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THE JUDGE'S LOT NOT A HAPPY ONE

Why Many Men Refuse to Act As Such in Sporting Events—Often Subjected to Insult.

Macon MacCormack, well known here among the theatrical and pugilistic fraternity, says many timely things on the arbiter, his duties, etc., in sporting events:

Men who have had experience as judges of sporting events, be it on the turf, the cinder path, the diamond or the ring, know full well their lot is not always an enviable one. The losers are too prone to suspect that unworthy motives govern the judges, and they are very apt to give tongue to their suspicions on very little or no provocation. This is one of the reasons why it is so difficult to get gentlemen to act as judges of sporting events.

I don't mean by this to infer that those who do act are not gentlemen, but that many more would be willing to serve in the judges' boxes if it were not for the trouble, annoyance and often abuse they frequently endure through so doing.

Slugged on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day a Mr. Olney, who was the umpire of a football game played in San Francisco between the teams of Stanford and Chicago Universities, was, because of a decision he had given, verbally assaulted by the quarter-back of the Chicago team, a fellow named Herring. He wound up the charge of favoritism by adding, "Don't rob us." Stung by this accusation, Olney hit Herring and was in turn hit by him. But for the interposition of cooler-headed men, the affair would have developed into a free fight. Mr. Herring should be made to apologize, not only to Mr. Olney, but to the public for his conduct.

The Referee Is Human.

When men agree upon a referee or judge they have a right to assume that he is honest. They should also remember that, no matter how honest he may be, he is also human, and being human, he is liable to err. If, during the progress of a game or sport, they find that he is incompetent or unfair, their proper course is to appeal to the manhood of their opponents, and ask them to unite with them in retiring the obnoxious judge and the substitution of another. Failing to obtain this boon, they can withdraw from the field. I am aware that either of these alternatives are very unsatisfactory horns of a dilemma, but they are better than having a player abuse a judge and cause a fight.

The Gentlemanly University Men.

University men are universally presumed to be gentlemen, and their athletic representatives should, as Oscar Wilde would say, "live up to their blue china." If the captain of the Chicago team had protested firmly but in a gentlemanly manner against the decision of Umpire Olney, he would have done his full duty. I have seen a howling mob surround a judges' stand on a track and shout "highway robbery," "thieves," and a dozen other very uncomplimentary assertions and epithets at the race officials because in a close finish they had placed a horse first that the shouters thought was not entitled to that honor. These known turf writers, too, to abuse these judges the next day as though they had wilfully misjudged the race.

Speaks By the Book.

I have been a race judge, a referee and an umpire in my time, and I know the difficulties that beset the faithful performance of the duties of these offices, even with the best of intentions. I have, therefore, had charity for others in such positions, and I believe that ninety times out of a hundred any errors are due rather to misjudgment than to intent. For many years I have struggled ineffectually to have photography invoked to aid judges of racing. It is possible and entirely feasible, too, to photograph the finish of every race, so that if there is any doubt in the minds of the judges it can be dispelled by a glance at the picture produced by the sun. If the authorities of the track were to furnish proper facilities for such photographing, it would be possible in favorable weather (and there should be no racing in any other) to develop a plate in three minutes. Then the positions of the horses would be determined beyond the cavil of a doubt. This would be greatly conducive to honest equine contests, and free the judges from many unjust suspicions. But our race-track magnates have mainly been progressive in the line of facilitating gambling on the events. Therein their greatest profits lay, and consequently they gave it their especial attention. They were not as wise in doing so as they thought, for now they cannot gamble at all.

Photograph All Plays When Possible

Let me say that I am in favor of photographing all sports and plays wherever so doing is possible. I predict that the time is coming when this will be done. Some day the kinetoscope will be perfected so that it will be possible to reproduce a baseball or football game in its entirety. Then the millennium of sport will come, for players, knowing that every crooked move they make will be pictorially recorded, will be very careful, indeed, to play fairly, and then the umpires and judges will be able to give absolutely fair decisions. Speed this happy day!

Cold Weather at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 29. — The coldest weather that New Orleans has seen for many years came on this morning. The thermometer is down to 22 degrees above. This did not prevent the usual Saturday crowd, and over 3000 people were on hand. The track was dry and fast, and the program a good one. The first race was declared off, and another at a mile substituted, to be run first. Summaries:

First race, 1 mile — Nero, 114, Penn, 3 to 5, 1; Malga, 114, Barrett, 15 to 1, 2; Bonnie B., 107, Murray, 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.43 1-2.

