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Experience Should Teach You.

Experience should teach you not to delay your Christmas shopping. You will find us prepared in all lines and the sooner you buy, the larger selection you will get and avoid the rush of the last few days. Here are some special items for Tuesday selling which should be of interest to Christmas shoppers.

Dress Goods Special.

48 in. wide, heavy twill costume cloth, in good medium shades, a good present to give for a warm serviceable dress or skirt, regular price 35c a yard, on sale Tuesday for 25c.

Lace Curtain Special.

A splendid showing of elegant designs, 3 yds and 3 1/2 yds long, in Nottingham Lace Curtains, a very special purchase, and much above regular value, on sale special at a pair \$1.00.

Velveteen Special.

New corded velveteens, a very correct and acceptable gift for waist, dresses, and children's coats, in shades of sky, pink, old rose and russet, regular price 45c a yd, on sale Tuesday special at 25c.

For Little Gifts.

Box of 100 hair pins for 4c.
Bone hair pins at 2 for 5c.
Handsome belt buckle at 25c.
Neat and stylish belt at 25c.
Cute of toilet pins for 10c.
12 pieces of soap in bunch, 10c.

THOS. STONE & SON.



Not too Soon to Make Your Selection..

Much of our Fancy Chinas and other choice and useful goods are now in place. Dolls, Toys, Games, Books and everything in Christmas goods are now being put in place as fast as willing hands can do so.

We want to keep our promise, to be in full swing next week for THE RUSH. The sooner you come to make your selections, the better we can serve you. A deposit on goods will secure them for you, and have them put away if you do not wish them delivered now.

Our Stoves and Ranges

Are nicely arranged in the rear, with willing help to show them.

Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets and Lamps are on Second Flat, where you will see the largest and best selected stock in the city at lowest prices. COME EARLY PLEASE.

H. MACAULAY.

MY VALET.

will open his place of business, Room 2, McCall Block, on

Monday, December 7.

CONGO ATROCITIES.

THE STORIES CONFIRMED BY A BRITISH CONSUL.

Horrible Outrages Are Being Perpetrated, and Slavery and Barbarism Exist in Revolting Forms.

London, Dec. 7.—Roger Casement, British Consul in the Congo State has just completed a tour of investigation, undertaken under the orders of the British Government, and he fully confirms the worst reports of outrages perpetrated on natives of that part of Africa. Mr. Casement's tour was to have lasted six months, but after the scenes he witnessed and the information he obtained in the first two months the Consul decided that further evidence was unnecessary. The report which Mr. Casement is now preparing for the Foreign Office will show that the most horrible outrages are still being perpetrated under the "rubber regime," and that slavery and barbarism in their most revolting forms still exist. The Casement party travelled over a thousand miles from the coast, along the Congo and its tributaries, visiting the Abir and Lulonga rubber zones. Pending the delivery of the report to the Foreign Office, the investigators refuse to furnish any details, but a member of the mission summed up the situation by saying:—

"The most terrible slavery exists, the administration is atrocious, and it is not speedy intervention it will be too late."

BUFFALO BANDITS.

A Gang of Six Robbed Postal Telegraph Co's Office.

Buffalo, Dec. 7.—Saturday six young men, armed with revolvers and razors, entered the main office of the Postal Telegraph Company and a branch office of the Western Union Company, and at the points of revolvers demanded that the clerks keep quiet on penalty of death. At the first named office they secured about \$100 worth of clothing, but made no effort to secure the money in the cash drawer. At the Western Union office the night operator beat them off with a policeman's club after they had demanded the cash in the drawer. They then made their escape.

FIELD AND SIEGE GUNS.

Sir Frederick Borden's Mission to England.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The visit of Sir Frederick Borden to England is for a double purpose. Not only, as already stated, will the Minister of Militia confer with the War Office in regard to the provisions of the militia bill under which it is proposed to appoint a Canadian officer to command the Canadian militia, but Sir Frederick will also purchase field artillery and siege Maxim guns. Of field artillery there will probably be ten or a dozen batteries. As to Maxims, enough will likely be bought to enable a Maxim company to be formed in connection with every city corps. At present the number of Maxim guns in the country would not exceed fifteen. Doubtless the Minister would prefer to make his purchases through the War Office, but if that institution cannot guarantee the delivery of the guns within reasonable time the artillery will be got outside. Canada wants none but the best, and in order to insure that the guns shall be up to requirements Lieut.-Colonel Rutherford, Assistant Adjutant-General of Artillery, is accompanying the Minister.

GAY QUEEN'S STUDENTS.

Lively Mix-up With the Police at Kingston.

