

HON. A. G. BLAIR
FOR CHAIRMAN
Has Been Appointed to the
Railway Commission.
SIR R. CARTWRIGHT'S HEALTH
He May Retire From Politics—Iron
Manufacturers Want More
Protection

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. A. G. Blair has resigned his position as member for St. John and his appointment as chairman of the railway commission will shortly be officially announced. Who his successor will be is not yet known. Mr. Blair leaves for New York today to collect information in connection with the proposed Canadian Pacific railway. He is expected to return on Wednesday, Jan. 6, to nominate a candidate to contest the riding at the next general election.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The Liberal party should be united on the strongest candidate that can be selected. It is advocated the nomination of Mr. W. A. Dwyer, K. C. The Ottawa correspondent was unable last night to secure any information as to Sir Richard's intentions. It is said in Kingston that Hon. William Harty wishes to retire from the representation of Kingston in the Commons, and there is a very general desire in the city in that event to offer the nomination to Sir Richard, long Kingston's most distinguished citizen.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 29.—In view of Mr. Blair's retirement from political life, speculation has begun as to the Liberal nomination for the Commons at the coming elections. The names of Hon. H. A. McKewen, Col. Tucker, Mr. C. H. H. McLean, and Richard O'Brien are talked of by the Liberals, and it is likely two of the above will be selected when a convention is called.

Messrs. J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, P. P. Jones and William McMaster, manager of the Montreal Rolling Mills, had an interview with the Minister of Finance today in regard to a revision of the tariff that will enable them to compete with iron and steel products from the United States. It is claimed that the American iron masters are selling steel billets, steel rails and other products in Canada at prices that are from 20 to 25 per cent below the rates exacted in the domestic market. The consequence of this, according to the Canadian manufacturers, is that American steel billets are now being offered as low as \$20 per ton in Canada, whereas a year ago or less Canadian manufacturers were making a profit of getting all the way from \$24 to \$26 per ton for pig iron. In American steel rails the same applies, for today rails from the United States are being offered anywhere from \$4 to \$5 per ton cheaper than they can be bought for in the country on the other side of the line.

At the Governor's levee at noon on New Year's Day, Col. Pinaut and Mr. P. H. Hebert will be conferred with by the Minister of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The insignia of the order will be given to the King at New Year's, but they will be given either on his majesty's birthday, Nov. 8, or on the day on which the popular celebration of the King's birthday takes place in England.

Senator Forget Resigns.
Montreal, Dec. 29.—Senator Forget has sent in his resignation as vice-president of the Dominion Coal Company. It is understood he will be succeeded as vice-president by W. W. Wanklyn, who was recently appointed to the board.

'Life Dowie's Latest Stunt; Excommunicates Minister
Delivers the Reverend Gentleman's Body Unto Satan to Destroy the Flesh.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special from Chicago to the New York World today says: The Rev. Stephen Merritt, one of the trustees of the John Street Methodist Church, has been excommunicated by John Alexander Dowie because of an attack on Dowie in the New York Christian Advocate. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of that journal, sought to disprove the claims which Dowie made to conversions in New York, and quoted a letter from Mr. Merritt, in which the latter disavowed all allegiance to the restorer. When Dowie saw the article he called his cabinet to a council in Zion City and then it was that Merritt was formally excommunicated.

The editor, as officially published, is, in part, as follows:

"In the name of the Most High God, I deliver James B. Buckley and Stephen Merritt into the hands of the devil, the destroyer of the flesh, that their spirits may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

"May it be that their bodies perish they shall truly repent and be saved."

"If they will not repent all men and angels will say their damnation is just."

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 29.—John Alexander Dowie, "Bible Restorer," is coming to Windsor and Windsor next week, according to information received from official sources by members of the Flying Roll Colony here today. The purpose of Dowie in coming to Windsor is no less than to make this city the Canadian capital, and headquarters, "the Zion of the Dominion," according to the report. The purpose of Dowie is to leave for Australia is not affected by this trip to Windsor, for the members of the

'Twas Drama, BUT OFF THE STAGE
Former British Army Officer in Domestic Mix-Up.

There Were Pistol Shots and a Hurried Escape—London Highly Amused.

London, Dec. 29.—A piece of pure melodrama in real life is occupying the attention of the metropolitan police. It concerns a former officer in the army who has had differences with his wife. The woman, who now lives apart from her husband in a Westminster flat, recently brought proceedings against him in the police court.

