

It Will Pay Shoppers to Read Times Christmas Advertisements

VESSEL CAPSIZED; ALL LOST BUT ONE.

The Thomas W. Lawson Founders in Gale.

Efforts to Rescue Crew Were of No Avail.

Disaster in Broad Sound, Scilly Islands.

Hughtown, Scilly, Dec. 14.—The American seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson was wrecked in Broad Sound, Scilly Islands, during a fierce gale last night, and so far as known all of her crew, excepting one man, were lost.

The schooner turned turtle during the night and is now floating bottom up. Three dead bodies have been found off Annet Island, an uninhabited island of the Scilly group.

Signals of distress were heard at the Bishop Rock lighthouse at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Two lifeboats at once put out, and found the Thomas W. Lawson anchored in a dangerous position just north of Gunner's Rock.

At the request of the captain of the Lawson, the St. Mary's lifeboat, the masts of which had been broken off in attempting to rescue the crew of the schooner, put back with the purpose of telegraphing for a tug to come to the assistance of the Lawson.

About 2.30 a. m. today the look-outs at the St. Agnes and Bishop's Rock light-houses and the coast guards missed the lights of the Lawson, at the same time, and when a lifeboat returned to the scene of floating on the waves indicated a disaster.

A few minutes later the life crew found the Lawson bottom up.

Searching in the vicinity, the St. Agnes lifeboat picked up the solitary survivor, a man named Allen, and found three bodies off Annet Island. The survivor and the dead were brought back to St. Agnes.

The gale is still blowing fiercely and the seas are running mountain high.

A doctor from St. Mary's has gone out in a lifeboat to render assistance to other possible survivors. Among the drowned is W. C. Hicks, a Scilly pilot.

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HEAVY STORMS.

Delay the Atlantic Steamers—Will Be Days Late.

New York, Dec. 14.—Unusually heavy weather in mid-Atlantic, particularly between Newfoundland banks and the English coast, has materially delayed all incoming smaller steamers this week.

The Cunard liner Lucania, which left Queenstown last Sunday afternoon, and under ordinary circumstances would have arrived here early to-day, has had to reduce speed and will not reach port until Sunday morning.

The Anchor Line Astoria, which sailed from Glasgow, (in November 30, and was normally due here Wednesday, Dec. 11, has not been heard from, but it is confidently believed that her delay is due to nothing else than the severe gales experienced, and that she will probably be signalled first off Fire Island very soon.

The Liverpool, Dec. 14.—The Cunard line steamer Mauretania, which went aground last night in the Mersey, opposite the landing stage, but which was floated at an early hour this morning, suffered no injury, and will sail to-night on scheduled time.

The Leviathan was freed from her plight at high tide without difficulty. Assistance was rendered by tugs. After anchoring off Egremont, divers were sent down, and reported that there was no trace of damage.

Anybody presenting this reader and 5 cents will receive a boy's hockey stick at John W. Nelson's sporting store, 27 King William street.

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SUNFIELD MAY NOT HANG ON THE 27TH OF THIS MONTH.

J. L. Counsell and Sheriff Middleton In Ottawa and New Trial Asked For.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—(Special)—J. L. Counsell, of Hamilton, representing Jake Sunfield, convicted murderer, and under sentence of death, is here to-day seeing the Minister and officers of the Department of Justice in behalf of the prisoner. Mr. Counsell spent the forenoon with Mr. A. Power, K. C., who has charge of all capital cases for the department. What Mr. Counsell asked for is a new trial, because new evidence has been secured. This new evidence contradicts, so it is said, the evidence upon which at the last moment Sunfield was convicted.

ANGEL OF PEACE REIGNS IN KNOX CHURCH BOARD.

Trouble Which Looked Quite Serious Has Passed Over and Resignations Withdrawn.

The trouble among officials of Knox Church, which threatened to disrupt the Board of Managers, one of the members having resigned and two other threatening to follow his example, was patched up at a special meeting last night, and peace reigns once more. Last January \$1,003 was carried over made up of regular revenue and building funds. The managers passed a resolution that it was to be applied on the mortgage, and Alderman W. T. Evans, the treasurer, did as requested. This left the general account overdrawn to the extent of some \$400. Mr. Evans did not think the managers had any right to apply general money to the building fund without the

vote of the congregation. It was over this that the trouble arose.

