

THREE CHILDREN ARE DROWNED

Nova Scotia Parents Find Bodies of Their Children in the Water—They Were Skating and the Ice Broke.

Halifax, Dec. 28.—A tragedy occurred at Lower Northfield, Lunenburg, yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Veit went to Christmas services in the village church warning the children not to go on the ice. Disregarding the caution, the young folks went skating on thin ice and the parents returning instituted a search for the missing family and found them in a hole in the ice. The three, aged 13, 12 and 7, were drowned.

Boy's Fatal Drink.
St. John, N.B., Dec. 28.—John Maxwell, a ten-year-old boy at Benay River station, on the New Brunswick Southern railway, died Christmas day from drinking whisky. Maxwell and other boys were playing about the station and discovered liquor in transit and drank some with fatal consequences. The lad lived with his stepfather, named Cook.

Women Demand a Political Delegate.
Denver, Dec. 28.—"I think the women of Colorado are entitled to a woman delegate to the Democratic National Convention," says Milton Smith, chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee. "In fact, if they want all of the delegates women, I am agreeable."

Mr. Smith stands ready to concede anything to the advocates of free suffrage, and, if he is permitted to rule in the selection of delegates, it is certain that a woman will be among the number who will represent Colorado at the big convention in Denver next July. "Of course," continued Mr. Smith, "you must know that a woman could not participate in the work of the heavy committee. She could not sit up all night with swearing men, and committee men do swear sometimes. Her duties, perhaps, would not be very arduous."

Women politicians of Colorado say that a woman must be a member of the delegation from Colorado. They do not make a simple request that a woman should be named, but make a demand. Delegates will not be selected until next June, and there will be plenty of time to fight the matter out. At present Mrs. Helen Greenfield, for some years prominent among women politicians in Colorado, seems to have the best chance.

Goes to Land of Pigmies.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Prof. Alexander Agassiz, director and curator of the Harvard Museum, will head an expedition to Central Africa, within a short time for the purpose of pursuing his already extensive scientific investigations. The details of the trip have not yet been fully mapped out.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Alberta Railway Company Wants Extension—New Mining Regulations.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Western Railway Company give notice that they will apply to Parliament for an extension of time, in which to commence and complete construction work. Application is to be made for an act to incorporate the road of the province of Keweenaw. An order in council was passed regarding the regulations governing the issue of leases to mine for coal within the Rocky mountain Park and adjoining thereof, for new regulations. The duration of the leases was fixed at twenty years, but may be terminated by the consent of the crown for nonfulfillment of conditions. The ground rent is fixed at one dollar per acre. It is provided that the lessee shall commence active mining within one year. In addition to rent, a royalty of five cents per ton will be collected, default in payment within thirty days to be followed by cancellation of the lease. The minimum lease to one person is 100 acres, maximum 400.

SHOOT HIS MOTHER FOR CHICKEN THIEF.

Wealthy Pittsburg Makes Horrible Mistake and Parent Faces Death.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Hearing a commotion at the henhouse, in the rear of his splendid suburban home at the edge of Bethel Township, William S. Woods, a wealthy real estate broker and capitalist, leaped from his bed early this morning, and seizing a shotgun, emptied its contents at a figure he espied leaving one of the coops in the dim light.

Then he hurried to the henyard to find his mother, a frail woman past 70, fast losing consciousness, with both eyes shot out and bleeding from a dozen shots in the face and abdomen. The doctor, who gave up hopes for the old lady's life, she is one of the best known women in the fashionable East End district in church and charitable work. She had been visiting with her son and had descended to the henyard early, before the servants were about, to capture a pullet to try for the young man's breakfast. Woods had been harassed by chicken thieves, and only recently had declared his intention of shooting the first marauder he found. But the aged mother's deafness prevented her from hearing the warning.

Prince Albert to Have Improvements.

Prince Albert, Dec. 28.—Citizens passed yesterday with only a few contrary votes the bylaw to raise fifty hundred dollars for the extension of the light and water system and for getting equipment.

Concealing the Date.

London, Dec. 28.—The date on which the Druse grave will be opened is being kept a secret to avoid a crowd. It is believed to be Monday or Tuesday.

FIND NO TROUBLE TO GET WORK

The Salvation Army Has No Unemployed Problem With Its Immigrants.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Despite the highly colored stories regarding the numbers of unemployed and destitution among some immigrants, the Salvation Army have practically no unemployed problem to deal with, is the statement of Commissioner Combs, based on reports received from all the principal centres of the Dominion. In Vancouver, only two persons brought out under their auspices and they have money and preferred to wait rather than accept farm work offered. The Montreal report says there are only four unemployed army emigrants and they are not destitute. Halifax has none; several others placed and have orders for labors of great variety. Ottawa reports two families and some young men idle, but the latter refused positions on farms as they had money to keep them till spring.

