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No. 7.—A NICE 7 OCT. SQUARE PIANO BY LADD & CO., BOSTON. Walnut case, first class order. Will sell for $60. $4 cash and $3 per month.

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No. 11.—ONE 7 OCTAVE, WALNUT CASE, SQUARE PIANO, BY VOSE, BOSTON. Will be sold cheap. Cost new $375. Now offered at $88. $4 cash and $3 per month.

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YORK THEATRE PASSES UNDER CONTROL OF KEITH AND PROCTOR

St. John Now Included in the Keith Circuit, and Will Have Continuous Vaudeville, Beginning on Christmas Eve — Syndicate Will Have Its Own Representative, Although Mr. Armstrong Still Retains an Interest.

St. John is to have a Keith's theatre. On Saturday negotiations were completed by which the York Theatre enters into Keith and Proctor's circuit, which has lately been extended to take in a number of Maine cities. The well-known amusement house will probably open on Christmas eve, under the name of Keith's.

About a month ago the Sun received a dispatch from Maine that Keith's circuit was to be extended this way, but at the time the managers of none of the theatres would confess to be in negotiations in the matter. The matter, however, has been a subject of correspondence since last March between R. J. Armstrong, the manager, and Jas. E. Moore, representing the circuit. The deal was concluded on Saturday by telephone with Mr. Moore at Portland, Me. The arrangement was made on behalf of A. Paul Keith, E. F. Albo and Jas. E. Moore.

Jas. E. Moore is expected in the city today to look after their interests. It is undrestood that the circuit will in future have a representative here, although Mr. Armstrong retains part interest in the house. It is understood that the circuit would have preferred a lease of the house, but this was not satisfactory to Mr. Armstrong.

When Keith's opens on Christmas eve, it will begin the continuous vaudeville performances here. There will be a weekly change of bill with two performances each day, in the afternoon and in the evening with the exception of Monday afternoon.

It is quite probable that arrangements will be made whereby the shows brought down here will spend a second week between Moncton and Fredericton. Arrangements may be made later about entering Halifax, but at present there is only one theatre there.

ICE BOUND TEACHERS CROSSED ON ICE

A number of persons crossed from Millidgeville to Kennebeccasis Island and other points yesterday. The ice is not yet strong enough for teams, but will be all right after the next rain storm or with a few more days of cold weather. Two school teachers who have been in the city all the week because there was no means of crossing, returned to points on the other side yesterday afternoon and their schools will reopen after the unexpected vacation.

The ferryboat Maggie Miller is still hard and fast in the ice and will probably remain so until the spring.

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SEVEN MEN BLOWN TO PIECES BY DYNAMITE

Hit Box With Hammer and Only One Fragment of the Gang Has Been Found

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 9.—One white man, five negroes and an Indian were literally blown to fragments by the explosion of dynamite in the tunnel on the right of way of the New South and Western railroad Saturday night. The white man had been ordered to open a box of dynamite for blasting purposes, and started to comply. One blow from a hammer exploded the contents, and only a small fragment of the white man has been found. Six other men were dismembered and seven persons were seriously injured. A mule and car were blown throught the portal of the tunnel and down the mountain side. The car was wrecked, but the mule escaped unscathed.

ST. JOHN LADY TAKES THE VEIL

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—Among eight who took the final vows at the Convent of the Good Shepherd this morning was Miss Clara Fitzpatrick of St. John, N. B.

$400,000 FIRE IN MONTREAL

Nine Wholesale Houses Suffer Heavy Loss

Disastrous Blaze Broke Out in Wholesale District Early Yesterday in Zero Weather

MONTREAL, Q., Dec. 9.—Fire this morning gutted three buildings in the whilesale dry goods section of the city, while buildings in either side had their contents damaged by smoke and water, the total loss being placed at $400,000. This loss was distributed among nine firms totally burned out and half a dozen with partial losses.

The principal losses were: Canadian Underwear Co., $75,000; Dreyfus Importing Co., $45,000; Thos May & Co., $35,000; Matthews, Towers & Co., $95,000; and Yorkshire Importing Co., $80,000. All were well insured.

The fire started in the premises of M. Galorineau & Co., leather merchants, occupying the basement of 12 St. Helen street, the alarm being sounded at 3.12 a. m. When the firemen arrived the basement was a mass of flames and the fire had obtained access to the upper floors, occupied by the Yorkshire Importing Co, by means of elevator shafts. The thermometer was away down below zero, but despite this fact the water supply was good and there were no frozen hydrants.

From the Yorkshire Company's premises the fire spread to a building on the north occupied by Matthews, Towers & Co., and to that on the south in which was located the Canadian Underwear Co., Thos. May & Co., and the Dreyfus Importing Co. Both of these buildings were, with the Yorkshire Company's place, almost completely gutted. The buildings on either side of these suffered from smoke and water.

