



# The Evening Times.

**THE WEATHER**

Heavy northeast shifting to north-west gales; snow, except in western New Brunswick; Friday, northwest winds clearing.

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## HON. MR. KING HOST AT A LUNCHEON

### Re-iterates His Stand in Behalf of Technical Education—Engineer Pinned Under Big Air Pump on Steamer

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Prominent Liberals from every division of the riding of North Waterloo were present at a luncheon given to the executive of the reform association in the Hotel Brunswick yesterday by Hon. Mackenzie King. After feasting referring to the deaths of Elmhurst and Daniel Hays of the staff of Waterloo and Daniel Hays of the staff of Waterloo and Daniel Hays of the staff of Waterloo.

He outlined some of the great questions likely to come up in the house after the holidays and made an appeal for united effort in behalf of all that will tend to uplift mankind.

Following the luncheon a business session of the association was held. The minister of labor was given an opportunity to come up in the house after the holidays and made an appeal for united effort in behalf of all that will tend to uplift mankind.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 30.—(Special)—First assistant engineer Lawrence Smith of Colingwood (Ont.) died yesterday morning at the age of 35, after a long illness.

## TWENTY-NINE THOROUGHBREDS BURN TO DEATH

### Fire on Kentucky Stock Farm—Fierce 20 Round Draw in San Francisco

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—A stable on the Patches Wilkes Stock Farm belonging to W. E. D. Stokes, of New York, was destroyed by fire late last night, and twenty-nine valuable thoroughbreds, also the property of Mr. Stokes, were burned to death. The damage is \$40,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—"Gumbo" Smith the sailor pugilist, who is scheduled to become Jack Johnson's chief sparring partner when the negro goes into training for his fight with Jeffries, fought a twenty-round draw with Jack Burns of Salinas last night, the battle involving the heavy-weight championship of the Pacific Coast.

The fight was one of the fiercest ever seen between heavyweights in a San Francisco ring. Smith led up to the twelfth round, and Burns was groggy when he went to his corner.

He came back in the thirteenth with a rash that carried Smith to the ropes and from that time to the end of the twentieth held his own with the former bay champion. Smith led up to the twelfth round, and Burns was groggy when he went to his corner.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—President T. J. Lynch and Secretary John Heyler and Manager Clark Griffith of the Cincinnati Club, constitute the new rules committee appointed yesterday by the National League. The men will hold a series of meetings in New York within the next few weeks and recommend certain alterations in the rules of the league. These alterations will be considered by the magnates at their meeting in February.

## THEFT OF CATTLE FROM STOCK YARDS

Joston, Mass., Dec. 30.—A conspiracy to steal cattle from the Brighton stock yards has been organized, according to the police, who last night arrested Joseph Temple, of Watertown, and Thomas D. Keenan, of Brighton, both cattle dealers, charged with the larceny of cattle from the yards.

Gates in remote parts of the enclosure have been found open at intervals and cattle have frequently disappeared, according to the stock men. Other arrests may follow.

## THIRD MURDER TODAY IN TONG WARFARE IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 30.—The renewal of the Tong warfare in New York's Chinatown claimed another victim early this morning. Ah Hung, a Chinese actor, was shot and killed in the hallway of his tenement house late before daybreak. Ah Hung, who was a prominent member of one of the Chinese secret organizations, was in his room when he heard steps in the hallway outside and then a voice demanding admission. He cautiously opened the door a bare inch or two and peeked

## EARL PERCY DEAD, WAS HE DIELEST?

### Former Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Dies in Paris and There is Story of a Duel

London, Dec. 30.—Word of the death of Earl Percy (Henry Algernon George) formerly under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, has reached here. He died in Paris today. According to the family, death was due to complications following an attack of pneumonia.

It is widely reported here, however, that the earl's fatal illness followed wounds received in a duel in which he is said to have taken part in Paris some days ago.

Earl Percy was the eldest son and heir of the Seventh Duke of Northumberland. He was represented in the House of Commons in 1883. In 1892 he was under-secretary of state for India. He was born in 1871 and was unmarried. His home was in London.

London, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The Paris correspondent of the Express writes that a prominent Englishman reported there as seriously ill, was, according to rumor, engaged in a duel on Monday night in which he was seriously wounded. The affair, the correspondent says, is guarded with the utmost secrecy, but the Englishman's opponent is stated to have been another Englishman, the duel being the result of a quarrel over some question not at present known.

Paris is declared that the two men fought with pistols, and the wounded man was hurried from the scene of the fight, just outside of Paris, in an automobile to a quiet country hotel, where he is said to be progressing favorably.

The only well known Englishman in Paris at that locality at present, so far as known, is Earl Percy, eldest son of the Duke of Northumberland, who arrived at the French capital in ascending health on the 22nd instant, but who, according to published reports, developed pneumonia two days later. Nothing is known here, however, tending in any way to connect his name with the reported duel.

## HALF MILLION LOSS IN STANDARD OIL PLANT FIRE

New York, Dec. 30.—A fire which threatened to destroy the \$20,000,000 plant of the Standard Oil Company in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, was got under control after a ten-hour fight this morning. The blaze started with an unexplained explosion in one of the 20,000 barrel storage tanks. The watchman turned in an alarm and routed out the emergency night watch which set about emptying the forty other tanks scattered about the plant, which occupies two large blocks.

