

FOUR

THE ST. JOHN STAR is published by THE SUN PRINTING COMPANY, (LTD.) at St. John, New Brunswick, every afternoon (except Sunday) at \$2.00 a year.

TELEPHONES:—
BUSINESS OFFICE, 25.
EDITORIAL and NEWS DEPT., 1127.

ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 27, 1909.

THE CARE OF CHILDREN.

The conference on dependent children which has just been held in Washington is a practical matter with problems of great importance to all who are interested in the condition of the unhappy lot of orphans and otherwise destitute children, or whether it is caused by an appreciation of the value of future citizens to the state.

The idea emphasized in the addresses given, has been the necessity of greater activity on the part of the state in caring for children who are left without proper protection. Due recognition has been given to the admirable work being done by the orphan asylums, children's homes and similar institutions, but the need of precautions to ensure a uniform standard of excellence is also recognized.

The state is vitally interested in all its children. If a child has property, the state appoints a guardian for it but if a child without property that is left, who thinks of having a guardian appointed for it or of having a regular report made to the court as to its condition, its progress and its possibilities is not a child worth more than property.

Some of the existing agencies are charged with lack of system in training the children, in their educational methods and in the records kept. While naturally some are better managed than others there is a lack of uniformity among them in the maintenance of a high standard in all departments. In some states there are public charity boards which inspect orphan homes but a need is felt for better and closer relations between the state and the organizations.

It is maintained that the care of children is a public duty the state should have the power to regulate the methods employed. The suggestion is also made that none but chartered institutions should be granted the privilege of training the future citizens who are in their infancy deprived of the privileges of home life. This provision would give the government the right of inspection and would at least prevent such abuses as were discovered in one "home" where boys were farmed out to factories for night work.

The Intercolonial has suffered during the past year by the general depression, but the loss in business has not been as serious as might have been expected.

Almost every day Ontario provides tragic arguments in support of the proposal to abolish level railway crossings. Two dead and one dangerously injured is yesterday's record.

Chatham is to be congratulated on losing the McLeish cup. It is well rid of a burdensome trophy.

The "tag-day" idea has reached St. John at last. With an energetic committee and thorough organization the Free Kindergarten Association should be able to make February 15th both interesting and profitable.

THE HELOTS.

You on the hearth, your head against my knee,
I in a wicker chair, your hand in mine;
A grateful freight, daring frostily,
Sets the brown redness of your hair as mine.

Your lips creep up to meet my lips
While all the azure velvet of your eyes
At once implores and conquers; and I crown
Your lips with kisses, till our madness dies.

Then silence, fear and silence, lest the gods
That have us both in hate look down and see—
Almost it seems that Jove the jealous, nods
And leaves his poor, unheeded people.

Surely the high gods slumber or forget
The gall the wormwood, and the bitter leaven?
Ah, sweet, your lips again. A moment yet
To which a fleeting happiness from heaven!

IN DEFENCE OF TOBACCO.

Renewed interest in the effect of tobacco smoking on the health has been aroused in England by a jury's verdict at an inquest that death was due to heart failure following excessive smoking. "If excessive smoking alone could cause heart degeneration," writes a correspondent of the London Daily Mail, such cases would be common instead of extremely rare.

The fight with the fly will be a stiff one," said Sir John Ophitt-Drown, in an address to the sanitary congress in Liverpool recently. "One fly in the house is a nuisance, will lay 1,000 eggs, and must on the snowball principle leave 25,000 descendants in a season. It is only by systematic attacks on the breeding places that we can hope to root this multitudinous disease-carrier. Tubercular diseases steadily diminishing throughout Great Britain, and we have good reason to hope they will be altogether abolished in another thirty years."

King Arthur had just invented the Round Table.
"The shape makes no difference," they cried, "the landlady will give the chickens' neck to the man behind his board."
Herewith he perceived the scheme was ineffective.

WOOLLEN MEN AFTER THE TARIFF WITH AN AXE.

Claim That They Can Hardly Make Both Ends Meet With Present Duty.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 26.—Nearly a hundred prominent woolen manufacturers and their representatives from various parts of the country, met in conference in Boston late today to discuss a remedial tariff on wool.

It was claimed that the present wool tariff favored the "wool manufacturers" to such an extent that it was difficult for the straight woolen manufacturers to make both ends meet. It was claimed that while the tariff on short wool which the woolen men have to get from more distant countries, ran as high as 20 and 25 cents. The tariff was declared to be so high on holls that in preference the woolen men had submitted to high prices demanded by the worsted mills for the discarded holls not used in their factories, but even this advantage was being lost owing to the raising of the prices from time to time.

