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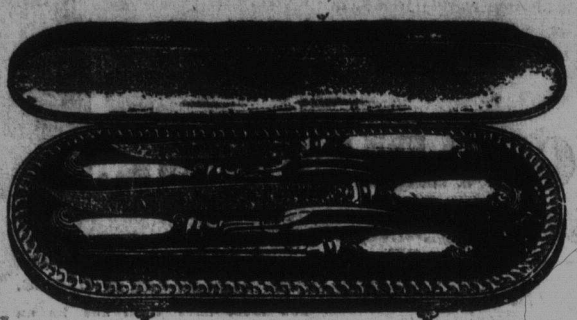
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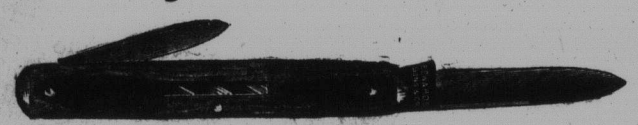
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CHRISTMAS TRAGEDIES

In Which Pistols Were Used With Fatal Effect.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas, Dec. 26.—While a crowd of men were discharging pistols in celebrating Christmas a stray bullet struck Mitchell Bird, aged 13, inflicting a mortal wound. The boy's father then fired into the crowd with a shot gun, seriously wounding Ed. Lee, Reuben Chandler and Oscar Moore, all negroes. The boy is dead, and one of the negroes is dying.

DUCK HILL, Miss., Dec. 26.—Frank Royal, a young man, was shot and killed last night near this place by the daughter of his brother-in-law, T. S. Mills, whom he and his wife were visiting. Mills and Royal went to town in the evening, and upon their return by way of a joke Royal refused to answer Mrs. Mills, who called to him as he started to enter the hallway. Beatrice Mills, a 14-year-old girl, thinking it some one on mischief, seized a shot gun and fired, the entire load entering his heart, killing him instantly.

SOMMERVILLE, Mass., Dec. 26.—In defending her sister from an assault by her drink-crazed father, Florence Benson, 22 years of age, shot her father last night, and she is now under arrest. The man has a serious wound, but it is thought he will recover. J. P. Dobson, the victim, it is said, had indulged in liquor yesterday, and had been abusing his family at intervals during the whole day. At last he attacked his oldest daughter, who procured a revolver and shot him. Miss Dobson was arrested as soon as the details of the affair were known to the police.

PROBABLY NOT TRUE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The Courier says: "An officer of the Canadian government who is friendly to the Laurier administration, and is well in the confidence of the government, while passing through Buffalo last evening stated to a Courier reporter that the Canadian government would shortly demand a re-convention of the joint high commission of the United States and Canada. He said that it was the hope of the Canadian government that the commission would be re-convened not later than the later part of February, and that the sitting would be had in Ottawa, where the Canadian parliament will be then in session."

THREE MEN KILLED ON C. P. R.

NORTH BAY, ONT., Dec. 26.—A bad railway accident occurred last night about 8 o'clock on the Soo branch of the Canadian Pacific freight train and a local express colliding. James McDowell, engineer, and two other men were killed, several men severely injured. No further particulars are obtainable.

RAILWAY WRECKS.

GRANSALINE, Texas, Dec. 26.—In a freight wreck near Silver Lake last night fifteen cars were derailed and five persons more or less injured. The Texas and Pacific "Cannon Ball" engine, which had been detached and sent on with a wrecking crew, was derailed while returning from the freight wreck and four men were injured, none fatally.

THEY WON'T FIGHT.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, via Galveston, Texas, Dec. 26.—A protocol establishing a modus vivendi between Chile and Argentina was signed yesterday. The text will be given to the public here and at Buenos Ayres tomorrow, Friday. Public feeling is satisfied and is perfectly tranquil.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Maritime—Decreasing westerly winds, fair; Friday, moderate winds, fair to cloudy, and mild.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Eastern states and northern New York—Cloudy tonight and Friday, warmer tonight in west and central portions, rain is probable in southeast portion Friday, light, variable winds.

A MISPEC SPRINTER.

Mr. Cook, the driver of the stage from Mispec to this city last evening brought in as a passenger a man whose eagerness to reach St. John was only equalled by his willingness to pay the driver fifty cents when landed at the post office. The stage arriving on time promptly stopped at the point agreed upon, but as Cook got down to open the door for his passenger he found that the man had taken to his heels and was endeavoring to break the half mile record, with Prince William street as a cinder path. Cook gave chase, but was distanced and finding further pursuit hopeless, reported the affair to Sergt. Caples, who some time afterwards found the missing traveller and compelled him to fork over the fifty cents.

