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FATHER JOHN. ILLNESS OF RUSSIAN WHO IS CONSIDERED A SAINT.

He Has Thousands of Followers in St. Petersburg—But the Sect Has Fallen Into Disrepute, and Have Been the Subject of a Play, "The Black Ravens."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Father John of Cronstadt is seriously ill with the recurrence of an old malady in an aggravated form. He is unable to eat, and on account of his great age and debility his recovery is problematical.

The influence of Father John of Cronstadt, who is considered a saint by the ignorant masses, is still great. He has thousands of followers in St. Petersburg and the provinces, but the sect of late years has attained an unenviable notoriety, owing to the charges of immorality and drunkenness brought against the chief satellites, who exploited Father John's reputation for sanctity to great financial advantage.

The practices of the followers of Father John have been the subject of a play entitled "The Black Ravens," which was given to crowded house in St. Petersburg, and produced also by several road companies.

This play was prohibited in many cities where the followers of Father John were numerous for fear of exciting popular disorder. The powerful influence of the reactionary organizations were exerted against this production because Father John, in spite of the ill repute of his followers, is counted as one of the strongest supporters of autocracy and orthodoxy.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. Little interest was taken in the Separate School Board nominations to-day to fill the vacancies caused by the term of one in each ward expiring and to fill the vacancy in Ward 7 caused by the resignation of Mr. J. P. Dougherty, whose term had expired, was re-elected by acclamation. All the other retiring trustees were elected by acclamation, as follows: No. 2, M. J. Foster; No. 3, Geo. Southworth; No. 4, H. N. Thomas; No. 5, T. Coughlin; No. 6, J. Keating.

PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS. Lisbon, Dec. 27.—Following the promises of the government to terminate the dictatorship and hold the elections for the chamber of deputies at an early date if the calm in the political atmosphere was maintained, a decree was issued yesterday fixing the elections for April 15.

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MARKETS AND FINANCE

Thursday, Dec. 26.—It would be a shame to call this morning's gathering of two sleighs on the market square a market. One rig had dressed hogs in it, and the other had apples and potatoes, and they were kept pretty busy getting rid of their stock, with no opposition. There were no turkeys on sale at all.

Poultry and Dairy Produce. Butter, each lb. 0.32 to 0.33. Cheese, per lb. 0.17 to 0.20. Eggs, per dozen 0.29 to 0.30. Chickens, pair 0.50 to 1.00. Turkeys, each 0.15 to 0.22. Ducks, per pair 0.90 to 1.00. Green, each 0.30 to 0.35.

Vegetables. Lettuce, bush 0.05 to 0.10. Cabbage, each 0.05 to 0.06. Celery, per dozen 0.20 to 0.25. Potatoes, bag 0.15 to 0.18. Parsnips, doz 0.15 to 0.18. Carrots, doz 0.10 to 0.12. Cauliflowers, each 0.05 to 0.10. Do. pickling, basket 1.00 to 1.20. Onions, basket 0.20 to 0.25. Garlic, doz 0.10 to 0.12. Vegetable marrow, doz 0.05 to 0.10. Parsnips, doz 0.10 to 0.12. Cider, each 0.05 to 0.10.

Meats. Beef, No. 1, cwt. 7.00 to 8.00. Beef, No. 2, cwt. 6.50 to 7.00. Pork, per cwt. 6.00 to 7.00. Live hogs, per lb. 6.50 to 7.00. Veal, per cwt. 7.00 to 8.00. Mutton, per cwt. 7.00 to 8.00. Yearling, lb. 0.08 to 0.10. Lamb, No. 1, per lb. 0.08 to 0.10.

The Rice Market. Wool, pound, washed 0.34 to 0.35. Wool, pound, unwashed 0.14 to 0.15. Tallow, No. 1, each 1.00 to 1.10. Skain sheep, each 0.25 to 0.30. Horse hides, No. 1, per lb. 0.05 to 0.10. Hides, No. 2, per lb. 0.04 to 0.05.

Hay and Wood. Straw, per ton 9.00 to 11.00. Hay, per ton 7.00 to 10.00. Wood, cord 7.00 to 8.00.

New York, Dec. 26.—11 a. m., Wall street—Liquidation in N. Y. C. and American Sugar made the market heavy, but did not start much general selling. Decline ran to about a half in the more active specialties.

Southern preferred fell 2. Canadian Pacific and American Sugar 1 1/2 and Republic Steel 1. Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh 2 1/4.

New York, Dec. 26.—Noon—Money on call strong at 18 1/2 per cent; prime time certificate paper 7 1/2 to 8 per cent. Exchange \$266,288,420.

Cape Race, Nfld., Dec. 26.—The steamer Cedric, Liverpool for New York, was 1,150 miles east of Sandy Hook lightship at 6 p. m. She will probably dock about 6 a. m., Sunday.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Oil opened \$1.78. Stocks and Bonds. Noon Stock Letter—Received by A. E. Carpenter from Ennis & Stoppini.