Second race, 6 1-2 furlongs — C. Rauer, 114, Clayton, 2 to 5, 1; Longbrook, 106, Welsh, 12 to 1, 2; Glessome, 102, Penn, 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.22 1-4.

Third race, 1 1-4 miles — Wahatachie, 105, Clayton, 7 to 5, 1; Melody, 100, Penn, 3 to 5, 2; Wolsey, 97, McCue, 9 to 2, 3. Time 2.09 1-2. Continella also ran.

Fourth race, 3-4 mile — Necedah, 94, Williams, 2 to 1, 1; Caroline, 96, Clayton, 8 to 5, 2; Red Top, Welsh, 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.15.

Fifth race, 5-8 mile — Flush, 4 to 1, 1; Martha, Griffin, 2 to 1, 2; Trizie 3. Time 1.02 3-4.

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PLAYED HOCKEY WITH A RED BALL

New England Collegians Defeat a Victoria Five By 6 Goals to 4—How They Played the Game.

The only disappointing feature of Saturday's hockey match was the aggravating delay in starting. Eight forty-five was the schedule time to begin, and for an hour and a half the big crowd patiently lingered in the Victoria Rink before the American Collegians appeared. Their train was late, and although the delay was unavoidable many were the unfavorable comments thrown out by the expectant spectators. Although tired by travel the visitors showed good form, and won by 6 to 4.

The ice was perfect, and everyone appeared to enjoy the novel American style of play. It is simply Association football under different conditions. There are five men a side, and passing forward being allowable fast skating is at a discount. The bright particular feature about the game is the necessary absence of body checking, which might be beneficially adopted by Ontario clubs.

The whistle blew for the start with the opposing sides lined up at their goal lines. Although the visitors won by two points the Victoria five appeared no novices at the new style. It was a mild and gentlemanly contest, and showed the true spirit of sport.

The visitors were well received, and went about the game in a business-like manner. They showed their tennis training, and all appeared with hair carefully parted in the middle. They are good-looking, if not vigorous, athletes. Malcolm Chace, the intercollegiate tennis champion, was the hardest worker, and vied with Jack Gilmour in this respect. Meiklejohn was the fastest of the visitors, but little Rankin could easily skate away from him. Clarkson wore spectacles, and did some tricky individual play. Jones, the elongated point man, was well padded. He stood close in, and good-naturedly let the round ball strike him as it liked. Matteson, who played goal, is one of Brown's half-backs. He is a good thing between the sticks, and looks every inch a football player.

The general opinion was that it was a very good game, but considerably inferior to our own. The visitors scored first, at the west end, and then changed over, just as in lacrosse. Four more times in the first half the red ball went through the same sticks, and thus the visitors were ahead at half time by 3 to 2.

On turning over after the interval Rankin made a successful shot, and the game see-sawed, the visitors scoring the last, and the second half ended like the first. Thus the New Englanders won by 6 to 4. Clarkson and Meiklejohn scored three each, and Gilmour and Rankin equally divided the Victoria's list.

This evening R. D. Wrenn, the famous champion, who is a fast skater, will play on the forward line. The match will start at 8.30. There will be no waiting, and a great game may be looked for, as the combined Toronto team is very strong. The American team this evening will be: Goal, Larned; points, Jones; cover, Matteson; forwards, Chace (captain), Clarkson, Meiklejohn, Wrenn.

The points were scored as follows: First half — Clarkson, 5 min.; J. Gilmour, 6 min.; Meiklejohn, 1 min.; Clarkson, 2 min.; Rankin, 3 min. Second half—Clarkson, 6 min.; Gilmour, 2 min.; Meiklejohn, 3 min.; Gilmour, 2 min.; Chace, 3 min. The teams:

Collegians (6): Goal, Matteson; point, Jones; centre, Chace, Rush, Clarkson, Meiklejohn.

Victorias (4): Goal, Helliwell; point, Forsyeth; centre, Brummell, Rush, Rankin, Gilmour.

Referee, Lorne Cosby; goal judges, S. C. Jones, G. M. Higinbotham.

The Shooting Scores.

The H. P. Davies Co.'s shoot of Saturday afternoon at Coxwell-avenue grounds consisted of a series of sparrow matches. There was a fair attendance, considering the cold weather. Messrs. Norris, Bellamy and McDowell did good shooting, and captured most of the prizes. Each shoot was at 12 birds. In the first event C. C. Norris made a clean score of 12, W. McDowell 11 and Bellamy 10. The second event was also won by Norris with 10, Bellamy 8 and McDowall retiring. The third was captured by McDowall with 12, Norris 11, and Messrs. Bellamy and James tied at 9 for third place.

