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NOW FOR THE PEOPLE TO SAY WHO WILL REPRESENT THEM IN DIFFERENT CIVIC OFFICES

Nominations Closed at Nine o'Clock Last Night With a Fairly Large List of Candidates From Which To Make Selection—Only One Election by Acclamation.

When City Clerk Baker called time last night at 9 o'clock, two candidates had qualified for the mayoralty, Mr. J. C. Judd had been elected to the hospital trust by acclamation, five gentlemen had put in their declarations for the water commission, nine had expressed a willingness to seek school board honors and twenty-one had resolved to stand for aldermen.

Out of this list, one will be elected for mayor, three for water commissioners or utility board members, as they are sometimes now called; four for the school board, and twelve for aldermen.

Both candidates for the mayoralty are members of this year's council.

Mr. J. C. Judd, K.C., is an ex-mayor, and is at present a member of the hospital trust.

The Utility Board.

Of those running for the utility board, Messrs. Philip Pocock and Adam McMahen are businessmen seeking municipal honors for the first time.

Both are members of this year's court of revision.

Mr. R. F. Matthews is an ex-alderman, and so is Mr. Wm. Wyatt.

Mr. Samuel Stevely is the present mayor of the city.

All the aldermen of this year, save Ald. Parson and Ald. Stewart, are again out for office, Ald. Beattie and Ald. Ferguson, of course, being mayoralty candidates.

The present aldermen, who are seeking re-election, are eight in number—Messrs. Cooper, Fitzgerald, Garratt, Gerry, Moorhead, Rose, Saunders and Stevenson.

The thirteen others are new men—largely businessmen, and the majority of the candidates of the Citizens' Municipal League.

About Qualification.

A point was raised last night by Ald. Garratt that Messrs McMahen and Pocock could not qualify owing to the fact that they are members of the court of revision and receive a salary of $50 per annum.

City Clerk Baker promptly settled this question, however, by reading the statute, which showed clearly that neither gentleman was debarred from running by reason of his connection with the court of revision.

The election will be held on New Year's Day.

At a meeting of the Anti-Vaccination League held last evening the members decided to support Messrs. Weekes, Westland, Hunt and Spence for school trustees at the coming election.

For Mayor.

J. H. A. Beattie.
Donald Ferguson.

Hospital Trustee.

J. C. Judd (acclamation).

Water Commissioners.

R. F. Matthews.
Adam T. McMahen.
Philip Pocock.
Samuel Stevely.
William Wyatt.

School Trustees.

James D. Balfour.
William R. Colby.
John I. A. Hunt.
Alexander S. Macgregor.
John C. Spence.
Walter J. Teasdall.
George N. Weekes.
Edward M. Westland.
William James Wilson.

For Alderman.

Hubert Ashplant.
Neil Cooper.
Wm. S. Davidson.
John Dunkin.
Richard C. Eckert.
James Fitzgerald.
Joshua Garratt.
William Gerry.
James H. Jeffries.
Harvey Kilbourne.
Charles G. Moorhead.
Andrew J. Morgan.
Henry Pocock.
John G. Richter.
Ernest Rose.
John H. Saunders.
Wm. J. Stevenson.
James A. Tancock.
Wm. J. Underwood.
William A. Wilson.
George Wood.

CLUBBED CONSTABLE WITH A TURKEY

Brothers Assault and Hammer P. C. Garnett and Are Heavily Fined.

Forty dollars is about what a Christmas turkey will cost two young men who appeared in the police court this morning, charged with being drunk and with assaulting P. C. Ernest Garnett. The turkey, which was a fine fat bird, was used by one of the young men as a club, and he seized it by the neck, and swinging it around his head, laid the policeman low with it. Then the young man and his brother jumped on the officer when he was down, and kicked and punched him severely. This morning P. C. Garnett had a big black eye and a badly bruised face. One of the cuts on his face was apparently caused by the turkey's claws.

