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Old World News.

Belle Bilton's Husband Lucky in a Law Suit.

A British Bark Stranded and Three Seamen Drowned.

Eight Persons Killed by an Explosion in an Arsenal.

Lost!

NASSAU, N. P., Dec. 11.—The British bark Ensign stranded on Cat Island on Dec. 7. Three of her crew were drowned, and the vessel is a total loss.

Explosion—Eight Killed.

BELGRADE, Dec. 11.—An explosion occurred last night in the arsenal owing to the careless removal of some cartridges. Eight persons were killed.

Another Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A new submarine cable is being projected in France. It is said the French Ministers of War and Marine and the chiefs of the colonial department are forming themselves into a commission to elaborate a plan.

Food For Thought.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Henry Sotheran & Co., book dealers, have sold to the General Theological Seminary of New York a collection of 543 Latin Bibles, the property of Dr. Copinger, professor of law in the Victoria University. It is the largest, but not the most valuable, collection in the world.

Bound to be Beaten.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Graphic to-day publishes an interview with Admiral of the Fleet Sir G. T. P. Hornby, first and principal aide-de-camp to the Queen. Admiral Hornby says Great Britain could not hold the Mediterranean with its present fleet unless the British naval force is stronger than the French force. The British in the event of war are bound to be beaten, for French officers and seamen of to-day know their work as well and have as good ships as the British. Gibraltar and Malta should both be strengthened.

Should be Hunted to Earth.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The outrage in the Chamber of Deputies on Saturday is about the only topic of conversation in the public resorts of this city. It is the general opinion that the time has arrived when the Government must put aside all maudlin sentiment and treat these Anarchist as would-be-murderers. It is believed that every Anarchist and all their sympathizers should be hunted to earth and punishment fitted to their dastardly crimes meted out to them. Public opinion is very bitter against the Anarchists.

Belle Bilton's Marriage Recalled.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Litigation over the will of the fourth Earl of Clancarty has been settled. The present Earl (who achieved great notoriety by his marriage to Belle Bilton, a music hall singer, and his subsequent unsuccessful attempt to procure a divorce from her) obtains the furniture, pictures and plate left at Garbally, the Earl's residence at Ballinasloe, county Galway, and $30,000 from his mother, Eliza, Dowager Lady Clancarty, who pays all the costs. The Earl and his wife are now living happily together, and have twins.

Fatal Riot.

ROME, Dec. 11.—A fatal riot is reported in Giardanelli. The rural population are bitterly opposed to the new communal tax on the sale of milk, and a riotous crowd today vented their indignation against the council for imposing the tax, making an attack on the building in which the council meetings are held. The troops fired into the mob and killed several persons.

A dispatch received to-night from Giardanelli says the sheriff and his wife were killed by the mob, and their heads cut off and placed on poles. Eight persons were killed during the riots and ten wounded.

The "Hero's" Life.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The story of Vaillant's life is about the same as that of all those Anarchist "heroes." Of course, he has a mistress. She is a woman named Marchal, which name, by the way, was the alias of Vaillant. Her husband states that after Vaillant led his wife astray he got her to sell the furniture of her home, and afterwards, in her endeavors to do away with the wrongs of society, lived on the proceeds of the sale until they were gone. Then the woman was forced to go to work, and still meditating upon the method of righting the wrongs of the suffering people he remained idle and lived off the money earned by the women he had disgraced. When M. Marchal endeavored to get his wife to abandon her evil life Vaillant, fearing that his means of livelihood would be taken from him, threatened to kill him if he did not leave the woman alone.

LUCKEY'S LAST DAYS.

The Cabinet Will Not Interfere in His Case.