In the Toronto Pedro League.

In the Toronto Pedro League games Saturday night the Comus Club defeated the Royal Canadian Bicycle Club by 19 games to 15. The Toronto Rowing Club defeated the Royal Toronto Sailing Skiff Club by 23 games to 12. The league now stands:

	W.	L.
Toronto Rowing Club	3	1
Comus Club	3	1
Royal Canadian B.C.	2	1
Royal Toronto Sailing Skiff Club	1	3
Queen City B.C.	0	3

Athletic and General Notes.

The glove fight between George Dixon and Young Griffo, to take place at the Seaside Athletic Club on Jan. 12, is a certainty.

A. C. Buckenberger, the ex-manager of Pittsburg, who was very anxious to come to Toronto, will not be lost to the Eastern League. He will likely be appointed manager of the Scranton club, in place of Charles Cahill, who died on Christmas Day.

Jacob Schaefer has proposed a billiard game which will be called the space game, and probably adopted. The space game consists of four lines drawn from the centre of each cushion to the centre of the opposite one, thus dividing the table into four equal spaces. The player is allowed five shots within each space, but on the sixth shot one of the object balls must cross a line, thus compelling a player to confine himself almost entirely to open table work.

Turf Gossip.

Charles Littlefield, jr., has rented a house at Parkville, and he drives over to his stable at Sheepshead Bay every morning. His brother Fred, the jockey, with his wife, are spending the holidays with him.—N. Y. Morning Journal.

Tom Craven, who shot and killed the Canadian trainer, Reuben Miles, at Jackson City, Va., last week, and who gave himself up to the Washington police a couple of days ago, has been turned over to the Virginia authorities. As Craven's body, especially his face pointed to an act of self-defence, the Virginia authorities released him in $1000 bail Saturday.

Justice Barrett of the Supreme Court has overruled the demurrer which Philip J. Dwyer, president of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, interposed to the complaint of David Gideon in the action brought to recover over $50,000 for alleged slander. The judge, however, grants Mr. Dwyer leave to answer the complaint within 20 days upon the payment of the costs.

Saturday's winners: Alexander Island — West Side 8 to 5, Billy Boy 4 to 5. Paragraut 7 to 2, Vestibule 3 to 1, Imp. Bones 8 to 1. Roby—Victoria 5 to 5, Black Ball 15 to 1, Hi Henry 2 to 1, O'Connell 5 to 2, Annie Mayes 3 to 1.

Before the regular races began Saturday at Roby Gascon and Simmons ran a match mile for $1000 a side. Gascon was favorite, but Simmons won easily. The track was hard and fast, and four favorites won before a big crowd. Hi Henry's five furlong romp-on in 1.02 was a new record for this track. O'Connell's mile in 1.42 1-2 was also a new record. The meeting will close to-day.

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HAWARDEN'S HALE OLD MAN

GLADSTONE DESCRIBED AS "A MIRACLE, NOT A MAN."

On His Eighty-Fifth Birthday the Liberal Leader Surprises Even His Friends At His Mental Strength and Vigor—Ireland Wants Him to Make One More Speech On Home Rule.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Sun's special correspondent cables from London: The celebration of Mr. Gladstone's birthday is an event in which Englishmen take a most sympathetic interest. Those who visited Hawarden could but marvel at the embodiment of intellectual strength and vigor which the Grand Old Man presented.

"He is a miracle, not a man," exclaimed one admirer after listening to Mr. Gladstone's vigorous and comprehensive address to the deputation of Armenians. It is true that there has been a complete recovery from the period of feebleness which followed his retirement from public life and the trouble with his eyes. The only sign of age in the Grand Old Man's intellectual faculties was the somewhat exaggerated and almost childish interest which he himself took in the celebration of his birthday. The proof that the world-wide interest in him has by no means diminished by his retirement seems to furnish the necessary stimulus to his naturally buoyant spirits. This proof was offered him in almost overwhelming measures. His simple enjoyment of it all was delightful. It is not a paradox to say that his manifest pleasure brought the first touch of sadness and pity into the love and admiration of those who watched him. He seems sounder physically than a year ago.