Many Letters for Old Santa Claus.

Washington, Dec. 28.—As a result of the order of the post office department allowing the delivery of so-called "Santa Claus letters" to philanthropic societies and others in various parts of the country, the mails are being flooded with appeals to Saint Nicholas. In past years all Santa Claus communications deposited in the mails have been sent to the children of the poor, who are the principal correspondents of Santa Claus, caused Postmaster-General Meyer to adopt a more liberal attitude this year, and to order that such letters be delivered to responsible societies or individuals who asked for them.

Reports from various large cities state that an unprecedented number of letters addressed to Santa Claus are now being mailed and that the activity of the correspondents is probably due to Mr. Meyer's order. It is found that a considerable number of dishonest or unworthy persons have sought to take advantage of the order. It is unlikely that the experiment will be repeated next year. The postmaster-general's order is effective only to January 1, and after that date all Santa Claus letters will again be sent to the dead letter office.

They Blackmailed Hitchcock.

New York, Dec. 28.—Hume C. Voecks, brother of Elsie Voecks, on whom charges were brought against Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, pleaded guilty to an indictment alleging extortion before Judge Bonasky today, and was remanded for sentence to-morrow. Voecks is accused of obtaining \$1,000 from Hitchcock for keeping quiet concerning charges brought against the actor.

Will Telephone From Denmark to America.

Copenhagen, Dec. 28.—In the presence of Dr. Egan, the American minister, Mr. Richardson, secretary of the legation, the Danish inventor, Dr. Voldemar Poulsen, demonstrated and explained the new apparatus of wireless telegraph and telephony. The wireless telephone apparatus worked with a marvellous amount of accuracy. Dr. Poulsen declared the last experiments so successful that he was convinced that in 1908 he would be able to telephone from Denmark to America via Ireland.

The Danish newspaper Politiken sent two telegrams around the world, east and the other west, from the editorial offices of Copenhagen and London, one from Copenhagen, via Arkutsk, Shanghai, Manila, San Francisco, and one from London, via Vancouver, Alaska, Madras, Tientsin, Berlin and Copenhagen. By a curious coincidence the telegraphic contest ended in a dead heat. Each despatch took three hours and twenty minutes.

VANCOUVER BUDGET.

Stole a Dollar, Got Eighteen Months.—Kidnapping Mystery May Be Solved.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 28.—It is reported that J. R. M. Greenfield will be postmaster here. Greenfield is now post office inspector. If Macpherson does not run again for the Commons the Liberal nominee is likely to be J. H. Senkler, K.C., brother of E. G. Senkler, mining recorder of Dawson.

In the police court today James McNair, charged with the theft of one dollar, got eighteen months.

Is Little Minnie Moore, now in charge of the Children's Aid society here, really Goldie Egan, who was two months ago kidnapped from the Ottawa-Children's Aid by her alleged mother? C. J. Smith, secretary of the local society, as the result of enquiries from Ottawa, suspects he has the missing girl in the two-year-old "whose" mother, Pansy Smith, alias Moore, is now serving sentence for intoxication. The child was taken from the woman in the police court two weeks ago. Should the child prove to really be Goldie Egan, the mystery of the identity of Pansy Moore is further deepened unless it should turn out she is Mrs. Egan.

FIVE KILLED IN G. T. WRECK.

Passenger Train Collides With a Coal Train—No Passengers Killed.

Lennox, Mich., Dec. 28.—Speeding through a dense fog at forty miles per hour a passenger train on the G. T. R. collided head on with a heavily laden coal train, one half mile north of here at 7 o'clock tonight. Five trainmen are dead and two hurt. All the passengers escaped without injury except a baby who was only slightly hurt, being thrown out of its mother's lap and over the seat. The dead are August Rudke, Rosalia Jedy, and George G. Taylor, withstanding Detroit, George Doughtner, Bremen, Detroit, James Bennett, passengers and driver, Detroit, Albert McCall, Bremen, Detroit.

TRIAL AWAKENS OLD TIME SPIRIT

Russian Opposition Reanimated by Fearless Admissions of the Members on Trial.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The trial of 69 members of the first Duma, charged with treasonable practices in signing the Viborg manifesto, calling upon the citizens of Russia to demand their rights, is practically over. The admissions of the defendants to admit the charge of having signed and distributed the manifesto has hastened the hearing by relieving the government of the need of calling witnesses. The trial has done much toward the awakening of the need of calling witnesses. The admissions of the defendants to admit the charge of having signed and distributed the manifesto has hastened the hearing by relieving the government of the need of calling witnesses. The trial has done much toward the awakening of the need of calling witnesses.