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NO INSANITY PLEA IN THAW'S DEFENSE

His Lawyers Will Rely on the "Unwritten Law"—Trial Will Not Come off for Months Yet

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—That the counsel for Harry K. Thaw will not seek to clear him of the charge of murdering Stanfield White on the ground that he was insane at the time of the shooting, but that they will depend on some phase of the "unwritten law" to vindicate him, is indicated by the list of interrogatories which they prepared when they sought to get the testimony of Truxton Beale and Thomas W. McCaleb by commissions to be named by the court.

After formally stating the presence of the two witnesses on the night of June 25, one interrogatory is so couched that the two men would tell where they met Thaw before going to the Cafe Martin; who were in the party; what was said by every one in the party which was heard by Thaw, and detail every bit of conversation they can remember. The next question has to do with the happenings in the restaurant; the time of arrival there; what was said and done by each of the party, and what time the party left.

The next questions are concerning the visit to the roof garden; the time of arrival; how the party separated; what the conversation was about, and the happenings immediately preceding the shooting of Mr. White, and what occurred just after it. The last of the ten questions is that each of the two witnesses will tell anything else that occurs to him which will be of benefit to Thaw in his defense.

MAINE YOUNG LADY SHOT HERSELF

YORK, Me., Dec. 8.—Despondent because of long continued ill health, Miss Bertha F. Grant, daughter of George E. Grant, a prominent resident, committed suicide tonight by shooting. Her father found her body lying on the floor of her bedroom with a bullet hole in the head. A revolver belonging to her brother lay beside her. Miss Grant was 25 years old. No inquest will be held, the coroner deeming one unnecessary.

McGILL'S COUNSEL SPARRING FOR TIME

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—While it is regarded as morally certain that a commission to go to New York, as asked for by the crown, will be granted, it will not be without a chapter of delays. A new motion was presented to Judge Winchester Saturday. Counsel for McGill based obstruction tactics on the charge that the crown was trying to "railroad" matters, and obtained an adjournment till Thursday next.

FORMER MONCTON LADY DEAD

MONCTON, Dec. 9.—News has been received here of the death at Medicine Hat of Mrs. Lynch, formerly Miss Tays of this city. Mrs. J. I. Smith, wife of I. C. R. Engineer Smith of this city, is a sister of the deceased.

COMPLICATIONS THREATENED

Picturesque Visitors Detained by U.S. Authorities

D. McKay, and Mrs. Mason, Psychic Research Leaders, Keeping Wires Hot to Washington With Protests

Detained here by the U. S. immigration authorities, on account of a conviction secured against him, at Windsor, Ont., D. McKay, a long whiskered and long haired mystic, who is acting as private secretary to Mrs. E. L. Mason, a philosophical authoress, threatens to make the case an international affair. Mrs. Mason remained with him. The two are at the Royal Hotel.

"D. L. McKay, detained by American immigration board of inquiry, causing unlawful detention and breach of financial contracts of Mrs. E. L. Mason, of London."

The autograph and the accompanying comment was placed on the register of the Royal Hotel about half-past three yesterday morning. The man who wrote it is a most remarkable looking person, apparently about thirty years of age, and with hair that ripples over his shoulders and a beard that almost reaches his waist. Barber shops are to him an unknown institution.

McKay, the gentleman with all this hirsute equipment, figures on the hotel register as private secretary to Mrs. E. L. Mason, and ordinarily is the less prominent figure of course. On this occasion, however, he has the major portion of the limelight. Mrs. Mason, who is also of unusually striking appearance, is a high priestess of the psychic research cult, and has written many books on philosophical subjects. Although well preserved, she is probably over seventy years of age. She was richly gowned and her fingers were loaded with magnificent diamond rings.

Mrs. Mason and her private secretary were saloon passengers on the Empress of Britain, and had landed and taken seats in the special train which was to bear them West before any move was made to detain them.

Mr. McKay, in speaking to a Sun reporter, expressed the greatest indignation at the treatment they received, and threatens to make it an international affair. He said:

"We were hustled off the train and forced to remain for five hours in the cold and dirty immigration building before being allowed to seek quarters at a hotel. And here we are, with our luggage on the way to Detroit.. All that we have is a pair of goloshes and a toothbrush."

Mr. McKay, when asked what was the cause of his detention said that some years ago, while living in Windsor, Ont., he had been convicted of sending obscene literature through the mails. He was fined $100 and refused to pay it, taking the alternative penalty, which was four months in jail.

He explained that he had been the victim of religious persecution.

The publication which the authorities had deemed offensive was a weekly paper called the New Era, which set forth the views of the psychic research people. His worst enemy, he said, was the editor of the local newspaper in that town.