Early in the morning he took a drive through the village and the surrounding country. He sat erect, acknowledged all greetings with alert interest, and seemed to enjoy the keen frosty air. It is not surprising that many came away from Hawarden wondering if after all the Grand Old Man might not once more assume the leadership of his party.

His Speech on Armenia Caused Commotion

The World says: Mr. Gladstone celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday by uttering a denunciation of Turkish misrule in Armenia which has caused the liveliest commotion among politicians here, while its effects abroad, especially in Turkey itself, are awaited with pronounced anxiety.

A member of the Armenian deputation, which was received by the veteran statesman says Mr. Gladstone's voice has recovered all of its old resonant sweetness of tone, while his gestures were as vigorous and animated as ever. At the luncheon at which he entertained his eastern visitors Mr. Gladstone discussed the ancient and modern history of Armenia showing a knowledge of the subject as intimate and accurate as that possessed even by the learned Armenians among the guests. But for his defective sight and hearing, both of which are steadily failing, he would be, in the opinion of his guests of to-day, as well able to assume the Premiership as at any period in his public career.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal, in a birthday article, describes him as "a miracle, not a man," and expresses the hope that he will deliver one more speech for Home Rule before the general election.

His Keen Interest in Irish Topics.

Mr. A. J. C. Donelan, M.P. for East Cork, who has been paying a visit to Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden, describes the ex-Premier's step as elastic and his spirits as buoyant. His eyes have regained all their lustre, and in conversation with Mr. Donelan he frequently indulged in a hearty laugh. Mr. Gladstone conversed largely upon Irish topics, and his interest in the Irish cause seemed as keen as ever. He spoke of the Home Rule party as one composed of men of ability and honor. "Surely," says The Freeman's Journal, commenting upon Mr. Donelan's interview with Mr. Gladstone, "we have the right to hope that once again the veteran's voice will thrill the hearts of people by speaking in favor of Home Rule."

Gladstone's Good Health.

Mr. Gladstone was 85 years old Saturday. His health, we may those about him, is perfect, and so completely restored is his eyesight, at least for the present, that he can read ten or twelve hours daily. Nevertheless, his withdrawal from public life is believed to be final.

Home Rule being shelved, the questions of the day do not deeply interest him, except perhaps financial questions. He is not known to have expressed any decisive opinion on Sir William Harcourt's amazing budget. Himself the first financier of his time, Mr. Gladstone had always contrived how to raise the revenue necessary for the state without resorting to confiscation. Whether he has applied that word to Sir William Harcourt's methods I do not know, but I know that he applied it in advance, long before any human being thought of Sir William Harcourt as a possible Chancellor of the Exchequer. The question of graduation was raised many years ago, and dismissed as was then thought forever. Mr. Gladstone wrote a letter to Lord Palmerston, which I believe to be still in existence and capable of being produced. He said in that letter that when you begin to apply the principle of graduation you adopt confiscation.

There is no reason to suppose that his opinion has since changed. If it was a sound opinion then it is sound now. If, however, the letter were brought to light, the socialistic radicals who once followed Mr. Gladstone would scout it and him. They have already warned him more than once on other than financial grounds that his work is over, and that they should regard his reappearance in public life as a calamity. They would protest most vigorously of all against his finance, for the sheet anchor of socialism is confiscation.

Ice Chips.

Rankin, the fast bank skater, and one of the Victoria Club stalwarts, returns to Montreal shortly and will rejoin his old team, the Vics, of that city.

Hundreds of skaters glided over the smooth surface of the bay yesterday. The ice was almost perfect. Three iceboats were out and sailed around at their phenomenal speed.

There is curling, skating and hockey galore at the three Granite rinks these days. There the games always go on. Nothing but curling is allowed in the northern building, and when the south rink is occupied by the hockeyists there is ample room for the skaters on the big outside surface.

In the friendly hockey match at Ottawa, when the champion M.A.A.A. team were beaten by 4 to 1, Smellie put in his first appearance on the Capital seven. He was not fast, says an Ottawa paper, but in a hard tussle was sure to get the puck, and he is not so steady in shooting on goal.

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Mrs. L. Squire, Ontario Steam Dye Works, Toronto, says: "For about 30 years I have doctored for Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia without getting any cure. I then tried Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, and the benefits I have received from this medicine are such that I cannot withhold this expression of my gratitude. It acts immediately on the liver. As a Dyspepsia remedy I don't think it can be equalled."

FORTY-FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Fatality at An Oregon Christmas tide Festival By An Overturned Lamp.