New York, Dec. 26.—The market during the morning developed some offering by bear traders, but no important liquidation. Specialist supported Union Pac. and Penna. with some other good absorption of the latter stock. A few special issues showed declines, but it was doubtful whether the selling originated outside the board room. On Nov. 23rd local banks had a surplus reserve deficit of \$54,103,600, while last Saturday figures were \$31,751,000, each week having witnessed a reduction of this item. Banks had probably \$100,000,000 clearing-house certificates outstanding Dec. 3rd, since which time the return of hoarded funds and repayment of loans by trust companies and weaker banks have probably admitted of substantial reductions in this direction. To-day the currency premium is one per cent. for large gold certificates, but there is no demand for bank notes of small denomination. Interior banks are resuming cash payments, with the result that exchange on New York promptly advances owing to remittances for mercantile accounts. The bank statement promises to prove another favorable exhibit, with expectation general that an era of easier money will begin about the middle of January.

WANTED TO DIE. FASCINATED BY NIAGARA FALLS, BUT FEARED POLICE. Despondent New York Printer Prepares to Take Death Plunge, But Courage Fails—Tells Sister of Intent—Police Asked to Look After Him.

Buffalo, Dec. 26.—The day before he disappeared from his home, Frank Steel, a printer, 32 years old, told his sister that he had stood on the brink of Niagara Falls, intending to commit suicide, but his courage failed him. Yesterday the sister, Mrs. E. W. Weaver, of 508 Niagara street, told the police of the Pearl street station about Steel's absence, fearing that he has carried out his intention.

Steel is a printer employed by the New York Journal. He came here about four weeks ago to spend his vacation with his mother and sister, who live at 542 Elm street. For some time, his sister reported he had been suffering from nervous prostration and has been greatly discouraged by his ill health.

Mrs. Weaver said she had not seen him since 6 o'clock Saturday night when he left home, saying that he was going to visit his mother. He took with him a number of membership cards of organizations, of which he is a member, and a razor. He left his shaving cup at home.

Niagara Falls, he told Mrs. Weaver of his suicidal intentions. He said he had been fascinated by the Falls and wanted to jump. When he prepared to do so he suddenly began to fear death and changed his mind, she told the police.

The police have sent out a general alarm in the hope of finding him alive. He is a slender man, about five feet six inches in height. When he left home he wore dark clothes and a long and loose-fitting black overcoat.

The police think that Steel has strayed away from the city and that his relatives will hear from him.

NOT MANY DRUNKS In Police Court as Result of Christmas Celebrating.

The Police Court this morning was the distributing point for Christmas cheer. Charles Kidd, Ferguson avenue north, was up on the serious charge of carrying a revolver and was let off with a warning. He said he carried it because he was robbed some time ago of \$18. Constable Venard said he was drinking last night, and wanted to test his gun on some person. The magistrate confiscated the weapon, a small 22-calibre, and told him to go. Kidd was decorated with ribbons for service in South Africa, Egypt and India.

Paul Burrows, 46 Jackson east, pleaded guilty to stealing \$17 from Mark Staunton. He is a collector, and on Christmas Eve went through \$2 of the money in his hoopie. He was remanded till to-morrow till the police can make enquiries about him.

Allan Hess and Charles Jenkins were charged with a breach of the garbage by-law, but arranged it with the Board of Works and got off.

John Dale was charged by County Constable Carey with being drunk, but his case was laid over till to-morrow for witnesses. He lives at 84 Kelly street. W. Watters, St. Thomas, was allowed to go at sunrise. Doc Case was also allowed to go at sunrise yesterday, but was roped in again, drunker than before, and was assessed \$2 for that morning. Thos. Finn, no. 22, was also assessed \$2 for being drunk, while James Phillips got off.

DIED IN ANCASTER. One of Oldest Residents Passed Away Yesterday.

Samuel Almas, one of the best known residents of Ancaster, passed away on Christmas afternoon about 2:30 at the home, about five miles from this city, at the age of 77 years. Deceased had been ill about two months, and was confined to his bed two weeks. He is survived by a widow, three sons and two daughters. The sons are Arthur A., of Ancaster; Lloyd T., of Southcoote, and Samuel L., also of Southcoote, and the daughters are Mrs. Henry Orton, widow of the late Dr. Orton, Barton, and Miss Sarah Frances, at home.

Deceased came of one of the oldest families in Ancaster. His grandfather, who was of Dutch descent, was a U. E. Loyalist, and settled on the present homestead site, which is known as "Homelands," about the close of the eighteenth century. There the father of deceased was born and spent his life and there also deceased was born and lived his allotted span of almost four score. His father was Col. John Almas. The late Mr. Almas was known throughout the whole section and was respected everywhere. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock at St. Peter's Church, Barton.

