

Evening Telegram

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Doctors' Fees.

We notice that the medical practitioners of the city have reconsidered the scale of fees lately published by them; and in the main have gone back to their old scale. An average wage of twelve dollars a week is the dividing line between the 50 cent visit and the dollar minimum visit as regards families. Single men earning that will be put in the dollar class. For men of greater means the fees are a matter of discretion with the doctors. There appears also a wish to come to an understanding with the Unions whose members earn small wages, and a committee has been appointed to take up this matter with the officials of the Unions.

It should be remembered that doctors pay visits for which they make no charge. We are assured that half the visits are made under such circumstances, and further that only about 60 per cent. of the charges made are found collectable.

Fogata Arrives.

The s.s. Fogata, Capt. Barbour, arrived from the northward at 10 a.m. to-day bringing part freight of fish and oil, four passengers in saloon and four in steerage. She ship made all her ports of call to Change Islands, Gander Bay and Dog Bay are filling with slob ice, which will close the Arms up to navigation with one night's hard frost. The weather during the trip was fairly good till Monday last, when coming south from Westville. It was very stormy and the crew had a hard time. The passengers in saloon were Mr. House, Miss House, Mr. Goodyear and Mr. Bert. The Fogata is now at Crosbie's new premises (Duder's) and will sail north on her last trip Friday afternoon, going as far as Change Islands if the ice does not prevent her.

Fire Brigade for Bell Island.

A fire brigade was recently organized at Bell Island and there are now 20 men in it. Ex-Const. Hann being chief of the force. A new hall for the firemen is shortly to be erected and it is likely that work will be started on it next week. The arms and reservoirs on the island contain a plentiful supply of water for fire-fighting purposes and the companies there are about to import from Canada a complete equipment for the firemen, including hose, hose reels, ladders and an up-to-date steam engine. Those serving as firemen get extra money from the companies and will be available at all times to quell any outbreaks. The D. I. & S. Co. are now working the slopes and have 600 men engaged, but there are hundreds on the island who cannot obtain work, and many are now going elsewhere. The N. S. Coy. have 600 men engaged and will increase this to 1000 later.

Train Notes.

The west bound express left Badger Brook at 9:25 a.m. to-day.
The incoming express left Port aux Basques at 10 a.m. to-day.
The local arrived from Carbonear at 12:10 p.m. to-day bringing Sir R. Bond, Dr. Chisholm, T. P. Connors, Mr. Kennedy, Sergt. Loughlan and 40 others.

Partridge Still Selling.

The shooting of partridge closed down this year as usual on the 15th December, and to-day sportsmen in the city express indignation over the fact that stores on Water Street are selling these birds. They say that sportsmen are quickly prosecuted if they do not conform to the law and that selling this class of game at this late season is a flagrant violation of the statute. Hereafter grocers and others were given 24 hours to clear out their stock when the close season arrived.

Bride Just Over Two Feet High.

London, Dec. 31.—One of the smallest ladies in the world is now staying for a few weeks at the Savoy Hotel, London. She is only 26 inches in height, and her years are just as many. Her name is Mademoiselle Anita, and she comes from Hungary. She is engaged to be married, and one of the objects of her visit to London is to buy her trousseau. Pretty and vivacious, she will no doubt make an exceptionally attractive bride.

"Apart from her shopping, Madlle Anita is here for the purpose of arranging a £50,000 insurance on her life," her guardian informed a press representative. "She has learnt from her travels that London is about the best place at which to carry out such a transaction. She is not engaged for exhibition anywhere, and it would indeed be a large offer that would tempt her. She purposes visiting one or two other British cities, and afterwards she will go to Paris. From there she will proceed to Galicia to meet her fiancé. Madlle Anita speaks four languages—English, French, German and Hungarian. She is, perhaps, the most perfectly formed little person the world has ever seen."

Since coming to London Madlle Anita has been photographed in a black evening gown with one hand holding her long train and the other clasping a white feather fan—and very dainty she looks.

The New Way.

Cleveland Plaindealer.—The referee held up his hand.