Ashland, Oregon, Dec. 29. — Advices have been received from Klamath Falls, Oregon, of a horrible accident at Silver Lake, caused by the overturning of a lamp at a gathering of people on Xmas Eve, when 45 lives were lost and 15 persons badly injured, five of whom will die. The festival took place in a hall over Christman Bros.' store. Many children were present with their parents and relatives, and were having a good time and enjoying what Santa Claus had brought them. Some one attempted to get where he could see and hear better by jumping upon a bench in the middle of the hall. In doing so his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, causing the oil to run out, and it immediately caught fire. While men tried to take the lamp down it was tipped so badly that the oil ran out on the floor.

A terrible scene followed. The people were compelled to run through the flames in order to reach the door, and in the panic and fire many were killed and injured. (The building, a two-story structure to 10 years in Kingston Penitentiary, sumed. Silver Lake is over 100 miles from Klamath Falls, and the stage with Lakeview papers brought the news to this place.

FATAL FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Chief and Assistant Foreman Crushed Under Falling Machinery.

New York, Dec. 30.—Battalion Chief James J. Brennan and Assistant Foreman John L. Rooney met death early Saturday morning while fighting a fire in Cassidy, Son & Co.'s gas and electric fixture works in West Twenty-fourth-street. The fire was on the fifth and sixth floors, and Chief Bresnan, surrounded by men from Engine Company No. 14, No. 18 and No. 19, was forcing his way up the stairway leading to the fifth floor. Without a moment's warning the charred beams of the sixth floor gave way under the weight of a heavy piece of machinery, which carried away the two upper stairways and a portion of the fifth floor.

Chief Bresnan and Assistant Foreman John L. Rooney of Engine Company No. 12 were both pinned under the machinery as it struck the fourth floor. Both were probably instantly killed. Half a dozen firemen were also pinned down on the stairway leading from the fourth to the fifth floor, but they managed to cut their way out in the face of the advancing flames. Four of the men were painfully but none seriously burned.

The injured men were taken to the New York Hospital. The loss is about $60,000.

The bodies of the unfortunate firemen were extricated from the debris shortly before noon. The body of Chief Bresnan was frozen stiff, but there was no mark of mutilation upon it. Death resulted from suffocation. Rooney's head was crushed.

NEW YORK CANAL TRAFFIC.

Large Decrease in the Tonnage Carried This Year.

Albany, Dec. 29.—Superintendent Edward Hannan of the State Department of Public Works has completed his report on the operation of the State canals for the past season. The number of tons carried on the canals during 1894 was 3,882,550, as follows: Erie canal 3,144,144 tons; Champlain, 550,279; Black River, 56,024; Oswego, 38,843; Cayuga and Seneca, 33,270. Compared to 1893 there is a loss of 449,403 tons. The past season's tonnage is the smallest that has been transported upon the canals any year since 1850.

The Superintendent says: "The time is fast approaching when the operation of the canals in a practical manner must cease unless the canals are improved, for practical operations cannot continue unless the business done thereon can be done at a profit to the boatmen. It is clearly evident that the duty of the Legislature will be to provide the measures for construction of largest possible canals intended for the navigation of boats of such construction as will be able to navigate the inland waters of this State."

Biddeford's Civic Building Burned.

Biddeford, Maine, Dec. 30.—The city building was gutted by fire to-day down to the first story. The building contained two banks, the Police station, four stores, a law office, court room, City Council, municipal offices, city library, opera house and Masonic Hall. The total loss is estimated at $100,000. Insured for $20,000. Many of the municipal court documents were lost. The postoffice was burned out and some mail was destroyed.

Two Lives Lost in an Albany Fire.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 30.—The Delevan House was gutted by fire to-night. There were 100 guests in the house. All escaped, although two women and one mar jumped from a third story. They are: Mrs. H. F. Fookes, Ben Heilman and his wife of Brooklyn, who were on their wedding tour. Mrs. Fookes will die. Mr. Heilman was badly burned about the chest and internally injured. He will die. His wife is badly burned about the face, her nose being split open and was cut on the ankle. She will recover.

FOR THE FUNERAL.

Arrivals at Halifax of Lady Thompson and the Governor-General.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 30.—Three private cars were attached to the Quebec express, which arrived this afternoon. One was occupied by the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, Capt. Urquhart, A.D.C., Dr. Sherries and Mr. Campbell, assistant secretary of their Excellencies; Lady Thompson, her two sons and three daughters, Sir Hibbert and Lady Tupper, Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and Mrs. Dewdney of British Columbia occupied another. A third car had as occupants D. Pottinger, general manager I.C.R., and staff, who had been at Ottawa completing arrangements for special trains to convey guests to the funeral.