In the witness box Garnett stated that he had first seen the two men on Talbot street near the market. They were standing in front of a store window, and when he moved them on one of the men wanted to lick him on the spot. He persuaded them to go on, and they went as far as Carling street, when the smaller of the two came back and called him names, and then knocked him down with the turkey. The other brother then jumped on and kicked him.

Detective Downs stated that he had heard the noise, and saw the crowd, and when he came up the big brother was just taking a kick at P. C. Garnett. He knocked the man down twice, and then finally with P. C. Garnett took both brothers to the station.

"This business of assaulting police officers must be stopped," said the court. "If you had hurt the constable seriously I would have sent you to prison for a long term without the option of paying a fine. At this season of the year, however, I do not wish to deal too harshly with anyone, and will give you a chance to pay a fine. I fine the younger man $20 and costs, or three months in jail at hard labor, and the older man $10 or one month."

MONTREAL ALDERMEN ARE DISQUALIFIED

Seven of Them Cannot Act for Space of Two Years.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The seven Montreal aldermen who compose the treasury board of that city, stand disqualified for two years as the result of a judgment delivered by the supreme court this morning allowing, with costs, the appeal in the case of Laurin vs. Lapointe. The treasury board paid the expenses of Mayor Payette and Clerk Bauset to the Champlain Tercentenary in France, amounting to $3,800. Judge Charboneau, of the superior court, declared the payment legal, his decision was reversed by the court of review, and that decision was reversed by the court of King's Bench. The supreme court has now restored the verdict of the court of review.

PUMPS ARE SET UP ON THE ASHTABULA

The Wreckers at Last Succeed in Getting Out to Stranded Boat.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—A Cleveland dispatch says wreckers succeeded in getting out to the steamer Ashtabula, ashore at Port Burwell yesterday, and steam pumps were set up on the stranded boat. The underwriters are confident that she will be released tomorrow. The tugs Schenck and Monarch which were in shelter on the Canadian side all week, arrived today. Bids for releasing the steamer Wissahickon, ashore at Outer Duck Island, will be opened by the underwriters today.

DID OCEY SNEAD SUICIDE?

Counsel for Mrs. Martin Says That That Will Be the Defence.

New York, Dec. 24.—Was her own constant use of the hypodermic needle the cause of Ocey Snead's death? Col. Robt. J. Haire, counsel for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the bathtub's mother, brought this question to the fore today, as he was preparing to appear in court for the third hearing on the cases of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead, whom the New York authorities are holding, pending extradition.

Col. Haire declares that he has evidence to show that the young woman was what is known in the popular vernacular as a "dope fiend." "By that I mean," said the attorney, "that she used drugs, chiefly morphie, for nearly two years before she died. I have learned this from talking with her mother about the case.

"The hypodermic needle was used upon her when she was seriously ill," continued Col. Haire, "and after that its employment was constant. She tried to stop the habit, and would resist for long periods. Then would come another period of illness, and the temptation to secure relief was too great for her to resist. She would go for days and days without food, living on morphine. I am convinced that it was in this condition that she destroyed herself."

Col. Haire said that this would be Mrs. Martin's defense on the charge of murdering her daughter.

STREET CAR STRUCK THE AUTO WAGON

Accident to One of Smallman & Ingram's Rigs Today.

One of Smallman & Ingram's auto-delivery wagons was struck by West London car, No. 84, in charge of Motorman George Bowman, at the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets, shortly after noon today.

The auto was not very badly damaged, as the car was running only at a fair rate when the collision occurred.

FIREMEN'S DINNER.

The firemen at the East End stations were notified this morning that they will be given an hour and a half for dinner tomorrow and an hour and a quarter for supper.

JIMMMY LEID IN JAMESTOWN LONDON MAN'S STRANGE TRIP

Aged Citizen Who Suddenly Left a Home Here Is Said To Be in New York State City—Card Was Received by His Daughter in London.