ANOTHER THEORY SHATTERED.

(Chicago Record-Herald.)
"You can't," he argued, because he thought he was a philosopher, "get something from nothing."
"Oh, I don't know about that," she replied, picking a long yellow hair from his shoulder. "This is pretty near it."

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 26.—London district quota of fifteen men for the additional detachment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles has been completed, and the men leave for Halifax tomorrow afternoon. The selections have been made from almost every county in the district, and mostly members of the militia. One man, Harry Lane of Woodstock, Ont. was in South Africa with the first contingent.

MONTREAL FRENCH PAPER

Says the Soldiers Who Go to South Africa Should Be Rotten-Eggs.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The two French Sunday papers of Montreal are conducting sedulously and persistently a pro-Boer campaign in a series of articles which in other countries would lead to the suppression of the papers and the incarceration of the editors. Les Debats on Sunday published an article by Jules Vernier headed "Nos Egolesurs," in which he says:—
"As an old soldier I know well enough the motives which determined the greater part of the enrollments to say that, as in the formation of our first contingents, patriotism counted for little. Officers and men of the militia, weary of promenading in uniform before nonentities, conscious of their insignificance and dreaming of glory, thrust themselves beneath the folds of the flag."
"He goes on to set forth how these contingents went forth accompanied by cheers and the blare of bands. After having seen what had taken place in Africa during the past two years he was anxious to see what sort of a send-off would be given to the fourth contingent, he dare not say the last."
"Lies had been spread for two years concerning the Boers by the English agencies of news, and it was treason to the mother country to insinuate that the Boers ignored neither soap nor the laws of war. But today knowing what to think of the moral and physical value of the British army, of the ignorance and barbarity of the Boers and concerning the humane designs of the mother country is the same confusion possible? Unless he suffers from a weakness of wit which no army in the world would tolerate, can the recruit of today and of tomorrow ignore that he goes to shoot the just, to mount guard over the camp of women and sick infants, to burn farms and escort old men before courts martial?"

"The other goes on to give the statistics of the mortality in the concentration camps, and declares 'The heart is torn to think that in a country which is not bound to participate in such infamy, there can yet be found men willing to enlist and bands to applaud their heroism. It is not with bands but with rotten eggs that one ought to send off these soldiers of the fourth contingent to the end that they might be made to feel the disgust which they inspire in honest people.'"

THE TRUST PROBLEM.

The Views of Mayor T. L. Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio.
Equal taxation will solve the trust problem. Trusts live through special privileges granted to them, upon which they do not pay taxes. Tax the special privileges and the question will be solved. Equal taxation will solve the greatest problem of the world—the trust problem.
Every taxpayer ought to be interested in just and equal taxation, for the happiness and welfare of the people and the prosperity and safety of the state depend upon just and equal taxation. Under the existing laws and the methods of executing them in Ohio we now have farm lands assessed at 60 per cent of their real value.
The homes of the small owners of city real estate are taxed at 60 per cent of their real value. Steam railroads are assessed at about 22 per cent of their real value and hence pay only about one-third of their fair share of taxes as compared with the farmers and small property owners of the state.
Street railroads and other public service corporations use the property of the people and, by keeping up the price for service make immense profits, but they value their property as "junk" when returning it for taxation and so pay about one-tenth of their fair share of taxes as compared with farmers and small property owners. By reason of the fact that so much of the taxable property in the state unjustly evades taxation the property of the honest and helpless is taxed at a much higher rate than it would be if all property was honestly assessed, as the constitution of the state demands. The property of great corporations is almost untaxed, and thus the burden of taxation is not borne on all property alike, but is unjustly thrown upon the property of the farmer and small home owner.
These are not party questions. They are questions of honesty, fairness and justice, and the people will answer them aright. No cause that is true can lose. This cause is true and must prevail.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AGAIN.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Another case of death under Christian Science treatment will be investigated by Coroner Cotton, at 40 Essex street, this afternoon. George Mills, who lived at that address, had been ill for about six months and died suddenly, presumably from a hemorrhage, yesterday morning. Dr. Harrington was sent for when it was seen that death was approaching, but when he reached the house Mills had died.
REV. J. M. DAVENPORT.
(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
Regrets are many that the Rev. J. M. Davenport is leaving Toronto this week to sail for England on the 28th of the month, having been called there by the serious illness of his father. Many friends sympathize with him in his anxiety and trouble.

