and the goats were clearly divided, and those of the passengers who were not of the Mormon party were soon on friendly terms with each other.

On Monday evening, the usual concert was held in the dining saloon, which was attended by all of the Mormon party, the leader, an archaeologist who had spent several years in the investigation of prehistoric ruins of ancient cities of Central and Southern America, giving a brief, but deeply interesting account of his work.

The Mormon Faith. To return to the service. Following the communion an address on Mormonism was given, the articles of Faith of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were read, and the meeting was declared open to any who wished to speak. Two or three members availed themselves of this privilege, and the service concluded with a second hymn.

(Continued on page 4.) HIS NEW OFFICE PUZZLES "BOBS" Lord Roberts, Former Commander-in-Chief, Made Master Gunner of St. James' Park.

DECLARED BOTH MEN ELECTED Sheriff Returns Premier Peters and Opponent for Same Seat

NEW ELECTION LIKELY Benjamin Heariz, President of Merchants' Bank, Seriously Ill—Cold Wave Strikes P. E. Island and Straits Are Filled With Heavy Ice.

Georgetown, P.E.I., Dec. 26.—(Special)—The sheriff of Kings county held court Saturday to consider the objections raised in the second district of Kings against the action of the candidates in the provincial election. The objections were dismissed and the sheriff declared Premier Peters and H. D. McEwen to have the same number of votes—315. What the outcome will be is not yet known, but it will probably mean a new election.

Benj. Heariz, president of the Merchants' Bank, P. E. Island, continues very ill, and his condition is serious. Mr. Heariz arrived home recently from California, where he had gone for the benefit of his health.

A cold wave struck the Island Christmas day, the temperature being 10 below. The straits are filled up with the heaviest ice known at this date for many years past.

FREDERICTON FLYERS ON ICE SPEEDWAY

Rev. J. H. McDonald Handsomely Remembered by Sabbath School—Death of Charles Estey.

Fredericton, Dec. 26.—(Special)—Today was generally observed here as a public holiday, all business being suspended. The weather was fine, but rather cold for comfort out of doors.

The horse races on the ice in the afternoon attracted a large crowd of spectators, but proved rather disappointing. A regular programme had been prepared for the trotters and pacers, but the absence of Sheriff Sterling, the owner of the fastest trotter Louise M., on account of illness, rather upset arrangements.

Among the first ones seen on the ice were McCoy's Moxey; Hugh Galder's Kromont, A. B. Edgcombe's Comber, Patty Bangs, Recorder, Colter's MacDuff, Bert Luke's Sligo, Norman Edgcombe's Killie, Harry (Gibson's) Cora, J. C. Allan's Lillie, Burden's Bourbon Bell, Harry McLeod's Electric, and Hugh O'Neill's Annie. There were a few spurs, but they were rather unsatisfactory from a spectators' standpoint. Kromont and Moxey appeared to have things pretty much their own way.

SECOND TURBINE LINER LAUNCHED Allan Owners Are Confident of Success of the Virginian and the Victorian

FIRST TO CROSS ATLANTIC Every Test So Far Applied for Engines Has More Than Realized Expectations—Virginian an Improvement on Sister Ship in Speed.

London, Dec. 25.—Inquiries made at headquarters regarding the reports published in New York of unsatisfactory results obtained by the new turbine steamship Victorian on her trial show them to be quite unfounded.

It appears that the Victorian's engines are not yet on board the ship, so that they could not have been tried in the way represented in the story. Every test, moreover, which so far has been applied has been absolutely satisfactory, and has more than realized the expectations of Messrs. James and Alexander Allan, the owners.

Nothing whatever has happened to shake their belief in the turbine engines of the Victorian or of her sister ship, the Virginian, launched this week from Stephen & Sons' yard at Lambeth, Govan.

The launch of the Virginian marks a further advance in progress of the turbine as applied to ocean steamers, and the Victorian and Virginian will be the first turbine liners to cross the Atlantic.

The Virginian, which is of 11,200 tons, is the larger, and will be the faster vessel, and in every respect an improvement on anything yet built for the Allan line.

Her dimensions are 540 feet over all, 80 feet beam and 41 feet deep. She has accommodation for 1,450 passengers, of whom 470 are first class.

SOUP KITCHENS OPENED AT FALL RIVER Much Suffering Among Strikers Notwithstanding Efforts of Charitable.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 26.—Every effort was made by the Salvation Army, the Associated Charities and benevolent people of the city to meet the needs of the strikers during the week-end. The soup kitchens were open all day, and bread and broth were given in generous quantities. Numerous families received presents of fuel, while others were supplied with needed clothing.