(Special to the ADVERTISER.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 11.—The Cabinet met at 3 o'clock to decide in the case of Luckey, sentenced to be hanged at Brockville on Thursday. On Saturday night Sir John Thompson telegraphed Acting Minister of Justice Ouimet to go on with the case, as the copy of the evidence mailed him to Antigonish had not been received. J. R. Laval, Luckey's lawyer, had a two-hours' interview on behalf of his client with the Acting Minister of Justice this morning. Although pleased with the thorough way in which Col. Ouimet went into every detail of the case, he did not appear hopeful of the result.

(Press Dispatch.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—It is reported that the Cabinet decided this afternoon not to interfere in the case of Chas. Luckey, the Brockville murderer, so that he will be hanged on Thursday, the 14th inst.

HURLED HIM DOWN.

A Train Robber Worsted at Bloomington, Ill.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 11.—As the westbound Lake Erie express train stopped for the Illinois Central crossing, the glass door of the United States express car was smashed and Messenger Weekly saw a man's arm pass into the opening, the hand reaching for the latch. As the door of the car opened the men grappled, the intruder grabbing the messenger by the throat. In the struggle which followed the messenger hurled the robber to the ground, and the train proceeded without further molestation. There was from $5,000 to $6,000 in sight in the car.

THIS WAS DIFFERENT.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 11.—This morning at 12 o'clock, as the north-bound International and Great Northern express train was passing Duval, seven miles north of here, it was side-tracked and robbed by seven men. The express car was robbed of $600. The fireman was the only person injured. The amount taken from the passengers is large.

Late Canadian News.

Official Estimates of the Manitoba Grain Crop.

Death of Charles Sangster, the Canadian Poet—Induction of Rev. Mr. Tolmie at Windsor.

The Quebec carnival subscription now amounts to $7,000.

Mr. Morris, a Brantford law student, has been left a large fortune by his father, who died recently in Jamaica.

The grip is now epidemic in Winnipeg, and reports say that fully one-half the people have it or have had it.

A heavy snow storm Monday evening in Toronto, caused a complete breakdown of the electric car service about 10 o'clock.

Lieutenant-Governor C. H. Mackintosh and family left Ottawa Monday night for the Northwest by special car on the C.P.R.

The 2-year-old son of David Gongeon, St. Henri, Quebec, while playing with matches, set fire to his clothing and was fatally burned.

Thomas Randall, formerly a traveler for W. R. Brock & Co., of Toronto, died from an overdose of laudanum in Vancouver the other day.

Mrs. O'Reilly, relict of the late Miles O'Reilly, Q.C., a leading Hamilton lawyer years ago, died at her residence on Sunday morning, aged 81 years.

Hon. Edward Blake, in a special cable, is credited with the intention of returning to New York before Christmas in connection with a mission for the Irish party.

Mr. W. E. Murray, aged 80 years, of Aylmer, fell down stairs at his residence on Sunday and dislocated his collar bone. He is reported to-day to be doing nicely.

A fire nearly destroyed the St. Nicholas Hotel at Winnipeg on Saturday morning. Twenty-five inmates of the house barely escaped with their lives in their night clothes.

The barns and stables of a farmer named Brown, west of Inwood, were destroyed by fire Sunday night, with their contents, including fourteen head of cattle and two horses.

Replying to the Board of Trade delegation at Halifax on Monday, Sir John Thompson assured the delegation that the fast Atlantic line service was an accomplished fact.

The Conservatives of Halifax gave a banquet to Premier Sir John Thompson and Minister Sir Hibbert Tupper at the Halifax Club Monday night. About 150 guests were present.

At Osgoode Hall Saturday bail was granted to John Conn, the ex-Alvinston private banker, now awaiting trial at Sarnia on a charge of forgery. The bonds were fixed at $12,000.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie preached his farewell sermon in the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, Sunday, to a very large congregation. Mr. Tolmie leaves to take charge of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor.

A Belleville dispatch states that "W. W. Knapp, cheese buyer, Colborne, is said to be behind in his settlement with various factories in this district. His local agent says there will not be any default."

Special Customs Officer Trowbridge made a big haul of contraband goods at Fort Erie on Saturday, consisting of horses and carriages, household furniture, etc. Their value runs up into thousands of dollars.