Kaslo's Fruit Won Silver Medal.

Kaslo, B.C., Dec. 28.—President Currie of the Kootenai Fruit Growers' association has received word from Hon. J. H. Turner, British Columbia's agent-general in London, notifying the association that it was the winner of a silver Banksian Medal at the Colonial Fruit Show of the Royal Horticultural Society during the last week in November. The British Columbia exhibit, which won in all thirteen medals, was, Mr. Turner adds, by far the finest ever made by the province.

Aged Professor Retires.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Professor William Clark, professor of literature at Trinity, and connected with the university since 1880, has resigned owing to advanced age. Mr. Clark is one of the greatest Englishmen who ever came to Canada, a brilliant scholar and an authority in a wide range of arts and science and one of the most eloquent preachers in Toronto. His lectures have made him well known all over the Dominion.

Praying When Death Overcame Them.

June Creek, Pa., Dec. 28.—More bodies were taken from the Darr mines today, making a total of 39 to date. The condition of the six bodies brought in the surface was good with the exception of the picture of agony on their faces. No mutilation was brought in the surface was good with the exception of the picture of agony on their faces. No mutilation was brought in the surface was good with the exception of the picture of agony on their faces.

PUEBLA CAUGHT BY A NINETY-MILE GALE.

San Francisco Liner Ran Into Two Storms On Her Last Voyage.

Victoria, Dec. 28.—After one of the roughest passages she has ever made from San Francisco, and the first on which she has been able to report her delays by wireless, the steamer City of Puebla, Capt. J. J. Shea, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, reached port on Saturday.

The City of Puebla, which has a record of 48 hours for the trip from the Golden Gate, was 70 1/2 hours on this trip. She was twice how to, once in a terrific hurricane blowing at a velocity of ninety miles an hour. San Francisco was left on Wednesday and the weather was encountered until the following morning at ten o'clock when a heavy storm was encountered. Off Heanthead she was driving before the gale with the wind blowing fiercely on her quarter. She plunged considerably and she began to ship seas over her bow. Capt. Shea decided to leave to when the vessel began to ship water and for seven hours she lay rolling in the sea way. Then, as the weather moderated, another start was made. The vessel bucked into the high seas, making about ten knots an hour.

As night fell on Friday, the weather became thick and dirty, the fresh breeze developing toward nightfall in another heavy gale with high seas. Capt. Shea then decided to leave his vessel to again, and a wireless telegraphic despatch to that effect was sent at 8 p.m. by the operator on board the City of Puebla to the Gonzales hill station, as reported yesterday. For some hours she was lying to 40 miles off Destruction Island.

Large Shipments of Canadian Apples.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—There has been a very large increase in the shipments of Canadian apples for export, and the inspection is most rigid. It is said that about a third of the fruit now in Montreal has been branded "finely marked" in accordance with the provisions of the inspection and sale act. There are about fifty thousand barrels in Montreal at the present time and all those condemned have been from Ontario ports.

Halifax School Burned.

Halifax, Dec. 28.—Compton Avenue school accommodating 600 pupils was gutted by fire tonight. The loss is about \$20,000 with \$9,500 on the building and \$1,250 dollars on furniture. Families were cleaning during the day and the fire is supposed to have originated from fire used in the basement to heat water.

A REVIEW OF LABOR CONDITIONS

Cessation of Out Door Operations Threw Many Out of Work—Where the Lay-offs Occurred.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The December Labor Gazette, contains an interesting and authoritative summary of labor conditions throughout the Dominion. It says the decline in the amount of general employment took effect during November. This was largely due to the cessation of outdoor operations usual at the season and chiefly affecting agricultural industry, building and civic improvement branches. Compared with the corresponding period last year, the industrial and labor conditions are reported less active and the outlook for the winter less favorable. The lumber camps have also fewer men than usual owing to the fact that the cut in Ontario and the eastern provinces will be smaller this winter than during the previous one, while a marked decline in both camps and mills has taken place in British Columbia. In the mining industry some heavy reductions went into force in the mines of British Columbia and in the mica mines of Quebec though the coal and asbestos mines were producing full capacity. On the other hand, construction work in connection with the building of the national transcontinental, which was hampered for some time past by shortage of labor, was very busy and promised to continue so throughout the winter season. Many laborers were thrown out of employment by conditions referred to, found work and good wages in the railway camps.

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