Among others arriving to-day are J. A. Macaire, Consul-General of Argentine Republic at Quebec, and a lot of newspaper men from the west.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen are guests of Lieut.-Governor Daly: Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and Mrs. Dewdney, guests of Judge Graham; Lady Thompson and family of John Pugh.

For the State Funeral.

Toronto will be represented at the funeral of Sir John Thompson at Halifax on Thursday by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, Senator Sir Frank Smith, Provincial Secretary Gibson, Emerson Coatsworth, M.P., Charles Ritchie, Q.C. A number of other gentlemen will try and go if their engagements will permit.

Alleged Gambling Den Raided.

Inspector Hall, accompanied by Patrol Sergeant Watson and a posse of police, visited an alleged gambling house at 184 Queen-street west, kept by G. Mandlebaum, early Sunday morning, and seized a large quantity of ale. Several men were found there, whose names were taken by the police and who will be summoned to appear to answer to a charge of frequenting a gambling house. Mandlebaum will be charged with being the keeper.

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PREMIER BOWELL TO BE KNIGHTED

Unofficial Announcement That He Will Be a Recipient of Honor at New Year.

London, Dec. 29.—Telegram Special—It is stated that amongst the recipients of New Year honors from Her Majesty will be Hon. Mackenzie Bowell. This announcement is unofficial, but the name of the Canadian Premier is mentioned by all of those who are usually in possession of authoritative information upon matters of this kind.

AFFAIRS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Proposal to Guarantee Bank Notes Passed in the Assembly.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 29.—The Government proposal to guarantee the notes of the Union and Commercial Banks was passed in the Assembly by a strict party vote after a strong fight. A determined attempt is being made in the Legislative Council to defeat the measure on its second reading. It is reported that the Government will be satisfied to have it rejected, and will have alternative proposals ready.

Thorburn & Tessier, general merchants, one of the largest fishing firms in Newfoundland, closed their doors to-day. The amount of their liabilities is unknown at present, but will probably be $750,000. It is reported that other assignments will be made to-day.

The Government has introduced a bill in the Assembly whitewashing the members convicted of corrupt practices in the elections. Petitions for a Royal Commission of investigation are being started.

The Bill Unpopular.

The Government carried its bill for the guaranteeing of bank notes through the council last night by a majority of one.

The dissatisfaction with the bill is so general here that the note holders have decided to call a mass meeting, at which resolutions will be adopted petitioning the Governor to refrain from attaching his signature to the measure.

The Union Bank's shareholders will hold a meeting to-morrow to remove the present Board of Directors and appoint a new one. The condition of the Union Bank, it is said, is very satisfactory.

TO EXPLORE NOVA ZEMBLA.

An Expedition Being Fitted Out By a London Illustrated Weekly.

London, Dec. 30.—One of the London illustrated weeklies is arranging for an expedition to Nova Zembla, to start late next spring. The idea is to thoroughly explore the interior of that country with a view to furnishing an exhaustive account of its geography, geological and natural history and ethnology. The scientific staff of the expedition will consist of three men, two of whom are doctors, and an artist who has had considerable experience in sub-Arctic traveling, including a share in the earlier efforts to open up an ocean trading route between England and Siberia. The expedition is a thoroughly practical one, and is likely to add immensely to the world's knowledge of the mysterious interior of Nova Zembla, and not the least credit attaching to it is that it has been organized without any preliminary fuss or appeals in the name of science for outside assistance.

Earl Yarmouth an Expert Skirt Dancer.

Harold Frederic, who never misses an item derogatory to the British nobility, cables The New York Times:

The Earl of Yarmouth, who only 24 and his father's youth and vitality make it probable that he will have to wait a long time to succeed as Marquis of Hertford. He is devoting his gilded leisure to the useful task of consolidating the Empire. The Australian papers are full of his appearance at a charity performance in Hobart. The Tasmanian is the guise of a female skirt dancer, with flowing yellow tresses, swelling corsage, beautiful moulded limbs and whirling grace of serpentine skirts, which brought visions of Loie Fuller to every mind. There were thunders of applause and several large bouquets. The performance is utilization of young noblemen to conciliate colonial sentiment attracts much attention in the Mother Country, especially among the radical thinkers.

Local Jottings

Midnight service in St. Luke's Church tonight will commence at 7.30 with a choral service.

