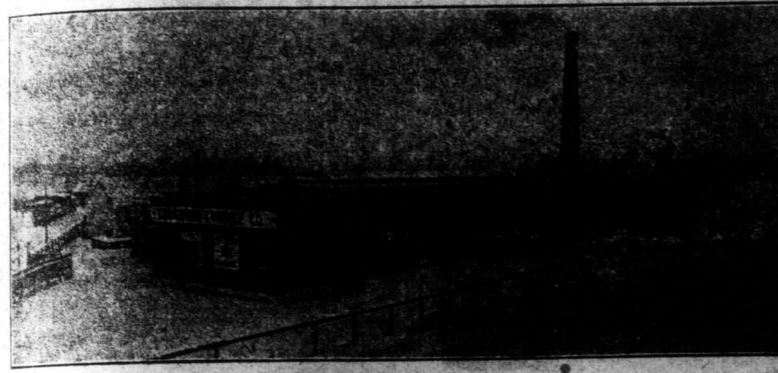


Bargains in odd lots of the following: Boys' Caps, Shirts, underwear, socks, gloves, overalls and pants. January Sale. McFarlands.

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BIG FIRE

Takes Place at the Brantford Cordage Works—The Loss Will be in the Neighborhood of \$100,000.



Fire which did about \$100,000 worth of damage, broke out about 8:45 last night in the finished stock warehouse of the Brantford Cordage Company, and only the heroic efforts of the firemen prevented the flames from destroying the whole plant. The building destroyed is situated at the extreme west end of the plant and is of sheet metal construction. The fire started in the south-west end of the building and by the time the firemen arrived, the place was a seething mass of flame. Under direction of Chief Lewis, the men laid three streams, one a thousand feet long. Fire-fighting proved difficult, owing to the fact that the building was packed to the doors and roof with stock and no headway could be made by the firemen, as there was no way possible of entering the building. The flames gradually swept northward through the building and when about a quarter of the building was gone the firemen were confronted by a new obstacle, in the shape of a combustion which seemed to be the oil in the barrels which was packed in the building very closely. About 9:30 Chief Lewis sent for the East Ward brigade which consisted of seven men and from them on the firemen confined their efforts to saving the main factory, which lies immediately south of the burned building. In doing this the men faced the most difficult and dangerous piece of work during the night. Within ten feet of the burning building a shipping platform was erected some months ago directly adjoining the main factory. Under this platform the Company had stored away many gallons of oil in barrels, and it was to save off an explosion that the Chief directed his efforts. Time after time, the flames licked hungrily near the oil storage, but the constant application of water at the tremendous spot warded off what might have resulted in loss of life. About eleven o'clock the north-west end of the warehouse fell onto the platform and axes were necessary to clear away the debris. With only three streams to play on the blaze, the firemen then found it difficult to keep the fire, but steady work on the part of the brigade kept the flames from spreading to the main building.

ENORMOUS OUTLAY

In Connection With the British Navy Estimates--The Cost is Expected to be Nearly Two Hundred and Fifty Millions of Dollars.

(Courier Leased Wire). LONDON, Jan. 14.—According to The Daily Mail the work of framing the British navy estimates is nearly completed. The one point remaining for discussion, namely whether five or six battleships shall be laid down depends upon the Admiralty's program. If the Admiralty decides to wait before taking action it may the Austrian ships are laid down it may be expected to begin five battleships this year. The naval program will then according to present information involve an expenditure of \$240,000,000 and will include five battleships, six light-armored cruisers, 20 destroyers, a number of submarines, and an addition to the personnel of 5,000 men, making a total of 142,500 officers and men. The battleships will be of a new type, the largest and strongest which science can build or money supply. They will displace 27,500 or 28,000 tons, burn oil fuel alone and steam 25 knots. Thus they will be intermediate between the present Dreadnought battleship and battle cruiser. They will be armed in all probability with eight 16-14 inch guns, each firing 2,200 pound shells, or if the 16-14 inch gun is not adopted with 15-inch guns, firing shells that weigh about 1,800 pounds.