At a meeting earlier in the week there is said to have been a lively time, Mr. W. H. McLaren placing his resignation on the table and leaving the room. Mr. John Wright threatened to resign from the board also, and Mr. Evans intimated that the position of treasurer would soon be vacant.

The peacemakers succeeded last night, however, in pouring oil on the troubled waters, and Mr. Evans and Mr. McLaren shook hands and left the best of friends.

No further action was taken regarding Dr. Nelson's salary. The board is in a position to offer him \$3,500 or \$3,000 now, and it will be for the congregation when it meets next week to appoint a committee to go before the Presbytery and show reason why Dr. Nelson's resignation should not be accepted, to say whether the offer shall be made.

KILLED BY HAMMER.

A Murderer Lies in Wait for His Victim.

New York, Dec. 14.—Murdered evidently for revenge, although no motive is at present apparent, Frederick R. Romer, who was at the head of a leading undertaking supplies firm in Orange, was found dead in his bed in room No. 18 of the Park Hotel, a fashionable hostelry of Orange, N. J., at 9 o'clock to-day by his partner, E. J. Weatherhead.

Mr. Romer, who was a widower, 43 years old, returned from a social party given near the hotel shortly after midnight. His head was crushed with repeated blows of a blunt instrument, by a hammer, and he was evidently struck down by an assailant who entered his room earlier in the night and lay in wait for his victim.

Robbery was first suspected as the motive for the murder, but the finding of a purse containing \$84 and a gold watch and chain under Mr. Romer's pillow dissipated that theory. He had evidently been struck down at a push button he had sought to use in giving an alarm, and had been carried back to bed unconscious and struck three or more times.

The police have been unable to find a single clue to the murderer.

STORM BAD FOR TRAFFIC.

VIOLENT NORTHEASTER INTERFERES WITH RAILWAYS.

Lake Rolling High and Waves Washing Over the Piers and Beach—Street Railway Traffic Impeded.

To-day's storm was one of the worst experienced in some years around Hamilton, and it interfered materially with traffic. The lake and bay were in the grip of a terrible northeaster all morning, that tore boats loose from their moorings and did much damage. The Hamilton Steamboat Company was forced to put a full crew aboard each of its boats to keep them from damaging the wharf.

The wind started about 4 o'clock this morning, and the snow came about two hours later, thick and heavy. The early street cars were pretty well tied up, and the plows were kept busy all morning.

The Radial cars in crossing the Beach got the full broadside of the storm, and the heavy seas rolled over the highest mark that has been recorded there for years. The piers were awash almost from end to end, rollers ten and twelve feet high running over them all day. Boards in the windows and doors of some of the summer residences were blown off and thrown into the water.

The telephone company is having very little bother, although one or two wires have snapped. The telegraph companies have some trouble at the Heights, where some wires were blown completely off the poles. It is almost impossible to stand upright in the neighborhood of the heights. There were a large number of farmers in for the local market. They arrived here just as the storm was starting. They were wondering how they will get home, as it looked like an all day storm, and they all have wagons, not a sleigh being in.

On the city street railway it was impossible to give anything like the regular service, but by hard work the company was able to keep its lines open and its cars running.

A \$3,000 FIRE.

Blaze at Smart-Turner Shop Last Night.

There was a \$3,000 blaze at the premises of the Smart-Turner Machine Company on Barton street shortly before 10 o'clock last evening. The fire started from sparks from the cupola, and spread to the room below, where it burned through the floor and the wall. A number of existing moulding boxes were destroyed, and one large casting was damaged considerably. The loss will be covered by insurance.

STATUE HAS ARRIVED.

The Queen Victoria statue has arrived at Montreal, and will be forwarded at once, arriving here probably on Monday or Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock there will be a meeting of the full Status Committee in the parlor of the Y. W. C. A. for the purpose of deciding upon the date for the unveiling.

As a cure for mange in either dogs or cats Mr. M. C. Beasley recommends washing with pure Castile soap three times a day. No grease of any sort should be used, and a little sulphur put in the animal's milk. He says this cure leaves the animal clean, and he has known it to be most effective.

At the Armory Rink last night the skating contest narrowed down to Messrs. Maville, Pellerin and Edwards, and Mr. Maville was finally awarded the prize. The judges were Messrs. Taylor, Pottery and Whitley. To-night there will be eighteen skating numbers.

DUNELM AT MONTREAL.