"Them last two rounds don't count," he hoarsely announced. "The fight will have to start all over again."

A low growl ran through the vast audience.

"What's th' trouble, Reddy?" shrieked a fiery-faced man in the tenth row. The referee squared his jaw.

"Th' trouble is," he explained, "that 'th' movin' picture man has struck a bad spot in his film an' th' pictures is no good. Are you ready up there, professor? All right, Shake hands boys."

And the battle made a fresh start.

May Have Been Wanted in Boston.

New York, Jan. 5.—From private descriptions it is believed that police headquarters here, that the two men killed by the London police in the attack on an anarchist den, are wanted in this country for the robbery of the jewelry store of Samuel E. Ullion, in Boston, last March.

The names of the two described are Harry Rothstein, alias Kavok the blacksmith; Jacob Goldberg, alias Red Tracy. Kavok the blacksmith is said to have been the inventor of an instrument known as the 'can-opener,' which rips up an ordinary safe as easily as a real can-opener would slice into a can of preserved peaches.

Bail for each of the alleged burglars was first fixed at \$20,000, but the amount was afterwards reduced to \$5,000. Straw bail was furnished and the men jumped their bonds.

Sir Robert Bond arrived in town from Whitbourne to-day.

For Charity.

£7,894,281 Income Contributed in One Year.

London, Jan. 3.—Seven hundred and eighty-nine metropolitan charities received in income for the year 1909-10 approximately £7,894,581.

Details of the chief recipients of that income are:—

14 Bible and Tract Societies	£343,864
103 Home and Foreign Missions	3,310,284
4 Church and Chapel Building Funds	41,877
38 Charities for Blind, Deaf, etc.	242,091
179 Hospitals and the like	1,197,211
89 Pensions and Homes for aged	677,010
93 General and Food Relief Charities	482,794
57 Voluntary Homes	311,001
46 Orphanages	193,284
50 Reformation, etc., Institutions	74,662
63 Education Institutions	607,234
33 Social Improvement Institutions	166,828
20 Protection Institutions	247,251

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The total is exclusive of provincial charities. It should be noted, too, that the income of 159 metropolitan charities is not given.

Claimant to Legacy of £36,000,000.

London, December 31.—Birmingham has a citizen who is a claimant to a fortune of no less than £36,000,000. Centuries ago a wealthy German soldier, General Wirtz, left a large sum of money, part of it for the city of Amsterdam and the other part for his relatives if they could be found. This legacy accumulated as the years passed by, and it is now estimated at the sum mentioned. There have been many claimants to the fortune, but apparently, so far none has succeeded in substantiating his claim, although there are said to be nearly 100 people who are seeking to have their rights established.

Now Birmingham figures in this financial romance. In Poplar avenue, Edgbaston, lives Mr. Luis Ferdinand Polycarp Wirtz, a civil engineer, who claims to be able to trace direct descent from the notable personage whose wealth has fructified a thousandfold. He was born in Cuba in 1856, during the Ten Years' War, in which his father held high military command.

The latter died two years ago at the age of 85. He was a son of Don Fernando Wirtz, a colonel in the Spanish army, and Don Fernando was a son of Ignatius Wirtz, who left Germany and took a regiment of Swiss to help to fight the battles of Spain.

Mr. Wirtz believes that Ignatius was a brother of the general who bequeathed half of his fortune to Amsterdam and the other half to his natural heirs. Mrs. Wirtz stated yesterday that her husband was convinced of the validity of his claims. Important papers bearing on the position are at present in Spain, whither the Wirtz family have gone at intervals. Mr. Wirtz is responsible for a number of public undertakings there.

The family allege that the fact that they were Protestants in that Catholic land made existence intolerable for them there, and they determined to settle in England. The old home at Vigo is still in their possession, and the family occasionally go there. It is too early to say when or how Mr. Wirtz will bring his case under the notice of the proper authorities; but it is certain he will not long remain inactive. The house in Birmingham contains many valuable Spanish and German relics, besides pictures bearing on the ancient lineage of the Wirtz family.

Coastal Boats.