It is very likely that James Leid, the old man who some days ago wandered from the Aged People's Home, is in Jamestown, N. Y., where he has a son. Yesterday Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, of 90 Wharncliffe road, South London, who is a daughter of Mr. Leid, received a Christmas postcard from Jamestown, N. Y., signed James Leid. She is confident that it is from her father, as the writing is somewhat shaky. She has writen to her brother to make sure, and expects a reply shortly. How Mr. Leid got so far without any money is a mystery, but he disappeared completely after leaving the home, and it is thought that he must have made his way to the station and taken one of the trains out of the city.

JAMES AND MICHAEL ARE ON JAIL-VISITING LIST

Will Eat Beef and "Skilly" For Christmas Dinner.

James Fox and Michael White, two young men who reside in the north part of the city, will not eat Christmas dinner at home this year as a result of being drunk and disorderly last night. When they appeared before Magistrate Love this morning he remanded them both until Monday morning, as the police are making further inquiries regarding them. Last night Fox went to Mrs. White's house in a drunken condition, and when he was told he wasn't wanted, acted in a disorderly manner. Michael White was simply charged with being drunk, but both men are being held while the police try to find out if they were implicated in the theft of some chickens.

Harry Allen, an Indian lister, who fell off the water wagon, was bailed in the sum of $100 to appear in a week. Neil Fletcher, another lister, was fined $10, or 21 days, and R. Ross, a drunk, who used profane language, paid $10.

TOBOGGAN STRUCK STONE SMALL BOY WAS INJURED

An Accident to Earl Garden in Which the Lad's Arm Was Broken.

Erle Garden, the 10-year-old son of Mr. A. E. Garden, of 453 St. James street, met with a serious accident shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

In company with some other children he was tobogganing down the Richmond street hill toward the C. P. R. tracks, when the toboggan struck a stone, throwing the boy off and in some way breaking his left arm just above the wrist.

Dr. Drake, who reduced the fracture, found the break to be of a rather serious nature, but the arm was successfully set and the boy is as comfortable as can be expected.

HUGE BRITISH TRADE WITH UNITED STATES

One Hundred Million Dollars the Figures for Ten Months.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Nearly one-half of the exports from the United States go to Britain and British territory. Nearly one hundred million dollars, according to the bureau of statistics, was the value during the first ten months of the present year of the trade between the United States and the British Empire. The total foreign commerce of the country during the same ten months amounted to about $2,500,000,000.

The total value of merchandise exported from the United States to British territory in the first ten months of 1909 was $624,000,000, while the total amount imported from British territory was $362,000,000. In its trade with British territory in the first ten months an excess of exports over imports to every political division except the East and West Indies, Canada, second to the United Kingdom, among the British territories, as a market for products of the United States, shows the largest increase, the value of the exports thereto during the ten months of 1909 having been $154,500,000, as against $128,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

"HOSEA McALLISTER" DEAD.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24. — Mrs. Harry Duffield, known on the stage for many years as "Hosea McAlister," is dead at her home in Glendale. For several seasons she was Edwin Booth's leading woman, and played with him in New York and on the road. Mrs. Duffield was born 58 years ago at Stoneham, Que.

THE WEATHER

TOMORRAW—SNOW.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 24—8 a.m.

Today—Westerly winds; cloudy, with stationary temperature.

Saturday—Strong easterly winds, with snow or sleet.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Today. Min.	Yesterday. Low.	Yesterday. High.
London	36	..	23	31
Calgary	20	— 4	8	20
Winnipeg	10	— 8	2	14
Port Arthur	24	10	14	21
Parry Sound	32	26	18	32
Toronto	36	30	26	35
Ottawa	26	20	22	26
Montreal	28	20	22	28
Quebec	28	10	18	28
Father Point	24	16	..	..
Dawson City	..	..	— 8	6
Atlin	..	..	12	22
Port Simpson	..	..	28	34
Victoria	..	..	36	36
Vancouver	..	..	24	34
Barkerville	..	..	0	— 2
Edmonton	..	..	—12	14
Battleford	..	..	—14	— 2
Prince Albert	..	..	—12	2
Moosejaw	..	..	—14	5
Qu'Appelle	..	..	— 2	10
St. John	..	..	22	32
Halifax	..	..	16	24

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is now highest over the Great Lakes and Middle States, and a distrubance is developing west of the Mississippi Valley.