The Dunelm, the big freighter built for the R. O. & A. B. Mackay Company, in the old country, and which arrived at Montreal last night, will not come to Hamilton this season, as stated in a despatch. She will discharge her cargo at Montreal, and lay up there for the season. This boat will be used for the lake traffic next season. She was the last ocean going vessel to arrive at Montreal this year.

TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM.

Committee on Payment of Accounts Will Deal With It.

Big Grist of Civic Meetings Arranged for Next Week.

Edward New's Offer for West End Sewer Accepted.

A meeting of the sub-committee appointed by the Finance Committee to deal with the present system of book-keeping in the City Hall, as suggested by the city auditors, will be held on Wednesday evening. The statement made that one firm in the city had an experience where the city was willing to pay the same account three times, has caused some talk, and will be discussed. It is stated by some of the City Hall officials that a system could be very easily devised that would be a big improvement over the present one.

There is a great grist of meetings scheduled for next week. On Monday afternoon the Markets Committee will meet at 4.30. The House of Refuge Committee will have a little luncheon at the House of Refuge at 7.30 in the evening, to celebrate the wind-up of the year. The Board of Health will meet at 8 o'clock on Monday night. On Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Hospital Board will meet. On Wednesday evening there will be a meeting of the Fire and Water Committee, the Board of Works, the sub-committee on the Toronto system of land transfer and the committee for the payment of accounts.

Edward New has made an offer to the city to build a sewer from King to Hunt street, over private property, and along Lechmere, from Hunt to Lechmere and on Adolphich from Dundurn to Broadbalt street, for \$2,800. This is less than the engineer's estimate but Mr. New explained there would be a slight change in the grade. The city has had a good deal of trouble over providing sewer accommodation for this section of the city and the Sewers Committee has decided to accept Mr. New's offer, subject to the approval of the City Engineer and City Solicitor.

City officials say they will be pleased to see the dispute between the city and Barton over connection with sewers settled one way or the other. If that section is to be drained it should be done they say by extending the Trolley street sewer to the mountain. To do this it would be necessary to annex that section of Barton.

The health report for the week shows three cases of chicken-pox, one of mumps, five of scarlet fever and four of diphtheria.

As Early as Possible, Please.

Kindly favor us with your order as early as possible. Extra help, extra delivery wagons have been provided. We promise you prompt delivery. It's impossible to tell you of the many nice things we have to offer. Come and see. Another shipment of English Stilton cheese, also Quebec cream cheese, Long Point ducks, pigeons, Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

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The Man In Overalls

This is Santa Claus weather, sure enough.

If you don't shop to-night, shop first thing on Monday morning.

Yes, a Garth street bridge would be an improvement.

Our Christmas number next Wednesday. Have you sent in your advertisements?

The North End Society manages to get its name in the papers almost every night now.

That snow storm must be another sign of an open winter.

I don't think that the Tories' new city organizer is an Anarchist or anything like that, but he is plotting to drive the Grits from the City Council. Keep your eye on him, boys.

Old Country Liberals and other strangers in the city should go to the Arcade and see about joining the Liberal Club. Frank Woolcott is always around to make people welcome.

Keep the politicians out of the City Council.

Times Christmas number next Wednesday. Send in ads early.

All decent citizens should combine to keep the City Council from being controlled by a political ring.

Get out your snow shovel.

Buy them on Monday morning.

It's wonderful how some newspapers can discuss public questions and yet not know what they are talking about. Our contemporaries on the power question, for instance.

What kind of a business man would you call yourself if you were to borrow \$100 from a man and lose over 10 cents on every dollar you got as well as paid the interest on the hundred?

It makes me laugh yet when I recollect how Mr. Fielding tripped up Mr. Barker on the bridge question.

It looks like a penwiper for me. May be gloves for you.

This is one of the old-fashioned storm grandfathers talks about.

The Foresters should go and hear what Mr. Foster has to say to-night about that Northwest deal.

The main thing is to keep the City Council free from political cliques.

People living in the south east end of the city complain to me very much of the smoke from factories there. The firemen could do quite a bit to minimize the nuisance. Smoke is only wasted coal. Manufacturers should know that.

Are you going down to see the revoltment wall to-morrow?

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

The Walker Co. Makes Startling Announcement in this Issue.