THIS FORTRESS

Is Said to be in a Very Bad Shape--The Inhabitants are Suffering From Disease and the Lack of Supplies.

(Courier Leased Wire). CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 14.—Conflicting reports as to the conditions in the great fortress of Adrianople are current, but it appears evident that the Turkish troops and inhabitants of the city are suffering grievously from disease and lack of supplies. They have been besieged ever since the last week of October by the Bulgarians, who have since been reinforced by large bodies of Servians fresh from their victories on the other side of the Balkan peninsula. Before the Thessaly line, defending Constantinople, there is a great army of Bulgarians who are strongly entrenched and fringing them in the line of fortifications stretching across the narrow neck of land, of which the Turkish capital forms the head, are large bodies of Turkish troops; some of them the remnants of the defeated armies who fled before the advancing Bulgarians, and others, fresh troops brought up from the Turkish provinces of Asia Minor. The threatening note of the allies to the Turks is to be worded in such a way that it will become effective only in the event of the Ottoman Government refusing compliance with the advice given to it by the ambassadors of the European powers. The members of the Balkan league are of the opinion that the note drafted by the European diplomats is so diluted that it requires the admixture of a vitalizing tonic, and this they think will be supplied by their threat to continue hostilities.

THE VERY LATEST DESPATCHES

Sad State of Affairs Among Young Girls in Calgary--An Engineer Killed--Toronto Horses Suffocated--Bounties for British Babies

OUTLAWS KILLED (Courier Leased Wire). MANILWA, Jan. 14.—A detachment of scouts under Lieut. Fletcher, according to reports received here, came upon a large band of outlaws yesterday in South Leno. A general engagement ensued. One message from the scene of action says that fifty outlaws were killed; another that ninety outlaws were killed. The scouts suffered no loss.

REMARKABLE CHARGES (Courier Leased Wire). CALGARY, Alb., Jan. 14.—That there are two hundred girls under 18 on the verge of illegitimate motherhood in Calgary; that there are private rooms in connection with the most popular grills, where mere children are wine and dined and that there are licensed chauffeurs picking up young girls in loads, are some unchallenged statements concerning local social conditions, made by Ald. Prost in the city council. His remarkable charges were made in support of the curfew law which the alderman fathered and which failed of passage.

ENGINEER KILLED (Courier Leased Wire). QUEBEC, Jan. 14.—A passenger train crashed into a freight at L'Islet on the Intercolonial Railway at 2 o'clock this morning. Engineer Hudson was killed and his fireman suffered a broken leg. A number of passengers were slightly injured and were taken to Fraserville for treatment.

STEAMER STILL STRANDED (Courier Leased Wire). HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 14.—The stranded steamer Uranian still lies in the same position she has occupied at Chebucto since she ran aground on into the rocks on Sunday forenoon.

DIED FROM INJURIES (Courier Leased Wire). EDMONTON, Alb., Jan. 14.—Dan Tidsbury, deputy chief of police, was injured last night by being thrown from a street car he was trying to board, and died this morning from injuries.

HORSES SUFFOCATED (Courier Leased Wire). TORONTO, Jan. 14.—Twenty-eight horses were suffocated and \$15,000 damage done by fire early this morning to the plant of the Coleman Bakery Company on Euclid avenue. The fire started near the motor and burned through to the roof. Three thousand bags of flour were destroyed besides the horses killed. Only five horses were saved.

A TELEPHONE ANNOUNCEMENT. The Women's Department of the Courier has proved so popular and there are so many calls in connection therewith that it has been found necessary to establish a separate phone. The number is 1781, and it will appear in The Courier list of phones under the caption "Society Editor." All those having personal, social and other items pertaining to the fair sex will kindly use the above number. This department is especially for the ladies and all communications in this regard, whether by phone, or letter, will be gladly received and carefully looked after.

TO DISTRIBUTE FOWL (Courier Leased Wire). EDMONTON, Alb., Jan. 14.—The Alberta Department of Agriculture, presided over by Hon. Duncan Marshall, has made itself popular among poultry men by agreeing to distribute male birds free of cost to farmers who will agree to keep pure bred poultry. Applications are coming in by every mail.