The Atlantic low area has increased in energy, and is causing gales along the seaboard.

The temperature continues quite low in the Western Provinces, but has risen somewhat in Ontario and Quebec.

BOYS TOOK ARTICLES FROM A LOCAL CHURCH

Were Allowed to Go With Very Severe Reprimand From Magistrate.

A number of small boys from the South End appeared before Magistrate Love this morning in connection with the taking of some articles from St. Paul's German Evangelical Church. The lads stated that they found a window in the church broken, and went in and took a bottle of perfume, a razor and some pencils and pens they found there. They sprinkled each other with the perfume until it was all gone and disposed of the other articles among themselves. The church officials did not wish that the boys be dealt with severely, and the court, after giving them a severe lecture, let them go.

HAMILTON ROAD LADY WAS PARALYZED

Mrs. Jane McCracken Seriously Ill in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Jane McCracken, a highly-respected elderly lady, who resides on the Hamilton road, east of the city limits, was found yesterday afternoon at her home by Mr. John O'Donnel, of Egerton street, lying on the floor, where she had been stricken with paralysis. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, and although she is resting easily today, she is still in a critical condition.

Mrs. McCracken, who left the farm a couple of years ago with her family for Chicago, returned a short time ago, and since then she has been living alone.

Yesterday when Mr. O'Donnel, who is an oil dealer, visited her house, he noticed that no person was around, and when he knocked at the door he received no answer. The door was unlocked, and on entering he found Mrs. McCracken on the floor. The fire had gone out, and the house was very cold. She had apparently suffered the stroke some hours previously.

A collie pup was in the house with Mrs. McCracken when the lady was found, and had to be driven away before he would allow the neighbors to touch his mistress.

Mrs. McCracken's son, Arthur McCracken, of Chicago, has been notified.

NO MORE FOR PEARY

Has No Intention of Conducting Further Pole Hunts.

Washington, Dec. 24. — Never again will he head another expedition, either to the South Pole or the North Pole. This announcement was made last night by Commander Peary. He stands ready, however, to assist any expedition which contemplates setting out for either extremity of the earth.

"My work has been accomplished," said Commander Peary. "I made it known some time ago in Brussels that I would assist any expedition that would set out for the South Pole, and at the same time also said that I would not personally conduct such an expedition.

"I still hold to this, and I have no intention of changing my mind."

DOG SHOW WILL BE A BIG ONE

Entry List Will Close Monday Evening at 6 O'clock.

Dr. Wood reports a splendid list of entries for the dog show to be held Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the city hall.

The list will close Monday at 6 p.m. Any person having a pure-bred dog of any breed should join the exhibitors' ranks and encourage the Canine Association in their efforts to eliminate the mongrels and induce the breeding of a better class of animals. Special prizes of good value generously donated by the citizens will be given to almost every class, in addition to very handsome ribbons.

Mr. Daniel Lynn, of Port Huron, who is considered one of the best posted men in America, has kindly consented to be present and act as a judge in the more prominent classes. Mrs. Waters, of St. Thomas; Mr. A. J. Taylor, of Toronto, will also judge special classes upon which their opinions are expert.

With outside decisions, fair judgment will be meted out to every exhibitor.

AN AMAZING ACT.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24. — At Monday's meeting of the city council an amazing step will be taken, having for its purpose the return of the famous Cannon report on civic corruption to the Attorney-General, on the ground that it is not complete, and that aldermen condemned by the report have not had opportunity properly to set forth their side of the case. Some of the aldermen named in the report are responsible for this move.

UNIONIST ORGAN SEES A DEFEAT

But Hopes That Christmas Lull May Help the Lords.