Charles Sangster, the well-known Canadian poet, died at Kingston on Saturday. He was born at Kingston over 70 years ago. His poetical writings have been well known and popular for many years.

Mr. Harvey Faucett, aged 30, who had lived in Brantford nearly all his life, died on Saturday in New York. The remains will be buried at Brantford. Deceased was married on the 15th of last February.

An attempt is being made about Ottawa to raise $20,000 for a new Episcopal endowment fund, Church of England, for another bishop, with headquarters at Ottawa. Quite a large amount has already been subscribed.

Windsor is likely to have a water famine at any time. The intake pipe, although 46 feet below the surface, is continually being choked with ice, and a diver must be engaged every few days to go down and chop the ice away.

The Manitoba Local Government has decided to cancel the commission of Mr. E. P. Leacock, J. P., for the part he took in admitting Chamberlain to bail and other actions connected with the now notorious personating case.

One of the last acts of Goldwin Smith before leaving Toronto for England was to leave a check of $100 with the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society to aid the poor at Christmas time. He has been a well-tried friend of the poor.

Secretary Scott denies positively that any of the Thousand Islands put up for auction in August have been sold. In the case of others of the islands, however, leaseholds to farmers and others are from time to time converted into freeholds.

A dispatch from St. Johns, Nfld., states that Mr. Samuel Brookfield, a builder, has been victimized to the extent of $2,000. It is alleged that his bookkeeper, Moses Cleary, is the culprit, having falsified the pay roll and appropriated the proceeds.

Mr. Catlin, a well-known Kingston hotel man, received last week from John Murphy, superintendent of the Soo Canal construction, a magnificent whitefish, three feet in length within an inch, and weighing 45 pounds. It was caught in Lake Superior.

A Vancouver telegram says: Dr. Young, who died in the Nanaimo, B.C., hospital on Thursday, was a graduate of Queen's College, Kingston, coming here from Wingham, Ont. The remains were shipped to Auburn, Ont., deceased's old home.

Bradstreet's reports the following assignments: Allan A. Gilmour, carpenter, Almonte; Jas. Fyfe, drygoods, etc., Barrie and Beaton; A. Bowes & Co., drygoods, Kingston; Laing & DeBarry, hardware, Port Perry; D. J. Howell, Photo Supply Company, Toronto.

On Saturday night Mr. William Hobbs, who recently came from the Northwest to visit his brother-in-law, Mr. Nicholas Misener, Yarmouth Heights, died at the latter's residence of la grippe, in his 52nd year. He was married to a daughter of the late Richard Misener.

Joseph Delisle, a resident of Montreal, went home a good deal intoxicated Friday night and shot at his wife with a loaded revolver, wounding her in the shoulder. He then shot himself through the head and died in the hospital from the results the next day. He was 42 years of age.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, the new pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, arrived in Windsor Monday, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Hutt, of Ingersoll, and Rev. Mr. Crawford, of Niagara Falls. At the church, Rev. Mr. Hodges, of Tilbury, preached a sermon, and after an address was read by Rev. Mr. Davidson, of Bothwell, the induction took place.

The Manitoba Provincial Government has just issued a crop bulletin. It estimates the last harvest wheat yield at 15,615,923 bushels. There were about 1,000,000 under wheat last year, and the average yield was about sixteen bushels to the acre. The yield of oats was nearly 10,000,000 bushels from 388,529 acres, and there were 2,500,000 bushels of barley.

Rev. A Browning recently closed a series of revival meetings in the Methodist Church, Lucknow. The meetings have been very successful, and as a result 45 young men and young women have been taken into the church membership on trial. Mr. Browning is an earnest and devout evangelist, and won the hearty good wishes of a large number of friends of all denominations in that village.

CONCISE CULLINGS.

Dr. Stephan, tutor of the children of the Emperor William, has been stricken with insanity.