Kingston, Dec. 7.—The Alma Mater Society elections at Queen's Saturday aroused much excitement. The elections were a victory for science and medicine, which combined. L. L. Bolton (science) got the Presidency; W. H. Lavell (medicine), First Vice-Presidency; Second and Third Vice-Presidents: J. D. Calvin (arts), Cutie W. A. Kennedy (arts); Secretary, N. McLeod (arts); Assistant Secretary, F. Lavell (science); Treasurer, A. E. Mahood (medicine); Committee, W. R. Patterson (medicine), G. A. Platt (arts), D. W. Houston (science), C. At Watson (arts). The students indulged in a rush on the crowded streets, and an exciting time followed. Police officers tried to stop the contest of 500 yelling students on the run and the conflict went against the officers, who lost their batons and one is minus a cap. Several students were injured.

Provincial Appointments.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The following Provincial appointments are gazetted: Dr. C. McL. Lang, Owen Sound; and Dr. T. E. Bennett, Meaford, associate coroners in the county of Grey; E. F. Flincoe, Watertown; G. F. Kelleher, Galt; Edward Proulx, Plantagenet; and J. A. Cockburn, Cryslar, county of Stormont, to be notaries public; David Robertson, Warkworth, clerk of Ninth Division Court of Northumberland county, in place of the late R. P. Hurlbut; and Hugh A. McLean, Underwood, clerk of the Sixth Division Court of Bruce county.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT TILBURY IN WHICH BANKER SUICIDES

F. R. McNaughton, Formerly of this City, Fatally Shoots Himself—No Cause Assigned but Unfortunate Man had been Acting Strangely and was Probably Melancholy—Dr. Bray Holding Inquest.

(From The Planet Correspondent.)

Tilbury, Dec. 7.—A shocking suicide occurred here yesterday afternoon, in the Merchants' Bank, about 4 o'clock, when F. R. McNaughton, manager of the bank, deliberately shot himself through the heart, killing himself instantly.

Teller MacDougall was in his room over the bank, when he heard the shot, and hurried down at once, forcing an entrance at one of the side windows, as the door was locked.

There he found Mr. McNaughton lying on the floor, and the revolver at his side.

Drs. Sharp and Milligan were at once summoned, but life was extinct when they arrived.

A note from him to Mr. MacDougall was found lying on the table, giving his combination number, and his mother's address in Qu. be, but as "giving no cause for his rash act."

A jury was empanelled to view the remains before they were removed to the undertaking establishment of H. Beutler, where Coroner Bray, of Chatham, will hold an inquest this morning.

Deceased came here from Gananoque about three weeks ago, to supply for Manager Spencer, who was taking his vacation, and then, owing to the resignation of Mr. Spencer, had been stationed here permanently as manager.

Mr. McNaughton's parents live in the city of Quebec. He was boarding at the International Hotel, and yesterday asked the proprietor to make out his bill, as he intended going away. Mr. MacDougall, teller of the Merchants' Bank, was reading in his room just above the bank, when the shot

was fired.

Mr. McNaughton had just come in from a walk. He went direct to the bank and wrote a note to Mr. MacDougall, giving him his father's address, and also the combination of the safe, and stated that he had shot himself and was perfectly sane.

No cause for the act is known yet. Nearly every night he would go to the bank and walk up and down from about 10:30 until twelve o'clock, as though he had something on his mind.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DESPATCH.

Tilbury, Dec. 7.—E. B. McNaughton, Manager of the Merchants' Bank, Tilbury, shot himself through the heart yesterday afternoon. He went into the bank about 4 o'clock, and a few minutes later C. H. MacDougall, the teller, who occupied rooms overhead, heard a shot and hurrying downstairs found the Manager dead on the floor of the office.

The unfortunate man had shot himself through the heart with a revolver, and everything indicates that it was a deliberate suicide. He left a note, giving the safe combination and the address of his parents in Quebec city. He also in the note told Mr. MacDougall to notify Chatham at once so that help would be sent by Monday to run the bank.

Dr. Sharp and Dr. Milligan were promptly summoned, and the former at once notified Coroner Bray of Chatham, who telephoned out to empanel a jury and have them view the remains, and to meet him to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Deceased, who was about 35 years of age, and unmarried, arrived here about three weeks ago from Gananoque, and this was his first experience as Manager. He had not been in good health for some days and appeared to be suffering from melancholia.

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, in the auditorium over the Standard Bank. A full attendance is especially requested.