Some little time ago she received a letter purporting to come from a Lincoln's Inn solicitor's firm, asking for an appointment to discuss questions between the woman and her husband. She wrote fixing a date.

On the day of the appointment there called at Mr. Clarkson's, the theatrical wigmaker, a singular customer. It was the woman's husband. He wished to be made up as a typical family solicitor. He shaved off his mustache, put on an iron gray wig and gold spectacles, and dressed himself in a frock coat, black tie, and old-fashioned collar. Then, armed with a black bag, he sallied forth—the ideal of the responsible legal mind.

This pretended solicitor drove to the woman's flat, where she had invited her legal adviser, a personal friend, and her maid to assist at the conference. A discussion arose, and the stage solicitor began to talk about some compromising letters. "What are you going to do about them? What are they worth?" he asked excitedly.

The woman then recognized her husband's voice. Finding himself discovered, he immediately drew a large revolver and fired at his wife's legal adviser, grazing his hand. A terrible struggle ensued, the weapon being ultimately wrested from the husband's hand. He rushed, hatless, into the street.

ANOTHER WRECK OF FAST TRAIN
A Flyer On the Pennsylvania Road Crashes Into a Freight.

Port Wayne, Ind., Dec. 29.—Limited train No. 5, westbound on the Pennsylvania Railway, was wrecked about 6 o'clock this morning in a rear-end collision with a freight train near Larwell, west of here. Fireman Stafford and Baggageman Rainsford are missing and Engineer Herbert, of the limited is pinned in the wreckage of his engine terribly injured. A number of passengers are reported injured. A special train with surgeons has gone to the scene of the wreck.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—General officers of the Pennsylvania lines west say no passengers were injured in the wreck of the westbound limited, near Port Wayne. The barber was the only one hurt, and his injuries are not serious. Baggageman Rainsford was killed and Fireman Stafford and Engineer Herbert were badly injured.

MRS. ROGERS TO HANG
Accomplice in Murder of Husband Given Life Sentence.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mary A. Rogers, convicted of the murder of her husband, Marcus H. Rogers, was sentenced today to be hanged, the first Friday in February.

Leon Perham, the self-confessed accomplice of Mrs. Rogers, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

GUARDED THEIR MONEY
Chicago Merchants Feared Holidays—Banks Closed for Three Days.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—With all the banks in Chicago closed on Christmas, Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of business men and shopkeepers found themselves Saturday night in the position of having too much money on hand. Some sat up with it.

Big sales Thursday night and the after Christmas bargain sales had swelled their cash receipts to bulging proportions, and many of them, with no places of deposit open, were obliged to guard an unusual sum in their homes. One merchant, who was protesting against the closing of the banks all day, said he had \$4,000 in his possession.

On Thursday night the bank officials set the time locks on the safes for Monday morning, and it became impossible to open them sooner. In cases where deposits were received, they were placed in the vaults.

A Carpet of Cash.
Chardon, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Harry Shupe, who left here last summer to claim a legacy, has returned. Today the clerk at the Park Hotel entered Shupe's room and found he had carpeted it with \$20, \$50, \$100 and \$1,000 bills and was walking over them.

Shupe said he had fallen heir to \$80,000, but would give no information as to the source of his fortune.

MISSION BAND WAS WIPED OUT
American Missionary and 19 Followers Massacred.

BY TRIBESMEN OF LIBERIA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—United States Minister Lyon had reported to the American state department from Monrovia, Liberia, the details of the massacre in an African forest of a white missionary named John G. Tate, with all of his following, 18 in number. The first death account had just come to hand in an affidavit by Mrs. Mary L. Allen, a white missionary in 1901. She had the story from some of the native Doo tribesmen. Tate had a large mission and farm, and maintained a school, and altogether nineteen people were in the mission when it was surrounded in the night by the Doo. All were murdered and their heads taken as trophies.

Minister Lyon has communicated with the Liberian secretary of state with a view to securing fuller information and perhaps the punishment of the Doo.

PICTURES RECALL SCENES
Views and a Play the Features of Golden Wedding.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—A stereopticon and a playlet reproducing scenes of events in their lives prepared by their children and grandchildren, were features yesterday afternoon of the golden wedding celebration of Rabbi and Mrs. Morris J. Rosenthal at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. A. I. Radzinski, 4827 Vincennes avenue.

Among the views shown was one of the synagogue in Hamburg, in which they were married 50 years ago. The little play was written by Eva Radzinski, and the scene was laid in the schoolroom in which Dr. Rosenthal taught in 1852, when he first became acquainted with the woman, now his wife, and then his pupil.