SHERIFF WAITING FOR DR. CHADWICK Husband of Notorious Woman Will Be Arrested on Arrival at New York.

New York, Dec. 26.—Sheriff Barry, of Cleveland, reached New York this afternoon from Albany and went to the Hoffman House, where he will remain until the arrival of the steamship Pretoria, which is bringing to this country Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, and his daughter, Miss Mary Chadwick.

REFORM UKASE OF CZAR ISSUED Freedom of Press and Religious Liberty Are Promised

FAIR TRIAL FOR ALL Document Gives Greatest Satisfaction to the Oppressed—Fierce Riots Erupt in Poland During Mobilization of Troops for Far East.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Emperor Nicholas' long expected reform ukase was issued tonight. The document deals, under right heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the Congress of Zemstva presented here last month, and, while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety, as demanded by the memorial, promises that each shall be referred to the council of ministers with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded on the various subjects.

Second—Zemstvo organization, with a view to giving the widest latitude and autonomy to the various district zemstvos, calling additional Zemstvo representatives where required and creating small Zemstvo units capable of dealing directly with the local needs of the peasants.

Third—Equality of all citizens before the law, thus touching the much mooted question of peasant equality before the courts.

Fourth—Arranging a scheme of workers' insurance for the benefit and protection of factory workers throughout the empire.

Fifth—To secure citizens against arbitrary arrest and to accord immunity from harsh action of the police except in the case of persons charged with conspiring to commit overt acts against the stability of the state.

Sixth—The religious freedom of all subjects of the empire without respect of creed or manner of worship.

Seventh—For rescinding all unnecessary repressive laws, leaving in force only those designed for the protection of subjects of the empire.

Eighth—To accord the fullest possible measure of liberty to the various branches of the liberal professions.

The ukase was issued so late that its contents were not generally known until the next day's newspapers, till long after midnight. Among those able to express an opinion, it was considered to be a document whose interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named.

It is believed that the most valuable gift of the ukase, but as they see the ukase not met with the fullest wishes of the Liberals, but on the other hand it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms.

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Riots Continue in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—While the new mobilization is proceeding quietly in most places, disorders are reported to have occurred in Poland. The most serious disturbance was at Rason yesterday, where one colonel was killed and a gendarme wounded. There has also been considerable rioting at Bakhout, where 6,000 communists pillaged a few houses and burnt stables. No one, however, was killed.

CAMPBELLTON HAS \$40,000 FIRE

Wm. Currie & Co. Sash and Door Factory Totally Destroyed

Dalhousie, N. B., Dec. 26.—(Special)—The Campbellton Sash and Door Factory belonging to Wm. Currie & Co., was destroyed by fire on Christmas night together with a large quantity of prepared lumber.

The fire occurred about midnight and only a few lumber piles situated at a distance were saved. The loss of property is about \$40,000, partially insured. This is the second mill destroyed this year by fire belonging to the same firm. The last one was located at East River Crossing. The town of Campbellton will feel the last fire as at least thirty hands were employed.

The weather and roads for Christmas trade were good. Dalhousie was well supplied with meat by the Quebec farmers. Merchants report trade above the average and have closed their stores today in honor of Christmas.

The smelt fishing here so far is not encouraging.

NEW YORK CHRISTMAS MARRIED BY MANY PATHETIC DEATHS

Women and Children Dead from Privation—Two Die in Burning Building.

New York, Dec. 26.—The celebration in New York of the glad Christmas eve was not without its pathetic features, and many sad cases came to the attention of the authorities. A neatly dressed young woman was found unconscious on a bench in Riverside Drive today. The drifting snow had partially hidden her from view. The girl died before reaching a hospital.

The ambulance surgeon was of the opinion that death resulted from long exposure without nourishment. It is believed she wandered all Christmas day and night until she sank down and died in plain sight of some of the finest drives in New York.

Year-old Jeanette McCoy, of East 122d street, whose father was ill and unable to work, has been caring for her young brothers and sisters while her mother supported the family by washing and scrubbing. Today the little girl, worn out by her efforts, was taken to a hospital where it was found she was suffering from diphtheria, and a few hours later she was dead. The physicians said she had literally starved herself to death in her endeavours to keep the other four children alive.

HALIFAX SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION

Powder Mill at Waverly, Ten Miles Away, Blew Up

Chester Shaken Up—Windows and Dishes Broken in Many Places, and People Thought It Was an Earthquake—One Slightly Injured.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—(Special)—A terrible explosion occurred about 10.30 this morning at Acadia Powder Company's mills at Waverly, about 10 miles from Halifax, on the Dartmouth side.