GILBERT PARKER STUMPS

Famous Canadian Novelist Campaigning in Support of the Conservativrs.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Graphic (Conservative) makes the following noteworthy admission yesterday: "With the best cause in the world, the Unionists are lacking in men who appeal to the imagination of the electorate. There is also an uneasy feeling abroad that the methods of the Unionist associations are not so effective as they should be."

The Graphic hopes the Unionist whips will find a remedy for the disquieting situation during the Christmas lull.

The Free Trade Union will dispatch 800 speakers next Monday in an organized campaign.

Monopolize the Press.

With Lloyd-George, Burns, Grey and other cabinet ministers orating, the ministerialists again had a big pull Wednesday, at any rate in the newspaper space.

John Burns is in excellent form. Addressing his constituents, he described Robert Blatchford as a "warmongering Socialist, and a mischievous wanton firebrand, whom the Unionist papers are using to bring about a colossal calamity." Talk about the inefficiency of the navy was rot. Britain would, however, take two lessons from Germany. She would avoid conscription and protection (Cheers.) Between 30,000 and 60,000 Berlin workmen were unemployed in 1908. Why were there 4,000 bureaus for registering unemployed in Germany if there were "two jobs for every man" in that country? (Laughter.)

Mr. Burns then detailed the Government's proposals dealing with unemployment.

Lloyd-George received a welcome which can only be described as rapturous in the centre of the tinplate industry at Llanelly, Wales. Apparently it will return another solid phalanx of Radicals in January. Retaliation, said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was not a policy for a principality. It was a sort of new version of the Sermon on the Mount. The flourishing state of the tinplate trade showed it was not wanted.

Sir Edward Grey declared that a reformed second chamber was necessary.

The lesser lights on the Conservative side are putting up a good fight, but Balfour's health is being anxiously watched.

Bonar Law In It.

Bonar Law, at Jarrow, combated the statement that tariff reform would ruin the shipbuilding industry. That industry had made marvellous strides in Germany under the German fiscal system. Tariff Reformers did not want to stop imports, but to change their character and have more raw

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SURGEON WAS OPERATING LIGHTS WENT OUT

Peculiarly Unfortune Accident Which Tested a Local Doctor's Nerve.

While a local surgeon was engaged in a critical operation at St. Joseph's Hospital last night the electric lights suddenly went out, and remained out for some time.

The only light available was a gas jet at some distance from the operating table, but the surgeon managed to finish his work, and states that the operation was a very successful one.

THE KNIFE FOR ALFONSO

The King of Spain To Undergo an Operation.

Paris, Dec. 24.—An operation is to be performed on the King of Spain.

For some time disturbing and persistent rumors regarding the health of the King of Spain have been circulated. The exact nature of his ailment has been concealed from the public. It is understood, however, that the post-nasal parts and the inner ear are affected. One of the symptoms developed has been a slight deafness. In last July, King Alfonso is said to have been operated upon at Biarritz for the removal of a growth in the nose. A somewhat similar operation had been performed a month earlier.

LOVELY FOR "BAT"

Gets $10,000 Win, Draw or Lose in Battle With Wolgast.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Thomas McCarey, manager of the Pacific Athletic Club, of this city, announced that he has secured an agreement for a 45-round contest between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast. Wolgast, who is in the city, with his manager, Tom Jones, signed the agreement, and Nelson telegraphed his acceptance from Chicago.

Nelson is to be given $10,000, win, lose or draw, and the men will post a side bet of $5,000.

The contest will take place in February or March, the exact date to be settled later, and the Varnon Arena, outside the city limits, will be the scene.

Police Benefit Fund.

The policemen held a meeting yesterday afternoon and selected Chief Williams, Sergt.-Major McGuire and Constables McRoberts, Kelly and Noonan to look after the policeman's fund. The whole force paraded for inspection during the afternoon.

OLD MAN HELPLESS IN SNOW FOUND IN DRIFT ON BRICK ST.