The customary midnight service held in S. Stephen's Church, corner of College-street and Bellevue-avenue, to bring in the new year, will (D.V.) begin on this evening at 11 o'clock.

Col. Denison on Saturday remanded ex-Ald. Stewart till Jan. 4. The specific charge is bribery. Defendant, for whom Mr. John Greer appeared, was released on bail. The Magistrate said it was a proper case to be tried before a jury.

To-night and to-morrow night the street railway will run an extra car service from 12 o'clock midnight to one o'clock. The Belt line on Bay and Yonge will run every 20 minutes, and the King-street cars every 30, from corner King and Yonge.

Grand musical vespers will be held in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Richmond Hill, on Sunday evening, Jan. 6, at 6.30 o'clock. Rev. Father Peely of St. Michael's College, will deliver a lecture, and Toronto's famous baritone, Mr. Joseph Costello, will be in the choir with other well-known gentleman and lady vocalists.

The old-established and well-equipped Turkish baths, 204 King-street west, will be open all night on and after to-night. Mr. Cook, the proprietor, has offered a great boon to travelers and visitors by making this change. Every accommodation and attention is given to visitors at a reasonable charge. If you have not had a Turkish bath, try one and get refreshed and feel like a new man. Open day and night. 204 King-street west.

Yesterday the special Christmas services were continued at All Saints' Church. Eight hundred children attended the special children's service in the afternoon; this is the largest Sunday school in the city. The children sang the carols and hymns very sweetly. Rev. J. R. S. Boyd preached an able sermon. The Rev. Principal Miller of Ridley College was the preacher at the morning service and Rev. Arthur Baldwin at the evening service. The special musical service, by the surpliced choir, under the direction of Mr. W. E. Fairclough, was very imposing.

Bogus Twos Plentiful in Toledo.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Every bank in Toledo is exercising extra precautions in watching for counterfeit $2 bills. The bills were offered at no less than seven of the banks yesterday by persons who had taken them in. The city seems to be flooded with them. The counterfeit is a clever one, and bankers say that there is not one merchant in a hundred who can detect it.

Defaulting Bookkeeper Confesses.

Hudson, N.Y., Dec. 30.—W. F. Rossman jr. is charged with stealing $14,000 from the Hudson River National Bank, of which he was bookkeeper. Rossman confesses, and says the money was spent in stock speculation and fast living.

The Toronto Off-Hand Rifle Club will have a turkey shoot at Greenwood-avenue on New Year's Day, at 1.30 p.m., open to all.

Country and Hunt Club members should all read the illustrated Hunting Song in The Toronto Sunday World.

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ROSEBERY WINS IRISH VOTES.

SUCCESSFUL IN PLACATING THE THREATENING SECEDERS.

Home Rule to Be Reaffirmed and Made the First Plank in the Party Platform—Japan's Terms for Peace Not Exorbitant—Dissatisfaction at the Personnel of the Armenian Commission.

London, Dec. 29.—The Japanese Government has made no response to the fresh suggestions from the British Government that the terms upon which Japan is willing to treat for peace with China ought to be communicated to the powers. On the contrary the Japanese have persisted in maintaining a policy of reticence. The British Minister at Tokyo has been unable to get the slightest scrap of official information upon the subject of the conditions for which Japan will contend, and the Japanese Embassy in London is equally secretive. The latter, it is true, has some knowledge of the situation, but it is partly of a negative and partly of a positive character. The Embassy is free, however, on discrediting the recent cablegrams attributing to Japan the design of forcing an alliance with China against the European powers. The leading principle of the peace negotiations between the two eastern empires, as far as Japan is concerned, will be a total abstention from any demand which would give China an excuse to ask for European intervention.

Japan Will Take Formosa.

Japan, therefore, will not stipulate for any territorial or commercial acquisitions in which the other powers are directly interested. Formosa will be taken by Japan as part of a pledge for war indemnity, and certain Chinese ports that are not treaty ports will be held as a pledge for the remainder of the indemnity, together with such a lien upon the Chinese customs as will not prejudice the customs revenue already mortgaged. In regard to Corea, it is probable that a Chino-Japanese dual control over that country will be proposed. These terms, which are divulged by the Japanese Embassy, are a great deal more moderate than those described in the sensational cable received from Tokyo and elsewhere, and have the stamp of belief in diplomatic circles.

The Armenian Inquiry.