Christmas shoppers will profit by the Frank E. Walker Company's advertisement on page 10 of this issue. For months it has been planning to make December sales exceed those of any previous year, and from present indications, will do it. This week has been a surprise to the management, and many homes have been made happy from purchases made at the Walker Company's. This pushing firm is known as Canada's greatest installment furniture and carpet store, and its reputation has been made by giving great values and courteous attention to all classes of customers. The stock is sufficiently varied to suit everyone, and the easy payment plan is a great advantage. There is nothing that will give friends greater pleasure than the gift of a Morris chair, and the Walker firm has them in endless variety. Parlor suits, dining room sets, stoves, oilcloths, washing machines, armchairs, etc., are a few of the things carried. The Walker Company pays special attention to out-of-town orders, and gives the same uniform consideration to the smallest as well as the largest orders. See Walker.

GOOD TIME AT BRITANNIA.

At Britannia rink last night a large and appreciative audience was again present and was greatly delighted by the graceful and unique exhibition of fancy skating given by Professor Tyler and Miss Berton, the latter being presented with a large basket of roses at the conclusion of their act. The spectators were wrought to the highest pitch of enthusiasm during the race between Miss Rider, the speed marvel, and Miss Ferno Hutchison, the city champion. Unfortunately the latter received a fall, and was unable to finish the race, although pressing closely when the accident occurred. Miss Hutchison, however, has challenged Miss Rider for another race to-night, and a keen contest is looked for. This will be the last appearance of this trio of famous artists.

Chaps, Cracks and Roughness.

Of the skin are caused by unusual exposure to winds and change of temperature. Marlborough's skin food relieves and cures all skin roughness, and is a food to the skin. This preparation is not greasy and is absorbed by the skin quickly, sold in 50c jars. Parke & Parke, druggists.

A GREAT SURPRISE IN PERJURY CASES.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE.

Indictment Quashed by County Judge.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citizens' League was held last evening. In the absence of the President, Sir Thomas Taylor, the Vice-President, Mr. Alfred Powis, occupied the chair. Several matters of importance were discussed. The Secretary stated that he was not authorized to give any particulars of these to the press; all he could say was that there was a good attendance of members and the meeting was an important one.

There are stories going around about the reasonable question of cock-fighting commanding some attention from the Citizens' League. Two private detectives from Toronto have been in the city since last Saturday, and one of them has been trying to get "chummy" with some of the sports, spending money freely. A rather funny story is told of him. It appears he was in a James street barroom on Tuesday trying to make a good fellow of himself, when another man approached him and shook hands. "I was sorry to see that you were fined," said the second man.

"Yes, they soaked me \$70 for running a handbook," said the first man, evidently trying to prejudice the minds of his hearers. At that moment one of the bartenders of the hotel walked in, and recognized the man as a private detective employed by an agency that has an office near where he formerly worked in Toronto. He tipped it off to the sports present, and the detective was quickly deserted.

The sleuth, it is stated, made an effort to get an invitation to a cock-fight, which it was stated was arranged for Wednesday evening.

N. Y. BIKE GRIND.

Four Teams Pretty Well Bunched at 10 A.M.

New York, Dec. 14.—The final day of the six-day bicycle race opened this morning with but slight changes in the relative scores and no changes in the positions of the contestants.

Fogler-Moran and Rutt-Stol are still on top, but during a sprint early to-day, Logan-Bardgett and Krebs-Vanderstuyf were only a lap behind the leaders, lost another lap. Later Vanoni, of the bottom team, stole a lap for himself and his team mate was brought on.

The score at 10 a. m. was: Fogler-Moran and Rutt-Stol, 2,085 miles 6 laps. Georget-Dupre, Galvin-Wiley and Downing-Downey, 2,085 miles 5 laps. Logan-Bardgett and Krebs-Vanderstuyf, 2,085 miles 4 laps. Breton-Vanoni, 2,085 miles 1 lap.

LADIES' ORANGE BALL.

About a hundred couples attended the second annual at-home of the Ladies' Orange Association in the Orange Hall last night. The hall was brilliantly lighted and decorated, and an excellent success was made of the affair. Refreshments were served and Hamilton's orchestra supplied the latest dance music. The ball broke up in the early hours with everybody happy.

Christmas Presents for Smokers.

Everything to make a smoker happy is sold at peace's cigar store. Meerschaum and briar pipes, cigar cases, walking canes, tobacco pouches, cigar holders, tobacco jars, or a box of good cigars at 107 King street east.

HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN TO BE BUILT IN HAMILTON.

Miss. Jeanette Lewis Announces That the Project Is Well Under Way.