HIGH COURT

The non-jury sittings of the High Court and the December sittings of the County Court both open this week. As the dates of the two Courts conflict, the non-jury sittings of the High Court will be held in the County Council Chamber, Harrison Hall. Chief Justice Falconbridge will preside. Judge Bell will use the Court House for the County Court sittings as there will be a jury needed in connection with his sittings.

Cases entered for trial at Autumn sittings of the High Court of Justice (non-jury) for the County of Kent, before the Hon. The Chief Justice Falconbridge: Rutherford vs. Shreeve, F. Stone for plaintiff, J. B. O'Flynn contra. Martin vs. Martin et al, Houston & Co. for plaintiff, J. G. Kerr and Lewis & Co. contra. Green vs. Marr et al, W. A. F. Campbell for plaintiff, W. Mills contra. Ward vs. Lowthian et al, W. A. F. Campbell for plaintiff, W. Mills contra. Currie vs. Camden, Cowan & Co. for plaintiff, G. E. Weir contra. McDonald vs. Park, Rowel for plaintiff, J. G. Kerr contra. Simpson vs. Simpson, Wilson & Co. for plaintiff, J. G. Kerr contra. Clark vs. Clark, Wilson & Co. for plaintiff, J. A. Walker contra. McRobb vs. Township of Chatham, G. A. Sayer for plaintiff, J. S. Fraser contra. Elmington vs. Courts, Lewis & Co. for plaintiff, J. B. Rankin contra. Cases entered for trial at Kent County Court, December sittings, before His Honor Judge Bell: Stark et al vs. Martin et al, R. L. Gossell for plaintiff, J. Reeve and W. J. Martin contra. Taylor vs. Taylor, Rankin for plaintiff, Lewis & Co. contra. Mason & Resch vs. Thompson, Lewis & Co. for plaintiff, Wilson & Co. contra. Walter vs. Dolsen, Lewis & Co. for plaintiff, Wilson & Co. contra. Schmidt vs. Crow, Wilson & Co. for plaintiff, Lewis & Co. contra. Smyth vs. Logan, Wilson & Co. for plaintiff, Rankin contra. The criminal cases entered for trial are Rex vs. Leitch, aggravated assault; Rex vs. Western, incest, and Rex vs. Duddy, theft.

NON-COMMS. TO-NIGHT

The last meeting of the Non-Comms. of the 24th Regiment, for 1903, will be held in the Mess Rooms, Merchants' Bank building, this evening at 8 o'clock. All the Non-Comms. are requested to be present in uniform. The subject of the resignation from the mess of Sergeant-Major George E. Embrey will be dealt with and the year will be closed in right royal style as only the members of the mess can do it.

DEATH OF MR. J. F. QUINN.

A Well-known Montreal Politician—Represented St. Ann's.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Mr. J. F. Quinn, ex-M.P. for St. Ann's division of Montreal, died, aged 52 years, after a long illness. He was defeated at the last general elections by Mr. Daniel Galt. Liberal. Mr. Quinn was one of the best-known Irishmen in this part of the Dominion. He was a native of Kingston and was first returned to the Commons in 1896, when he defeated Mr. James McShane.

ELECTIONS COMING SOON.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine Gives a Hint at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, returned yesterday from trip of inspection to Prince Edward Island, and left later for Ottawa. In the course of an interview he said that the call for a general election would almost certainly come within six months. When asked if it would not be found inconvenient to carry on a winter campaign in some quarters, he replied that it might, but he was afraid it would have to be faced just the same, and that those who had to take part would get used to it.

VAN HORNE'S PLAN.

Reported Intention to Run C.P.R. Line of Steamers to Havana.

It is reported that Sir William Van Horne, the Canadian railroad magnate, is arranging to place five steamships of the Canadian Pacific Railway system on the new Atlantic seaboard service. They will connect Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola and Havana with Halifax. From Halifax the system will connect with Vancouver by rail, and thence by steamer to China. The steamers will fly the British flag. The move is to counteract the Southern Pacific's efforts to capture the export and import passenger trade of Cuba.

A HAMILTON SHOOTING.

FRANK JOHNSON TRIES TO KILL TWO MEN.

A Colored Barber Accuses His Assistant of Robbery and Puts a Bullet in His Neck—Wounds Himself in the Head.