President William Whitney, of the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers, sent a communication suggesting the appointment of a committee from the woolen men to meet the worsted men to work together to secure a straight tariff on wool.

This reference is made simply in order that the public generally may not take too seriously anything they chance to read during the next month or so. It has all been done before.

IF SERBIA FIGHTS SHE FIGHTS ALONE.

What Britain Has Flatly Told the Serbs.

Something Tangible Must be Offered to Avert the Small State From Commencing Hostilities.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Europe is finding much relief from the long political deadlock in Sir Edward Grey's somewhat reassuring speech on Friday. It was followed yesterday by a report that the British representative has assured Serbia flatly that if she fights she will fight alone. This announcement is probably somewhat overdrawn, but there can be no doubt that the strongest pressure is being put upon Serbia and Montenegro by all the great powers to compel them to submit to the new order of things created by Austria's coup. Their situation is so serious, however, in view of what the future portends for them, that something tangible must be offered to avert what the Serb people will consider a life and death struggle. It is this problem that is now occupying the attention of the powers and every effort will be made to induce Austria to still further relax her arrogance in this direction.

MAKE SPECULATION LAWYERS PAY COSTS IN EVENT OF LOSS.

New York Man Has a Bill Against "Ambulance Chasers."

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Receiver Whitridge, of the Third Avenue Railroad system, or damage-lawyer, who makes a living off those who are injured in street car accidents. He wants the lawyers abolished.

To attain his end he has introduced in the Legislature a bill providing that the lawyer for the plaintiff in such damage suits shall pay costs. The bill reads in part: "Where an attorney or attorneys enter into an agreement or a contract with a party having an action against a defendant to recover damages for personal injuries, death as the result of personal injuries, or damages to personal property by reason of negligence, giving such attorney or attorneys a certain interest in the action or judgment or settlement of an action or claim, before judgment, or where such attorney or attorneys enter into an agreement or contract in such an action for a share of such contingent agreement or settlement, or where such attorney or attorneys are or are attorneys of record in such an action, such attorney or attorneys shall be liable for the costs and may be required to file an undertaking as prescribed in Section 1272 of this code."

"In connection with this legislation the receiver has made the following statement of position: "There are thousands of accidents on the surface roads of this city, many of them inevitable because of the traffic conditions and the absence of the regulations which exist in many cities of Europe, compelling pedestrians, except upon their own peril, to cross the streets only at the crossings."

"A class of lawyers has been developed by this circumstance who make it a regular business to seek and promote claims against the railroads upon a contingent basis which runs as high as 50 per cent, and is seldom less than 20 per cent of the amount recovered."

"In my experience of a year I have found that the amount which the lawyer was able to obtain over and above the amount which the client would have obtained in any case never exceeded the amount of the fee. That is to say, the injured person was just as well off without a lawyer as he was with one."

"This may not be true in the case of all railroads, but in the case of the Third Avenue railroad it is the desire of the management to see that every one who has been injured through the fault of the company shall be compensated for that injury, and I avoid litigation wherever I can."

"I believe in every civilized country the rule that a plaintiff who goes into court and is defeated is responsible for costs. In most countries those costs include the expenses to which the defendant has been put by reason of litigation. In this State it includes, however, only certain costs fixed by the Code, which never exceed \$50 or \$100."

ANCIENT TRADE ROUTE TO CHINA.

Fascinating Story of Recent Excavations.

Explorer Travelled 10,000 Miles Through the Wildest and Bleakest Regions of the Earth.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—M. A. Stein, leader of the Indian Government mission to Central Asia, arrived in London on Friday after three years' travel of 10,000 miles through some of the wildest and bleakest regions of the earth. The story of his excavations of the sites of buried civilizations is among the most fascinating of modern records. Discussing his work, the explorer says:—

"As an example of the difficulties encountered, I may mention that in order to explore the region along the long-abandoned ancient trade route to China to the north and of the Taklamakan desert, I kept fifty men more than three weeks working in extreme hardship. The wind was awful, almost beyond description. The thermometer ranged as low as 48 below. Traces of ancient river beds marked by dead trees, which we crossed, often gave striking proof of the desolation which had overtaken the whole region. Finds of implements of the Stone Age, in a region far from any water, fresh or salt, called up pictures of a life like that which might have been lived by the lake dwellers in prehistoric periods."

Perhaps the most fascinating part of the archaeological work in the Spring and Summer of 1907 was in the desert between the salt marshes of Lohon and the Tunpian oasis. There we found for over 300 miles the remains of an ancient frontier wall, which was constructed at the end of the second century by the Chinese to protect the newly-opened trade westward when China was making an effort to extend her power and trade to Western Asia. Near watch towers we found relics left by Chinese post which then garrikked that awful region.