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The Argyle left Marytown at 5:30 p.m. yesterday going west.
The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 3:10 a.m. to-day.

The Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques at 9:10 a.m. to-day.
The Dundee, Ethie, Clyde, Home and Invermore are docked for the winter.

BOWINGS' BOATS.
The Portia left Trepassay at 6 a.m. to-day.
The Prospero sails north at 10 a.m. Friday, taking a full freight and a very large number of passengers. This will be her last trip according to schedule.

CITY COUNCIL.—The City Council had a meeting yesterday when the question of the laying out of the offices was discussed. All the offices except that of the City Engineer will be on the ground flat and will be fitted up in good style.

Cars operated by storage batteries are to be tested in New York city. The Public Service Commission will supervise the trials.

The Sixpenny Doctor.

"In the whole tragic history of the terrible affray in Houndsditch no incident is more dramatic than the visit of Dr. Scanlan to the dead of night to the house of the murdered man in Grove Street, summoned thither by the two young foreign women, whose incoherent mutterings gave him no clue to the scene at which he was to assist," says the Telegraph.

Doctors in Mean Streets.

"Attention is inevitably directed to the lives of these medical practitioners, called up to undertake duties in such startling circumstances. The medical profession has at all times contained heroic men who have flinched from no sacrifice, and from no danger, and in the mean streets of the Metropolis large numbers of them daily pursue their vocation unmindful of external, disdainful of danger, and unconcerned as to consequences. If it be heroic to attend the haunts of low-class criminals, they are indeed heroic, for they never trouble to inquire as to the nature of the house they are called upon to visit, yet they will tell you there is no heroism in their work, and when they give their reasons, you admit they are right."

The Law-Abiding East End.

"So far as the East End is concerned, the doctors who practise there are agreed as to the law-abiding character of the residents. They will tell you there are desperadoes and criminals, but there are exceptions to the rule. But it is not in this that the safety of medical men lies. It is in the inherent respect entertained by the inhabitants for men called in to combat pain and disease. The poor have a hard life. They are not given to exaggerate their ailments. Illness is a luxury in which they cannot afford to indulge. When, therefore, they are constrained to call in medical aid, suffering has generally reached an acute stage. The doctor is then regarded as a missioner as well as a doctor, a messenger of hope and mercy, as well as a curer of ailments. As such he is looked upon almost with awe, and the respectful salutation he always receives is eloquent of the esteem in which he is held."

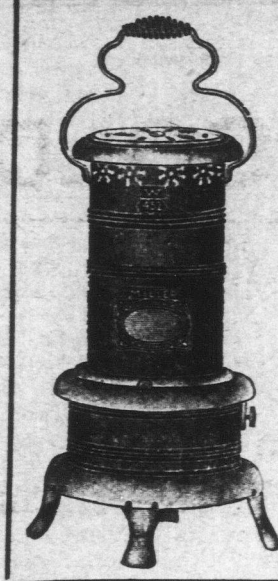
"Nor is it correct to assume that the practices of East End doctors are unremunerative. On the contrary, they are often the means by which handsome incomes are obtained. There is one well-known instance of a medical practitioner in Whitechapel who made between £2,000 and £3,000 a year from his patients, though his fees were often as low as 6d. This sixpenny fee is quite a common one, though generally the remuneration is less."

"How, it may be asked, can such small fees procure so large an income, especially as they include payment for medicine? The reply is to be found in the number of patients with which doctors have to deal. At their surgeries many of them attend to as many as sixty and seventy per evening, between the hours of six and nine. There are no bad debts, and there is no sending in of accounts. One invariable custom everywhere prevails—payment is made at the time of the visit."

The Doctor's Strenuous Life.

"Yet it is a strenuous life which the doctor leads, for difficult and severe is the tension of examining and treating such large numbers at his surgery. Jew and Gentile, native and foreigner, all alike to him are interesting. His is a game of life and death. But too frequently he stands with them in the land of deepening shadows. He knows the struggles of those whose life is often worse than death. Why need he fear? Why speak ill of his East End?"

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