John Welsh, a Wanderer From Walkerville, Came to London to Find His Sister, But She Had Moved Away to Buffalo—A Sad Case of Feeble Old Man.

John Welsh, an old man, was found at 8 o'clock this morning lying in a snowdrift beside the roadway on Brick street, almost frozen to death, he having evidently lain there for the greater part of the night.

A passerby told Mrs. John Bodin, of Brick street, of seeing someone lying by the roadside, and in company with her daughter Gladys, they went out to find him. They found Welsh in a very serious condition from the effects of the cold, and unable to speak or stand. But though he is a heavy man, the young girl and her mother, who has been seriously ill during the fall, would not consent to leave him where he was even until the police could be called, and unassisted they half dragged, half carried him nearly a quarter of a mile to their home, where they did everything they could think of to make him more comfortable.

A Difficult Task.

It was a long and difficult task they set themselves, but the mother and daughter showed the Christmas spirit in a very practical way, and did not spare themselves, and it was only when they had done everything possible for the sufferer that High Constable Hughes was notified. When he arrived on the scene Welsh was still unable to speak, but from the appearance of the place where he was found it was evident that the unfortunate man had made many efforts to go farther, and had given up in exhaustion, and had evidently lain in the snowdrift the greater part of the night.

Comes From Walkerville.

From the little he could say it was learned that he had come from Walkerville, and had evidently been living anywhere he could find a place to lie down since. He said that he had formerly had a sister living in the city but found that she had moved to Buffalo.

He was so weak when he was removed to the jail that High Constable Hughes had to carry him in on his back from the carriage. It is thought that his feet and hands are badly frozen. Dr. MacArthur stated that the sufferer was in a pretty bad condition and that if he does not rapidly improve he will have him taken to the hospital.

A TRAIN DITCHED NEAR CHAPLEAU, ONT.

Seventeen Passengers, Homeward Bound for Christmas, Reported Injured.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 24.—Canadian Pacific Railway Winnipeg-to-Toronto express, No. 94, was ditched near Chapleau at 1 o'clock this morning. No fatalities are reported, but seventeen passengers are said to be injured. The train consisted of twelve coaches each, crowded with passengers, on the way east for the Christmas holidays.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Part of the Toronto-Winnipeg express, which left Winnipeg on Wednesday night, was derailed 37 miles west of Chapleau. Several coaches in the middle of the train left the rails, and two of them turned over on their side. About twenty passengers received slight injuries, and the following are said to be more seriously injured:

Theo Moquin, Amsterdam, N. Y., back injured.

D. A., McLean, Moosomin, Sask., internal injuries.

Mrs. Hugh McMahon, Newdale, Man., back and side injured.

Mrs. S. Dickson, Winnipeg, body injured.

The cause as far as yet as ertained was a broken rail, the engine having passed over safely.

HEATING SYSTEM HAS BEEN CAUSING TROUBLE

Contagious Hospital Authorities Compelled to Keep Patients Now.

The heating system, which was installed in the new contagious wards at Victoria Hospital, has of late been causing much trouble, and it has been found impossible to keep the temperature up as high as is required for sick people. In order to improve matters sixteen new radiators are being placed in the wards.

Superintendent Heard Speaks.

"It is claimed that the required temperature of from 70 to 80 degrees was maintained last winter," Superintendent Heard told The Advertiser this afternoon. "But this year in the wards on the south side of the new buildings it has been impossible to keep the place warm. The wards at the north side and in the centre of the building are all right. We are putting in sixteen new radiators and expect that things will be all right then."

The Advertiser was informed that a patient had been moved three times as the ward in which he was confined was so cold that he could not stand it.

DELUGE IN PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, Dec. 24.—The rivers of Portugal are raging torrents today, following an unprecedented rainfall. The material damage is considerable.

SATOLLI WORSE.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The condition of Cardinal Francis Satolli became suddenly worse today through the complication of blood poisoning, with the nephritis from which he has suffered.