SIX SHOCKS TO KILL MURDERER
One of the Attendant Physicians Swoons During the Electrocutation.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Contrary to all predictions, Frank White, the colored murderer, walked to the chair without making any demonstration this morning, and at 6:30 o'clock was officially pronounced dead. This was not until six separate contacts of 1,740 volts, 7 1/2 amperes, had been administered. One of the attendant physicians, who were prepared for any emergency, the only unusual feature of the electrocution was the fact that the condemned man, of Buffalo, who was carried from the room limp and unconscious. White entered the death chamber surrounded by keepers, who were prepared for any emergency. He was unattended by any clergyman, although the chaplain was with him during his last hours in his cell.

He kept his watchers in great suspense during his last days in the condemned cell, by his violent attempts to sham insanity. He ran amuck in the narrow confines of his cell on the day before Christmas, smashing everything breakable, and was only subdued after the prison hose had been turned on him for a quarter of an hour.

White was the nineteenth victim of the chair at Auburn.

Kishineff Is Restless.
New York, Dec. 29.—The latest news from Kishineff, says a Times dispatch that the Russian population of the Russian population as sullen and the Jews as apprehensive of further disorder.

Death of J. N. Allen.
Hartford, Conn., Dec. 29.—Jeremiah M. Allen, president of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, died today. Mr. Allen was widely known in insurance circles, and was a member of various scientific and historical societies. For years he has been a lecturer in insurance topics at Sibley College, Cornell University.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Very Cold.

Sun rises, 7:50 a.m. Moon rises, 1:31 p.m. Sun sets, 4:48 p.m. Moon sets, 12:31 a.m.

The weather continues comparatively mild in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. Temperatures much below zero have been reported in both.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2 below—2; Victoria, 40—44; Kamloops, 28—32; Calgary, 16—20; Winnipeg, 10 below—16; Port Huron, 30 below—2; Toronto, 10 below—14; Montreal, 14 below—8 below; Quebec, 12 below—4 below; Halifax, 10—2.

Today—Strong winds, becoming northwesterly; mild; with light snowfalls.

Wednesday—Strong northwesterly winds; fair and very cold again.

Temperatures:

Stations.	5 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	10	10	12	Fair
Winnipeg	10	10	12	Fair
Port Huron	30	30	32	Snow
Toronto	20	20	22	Fair
Ottawa	20	20	22	Fair
Montreal	14	14	16	Cloudy
Quebec	12	12	14	Fair
Halifax	10	10	12	Cloudy

RUSSIA DECINES
JAPAN'S REQUEST

War Trembles in the Balance in the Far East.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—A special cable from London to the New York Herald today says: Mr. Bennett Burleigh in a cable message to the Daily Telegraph, from Tokyo, says: "War trembles in the balance, if it has not already tilted the scale, for report affirms that Russia on Saturday answered, declining Japan's request." Diplomatic circles here are of the opinion that the Chinese imperial authorities are on the alert and will attack Russia. Their best generals are eager to engage the enemy in Manchuria, but the real key to the seriousness of the situation is in the question, will they further terrible outbreaks against foreigners in China? Or in the equally dangerous problem, what steps will Germany and France take if disturbances break out? Great Britain and America should be prepared also to see that if Japan wages a successful war she is not prevented from reaping the fruits of victory.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—An emergency ordinance, promulgated late last night, invests the government with practically unlimited credit for the purposes of military defense.

Three other ordinances were issued, relating, first, to the Seoul-Fusan railway, which is brought closer under official control, second, to the revision of the organization of the imperial military headquarters in war time; third, to the creation of a war council in war time.

These ordinances it is considered, completely provide for all emergencies.

Moscow, Dec. 29.—Twelve batteries of the four grenadier brigades of field artillery stationed in and around Moscow have been selected for service in the Far East. Their early departure is expected, which will place 108 field guns at the disposal of the Japanese. It is said here that all the volunteers living at their homes, who, as a rule, are high schools, are privileged to serve only a year with the colors, have been ordered into battalions eastward having been reported.

London, Dec. 29.—Russia continues busy with the Russo-Japanese crisis. The latest reports credit Japan with insisting that Russia should reply to the last note of the rapid approach of Russian reinforcements to the scene of action. Inquiry into the best informed Japanese quarters, however, fails to find support for this statement.

Baron Hsiao, the Japanese minister, paid a long visit to the foreign office today. When seen afterwards he said he had no further information.

