

EASY MARK FOR \$750 IS RUSSIAN PROFESSOR

Coming to Toronto to Investigate Things, Falls Among Thieves in New York.

Being delegated by the honorable Russian Academic Society to study labor conditions all over the world, I beg to state that in New York some persons do not have to labor to make a luxurious living—Extract from a possible report by Vladimir Sviatlovsky, at the Department of Political Economy of the University of St. Petersburg.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Professor Sviatlovsky is a short, stout man about 45 years old, and like all educated Russians, is a good linguist, speaks English well. On the steamer he became chummy with a tall man, who struck him as being a Canadian or Australian. Sviatlovsky told him he was going to study labor conditions first in Toronto, then in Australia and then in the United States on his return.

By a coincidence his fellow-voyager was going from New York to Toronto, too. But they had some hours together before entering here and Mr. Sviatlovsky—you know his name by this time—was very polite and agreeable. They went to the Museum of Art together and there Buncoinsky, who wore many diamonds, excused himself and said he would meet the professor in the corridor of the St. James' building, 20th-street and Broadway, at 4:30 p.m. Ten minutes after Sviatlovsky arrived at the corridor, his friend alighted from a descending elevator there. "I have the chance to buy the greatest diamond in the world," cried Buncoinsky. "All I lack is \$750; lend me that much for a minute, I'll give you this box. Be careful, the diamonds in it."

The professor, forgetting he had asked his friend where he could get \$750 changed, handed over \$750 in Bank of England notes. Buncoinsky took an ascending elevator, went to the West 13th-street police station and told his story. "I'm afraid he handed you a lemon," said Lieut. Daly, sympathetically. "Open the box."

The professor broke the seals. The box held, not a lemon, but a horse-chestnut.

BEQUESTS TO ANGLICAN FUND

Martha Patton Leaves Gifts to Church When Daughter Dies.

The estate of the late Mrs. Martha Patton, valued at \$117,794, goes to Mrs. Clara Patton, wife of Prof. W. Clark of Trinity College. At her death it goes to Prof. Clark, and on his death, or on his wife's death, should be the first fifteen legacies are to be paid different funds of the Anglican Church and to public institutions.

In the Toronto diocese the mission, sustentation, superannuation and episcopal endowment funds are to receive \$1000 each, and the widows' and orphans' fund \$2000.

In the Algoma diocese the mission and widows' and orphans' funds are to receive \$2000 each, and the sustentation and episcopal endowment funds \$1000 each.

The church wardens of the Church of the Ascension, on Richmond-street, are to receive \$10,000 to create a fund toward the support of a curate, and to be known as "the Patricia fund."

The Upper Canada Bible Society is to receive \$3000.

The Protestant Orphans' Home \$1000. The Toronto General Hospital, \$500. The Home for Incubables, \$500. The House of Industry, \$500.

Fourteen relatives also will receive bequests; Henry W. Darling and John K. Macdonald, "my husband's warm friend," are to receive \$100 each as legacies of interest and whatever residue remains is to be paid to Mr. Macdonald.

FURS INSTEAD OF DIAMONDS

One Result of the Financial Stringency by German Report.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The financial writers of Germany are generally of the opinion that the financial situation in the United States is a strong influence upon German industry and commerce by at least diminishing German exports to the United States, if in no other way. There have been extraordinarily large exports of fur to the United States this season, and as a result the stocks of fur in Europe are materially reduced. The large fur dealers have agreed to raise prices on Jan. 1.

Americans. It is currently reported in the fur trade, as this season going in for furs rather than for diamonds.

Michie & Co.'s Fine Window.

Michie & Co., Ltd., grand Christmas display of Whiskey and Wines in its show in their King-street window. In this window is a reproduction of the famous oil painting by J.C. Dollman, which cost Messrs. Buchanan & Co. Ltd., £1000. The subject of this is an old London to York coach, leaving the Black Swan Inn, Holborn, London, Eng., in the year 1706. The characters in this painting have all been brought out very clearly, even to the maid and boy chimney sweep, along with the typical English coachman of that date.

MEXICAN VISITORS.

J. M. Linnantour and his sons and J. T. Linnantour, Mexico City, arrived at the King Edward Friday evening. J. M. Linnantour is a brother of the late minister of the Mexican government, and is looked upon as the successor of President Diaz. He is a man of high financial ability and brought with him the somewhat recent standardization of the Mexican silver peso, or dollar, at a gold value of 50c. Since this has accomplished, the price has often varied in the market between 53 and 54.