As the great body of the members of the Liberal party are resolved that there shall be some practical intervention in Armenia, and have relied upon the Government to carry out their plans, there is great surprise among them at finding that the Foreign Commission of Enquiry which is going to Armenia is composed only of Dragomans. Russia's delegate, M. Maior, has been a Dragoman attached to the Russian Embassy at Constantinople; M. Tilbert, the French delegate, is an interpreter in the employ of the French Consulate at the Turkish capital, and England's delegate, Mr. Shapley, is a Vice-Consul to Turkey. The personnel of the commission, as thus described, gives no security, says The Speaker, that there will be a satisfactory enquiry. There is little hope now, continues The Speaker, of getting at the truth, even if Dragomans should be allowed, as they will not be, to take an active part in the investigation. England ought to come to some agreement with Russia without delay to the end of taking action together or without the co-operation of other powers, and they should act at once. A word from England would lead to a revolution in Crete and Macedonia, and even in Constantinople.

The Speaker gives expression to the popular feeling on the subject, which has greatly intensified by the ringing speech delivered to the Armenian deputation by Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden to-day.

Rosebery Wins the Irish Over.

Lord Rosebery has summoned a meeting of the Cabinet Council on Jan. 14, and has accompanied his summons with a request that the ministers make arrangements to remain in London thereafter. The Conservative whips have already intimated to the Tory members of the House of Commons who are now abroad that they should not fail to be present at the opening of the next session of Parliament. The leaders on both sides recognize the fact that the stress of the session will at that time be the greatest.

If the Government survive the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne they may tide over the session, but otherwise they will be in constant danger of defeating.

The danger of the Redmondite faction of the Irish party throwing their votes to the Conservatives has lessened considerably under the influence of the extension of the Government's pro-Irish policy. The McCarthyite leaders have received from Mr. Asquith material assurance that the principle of Home Rule will be reaffirmed at the coming session of the party congress and that it will be made the first plank in the party platform. Besides Mr. Morley's Land Bill for the interest of the tenants, the special measures which have been taken to avert famine in Ireland have aroused a feeling of warm approval in Ireland.

STOLE A BOY, THEN SOLD HIM.

Strange Case of Crime Reported From British Columbia.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29. — Numerous arrests last night by the local police reveal the strangest case in the criminal history of the province. Peter Bellinger, a number of years ago, stole a child, Arthur Moore, from his home in Chassell, Mich. He brought the boy to British Columbia, and educated him as a thief, instructing him to bring all his plunder to the gang, with which the boy lived. The boy frequently disobeyed Bellinger, and the latter finally sold him as a slave to the chief of the Dgakeiser Indians, the most degraded tribe of aborigines in British Columbia. Young Moore told his story to a party of white men whom he met, and through the efforts of the police he was recovered from the savages. The authorities believe the chain of evidence connecting the persons now under arrest with the crime is complete, and they hope to secure conviction.

Killed By a Falling Tree.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 29.—Richard Davidson of Tilbury East was crushed by a tree falling on him yesterday, and it is impossible for him to recover.

Every Bone In my body ached with the dreadful Rheumatism which followed a severe cold. My sufferings were awful. I could not dress myself or comb my hair. My husband had to carry me up and down stairs. I was scarcely able to nurse my little one. Within two weeks after I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, I felt better. Shortly I was able to walk up and down stairs without help and finally I was cured. My friends thought I was going to be a cripple, but thanks to God for his blessing on Hood's Sarsaparilla, I now enjoy good health. MRS. JOHN BLACKBURN, Lower Five Islands, Nova Scotia.

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DISGRACE TO CIVILIZATION

MR. GLADSTONE REPLIES TO A BIRTHDAY DEPUTATION.

The G.O.M. Eighty-Five Years Old—Armenian Christians Wait on Him—The Veteran Liberal Denounces the Outrages As a Disgrace to Civilization, Mahomet and Mankind.

London, Dec. 29.—Mr. Gladstone celebrated his 85th birthday to-day, and was the recipient of hundreds of letters and telegrams of congratulation, and parcels containing birthday gifts. Mr. Gladstone was in remarkably good health and spirits, and, despite the stormy weather, drove through the village of Hawarden to the church, where he met a deputation of Armenian Christians from Paris and London. On behalf of Mr. Gladstone the deputation presented a silver chalice to the church. The chalice was presented to the Rev. Stephen Gladstone, son of the ex-Premier and rector of the Hawarden Church, in recognition of the interest his father has taken in the Armenian outrage. The deputation took luncheon with Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden Castle. The Pr