Moscow papers print a report that the Japanese ministerial council has decided to transfer \$25,000,000 from the educational fund for emergency purposes.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent says that after the meeting of the ministerial council the Emperor retained the council for luncheon. The cabinet then held sitting, which was prolonged until late at night.

The correspondent says that the finance minister on Sunday entertained the leading bankers at dinner for the purpose of discussing with them the best means of meeting the emergency.

Continuing, the correspondent says: "The Japanese government have already taken over control of the Seoul-Fusan Railway. The president of the railway has been dismissed and been replaced by Mr. Furuchi, chief of the Japanese railway board. The Japanese fleet has been organized and disposed in division, the entire force of the Japanese navy is ready for action."

The Daily Mail's Pekin correspondent sends an uncorroborated report in the event of war China will join forces with Japan, and that Japan will send an army corps to Pekin.

London, Dec. 29.—An admiralty order issued at Portsmouth requires the officers and men of the British naval reserve to notify the authorities of the addresses where telegrams can be sent in case of emergency should they be required for sea service. The order is generally connected with the rumors that the fleet in the Far East is to be strengthened, concerning which, however, the authorities profess ignorance.

Japan is negotiating for the purchase of Argentine warships. The Japanese government has now building at Genoa, Italy; but up to this afternoon the Japanese legation has not heard of the completion of their purchases. According to the Daily Chronicle, the Japanese government outbid the Russian government, and actually purchased the warships Moreno and Riva Davia, both of which are now nearing completion at Genoa.

STRUCK BY TRAIN
The Painful Predicament of Iroquois Teamster.

Iroquois, Ont., Dec. 29.—Thomas Morin, a teamster, was found on the high school grounds this morning in an exhausted condition, and with a leg broken and otherwise injured. He had been struck by a passing train, and thrown into the ditch, where he had lain for some time in a semi-conscious condition, and then crawled along the snow without a hundred yards before being found.

As the thermometer was well below zero at the time, it is a wonder how he escaped being frozen.

FAST IN THE ICE
Car Ferries at Detroit Have Rough Experience.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 29.—The railway car ferries had the first rough experience of the season with the ice in the Detroit River yesterday and on Sunday night.

In many instances it took several hours to make the trip, and the car-borne Huron was fast in the ice nearly half a day before being released. In many places the ice had piled up in heavy windrows and the sidewheel ferries had hard work forcing a passage through. The timetables were disarranged seriously and but few trains, the cars of which were ferried over the river, left either side on a scheduled time.

HUMAN HEADS AS CHARMS
Charges of Witchery and Superstition in California Murders.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 29.—One of the most savage murders ever perpetrated in California has been traced to a party of Porto Ricans, the chief of whom is said to have killed an Indian and Chinese to secure their heads as charms against ill-luck. Miguel Antonio, the leader, was arrested here yesterday on a confession of his woman accomplice, Trinidad Figueroa. She told how he had waylaid a Chinese peddler and cut the man's throat with a razor, afterwards burying the body. Antonio was arrested here and the woman was held. Now two other Porto Rican women are in jail at the Needles. They gave the police a clew which resulted in finding a human head in Trinidad's trunk, and they say it was cut from the body of the Indian whom Antonio murdered in Nevada. Antonio declares the women were the real head hunters, as they used the skulls in witch incantations. He ascribes their confessions to the fact that he failed to secure the skull of the Chinese.

A SENSATION IN COTTON TRADE
King Sully Springs a Bold Plan On Wall Street.

Proposes to Spend \$250,000 in Advertising to Influence the American People.

New York, Dec. 29.—Daniel J. Sully, the cotton king, who has made \$10,000,000 in the great campaign in cotton futures, which yesterday put the price of this commodity up to 14 cents, the highest in 25 years, is going to accept the high price of cotton in this country and Europe, and throw many thousands of men and women out of employment, by raising a fund of \$250,000 among the cotton spinners of the United States "to influence" the American press and the American people to accept the high price of one of their greatest commodities as the inevitable result of conditions created by physical necessities, and that no speculative manipulation, says a morning paper, Mr. Sully has himself subscribed \$10,000 to the fund. A letter and circular he solicits liberal subscriptions to the fund, which is designed to be conducted during the year 1904, through four specific channels, as follows: First, Semi-advertising, "write-ups," in magazines of large circulation; second, a fund of interviews and timely and pertinent information. Third, Co-operative advertising through the local dealer to his customers. Fourth, Direct argument on the dealer.