NINE BURNED TO DEATH.

Hillsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—In a fire here early today, nine persons were burned to death. The victims, all foreigners, were a man, his wife, five children and two boarders.

FLOODS IN SPAIN.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—Rainstorms in the province of Salamanca and Leon have caused the most disastrous floods experienced in 50 years. The towns of Burgoic, Valledolid and Bilbao suffered most. Many houses have been swept away.

A Presentation.

Mr. Charles Insell, of Pall Mall street, who is in charge of the young men's class at the Latter Day Saints' Church, was presented with a handsome gold-headed umbrella, bearing his monogram, at the church last evening. A splendid programme was also provided.

Some Fine Pigeons.

Mr. John Moule is showing some very fine pigeons, rabbits and doves at the pet stock exhibition, and has won many prizes for his exhibits, which are greatly admired by all who see them.

HERE'S ANOTHER NAIL IN "DOC" COOK'S COFFIN

Investigating Committee Decides That He Did Not Climb McKinley.

New York, Dec. 24.—The committee of the Explorers' Club, which has been investigating the claim of Dr. Frederick A. Cook that he reached the summit of Mount McKinley, today presented to the board of governors of that club that after exhaustive investigation it failed to find any evidence to support Dr. Cook's claim.

CLEMEN'S DAUGHTER DROWNED IN BATH

Redding, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), was found drowned in a bath tub today in Mr. Clemens' home here.

AD TO CLEMENS . . . . . .

It is believed that Miss Clemens suffered from an attack of epilepsy while in the bath and was drowned while in a convulsion. She had suffered from epilepsy for a number of years. Speaking of his daughter's death, Mr. Clemens said: "My daughter, Jean Clemens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at 7:30 o'clock.

"All the last half of her life she was epileptic, but she grew better latterly. For the past two years we considered her practically well, but she was not allowed to be entirely free. Her maid, who has served us 28 years, was always with her when she went to New York on shopping excursions. At 7:30 o'clock this morning a maid went to her room to see why she did not come down to her breakfast, and found her in the bathtub, drowned. It means that she had a convulsion and could not get out."

DOWN WITH ILLNESS NIGHT BROTHER DIED

Conductor Peter Foley, of the C. P. R., Passed Away Last Night.

Peter Foley, a well-known C. P. R. conductor, died at his home, 533 Princess avenue, last night of pneumonia, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Foley was a brother of the late John Foley, who was recently killed in a railway accident near Copper Cliff. On the night that his brother was killed he came in off his run and was stricken with pneumonia. Mr. Foley was 29 years old, and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Foley, of this city. Besides his parents he is survived by his wife and one daughter Margaret, one brother, William, of Moosejaw, and six sisters, Mrs. Cyrus Jones, Mrs. Thomas Kinsella, Misses Edith and Eva, all of this city; Mrs. Donald McLeod, of Banff, and Mrs. Ayers, of Korona, Sask.

The funeral will be held on Monday morning to St. Mary's Church, and interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

PLEADS GUILTY

Slzybonski Admits Aiding in Rainy River Bank Robbery.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Victor Szymonski in the sessions this morning pleaded guilty of robbery with violence at Rainy River, Ont., in July last. Szymonski was charged with assisting to rob John Templeton, manager of the Rainy River branch of the bank of Nova Scotia, of some $9,050 at the point of a revolver. After entering his plea this morning, the former was remanded by Judge Denton till sentence day.

WARNED AWAY.

Helsingfors, Finland, Dec. 24.—The Russian military authorities are taking great precautions to prevent a possible revolt in Finland.

An official warning has been issued to pilots and the public stating that vessels, or pedestrians on the ice must not approach within 300 yards of the warships or the fortifications at Sveaborg.

The streets of the city are patrolled at night by soldiers and the residences of Russian officials are closely guarded. The warships in the harbor are in constant preparation for the bombardment of the city. The Finns insist that the precautions are quite needless.