Nearby a ton of powder went off in the drying mill, said to be from over-heating. The force of the explosion was felt for miles and the building in which it occurred blown to pieces.

Strange to say no one was killed and only one employe named Geo. Murray, slightly injured.

The force of the explosion was felt in the city to such an extent that many thought it had occurred at Ordnance wharf or dockyard. A number of windows were broken about the city and dishes were knocked from tables and shelves and broken.

The houses at the north end of the city were shaken as though by an earthquake and the occupants in many cases rushed into the street to try and ascertain the cause.

The report was distinctly heard at Chester, forty miles west of Halifax, and Benfrey and Oldham also received a "shaking up." Trees in the vicinity of the mill at Waverly were uprooted.

The loss is said to be about \$10,000.

ANOTHER BIG SENSATION IN NEW YORK

Stunning Disclosures Looked for About Dodge-Morse Divorce

A CHURCH SCANDAL Rector Refuses a Four-times Divorced Woman the Communion, and Her Friend the Bishop Unfrocks Him—Church Dignitaries Dragged In.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, Dec. 26.—The true story of what is known as the Dodge-Morse case contains all the elements of an imaginative highly colored sensational novel. The beautiful but honest wife, the poor but dishonest husband, the millionaire admirer, the obliging lawyers, the complaining judge, the friend in high official place, the wealthy woman rival, these are some of the characters of this startling drama, which is likely to be rendered on the play bills "interior of a prison cell."

The matter goes far deeper than the legal status of Mrs. Dodge, or Mrs. Morse—the courts have adjudged her both and neither. It affects the entire divorce system of the country, and lays bare the shameful practices by which a man can acquire another man's wife legally, if he has money enough. The constantly growing idea that money can do anything is at the root of all this miasmatic bunch of vegetation called the Dodge-Morse case.

A certain group of lawyers in this city has made it their boast that, provided with money enough, they would get a divorce for anybody, even if the party of the second part were innocent and unwilling. Many a pure woman's reputation has been ruined, many a man's home wrecked, many a home broken up forever by these sharks of the divorce courts.

Score of Lawyers Affected. Few who read of the Dodge-Morse case have anything but the vaguest idea of what it is all about. Connected with it in one way or another are a score of lawyers, some of whom are known all over the country, a multi-millionaire trust magnate, a former mayor of the city of New York, a justice of the supreme court and the rich widow of a bank president, whose wife's good looks, her social position, and the host of superlatives.

Charles F. Dodge was a Pullman car conductor. Chas. W. Morse was, and is, a very wealthy man, one of the city of New York, and a man of much political influence in New York. Mrs. Dodge got a divorce in this city from her husband and married Morse. Dodge didn't defend the suit. Subsequently Morse came forward and made affidavit that the complaint in the suit had never been served upon him (although certain lawyers had taken personal service). With this Morse himself brought a suit to have his wife's divorce annulled on the ground that it had been obtained by fraud.

The law firm of Howe & Hummel acted for him in this suit. The divorce was annulled, the effect being to leave Mrs. Morse Dodge's wife again, and to leave her in the position of never having been Morse's wife.

Life of Both and Neither. Further legal moves annulled the annulment, so that the woman is Mrs. Dodge, that she is Mrs. Morse, that she is the wife of both of them, and the wife of neither of them.

Dodge, after the first annulment of his wife's divorce, suddenly blossomed out with much money. When District-Attorney Jerome had him indicted here for perjury he fled to Texas. Abe Kaufmann, a representative of Howe & Hummel, went to Texas too, and for months a remarkable sleaze was kept up. Once the New York lawyer chartered a vessel, and tried to slip Dodge into Mexican territory. Thousands and thousands of dollars were spent by somebody. Dodge had none of his own, until somebody gave it to him.

After a bitter fight Jerome has succeeded in getting Dodge here and by a clever coup succeeded in preventing any of the counsel interested from seeing him. He has every detail of the whole story, from start to finish, and is carefully getting together corroborative evidence.

That a firm of lawyers known on both sides of the ocean is most intensely interested in what the grand jury will do in the coming week is well known. And the only party expressed is the brief quotation of the district-attorney, "Those that live by the sword, shall perish by the sword."

A Church Scandal. The Protestant Episcopal Church of America is likely to be much stirred by the persistent talk of scandal in connection with the charges against Bishop Talbot, of Pennsylvania. The central figures are the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of Central Pennsylvania; Mrs. Emma D. Elliott, the social leader of Newport, Philadelphia and Huntington, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late General Deane, half-sister of the former Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, who is now Mrs. G. H. Belmont, the mother of the Purchase

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