Manuel Gonzalez accompanies the party, who will probably leave to-day for Montreal in continuation of their tour.

The Methodist Church campaign, having as its object at least the doubling of past annual subscriptions in aid of foreign and domestic missions, closes to-day in the Stratford district.

BROWN'S CHRISTMAS SOLUTIONS. Not much time next week for reading store talk—you want facts about useful things—with the "figures" in black and white—we're ready with extra help to give you careful and quick service and you needn't deny yourself anything you'd like because you haven't the cash—come in and buy Christmas Gifts on our Confidential Easy Payment Plan—the nicest of things for the home—the best of things to wear.

Music Cabinets. Parlor Cabinet, mahogany finish, regular \$12, special 8.50. Music Cabinet, mahogany, extended shelves and back drawer above cabinet, regular 10.00, special 10.00. Music Cabinet, mahogany, painted, automatic shelves, perfectly plain case, regular 12.00, special 15.75. Music Cabinet, solid mahogany, adjustable shelves, shaped legs, plain case, regular 20.00, special 20.00.

Children's High Chairs. Children's High Chair, golden or red finish, with tray, regular 95, for 80. Child's High Chair, solid oak, cane seat, with tray, regular \$25, 2.10 for 1.90. Child's Rocker, with arms, golden finish, regular 90, for 65. Child's Arm Rocker, solid oak, shaped seat, regular 42.75, for 1.90.

Parlor Tables. Parlor Table, mahogany finish, 18-inch top, with shell regular 1.60, for 1.20. Parlor Table, 1-4-cut oak, 24-inch top, shaped, with brass feet, 2.95 for 2.10. Parlor Table, mahogany, 5.25 shaped top, reg. 4.25, for 3.00. Parlor Table, solid mahogany, inlaid, regular \$20.00, for 14.50.

Tea and Dinner Sets. Tea Set, 44 pieces, Crown china, pretty floral decoration, three patterns to choose from, regularly worth \$3.50, special Xmas 3.00 offering only 3.95. Combination Dinner and Tea Set, including brass and butter plates, regular \$10.00, special Xmas 6.90. Crown China Dinner Sets, in a pretty pink rose decoration, nicely trimmed, regular \$20.00, for 14.75. Regular \$20.00 Christmas Sale.

Brussels Rugs—25 Per Cent. Discount. This great reduction covers 125 very fine patterns and colorings, suitable designs in the lot for any room. Sizes 4'x6, 7'x9, 8'x10, 9'x12, 10'x12, 11'x12, 11'x13, 12'x15, 12'x18, 13'x18, 13'x21, 14'x18, 14'x21, 15'x21, 15'x24, 16'x24, 16'x27, 17'x27, 18'x27, 18'x30, 19'x30, 20'x30, 20'x33, 21'x33, 22'x33, 22'x36, 23'x36, 24'x36, 24'x39, 25'x39, 26'x39, 26'x42, 27'x42, 28'x42, 28'x45, 29'x45, 30'x45, 30'x48, 31'x48, 32'x48, 32'x51, 33'x51, 33'x54, 34'x54, 34'x57, 35'x57, 35'x60, 36'x60, 36'x63, 37'x63, 37'x66, 38'x66, 38'x69, 39'x69, 39'x72, 40'x72, 40'x75, 41'x75, 41'x78, 42'x78, 42'x81, 43'x81, 43'x84, 44'x84, 44'x87, 45'x87, 45'x90, 46'x90, 46'x93, 47'x93, 47'x96, 48'x96, 48'x99, 49'x99, 49'x102, 50'x102, 50'x105, 51'x105, 51'x108, 52'x108, 52'x111, 53'x111, 53'x114, 54'x114, 54'x117, 55'x117, 55'x120, 56'x120, 56'x123, 57'x123, 57'x126, 58'x126, 58'x129, 59'x129, 59'x132, 60'x132, 60'x135, 61'x135, 61'x138, 62'x138, 62'x141, 63'x141, 63'x144, 64'x144, 64'x147, 65'x147, 65'x150, 66'x150, 66'x153, 67'x153, 67'x156, 68'x156, 68'x159, 69'x159, 69'x162, 70'x162, 70'x165, 71'x165, 71'x168, 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