ORPHAN COLLECTIONS.

Collections were taken in all the Catholic churches yesterday in aid of the orphans of the city, and the contributions were most generous. The following amounts have already been handed in:
Cathedral \$802 00
St. John the Baptist 184 00
St. Peter's 170 00

ENFORCING ALIEN LABOR LAW.

(St. Croix Courier.)
The alien labor law is again receiving a somewhat vigorous enforcement in Calais and, as a result, St. Stephen has had to part with a number of good citizens. The Times advises a disregard for the law but, unfortunately for St. Stephen, its utterance has not the power behind it that is back of a mandate from a corporation which tells its employes that they must choose between a residence in Calais or the loss of their employment. Canada has provided legislation of a similar character and a strong demand is growing for its enforcement in this locality.

AT BETHLEHEM.

Imposing Christmas Services in the Church of the Nativity.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The World prints a cablegram from Bethlehem, showing the manner in which Christmas eve and Christmas day were spent this year, celebrated in the Holy Land. According to the despatch the sky was clear, and the air chilly on the day before Christmas. At an early hour crowds commenced to stream in from all the neighboring towns. Many from Europe, some from America. The European costumes mingled with the bright oriental dresses made the scene varied and vivid with colors, while in the throng were so many fair faced Bethlehem women. At the church of the Nativity at Bethlehem the Latins, Greeks and Armenians each have a place of worship, but the ceremonies which attracted the thousands were those at the Church of the Nativity. Throughout the morning crowds flocked to the magnificent church inclosing the cave, believed by scholars to be the actual birthplace of Christ. It was brilliantly illuminated. During the forenoon a multitude of people crowded the great square fronting the Church of the Nativity, covering the house tops on every side. The procession then appeared, the patriarch escorted by Turkish soldiers preceded by the Kawasses, or official guard of the patriarch and convent, advancing to the church. Following the sacerdotal procession came that of the French consul and his staff in uniform, with an escort of mounted guards, he taking precedent as representing France, the recognized guardian of Catholic interests in the Holy Land. Following his entry into the church came the beautiful service of vespers, and the benediction. Throughout the evening the church was never without its crowd of worshippers. At 11 o'clock matins were sung, and a few minutes before midnight all was hushed. Then on the stroke of the hour the "Gloria" are all kneeling in profound adoration to usher in Christmas morning.

After the patriarch ascended the high altar and commenced to celebrate his mass, thence forward throughout Christmas day every altar in the sacred edifice was occupied by priests saying mass.
Many devotees who took their places at 10 o'clock Christmas eve kept their vigil until eleven o'clock on Christmas day, anxious not to miss one moment of the ceremonies on the site of the birth place of Christ.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Enlisting the field hospital corps will not commence until early in January. An advance of \$35 has been made to each officer of the Mounted Rifles.
HONG KONG, Dec. 26.—S. S. Empress of China from Vancouver arrived here at 9 o'clock on morning of 25th.
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—At General Alger's residence this morning it was reported that he had passed a very good night.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Miss Fannie Rowell andockey Lester Reiff were married last night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Rowell, in Golden Gate. Only a few relatives were present at the ceremony.

KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.

AKRON, O., Dec. 26.—D. P. Wheeler, of the Citizens' National Bank, was found dead in front of the vault in the bank last night. He had been killed by an electric shock through handling a socket of an incandescent lamp and opening the vault door at the same time, thus forming a current which killed him.

THE BUSY TELEGRAPH

May Have Some Trouble on Its Hands Shortly.
The vicious attack which the Telegraph yesterday morning made on Mayor Daniel was a topic for a lot of discussion among the business community here. Friends of the chief magistrate announced that he would resent what they considered was a clear case of libel. When a Star reporter called on his worship in City hall he had just completed perusal of the article, which he had not seen previously. Asked if he contemplated bringing an action the mayor said: "Well, I have not yet consulted my lawyer, but I shall, and if he holds the same opinion as myself I will probably institute proceedings."

From another source the Star learns that facts are being accumulated with a view of bringing another libel suit against the same paper for statements made in connection with the smallpox. The gentleman particularly interested in this matter is Dr. Morris. When interviewed today respecting the matter he said: "I have not much time at present to give thought to a libel suit, but when an opportunity is available I may resent the slanders which have been directed against me."

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