The Swiss Government will take measures against Anarchists and their right of asylum in that country.

The exports of gold from New York by to-day's steamers will amount to $1,500,000.

Nine men belonging to New Orleans tried to cross the Mississippi at College Point, when the boat capsized. Four were drowned.

At Monticello, N. Y., on Monday, Mrs. Halliday cut her throat with a piece of window glass. She bled freely, but is not dangerously injured.

A serious riot, resulting in the death of a peasant and the serious if not fatal burning of a constable, occurred Sunday at Bitonto, Italy. The people were celebrating a religious festival, and gendarmes and custom officers interfered to prevent a fireworks display.

BEACHED.

Two Schooners Blown Ashore—Thirteen Men Have a Narrow Escape.

LOUISBURG, N. S., Dec. 11.—The American schooner Senator Lodge, Capt. Mills, from Gloucester, Mass., for Newfoundland, ran ashore near Port Nova Sunday morning. The vessel is a total loss.

LUNENBURG, N. S., Dec. 11.—The schooner Eliza R., Capt. Merchant, of Gloucester, from La Have Banks with fish, went ashore at the Huand's Cross Islands, at 11 o'clock last night. The crew of thirteen just escaped with their lives. The vessel may possibly be got off.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 11.—The passenger and freight steamer F. and P. M., No. 3, of the Flint and Marquette line, went ashore at 4 o'clock this morning at Whitefish Bay, six miles north of Milwaukee. The boat is exposed to a terrible easterly gale, accompanied by blinding snow, and a heavy sea is running. There are eighteen passengers and a crew of about fifteen on the steamer.

The life-saving crew rowed out to the steamer. The waves were so high it was concluded not to take off the passengers, as the boat appeared to be safe. There were two women who were brought ashore from the wreck. They are Mrs. Soren Peterson and Miss Flora Grindman, of Ludington, Mich.

The United States Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The date when the United States tariff bill goes into effect has been changed from March to June 1.

Ex-Mayor Howland Better.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The latest news in regard to ex-Mayor Howland is that he has undergone a very slight change for the better with a possibility of further improvement.

Escaped Hanging.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—A meeting of the Privy Council was held Saturday, at which the sentence of death passed upon Leblanc, the Winnipeg murderer, whose execution was fixed for the 15th inst., was commuted to fifteen years penal servitude.

Paralyzed in the Pulpit.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 11.—In the absence of the pastor, Dr. Pascoe, Rev. A. E. Griffith conducted service last night in the Central Methodist Church. Before he reached the end of the sermon he complained of feeling ill, and was compelled to cut it short and lie down, Mr. W. H. May closing the service. On his physician being summoned it was found that partial paralysis of one side had taken place, but the doctor says he will be around in a few days. Mr. Griffith is nearing 80.

Steamers Arrived.

Dec. 11.	At	From
Oregon	Glasgow	Halifax
Maasdam	London	New York
Sarmatian	Glasgow	Boston
Oregon	Moville	Portland
Moravia	Southampton	New York
Amsterdam	New York	Rotterdam
Persian Monarch	New York	London

This is the week to catch the English mails with the Christmas Star and it looks as if tens of thousands of Christmas Stars are going over the briny. Won't the old country folk think Canada a good deal bigger and greater than they thought it was when they receive the Christmas Star. Copies of the Star have reached New York and Boston and Chicago and the Americans are wild to get copies of it.

Dropsy and all diseases of the kidneys and bladder are curable through the perfect action of Burdock Blood Bitters.

Fighting the Lords.

Will Gladstone Appeal to the Country Against the Reactionaries?

Welsh Farmers in Armed Resistance to the State Church.

England Excited Over the Alleged Incompetency of Her Navy.

Emperor William Opposed to the Jesuits—English Girls Becoming Prettier—Mrs. Tyndall Prostrated—Grafting French and American Vines — Amusing Suspicions.