EXTENDED (Courier Leased Wire). NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The time limit for filing suits for damages growing out of the loss of the steamer Titanic last April, was extended to-day by Federal Judge Hand to February 11. Under a previous ruling, to-day was the last day on which claimants could file their actions. This time limit has been set aside by the Court in compliance with the request of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Limited, owners of the Titanic, which was successful in proceedings to limit the liability to approximately \$66,000, the amount of passage money plus meagre salvage.

WAS MARRIED (Courier Leased Wire). HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 14.—Rev. H. W. Cunningham officiated at the marriage this morning at the Queen's Hotel, of Alice Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hemming of Yorkshire, England, and Jacob G. Gaudaur, of Orillia, Ont., former champion sculler of the world.

SOME OTHERS COULD SAY THE SAME. (Courier Leased Wire). BRUSSELS, Jan. 14.—M. D. Andromont, a member of the Belgian chamber, celebrated for his speeches on the questions of the consular service, was appealing eloquently for a reorganization of the service yesterday when the Foreign Minister said: "That is the same speech you made last year." "Just so," replied the deputy calmly. "I have made it annually, word for word, for thirteen years. Nobody noticed it before."

A COMPETITION. To the individual man, woman or child, who is a citizen of Brantford, and sends in the most popular name for the new vaudeville theatre on Dalhousie street, I will give a free seat for each performance, during six months.

JAMES O'REILLY.

Pat Burns Will Erect a More Pretentious Packing Plant

(Courier Leased Wire). CALGARY, Alb., Jan. 14.—A telegram from P. Burns, owner of the packing plant destroyed in Sunday's fire contains the information that another plant much more pretentious than the one destroyed will be erected at once. The fire was still raging in the entire morning, and the plant was being rushed to Brantford with heavy shipments of cattle. The company has 20,000 cattle in the feeding pens and the shortage of beef will be only temporary.

An Extraordinary Train Accident Out West

(Courier Leased Wire). CALGARY, Alb., Jan. 14.—An accident extraordinary in its results, occurred Sunday evening on the Crow's Nest Pass line of the C. P. R. when the eastbound mail train was wrecked, every car leaving the rails pell-mell with no injury to any of the hundred or more passengers. The wreck occurred while west of Burns, seven cars went into the ditch, one of the pullmans turning completely over. A broken rail was the cause.

CANAL DISPUTE

Secretary Knox Has Framed His Answer to Great Britain--It is Expected That John Bull Will Object and Ask for Arbitration.

(Courier Leased Wire). NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A despatch from Washington to The New York World says: Secretary of State Knox will reply to Great Britain on the canal tolls question in a few days. The Secretary of State's argument in rebuttal—for that is what he has made it—to the note of protest made by Sir Edward Grey, England's Minister for Foreign Affairs, against the granting of free passage through the Panama canal to American ships engaged in coastwise trade has been completed, and is now being edited by Attorney-General Wickersham and Secretary of War Stimson. When the other lawyer members of the Cabinet have passed on the legal phraseology the matter will be laid before the Cabinet. It is expected that the Cabinet will discuss the answer to-morrow or at Friday's session. On December 9, Secretary Knox received Britain's protest against what that country terms discrimination in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, commonly known as the canal treaty. Throughout his reply to Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State Knox has confined himself to an argument that under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty the American Government has the right to exclude from the payment of tolls any of its ships which do not compete with those of Great Britain. Secretary Knox follows out closely the argument used by President Taft in his memorandum when he signed the Panama canal bill around which the protest of England is built. He holds as did the President, that article three of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was adopted by the United States for a specific purpose, namely as the basis of the neutralization of the canal. Secretary Knox's interpretation of the words: "The canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and war of all nations observing these rules, on terms of entire neutrality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any such nation or its citizens or subjects, in respect of conditions or charges or traffic, or otherwise" is that all nations will be treated alike and no discrimination made by the United States against any one of them observing the rules adopted by the United States. He takes a view contrary entirely to that held by Sir Edward Grey. Secretary Knox fails to see any interpretation in the treaty which can be interpreted as meaning that the United States, when it agreed to the treaty, surrendered its right to regulate its own commerce through the canal. He contends that Great Britain is trying to read into the treaty the question whether the United States has surrendered the right to regulate its own shipping through the canal. Secretary Knox has answered the other objections raised by Great Britain, one of which was the expressed fear that if the protest against the granting of free passage through the canal to coastwise ships was not pressed and insisted upon the subsidy granted to the coastwise trade would in time be extended to all American shipping and consequently come in direct conflict with British shipping. Secretary Knox holds in his argument that the promises assumed by Great Britain are not sound. He closes his argument by asking for the further exchange of notes on the question and expressing the willingness of the Administration to do everything to adjust the dispute. The question of arbitration will not come up for discussion until Great Britain has replied to the Knox note. It is expected that Britain's reply will be a rejection of the Knox argument, the expression of a willingness to negotiate further, and the asking for a reference of the dispute to arbitration.