"But, although not an American citizen, I lived there several years, and will make these people regret their high-handed action."

Mr. McKay also said that he was the son of a Presbyterian minister, the late Rev. A. B. McKay, who was at one time pastor of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. He was drowned some years ago. An uncle was also in the Presbyterian ministry.

"There is absolutely no excuse for the authorities detaining Mrs. Mason, even if there is in my case. She is an American subject, and has large property interests there. She also has the special protection of the British government."

Mr. McKay also said that Mrs. Mason would suffer great financial loss by being delayed here. Their destination was Detroit, but she had a $2,000 payment to make at Montreal, which was due on Monday. She was also negotiating for a site for a temple in Walkerville, Ont., which other people were bidding for, and she was in a great hurry to get there, as the people were holding back the sale until she came. He claimed she had many other interests which would suffer by any delay at this time.

"We have telegraphed the British minister and the Washington government about the matter, and expect to have a satisfactory reply on Monday," said Mr. McKay.

R. T. Harrison, the immigration agent who caused the detention of Mr. McKay, refused to say why he did so, merely remarking he was held pending an investigation into the case. Mrs. Mason was not interfered with he said. She was at liberty to go wherever she pleased.

Mrs. Mason, however, did not desert her secretary in his trouble, and both are now comfortably located at the Royal Hotel.

A despatch from The Sun correspondent at Montreal says that Rev. Mr. McKay had a son who studied for the ministry and went insane, being for a time confined in Verdun Hospital, but afterwards being released as cured.

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The gift that is a genuine success is the one that pleases both parties, the giver and the receiver. It takes time to buy such a gift. You must put a little of yourself into it and the more of yourself you put into the purchase the more of your own love you put into the gift.

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WERE NEARLY ASPHXYIATED

Five Firemen of S.S. Marina Had Narrow Escape

Were Overcome by Coal Gas Fumes From Stove in Their Quarters—Taken to Hospital

Five firemen of the steamer Marina had a narrow escape from asphyxiation yesterday morning. The men were in the quarters forward and had lit a fire in an ash bucket. The escaping smoke nearly suffocated the men, who were found by the steward and brought on deck in a weakened condition.

The men had taken an iron ash bin and plugged holes in it so as to give a draft. They then kindled a fire and put a quantity of coal on top of this. They then went to sleep. The smoke and gas filled the compartment, and the steward, who happened to enter the forward quarters, saw one of the men sitiing on his bunk and vomiting. He informed the captain, and when he returned several more of the men were sick. The captain ordered them taken out on deck, and they soon recovered from their stickness, although they were a bit unsteady.

The ambulance was then called and the men, five in number, were sent to the hospital. The names of the men are McKee, Shelley, J. Doherty, F. Doherty, Sampson, all of the old country.

There was a story in circulation yesterday that the men lit the fire because the steam had been turned off in their quarters so as to allow it to go to the winches, which were kept running to prevent them from freezing. Captain Taylor said last night that this was not the truth, as the winches were fed from different pipes, and the valves for the heating pipes were in the men's quarters, and they could turn the heat on or off at will. He said that the thermometer in the sailors' quarters registered 54 degrees, but the firemen probably needed more heat than the sailors. He also said that the steamer was heated throughout with steam, being provided with Safford radiators, and there was no trouble about heating the steamer even in the coldest weather.

The steam radiators were put in the vessel because of an accident somewhat similar to that of yesterday's. The accident happened some years ago, two men had gone to sleep and the gas from a stove near their berths overcame them. It was thought dangerous to continue the heating by stoves so the steam heating was put in.

REV. DR. BUCKLEY HERE

Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, occupied the pulpit of Centenary church last night and preached an eloquent and scholarly sermon, taking as his text "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men labored and ye are entered into their labors." He spoke at length on the debt which the Methodist church owes to other churches and the debt which they owe to Methodism.

It will be remembered that Rev. Mr. Buckley was in the city in 1895 and preached in Centenary church on the occasion of its anniversary. The New York editor has just completed a lecturing tour through Maine and came to the city to spend Sunday.

SACO, Maine, Dec. 8.—George F. Owen, for two years Mayor of this city, died suddenly of heart disease late tonight.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 8.—The Saco river closed to navigation for the season today. On account of the thickness of the ice which formed late tonight, coal laden vessels which have arrived at the mouth of the river have been forced to abandon the attempt to reach the dock in this city and Saco, and will discharge their cargoes elsewhere.