The firemen prevented the blaze from spreading beyond the tank where the explosion occurred. They suffered severely from the cold. Every building in the plant is covered with a heavy coating of ice, this morning, the deluge of water poured on by the firemen having frozen as it fell. The loss is about \$500,000.

## THINGS DON'T LOOK TOO BRIGHT IN JAPAN

Tokio, Dec. 30.—The economic situation in Japan at present is not encouraging and its outlook for revival has not arrived. As a result depression in manufacturing is great and the agricultural section is gloomy. This is primarily due to the low price of rice following a bountiful harvest. The weaving industry is particularly hard hit by this depression and a limit is being put upon production by agreement among the weavers.

Immediate release from this embarrassment is not looked for in economic circles but on account of the fact of a magnificent harvest and the silk yield together with the recovery of the balance of trade, which is rapidly being accomplished, it is thought that a greater degree of content will be brought about at least by spring.

## THEY DOUBT THAT MARS HAS CANALS

New York, Dec. 30.—London cable despatches say that skepticism as to the existence of canals on Mars was shown by several well known astronomers at a meeting of the British Astronomical Association there.

S. A. Saunders exhibited lantern slides of photographs of Mars taken by Professor Hall by means of the telescope at Mount Wilson Observatory in California. He remarked that the canals were not shown, the explanation being that the telescope was too strong to indicate them. This statement evoked laughter.

Edward Walter Maunder of the Greenwich observatory said that there was no indication, on the photographs, of a spider-like network. Mr. Maunder said there was never any real ground for supposing that there was any evidence of artificial markings on Mars.

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## BALFOUR BACK IN THE CONTEST AGAIN TODAY

### Unionists Cheered by News That Leader is Able to Take the Stump Again in British Elections

London, Dec. 30.—The Unionists are cheered by the news that Balfour will be able to speak at Haddingtonshire today. The peers are still vigorously stamping the country, though they are frequently heeded. Lord Hobhouse, in East Bristol, said it was the experience of all nations that had tried protection that the country, not the foreigner, had to pay. The Liberal alternative was to pay. The Liberal hoped by a free trade policy to attract to the country as much capital as possible and when it was in full work they could take from it a toll according to the wealth it produced and the convenience is afforded to the public.

Sir W. Robson, in South Shields, said that the government has done as well for the country. They had attempted a good deal more than they had done, but the failure of their attempts, however, was due to the power and existence of a hereditary chamber which he hoped would receive its clipping in this election. Tories said if they taxed bread the foreigner would pay. It was a serious charge, however, that the foreigner would pay their taxes was made by men who knew that in substance the inducement they were holding out to the British working classes was false.

F. E. Smith, at Huddersfield, declared that those who in the name of democracy were attacking titled hereditary honors and peerages were in a very difficult position when they were placed face to face with the admitted fact that rich men in the Liberal party today were falling over each other in an attempt to get into the House of Lords.

A. Bonar Law, at Dulwich, said that Winston Churchill seems his manifesto under the influence of a nightmare and had not troubled to read it when he wrote it. Lord Winchester, at Christchurch, remarked that the burning question at the election, if they were to believe Churchill and Lloyd-George, was the veto to the House of Lords. He found the audience on this occasion as cool as a cucumber. They had shown no enthusiasm whatever for the subject. The Lords had never refused to bow to the express wish of the people. If it remained as at present constituted it would never do such a foolish thing.

Lord Portsmouth, at Crediton, thought the best way to reform the Lords would be by selection by qualification. He desired to see the second chamber remodelled on a representative elective basis.

Miner May Be Out of It With hearings, walls and fences covered with highly-colored posters and placards, London is being turned into a vast picture gallery. The Conservatives claim

## ROBSON TO SKATE, ACCEPTS DEFI OF O. B. BUSH

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## SEIZURE WITHIN THREE MILE LIMIT

### American Schooner is Declared Forfeited—Miner Near Cobalt Killed—Canadian Nurse Denies Statement in Affidavit

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—(Special)—An American fishing schooner the Charles Levi, Capt. Woodbury, was captured by the cruiser Kestrel fishing within the three mile limit, off the north coast of Vancouver Island, and was condemned to forfeiture in the exchequer court by Mr. Justice Martin.

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 30.—(Special)—Edward Burley, an Englishman, formerly employed at the British American mine, but for the last month employed in Rochester, died yesterday afternoon of injuries received at this mine. Burley and his brother were working at the seventy-five foot level and had made preparations for blasting. Burley had lighted a fuse and was walking away to a place of safety when an explosion, supposed to be premature and possibly from a defective fuse, took place. Burley was thrown on his face and his left shoulder was very badly crushed. He was removed to Red Cross Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Miss Elizabeth Long, formerly a nurse in Essex County Hospital at Newark, (N. J.) ridicules a statement contained in an affidavit made by Mrs. Francisco Hinkel, alleging that the woman whose skeleton was found about two months ago in an abandoned building in connection with the institution named was done to death by three nurses. Miss Long, who was a nurse in training at the Essex County Hospital at the time and whose name had been dragged into the story by Mrs. Hinkel, says this woman was well known to all the nurses in the hospital.