At the Alexandria. The Christmas week at this most popular rink were delighted with the splendid manner in which everything was done for their comfort and pleasure. The grand illuminations, fine condition of the floor and skates, and good music all combined to make the enjoyment of roller skating a particularly nice way in which to spend the day. To-morrow night there will be continuous music, consisting of twenty-four skating numbers by the special bands, playing all the latest waltzes and two-steps of the season. There is a band every afternoon. These afternoon sessions are especially nice for the ladies and children, competent instructors being in attendance at all times.

Steamship Arrivals. Dec. 25.—United States—At New York, from Copenhagen. Nordland—At Philadelphia, from Liverpool. Whiffredan—At Boston, from Liverpool. Adriatic—At Cape Race, from Southampton.

The net profit of \$20,000,714 made by the traction lines in New York reveals enormous earning powers, and yet stockjobbing has left the entire surface system bankrupt.

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TWO BURNED TO DEATH. TWO OTHER OCCUPANTS SERIOUSLY BURNED, BUT WILL RECOVER.

Occupants of Building Driven Into Streets in Their Night Clothes—Firemen Couldn't Conquer Flames.

Bradford, Dec. 26.—Two men lost their lives and two others were seriously burned and injured in a fire which started yesterday morning in a two-story building at the corner of Washington and Pearl streets. It was occupied on the second floor by several families and a number of lodgers.

The dead are: Henry Meiser, aged about 40 years, burned to a crisp and found in the ruins. Tony Oberst, aged 38 years, died at the Bradford Hospital from burns.

The injured are: George Cohan, burned about the hands and face and bruised on jumping from building, and John Lynch, of Rochester, a lodger, burned severely and ankle sprained by jumping from a window.

The burned structure was built of wood, and the fire made great headway, the entire upper part being in flames when the firemen arrived.

Meiser was a moulder by trade and is thought to have relatives in Erie. Oberst had been employed at a local livery barn. He roomed in the destroyed building. The latter is thought to have relatives near Wrentham, Pa. The other occupants of the building were in their night clothes and were subjected to much suffering from cold before being taken in by people living in the locality. The tenants lost everything. The building is owned by Andrew Balton. Cohan and Lynch will recover.

KILLS WIFE AT CHRISTMAS DINNER. TRAGEDY ENDS HOLIDAY REUNION OF ARMY SURGEON'S FAMILY.

Shot Wife Twice, and She Died Instantly—Husband Declares That the Shooting Was Accidental—Is Now Under Arrest.

Hyde Park, Mass., Dec. 26.—Dr. Walter Amesbury of Milford, shot and instantly killed his wife Anna, a teacher of music in Roanoke College, Danville, Va., as the family were about to sit down to their Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Jennie Rice, Mrs. Amesbury's mother, at No. 220 Metropolitan Avenue, here yesterday.

Dr. Amesbury was placed under arrest immediately after the shooting. The body of Mrs. Amesbury was taken to an undertaking room and Medical Examiner Charles Sturtzeman summoned.

Mrs. Amesbury had come from Virginia to pass the holidays with her sons, Walter R. Amesbury, Jr., and Ira R. Amesbury, who live with their grandmother, Mrs. Rice. Dr. Amesbury came from Milford, where he has practiced for some time, to the Christmas festivities with the family.

According to the police, Dr. Amesbury fired two shots, both of which took effect in Mrs. Amesbury's right side. Her death was almost instantaneous.

After his arrest, Dr. Amesbury declared that the shooting was accidental. He would not make any further statement.

Mrs. Amesbury was forty years of age and a native of Kentucky. Since her marriage to Dr. Amesbury they had lived at different times in Kingston and Roxbury, Mass., and Corsicana, Texas. Some time ago Mrs. Amesbury went to Virginia and began teaching music in Roanoke College. She was an accomplished vocalist.

According to the police, Dr. Amesbury and Mrs. Amesbury became engaged in a quarrel regarding family matters. They were conversing in the kitchen, when suddenly the other members of the family, who were in the dining-room, heard a shot fired. Rushing into the kitchen, they found Mrs. Amesbury, the oldest of whom is about twenty years of age grappled with their father, and threw him to the floor. After a struggle, the revolver was taken away from him, and he was held until the arrival of the police.

Dr. Amesbury is 49 years old. He was formerly a surgeon in the British army, stationed at Jamaica.

FIRE IN FRISCO. San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed a brick building, 266 bounded by Mission, Jessie, First and Second streets early this a. m. Several factories and stores were burned out and the loss will amount to more than \$200,000. Most of the buildings destroyed were only temporary affairs so that the loss was principally in stocks carried by the firms involved.

No. Maude, dear: there is no similarity between the clearing house and the weather bureau.