"Documents in wood and bamboo, from about 100 B. C. to 50 A. D., when this defensive line seems to have been definitely abandoned, were excavated in hundreds. We found them within little officers' rooms of the guard houses, or outside in ample rubbish heaps. The distribution, origin, and commissariat arrangements of these frontier forts can exactly be traced in awards, deeds and other records, and in many other curious details of life along this miserable frontier are still recoverable."

From a geographical point of view the evidence supplied of this continuous line of fortifications is of great importance. It is as if the Chinese 2,000 years ago had intentionally traced a standard line right through the desert to establish exactly how to estimate the physical changes of ages."

One of the most profitable finds was in the exploration of what proved to be a treasure cave, which was literally crammed with ancient manuscripts, paintings, and other Buddhist relics.

"These had been deposited, and heretofore actually buried in a side chapel in one of the great Buddhist sacred caves. Here we found the whole of a large temple, library and other relics."

"They had been deserted here towards the 10th century of our ages, evidently to save them from threatened barbarous invasion. They had remained ever since protected against both men and the ravages of the desert. The manuscripts frequently date at the first century of Christ, but owing to the great mass, it was impossible to make a thorough examination of the books, which were done up in bundles, and were preserved as when they were deposited. The number of manuscripts exceeds 4,000, which, so far as can be told, are in about seventy languages. The way this great treasure was recovered is one of romantic interest, and was only due to the exercise of the greatest secrecy."

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—George Slosson of this city, who won the 181 ball line billiard professional championship eleven years ago and lost it two years later, regained the honor to-night by defeating George Sutton, of Chicago, in the Madison Square Garden concert hall. The score was 500 to 228. It was a tedious game lasting over three and a half hours.

FERGUSON & PAGE.

Jewelry, Etc.

41 King St.

Men's Oil Grain Waterproof Bellows Tongue Hand Bottomed Laced Boots.

All sizes.

\$2.50 per Pair

Store closes at 7 p. m.

Francis & Vaughan

19 KING STREET

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

HEAD OFFICE . . . TORONTO

Capital \$10,000,000 Rest \$5,000,000

TRAVELLERS' LETTERS OF CREDIT

These Letters of Credit are issued for the use of Travellers and Tourists, and may be obtained available in every part of the world. They form the most convenient method of providing money when travelling, as the holder can draw whatever sum he requires, when needed, without risk or difficulty.

St. John Branch—Cor. King and Germain Streets.

F. B. FRANCIS, Manager.

Don't be deceived by other labels.

ROBINSON'S BUTTER

MARRIAGES

PHINNEY-VOORHEES—January 21, at Bay Ridge Reformed Church, Brooklyn, by the Rev. J. B. Voorhees, assisted by the Rev. J. Preston Searl, D.D., and the Rev. Frederick P. Young, Florence, daughter of the late Rev. William Brownlee Voorhees, to Frank Douglas Phinney, M.D., of Cincinnati, formerly of Fredrickton.

DEATHS

CAREY.—At Lancaster on the 26th, Edward Carey, in the 56th year of his age, after a lingering illness, leaving his mother, six brothers and one sister, to mourn their sad loss. Funeral from his mother's residence, Thursday morning, at 8.30 o'clock, to the Church of the Assumption for Requiem High Mass.

McAVITY.—On the 27th inst., John McRobbie McAvity, aged 28 years, only son of May and the late James McAvity. Funeral on Friday from 72 High St. Service at 2.30.

Store open till 7 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1909.

FOR A DRESSY SHOE

There is no shoe that compares with the GOLD BOND SHOE FOR GENTLEMEN

It has the perfection of detailed finish so desirable it is made the shape you like or require. It is made the style you seek. It is made the width that fits your foot. You can get it of the leather you think best.

PRICES \$4.00, 4.50, 5.00, and \$6.00

SOLE LOCAL AGENTS.

PERCY J. STEEL, FOOT FURNISHER.

519-521 Main St. SUCCESSOR TO W. M. YOUNG.

SPECIAL—Captain Dreyfus got a new trial so does Carter, asking you to come in and see the bargains for five days only, in the line of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothing, Boots and Shoes, that will satisfy you, style and price. Remember the place, opposite Eastbrook's Tea Factory, 48 Mill St. Everything is guaranteed or money refunded. J. CARTER'S, 48 Mill St. Phone 1804

SAMPLE SALE!

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A COMPLETE LINE OF Travellers' Samples of Fancy Goods, Clocks, Toilet Cases, Gold and Silver Mounted Goods, Albums, Photo Frames, at less than wholesale price. Come today and get choice. Also, a number of pieces slightly damaged, at your own price.