Fighting the Lords.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Friday night's action of the House of Lords in adding a "contracting-out" amendment to the Employers' Liability Bill is practically accepted by the Government as a declaration of open war against the principle of the bill. If the Lords stand firm this must precipitate a conflict, which, very possibly, will end in the speedy dissolution of Parliament and an appeal to the people of Great Britain on the great issue of "mending or ending" the House of Lords, with Home Rule and other Liberal measures as only subordinate questions.

In fact, the News deliberately intimates this morning that the entire bill must now be abandoned "until the House of Lords has been dealt with." When it is remembered that Arnold Morley, the Postmaster-General, is the chief owner of the News, the significance of this statement becomes apparent, as it doubtless was inspired by Mr. Gladstone and the Cabinet.

The Chronicle, a recognized and able organ of the masses, goes further still. It says: "The attitude of the Lords is an invitation to a trial of strength which, for aught we know, may bring us nearer revolution than any political question since 1832. The challenge will, we hope, be instantly taken up."

In the event of an appeal to the country Prime Minister Gladstone may force a dissolution before January is over, and Great Britain may then be plunged into a conflict more momentous than any since that, when, on March 19, 1649, "the Commons of England assembled in Parliament, finding by too long experience that the House of Lords is useless and dangerous to the people of England," did ordain and enact, "that from henceforth the House of Lords in Parliament shall be and is hereby abolished and taken away, and that the Lords shall not from henceforth meet or sit in said house called the Lord's House, or in any other house or place whatsoever as a House of Lords." The return of Charles II. brought about a revocation of this act, but it does not seem improbable that it may now be re-enacted after another 245 years.

Keeping Jesuits From Germany.

The fact that the Centrists voted in favor of the treaty of Roumania originated in the rumor that the Government had promised to give effect to the Reichstag vote to recall the Jesuits to Germany. The Associated Press learns that nothing of the kind occurred and that the present indications are quite to the contrary. The Emperor has congratulated the Catholic Prince Fuerstenberg for his vote against the repeal of the Jesuit law, and a movement is beginning to manifest itself in evangelical circles against the repeal.

English Girls Growing Prettier.

The question of the beauty of English women is being vigorously debated. Grant Allen records his observations now compared with 25 years ago, when he first went to France. He says:

"I was struck by the extreme plainness of the French peasant girls, the visible unintelligence of the bourgeoise, and the mere sprightliness without real beauty of the upper-class women. In England, judged by American standards, I thought the women of the lower classes heavy and dumpy, of the middle classes often dull looking, though frequently pretty; of the upper classes cold, but handsome.

"After 25 years I see little change in France, but much change in England. Beauty, to my eye, is distinctly more frequent. Intelligent beauty is immensely commoner. Bright, pretty girls now abound here and there in the lower class. The upper class remains much where it was, but in the middle classes the improvement is unspeakable. Prettiness is general, and real beauty is much more frequent than formerly. Girls are better grown, have finer figures, look much more intelligent and possess better-chiseled features on an average than their mothers."

Amusing Suspicion.

The universal fear of Anarchists leads to amusing mistakes. Among other things, a well-known English sportsman was traveling in Spain with his wife at the time of the Barcelona explosion. Not hearing from him, his relations induced the Foreign Office to telegraph to the authorities at Barcelona to make inquires. The telegram was this:

"Arthur Smith, British subject, in Barcelona during recent outrages. Kindly make inquiries. Wire results."

To this came answer:

"Man Smith is in Barcelona. He is being watched."

This was followed by a second message:

"Man Smith attempted to leave Barcelona last night. Now in custody."

Shortly after Smith himself wired this to the Foreign Office:

"Owing to your confounded telegram have spent 24 hours in Spanish jail. What do you mean?"

Ghastly Experiments.