STEEL-COAL LAWSUIT ON

Writ Issued in N.S. Supreme Court Saturday

Steel Company Claims Heavy Damages—An Interesting Fight Will Follow

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 9.—The first move in what promises to be one of the most interesting legal battles fought in this province in recent years was taken on Saturday, when a writ was issued by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company against the Dominion Coal Company, claiming damages for breach of contract. This brings to a climax the sensational dispute between these two corporations which has filled columns of the newspapers for more than a month. The writ was issued in the supreme court by Drysdale and McInnes, solicitors for the Steel Company, on Saturday night. The statement of claim is in the usual form, making a general claim for damages for non-performance of contract, dated October 20th, 1903.

The Steeel Company insists upon the integrity of the contract and it is now endeavoring to establish its position in the courts. The Coal Company will have to fight not only the Steel Company, but the bondholders, who have been joined as plaintiffs with the Steel Company. If the latter win, the question will include the loss suffered by the Steel Company during the period the Sydney plant was idle, estimated by General Manager Jones at $5,000 a day, as well as an extra amount to be paid for coal under the tentative agreement just concluded, which will total a large sum. The action will be vigorously contested by the Coal Company, and it will doubtless become a famous case in the Nova Scotia courts.

INTERESTING LECTURE

W. J. McMillin lectured before the St. Peter's Y. M. A. yesterday afternoon. His subject was, "New Brunswick two centuries ago," and he treated it in a most interesting and thorough manner. He described the country, habits and religiou of the Indians and French inhabitants, comparing those times with the present.

Mr. McMillin said that at that time what is now the city of St. John, was a French fort, with a force of 100 men. There were four bastions to the fort, each mounting six cannon. In a letter from a French gentleman then residing here, to a friend in the old country, a battle between the French occupying this fort and an English attacking party is described. The French repulsed the invaders.

Upon the conclusion of his lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. McMillin.

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UNDERWEAR

STENOGRAPHERS ARE NEEDED AT ONCE

Provincial Government Takes Steps to Fill Vacancies—Rev. Mr. Carson to be Ordained

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 9.—The provincial government, at its session on Thursday evening last in this city took steps towards filling the vacancies which are expected to soon exist in the ranks of the court stenographers of the province.

Under Chapter 117 of the Consolidated Statutes of 1903 they appointed the following board of examiners:

Dr. Earle, St. John, president of the Barristers' Society.

Dr. Pugsley, St. John, Attorney General.

George W. Allen, K.C., this city.

Mr. Devine, whose health is said to have broken down, and Miss Mowatt, who has been offered a more lucrative position, are both now in New York and quite likely to remain there.

S. Dow Simmons, of this city, is therefore the only official court stenographer now in the province.

To obtain a position as court stenographer a candidate must have a certificate from the board of examiners, the qualification for such certificate being able to write 150 words per minute for five consecutive minutes.

There are now in the province a number of stenographers who have received certificates, including Joseph McPeake, of the Department of Agriculture office, this city, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the position.

The death occurred at the Waverley Hotel this evening of Elisha Staples of Nashwaaksis from cerebrum meningitis. He had been sick for about three weeks and was employed by the New Brunswick Telephone Company as a lineman. He was about 35 years of age and unmarried.

At the cathedral on Sunday morning next Rev. Roy L. Carson will be ordained priest and Richard Bolt deacon. It is expected that Bishop Kingdon, assisted by Codajutor Bishop Richardson, will perform the ceremony. In consequence of the ordination the parish church will be closed next Sunday morning in order to give the congregation the opportunity of attending the service at the cathedral.

BEAR RIVER SCORCHED; LOSS WILL REACH $11,000

BEAR RIVER, Dec. 9.—The serious fire which broke out here on Saturday morning was only prevented by strenuous efforts on the part of the townspeople from crossing the river. Five buildings were destroyed, causing a loss of $11,000, and three families occupying tenements over the stores were rendered homeless.

The fire broke out in the meat market, a building owned by F. B. Miller and occupied by Millidge Armstrong. Other buildings destroyed were a store occupied by A. W. Chute and owned by F. B. Miller, large buildings owned by Wm. F. Rice, one a store with a dwelling in the upper story, the other offices and dwelling and a small warehouse owned by Ed. E. Rice. Sbe sleet and snow aided very materially in the extinguishing of the fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Clarence H. MacKay, President of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, stated today that the Board of Directors of that company had passed the following resolution:

"Resolved: That owing to changed conditions, it has been found necessary to stop all free transmissions of messages, and this company will absolutely discontinue its free list on and after January 1, 1907, and no free service whatsoever will be performed thereafter. Outstanding franks will be honored to and including December, 31, 1906."

TAMPA, Florida, Dec. 8.—John J. Brain, of the confederate navy, died here today of paralysis. During the civil war he commanded several confederate vessels. After the war he went to England and returning a year later, he was arrested by order of secretary of the navy, Gideon Wells, and was held a prisoner until March, 1869, being the last confederate prisoner to be released.

He was a close friend of Jefferson Davis.