McLEAN'S Department Store

142 MILL STREET Phone 1936-41

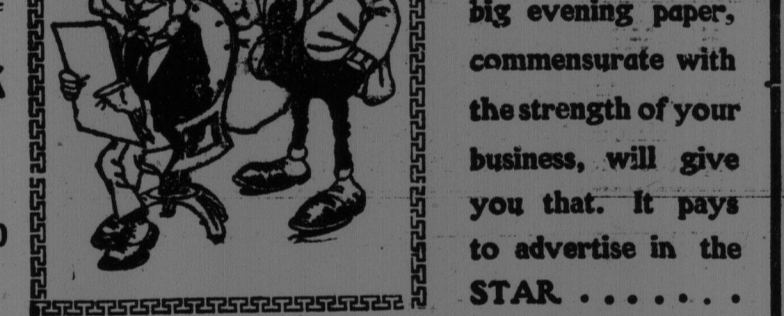
Glover Farm Dairy

124 Queen Street High grade Milk and Cream. Bottled for family trade. Phone 1906. H. M. FLOYD.

Dr. John G. Leonard.

Dentist 15 Charlotte Street, ST. JOHN, N. B.

THE STAR



If you would enjoy the Star-light of business success, a space in St. John's big evening paper, commensurate with the strength of your business, will give you that. It pays to advertise in the STAR

TRY STAR-LIGHT

PRES. FALCONER ON CANADA AND PEACE

(Montreal Herald)

Before a large assembly with a fair sprinkling in the gallery Dr. L. A. Falconer, president of Toronto University, addressed the Canadian Club today on "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure." After opening his address with reference to the horrors of war and its causes—the multiplication of differences—the speaker made reference to the spirit of antagonism which has in recent years been growing between Great Britain and Germany, which he felt sure, was viewed with great regret by all in reading extracts from Sir Edward Grey's speech at the Mayor's banquet he pointed out how the majority of statesmen worked hard for the peaceful course, and that much of the damage done was the result of a terrible and inspired press. The trust systems which consisted not so much in adding to one's country great material possessions as in guiding the ship of state between the treacherous shoals and conflicting currents of peace and prosperity.

Dr. Falconer next took up the question of the problems which the people of this Dominion will soon have to face, tracing the past up suffering of the poorer people in Europe, who seem to be growing poorer as the rich add to their wealth and the nations of the world might assist in elucidating a policy which would save Canada the experiences of the older communities on the continent.

The population of Canada being scattered, with local differences magnified beyond their true value, we could not bind ourselves to the problems which must inevitably come with the increased immigration. If the new-comers settled in the far or middle west we had every reason to congratulate ourselves because the purchasing of land brought with it a sense of responsibility. As it is tending now it would seem that too many of the European peoples get no further than the cities of the seaboard, introducing their own codes of morals and living.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The Southwest Ledge gas and whistling buoy is adrift, and light out; when last reported was some miles north of Brier Island. Search is being made for it and it will be replaced soon as possible.

J. A. LEGERRE, Acting Agent.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The Old Proprietor gas and whistling buoy has been reported adrift or light out. It will be attended to soon as possible.

J. A. LEGERRE, Acting Agent.

WILD BEASTS ARE FOND OF TOBACCO

Expert Tells of Lion Which Liked to Have Cigar Smoke Blown in His Face.

We have all heard of how to tame a lion or tiger by steadily keeping the eye fixed on him. According to an expert trainer a more effective method is a cigar or cigarette," says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "Nearly every wild beast that I have ever come across," said this man, "is fond of tobacco in some shape or form. I made this discovery quite accidentally. One of the visitors who was smoking a cigar pulled some of the smoke into the lion's face as he lay asleep in the cage. "I expected to see a real riot, but instead of that, the lion, after giving a couple of sneezes, moved quietly up to the bars and rubbed his nose sniffing, as if asking for a second dose. I have tried the experiment on all sorts of wild animals since, and I have found that most of them enjoy thoroughly a big snit of tobacco. "We had a bear here once that used to rub his nose and back up against the bars of his cage, just like a cat asking to be stroked, whenever anyone smoking a cigar came near him. Antelopes and wild goats aren't satisfied with the mere whiff. If you give them a cigar or a cigarette, they will swallow it eagerly and, what is more, seem to suffer no bad effects from their meal. The Servant—You got cheated when you bought that shiny Van's mumm. The Mistress—How cheap? The Servant—Viv, it's weak. It busted all to smash the first time I dropped it. "An Oklahoma man killed his brother for swearing. That particular offence was overlooked by the Oklahoma constitution, so the man felt that he had to attend to it himself.