The French Academy of Medicine has received an interesting if ghastly communication from Dr. Chauvel, an army staff surgeon, as to the penetrating powers of modern rifle bullets. Dr. Demosthens, the chief surgeon of the Roumanian army, has been practicing on human corpses and live horses with the improved Maennlicher rifle. A ball passed through a box of sulphur without igniting it. The human body, therefore, would not be burned. Of five corpses placed one behind the other at a distance of 1,800 feet three were pierced by one bullet. The wounds made in the soft tissue were smaller than those caused by the arms last used in warfare, but the bones struck by the bullets were splintered and arteries were cut so completely that stoppage of hemorrhage would be almost impossible.

The Naval Panic.

The time has come to describe the prevailing naval panic in England as a genuine war scare. A fear amounting to conviction has seized many Englishmen who believe the coming spring will see Great Britain at war with one or more great powers. The prophets of war profess to believe that Russia and France will take advantage of any provocation to draw the sword against England and will seek to crush her by a series of sudden blows before Germany or the Triple Alliance can find an excuse for joining in the melee.

Two years hence the ex-Secretary of the American Navy, Gen. Tracy, argued, in an interview here, the British navy will be vastly inferior to the French-Russian fleet. The true test of strength, he said, is battleships of the type built since 1875. England now has 29 of 397,520 tons, France and Russia 28 of 241,600 tons. The British force, therefore, is superior, but must remain inferior in the Mediterranean for reasons above given, and the allied fleets have the advantage there of operating near their base of supplies, and with fortified harbors available. France and Russia, before, 1896, will complete 22 more ships of 199,800 tons, and England two ships of 27,400 tons. Gen. Tracy's manner of pointing out the British deficiency is more forcible than that of the English alarmists who are now stirring up the country.

The Tory journals are already preparing for the coming war.

A Bright Woman Journalist.

A most talked-about American in Europe, just now, is Mrs. Elizabeth L. Banks. She is a newspaper woman who has been discussing the subject of English domestic service in T. P. O'Connor's newspaper for several weeks. In order to get at the practical side of the question she engaged herself as a housemaid in several London families, and has been entertaining the public with an extremely vivid account of her experience. The press of the country has taken up the vexed question, and is now discussing both it and Miss Banks herself in the liveliest fashion.

A Remarkable Discovery.

At last week's meeting of the Paris Academy of Science, M. Charmin read a paper on the extraordinary results obtained by grafting American on French vines. The American vine, after being grafted upon the French vine, is thrust into the earth, where it takes root. The French vine is then provided with a healthy American root, invulnerable to phylloxera, and the quality of the wine is not injured. The American vine promises to save the French vine from the destruction with which it was threatened, and to restore it to its original flourishing condition. It will thus be of far greater value than the invention of Dr. Pasteur.

Resisting Parsons' Tithes.

The Penrhyn district, North Wales, is in a state of anarchy, which has attracted little attention in London, and so far has passed practically unnoticed in Parliament. The trouble is due to renewed attempts to enforce payment of the State Church parsons' tithes, which the nonconformist farmers sturdily refuse to pay. Similar efforts two or three years ago caused serious riots and bloodshed, and it looks as though these events would be repeated. Farmhouses have been fortified, somewhat on the Irish Land League plan, and up to the present time the anti-tithe men have been successful, the bailiffs and police having been driven back wherever they attempted to levy an executon or take possession. Each side has mounted men who perform scouting duties and occasionally come into collision with each other. The sheriffs have called upon the Home Secretary to send troops to help enforce the Queen's writ, but he shows no disposition to comply, which is not to be wondered at, seeing that the Welsh members of Parliament are anti-tithers and ardent Liberals almost to a man. It is probable that the matter will be brought before the House of Commons next week, and it may at any moment attain the position of a burning political question.

Mrs. Tyndall Prostrated.

The sad manner of Prof. Tyndall's taking off his aroused the sympathy of the entire nation. Mrs. Tyndall is so prostrated that it is believed she will never recover from the effects of the fatal mistake. By a curious coincidence, a London man was killed on the day following Tyndall's death, by a precisely similar error on the part of his wife. The two cases have started a strong agitation requiring the use of dark-colored fluted bottles to contain all poisons and dangerous drugs.