The statement that she had visited or written to Mrs. Hinkel cautioning her to keep quiet in respect to anything whatsoever, she characterized as a pure, unadulterated fabrication.

## ATHLETICS IN CANADA AND STATES

### Disbanding of the Canadian Federation and the Effect of the Move

New York, Dec. 30.—James E. Sullivan, secretary treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, has received from C. A. Springing, honorary secretary of the Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, official notification that a meeting of the federation in Montreal on Dec. 22, the federation disbanded and is now a part of the new body that will govern sports in Canada.

The disbanding of the Canadian federation now leaves the Amateur Athletic Union without an alliance with a Canadian governing body and in future athletes from the United States desiring to compete in Canada and Canadian athletes desiring to compete in the United States must comply with the general rules of the Amateur Athletic Union in relation to securing a permit.

## SAVED EUGENIA FROM PARIS MOB

### Final Disposition of Dentist's Seven Million Dollar Estate

New York, Dec. 30.—The most important of the final official acts of Justice MacLean of the state supreme court, who will retire next Friday, was performed yesterday when he signed an order making final disposition of the \$7,000,000 estate of the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the American dentist of Paris, who rescued the Empress Eugenie from a Parisian mob on September 3, 1871, four days after the battle of Sedan.

The decision will make it possible for the city of Philadelphia, the residuary legatee, to proceed with the erection of the Thomas W. Evans museum and dental college, which will be Dr. Evans' e. monument. About \$5,000,000 is now available. Litigation among the various heirs at law and relatives of Dr. Evans has kept the estate in the French and American courts since his death in 1899.

## CARNEGIE TRUST PRESIDENT RESIGNS

New York, Dec. 30.—Charles C. Dickinson, has resigned the presidency of the Carnegie Trust Company because of poor health, and a desire to devote himself to personal business. At a special meeting of the directors the resignation was reluctantly adopted, and Joseph B. Reehmann, was elected to succeed him. Mr. Dickinson remains a member of the board of directors.

## SEVEN GO DOWN IN BARGE

Newport News, Va., Dec. 30.—News has reached this city that the coal barge John A. Briggs, with her crew of seven men, sank some time Sunday night off the coast of New Jersey.

## INVITATION FOR PEARY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—An invitation to address the Royal Geographical Society of Antwerp, Belgium, was received yesterday by Commander Robert E. Peary.

## BRYAN TO JAMAICA

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## HAMILTON CORONERS ARE BUSY

### Three Inquests in a Day—Crows Eating up Farmers' Corn—National Exhibition Investigation, in Few Weeks

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—(Special)—No less than three fatalities requiring investigations by three coroners, occurred here yesterday afternoon and last night. B. D. Habis, a foreigner, was working at the steel plant and a load of slag fell on him, completely burying him. He was dead when dug out.

James B. Griffith, of Rockwood, an eastern suburb of the city, while walking along the Grand-Trunk track was overtaken by an express and killed.

Miss Loeman was found dead in her room at 188 Mary street, under strange circumstances. Little is known of the woman, who was about forty years old.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Investigation into the affairs of the Canadian National Exhibition will probably be gone on within about three weeks. Judge Winchester says he did not wish to begin the public examination until after the municipal elections, fearing if this were done the exhibition buildings by-law might be defeated in consequence.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 30.—(Special)—Crows are eating hundreds of bushels of corn in Harnoch, Eshelby and Deon townships, and C. W. Naas, director of the biological department of the Ontario government is here to advise farmers how to protect their crops. Since the snow came the only way the crows can live is by eating corn, much of which is still in shocks in the fields.

## IS RUSSIA PREPARING FOR A WAR?

### Shanghai Papers Have Statements of Troop Mobilization—Second War With Japan?

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—Russia is gathering troops in Siberia, according to statements of travelers from North Manchuria and Siberia, published in Shanghai newspapers, received by steamer here. Half a million troops are said to be encamped near Lake Baikal, and fifteen submarines are said to have been sent to Vladivostok.

The building of the Amur railroad 1500 miles long, at the cost of \$150,000,000 is being hurried because of representations of Russian officers that there is danger of a second war with Japan, and consequent loss of the struggle for control of Manchuria.

## LOSSES BY FIRE IN THE UNITED STATES HEAVY

New York, Dec. 30.—Every person in the United States practically sustained a fire loss of \$2.28 in 1907, whereas the per capita loss in Europe for the same year was only 48 cents. This contrast was brought out by Wm. H. Tolman, director of the New York Museum of Safety & Sanitary Appliances at a banquet of the directors and their guests last night.

The total fire loss in the United States in 1907, said Mr. Tolman, was \$215,000,000, and including the cost of upkeep of fire departments, the loss might be estimated at \$200,000,000.

If safety devices were used here as generally as in Europe, there would be an annual saving of \$50,000,000, enough, as Mr. Tolman put it, "to build a Panama canal every year."

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