TO-MORROW'S WEATHER Little higher temperature.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Conservative Association of Brantford South Riding of Brant, Will Take Place on Thursday Evening, January 16th at 8 o'clock in the headquarters building, corner of Dalhousie and King Streets. The election of officers will take place, resolutions be passed, and other important business transacted. All Conservatives of the City and County are most cordially invited. W. B. SCACE, President.

The Powers Reach an Important Decision

(Courier Leased Wire). LONDON, Jan. 14.—The decision recently to break up the peace conference in London simultaneously with the presentation to the Turkish Government of the note of the European powers was reached to-day by the chiefs of peace delegations of the Balkan allies. The resolution of the representatives of Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Serbia will be communicated to the Porte in a formal note. At the same time it was decided to instruct the Commanders of the Army forces to terminate the armistice which has been in operation since Dec. 3. Since that date the hostilities between Bulgaria and Serbia on one side and Turkey on the other have entirely ceased. Greece, who did not sign the armistice protocol, however, has continued fighting against Turkey, both on sea and land with varying success. Montenegro also, which was nominally a party to the armistice, has been engaged in the interim in many severe skirmishes with the troops forming the garrison of the Turkish fortress of Scutari, which shows no sign of yielding. It is believed that the Ottoman troops there, most of whom form part of the regular army, are fairly well provided with food and ammunition, as Scutari was always a great centre of the grain trade and the Turks have a considerable arsenal there. Janina, in the south of Epirus, was made the rallying point for a large force of Turkish troops who escaped from Monastir and other places in Macedonia and Albania. The Greeks have closed all approaches to the fortress from the south, but to the north and west the communications are still open and the Turks there are able to obtain supplies. LAST WORD. (Courier Leased Wire). LONDON, Jan. 14.—In the expectation that the "last word" from Constantinople will arrive here to-day, every despatch reaching the Turkish peace delegation is opened with anxiety.

THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE, BRANTFORD

Grand—One Solid Week commencing Monday, Jan. 13th. JOE MARKS vs. At Company, supporting Gracie Marks in a repertoire of the latest successes, with an entire change of program every performance. This is considered to be one of the best repertoires ever seen to-day. Program for the week: Tuesday, "The Girl from Shuny Alberta"; Wednesday matinee, "The Lamb and the Wolf"; Wednesday night, "The Bachelor's Girl"; Thursday, "Only a Country Girl"; Friday, "The Circus Girl"; Saturday matinee, "Virgie's Sweetheart"; Saturday night, "The Suffragettes"; Vaudeville between all acts. Prices: one, 25c; 30c; matinees, children 15c; adults, 25c.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Kidney and Bladder Pills, featuring various ailments like back pain, rheumatism, and general weakness. Includes a list of ailments and a testimonial.

Advertisement for various goods including shoes, socks, and clothing. Mentions 'S. S.' and 'Shoes'.

Advertisement for a store located at Colborne Street, offering various goods and services.

Advertisement for a store offering holiday gifts, with prices ranging from \$2.70 to \$4.50.

Advertisement for a store offering a sale on sheep, with a date of 14th, 1913.

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