In his estimates, Mr. Sully declares that similar funds have heretofore been raised to influence public opinion in great questions. He cites the enormous fund raised for the Bryan campaign for the coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. He also asserts that there was a campaign to influence the public mind in financial circles as one of the boldest plans ever adopted by a great speculator with a view of making successful a manipulative campaign in one of the staple articles of commerce.

AN OTTAWA MAN MAKES RICH FIND
New Alaskan Gold Strike Goes Three Dollars to the Pan—Mild Weather Prevails.

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 29.—The weather has been singularly mild for the past month. The thermometer has been as low as 13 below zero only once during the past week, and ranges from zero to two above, with no wind.

It is stated that an enormously rich strike has been made by Louis Cardinal, of Ottawa, and others, about ten miles across the border in Alaska. Cardinal starts tomorrow with a ten-thousand-dollar outfit to work the new strike, which is at the headwaters of the White River.

The new find goes from 80 cents to \$3 per pan.

A stampedie is expected. Cardinal worked for the Canadian government in Alaska and the Yukon. He believes it will prove an enormously rich district.

Life Imprisonment For Dog
Sentence of a U. S. Court

Agreed To Be Killed.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 29.—Frank Rose walked into the police station at noon today and asked to be arrested, declaring that he had murdered his wife. Investigation proved that on Christmas Day Rose had shot his wife behind the right ear. The body was within a block of the court-house.

If Rose's story is true, his wife confessed that she had been true to him. When he told her that death must be her punishment she agreed.

3 REVOLUTIONS AT ONCE
U. S. Warships Are Hurrying to Santo Domingo.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—With three revolutions raging on the island, the forces of Jimenez within four hours of San Domingo City and excitement prevailing, United States Minister Powell thinks the situation demands the presence of an additional warship, and in a cablegram, dated yesterday, appeals to the American state department for aid. In anticipation of the crisis which appears to have arrived, the state department has already taken steps to send another warship to San Domingo, and at its request, Secretary of the United States Navy Moody yesterday cabled Rear Admiral Lambert, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, now at Trinidad, to dispatch one of his vessels to San Domingo, at full speed to assist the gunboat Newport in protecting American and other interests.

NEW CATHEDRAL OF WESTMINSTER
Archbishop Bourne Enthroned in New Edifice of Roman Catholic Church.

London, Dec. 29.—The Most Rev. Francis Bourne, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, was enthroned in the new cathedral of Westminster this morning with impressive ceremony. The cathedral is the first Roman Catholic cathedral that has stood in the metropolitan area of England since the reformation. It is situated half a mile west of Westminster Abbey and is a magnificent structure, of the Byzantine style, with a great canopy of red brick, decorated with gold and stone three hundred feet high, and crowned with a metal-covered dome, surmounted by a double cross.

The expenditure on the entire edifice up to the end of October was just over a million dollars.

Poor Carlo, Though Ably Defended, Was Convicted of Sheep Slaughter.

Buffalo, Dec. 29.—On the afternoon of Dec. 12 the entire population of Oak Orchard crowded the office of Justice W. H. Bentley to witness the trial for murder of Carlo, an 8-months-old St. Bernard dog owned by James Spaulding. His victims numbered thirteen, being the entire herd of sheep owned by Frederick Boger. Although Carlo is only a dog he received all the legal rights due an American citizen, and he was defended by Frederick Hower, one of the ablest lawyers of that vicinity. The case was prosecuted by Attorney J. C. Banstone, another leading legal light.

The defense attempted to prove an alibi. Fred Archilles swore that he had seen Carlo on the stoop of Mr. Spaulding's residence during the afternoon of Dec. 19, when the alleged murder occurred. Alexander McClellan testified that the dog was in the yard when the alleged commission of the crime and had then gone to his master's home. James Spaulding testified as to the loss of the sheep. The prosecution Harry Bunn swore that he had seen Carlo murdering the sheep, and that the dog had been seen by him crossing the lot toward the herd of sheep. Carlo was put on the stand in his own behalf, and after being sworn solemnly against the cross questions of his examiner, he broke down and moaned bitterly.

"Life imprisonment in Oak Orchard Penitentiary," was Justice Bentley's sentence upon hearing the lurid verdict of "Sheep slaughter in the first degree."

The trial consumed three hours, and required ten minutes for the jury to agree on the verdict. The costs of \$7 were saddled upon Mr. Spaulding, the owner.

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A Drop in Oil.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Standard Oil Company made a reduction of 5 cents a barrel in the price of high-grade petroleum today and also made a cut of 2 cents in the inferior grades.