Hamilton, Dec. 7.—Frank Johnson, a colored barber, 124 John street south, wound up a spree on Saturday night by a shooting escapade that narrowly missed resulting in a tragedy. Nathaniel Moore, another colored citizen, who was employed in Johnson's shop, was at work late when Johnson entered the place and accused Moore of cheating him out of some of the money taken in that day. He thereupon drew a revolver and opened fire on his employee, a bullet taking effect in Moore's neck and going through into his shoulder. Wm. Howard was in charge of the shop, but was lying on a sofa in the hall. The employer immediately began to shoot in his direction. Fortunately for the prostitute man the two shots were fired wildly and the worst that happened him was a wound between the thumb and first finger of one hand. The crazed shooter then went into the kitchen in the rear of the shop and attempted to take his own life. He shot himself in the head, but this not proving fatal he tried the trick again. The second shot grazed his shoulder. When the revolver was empty he threw it down. Just as he did so Constables Barrett and Hassellett rushed in on him with revolvers in their hands ready for action. Johnson expressed regret that his "gun" contained no more cartridges, else he would kill the policeman. He and Moore were taken to the City hospital, where Moore's condition was found to be serious. Neither man was regarded this evening as being fatally injured. The bullet entered Johnson's head high up and did not penetrate the skull. The bullet in Moore's neck has not been got out.

PREPARE FOR WAR.

An Alarmist Editorial in The New York Sun.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Sun's leading editorial article, under the heading, "For National Insurance," is a remarkable utterance. In part it says:—"We commend without hesitation and without qualification Secretary Moody's call for increased appropriations for the upbuilding of the navy."

The article points out that the largest sum ever proposed "to Congress in the way of annual appropriations to be applied directly to naval extension was \$30,000,000. "We affirm with profound conviction the advisability of quadrupling or, at least, trebling the annual vote of the recent past for the increase of the navy. The work of strengthening this greatest of the bulwarks of American peace should proceed not at the rate of three or four battleships a year, but at the rate of ten or twelve; and Congress should take a patriotic and far-reaching view of its duty under the circumstances."

"Why? Simply because the former safeguard of remoteness from international affairs involving complications which lead to war has been to a considerable extent destroyed by the progress of events; and the prospects of five years in the immediate future of an energetic and fearless executive policy in our relations with the powers of the world demands that the former protection of aloofness shall be replaced without delay by armor-plated walls and cannon mouths of steel."

"This is a plain statement of the truth of the situation. Congress must face it squarely, and so must the people in general. One hundred millions a year for naval increase may seem a large sum to minds unaccustomed to moving with the times; but it is a very low annual premium to pay for insurance against the possibility of colossal and immeasurable disaster."

IN HER NIGHTDRESS.

Miss Crawford Walks Ten Miles Barefooted.

St. Thomas, Dec. 7.—Miss Crawford, daughter of Archibald Crawford, near Sheddin, a demented young woman, had a terrible experience Saturday morning. She walked or ran from her home to this city, a distance of ten miles, barefooted and wearing no clothing but her night robe. Her feet were terribly cut by the hard roads, and she suffered greatly from the extreme cold and exposure. She came direct to the Hutchison House, where she was cared for, and is expected to recover.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGED.

Case to be Pressed Against Elias Mehm of Stratford.

Stratford, Dec. 7.—As the result of the verdict at the coroner's inquest on the body of the late Martha Mehm, whom they found to have died of typhoid fever, and that death was hastened by the culpable negligence of her parents, a charge of manslaughter will be laid against Elias Mehm, father of the deceased.



LISTEN

We want you to hear our message. We want you to buy your Xmas goods before the rush. Our stock is now complete in all lines. We will be pleased to put aside any goods for you to be called for before Xmas eve.

Toys.—Every kind and quality. Dolls.—From 1c. to \$5.00 each. Hocking Sticks.—From 10c to 15c, celebrated King Stick, 50c. Rooking Horses.—90c, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$4.00, \$5.50, \$6.50. Sleighs.—10c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$2.50. Baskets.—Everything new and bright. China Goods.—In endless variety. Books.—From 10c each to \$2.00.

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Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House.

FREDERICK BUSH'S SUICIDE.

He Severed an Artery and Bled to Death.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Dec. 7.—Frederick Bush, an unmarried man about 40 years of age, living alone, was found dead in his home here about 3 o'clock on Sunday. Not having been seen since Thursday last, the neighbors became alarmed, notified Chief of Police Reid, who forced an entrance, and on making an investigation found Bush lying on the bed dead, a bloody razor on the window near by and a pool of blood on the floor. A small wound on the left arm showed where an artery had been cut and the man had slowly bled to death. It is supposed that by cutting over financial affairs prompted Bush to take his own life. The coroner, on being notified, decided an inquest was unnecessary, as all indications pointed to suicide. The remains were removed to Curtis' undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. The deceased is survived by a mother and sister, who reside in Toronto, and have been notified.

Headquarters for

Christmas Slippers

Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt, Velvet, Plush, Kid, Patent Leather, at 25c, 50c, \$1, up to \$3.00....

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