Will Humbert Resign?

The affairs of Italy have come to such a pass that the King is freely credited with the intention to abdicate. The crisis daily becomes more acute, and it is an open question whether even Signor Crispi could govern successfully with a cabinet under the usual constitutional restrictions. Matters must take a decisive turn within a few days.

Gladstone's Diet.

Three hard-boiled eggs for breakfast, an indulgence which Gladstone sometimes allows himself when he feels particularly vigorous, proved too much for him Friday. He was quite ill some few hours, but Saturday entirely recovered and went to Brighton. He is much pained by the disappearance of his valet, who it is now feared, has commited suicide. People were too kind to Zadock at the recent festivities at Hawarden, and the members of the Gladstone household noticed the effects. The next morning Mr. Gladstone gave his servant some fatherly advice. Zadock took it as a reprimand and brooded over it.

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LABOR'S PARLIAMENT.

Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Gompers' Suggestions for the Remedy of Existing Evils—Toronto Shoemakers in Council.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Representatives of organized labor from all parts of the country, and identified with combinations of wage-earners having an aggregate membership of 1,500,000, assembled in the City Hall this morning and formally inaugurated the thirteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

President Gompers, in his annual report, said: "The only method by which a practical, just and safe equilibrium can be prosecuted in the industrial world for the fast and ever-increasing introduction of machinery, is a commensurate reduction of the hours of labor. I am very sure that if employers were to substitute a division of work required among all their workers instead of the discharge of a number, we would much sooner emerge from the present industrial and commercial stagnation." Upon the subject of political action Mr. Gompers says: "The last convention recommended to the organized workingmen that they take such action politically as shall secure the best results to labor and place the movement upon a higher plane. I desire to record that not only in my judgment the trend will soon be in that direction, but that every earnest effort has met with the co-operation of the members of the Executive Council. An intelligent use of the ballot by the toilers must largely contribute to lighten the burdens of our economic struggles."

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—About 200 shoemakers gathered in Richmond Hall tonight to discuss the proposed reduction of wages announced by J. D. King & Co. A general disposition to refuse to accept the reduction was manifested, but no definite action was taken.

BURNED OUT.

Sarnia Has Another Blaze—An Ingersoll School Scorched.

INGERSOLL, Dec. 11.—By a fire in the third ward public school this morning rooms 1 and 2 were badly scorched.

SARNIA, Dec. 11.—Saturday night about 12 o'clock an alarm was sounded from box 21 for a two-story frame store owned by George Leys and occupied by William Graham as a butcher shop. Mr. Graham and family, who were living over the store, escaped with only their night-clothes through the front windows. While the fire team were on the way to the fire the wagon turned over, and Capt. Eveland and Fireman D. Lawrence were caught and hurt very badly. Last night was the first time the new wagon was used, and the damage will cost $100 to repair. Loss on building about $300, covered by insurance. Loss on stock about $200, insurance $500. Loss on furniture about $300, insurance $200.

THE limit of vision varies with elevation condition of the atmosphere, etc. On a clear day an object raised one foot above a level plain can be seen at a distance of 1.31 miles; one 10 feet high, 4.15 miles; one 20 feet high, 5.86 miles; one 100 feet high (as the top of a mountain), almost 96 miles—to be exact 95.23 miles.

ONE of the interesting results of the recent experiments in England in photographing flying bullets has been to show that the disturbance in the air travels faster than the bullet itself. The photographs exhibit air waves in advance of the bullets, even when the latter are moving faster than the velocity of sound. In one case where the bullet was moving considerably faster than sound travels in the air it was preceded by an atmospheric disturbance which at the moment the photograph was taken, was half an inch in advance of the point of the bullet. Even when the bullets were traveling four times as fast as sound the atmospheric disturbance kept ahead of them.

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