A hospital for children! That is what Miss Jeanette Lewis has set out to get for Hamilton, and those who know Miss Lewis also know that if she has begun it, it is as good as accomplished. She waited on Mayor Stewart a day or two ago, and laid the details of the proposition before him and was encouraged to go ahead. For years Miss Lewis has given her talents and her means for many charitable purposes, but she has been ambitious to do something greater for the sake of sweet charity and, after careful thought, she made up her mind that nothing would be more worthy, or appeal to the philanthropy of the people more powerfully, than a proposal to establish an institution along the lines of the famous John Ross Robertson Hospital in Toronto. Her plans are well in hand and she has the endorsement of the City Hospital authorities, who would be glad to see the children's hospital established there, as the need of such a place is being felt more and more each year. In fact, it was Mrs. House, the lady superintendent of the City Hospital, who first suggested the idea to Miss Lewis.

Magistrate Had No Jurisdiction He Finds.

Crown Granted a Reserve Case, However.

Joseph Rogers, William Cornell, W. Burkholder, John O'Reilly, James Yaldon and C. Baird, the six young men who were charged with perjury at the Police Court of the 15th of July last, in connection with the gambling cases, were let go at the General Sessions this morning, before Judge Snider.

The case of James Yaldon was the first taken up, and before the jury was called, or Yaldon was given a chance to reply to the indictment, Mr. George Lynch-Staunton rose and said that he had objections to raise, before the indictment was answered. Mr. Staunton said that under the new Lord's Day Act of the Dominion House there was no provision that gambling was an illegal act on the Sabbath day. He also held that Magistrate Jelfs had no jurisdiction in this particular case, as he can try only such cases when the offence is committed in licensed places. He also quoted several cases to support his contention that the indictment was not supportable. The only law against gambling with dice was that of Charles the Second, and that was held by the courts to be obsolete.

The indictment as read by the clerk was to the effect that James Yaldon perjured himself at the trial of one Percy Burnett, who was charged with gambling on the Lord's Day, the 14th of July last, at a hall at the corner of King and Catherine streets, known as the Olympia Club, which is a private club.

Crown Attorney Washington said that he was proceeding under the revised statutes of Ontario, and not under the new Dominion Act. Under the Ontario Act gambling was not illegal, and those who did so were liable to a fine of \$40. There was no clause which permitted imprisonment on such a charge.

Mr. Staunton cited the Chief Justice's opinion that the legislature of Ontario had no powers to enact such a law.

Mr. Washington stated that he was not ready to go on with the case, under this new phase, as he would have to confer with the Attorney-General.

Mr. Staunton then asked that the indictment be quashed against the young men, on the ground that the new Dominion Act had no clause against the playing of dice on Sunday.

Judge Snider said there was no doubt that under the new Act the Lord's Day Act of Ontario was not in use, and that under the new law the Magistrate had no power to try the young men. He said that it was too bad that the police had been put to so much trouble on a fruitless investigation. He would have to quash the indictment against the young men, but he could not put the men on trial.

When Mr. Washington asked for a reserve case, Mr. Staunton objected on the grounds that the young men had been put to great expense already, and the carrying of the cases to the Court of Appeal would involve enormous expenditure.

Judge Snider, however, was of the opinion that the Crown had a right to ask for a reserve case. Mr. Staunton decided to let the young men go at once, but he would allow them to go on appeal.

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Miss. Jeanette Lewis Announces That the Project Is Well Under Way.

Miss Lewis, through the influence of her brother-in-law, Mr. C. E. Kohl, president of the Keith-Proctor western vaudeville circuit, has made arrangements to take over the bookings of the Bennett Theatre here for five weeks, commencing January 27th. Every person who patronizes Bennett's during that time will be contributing to the fund to build a hospital for sick children, for Miss Lewis' arrangements provide that a certain percentage of the receipts will go towards her plans.

She is relying on her own efforts to stir up the people to patronize the theatre in a liberal manner during those five weeks and although her friends tell her it is a formidable task to raise the large amount necessary for the building of the hospital, yet Miss Lewis has the splendid optimism and the untiring energy that bring results and she looks to see Bennett's crowded every night of the five weeks. She thinks she will be able to bring attractions which have never been seen here, and which rank high in the vaudeville world, so that patrons will not only see a high-class vaudeville performance, but will have the satisfaction of feeling that they are contributing directly to a philanthropic effort worthy to rank with anything done by any Hamiltonian.