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CHRISTMAS CABLEGRAMS.

THE QUEEN'S CONCERN FOR HER DISTRESSED SUBJECTS.

Affairs in Russia—The Design on London Bridge Exposed—Question of Authority Settled—Reducing Cable Rates.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The distress at Glasgow, Liverpool and other ports has attracted the attention of the queen who desires to open a subscription for the relief of the sufferers and has asked the government for information on the subject. It is reported Gladstone is unwilling to admit the existence of distress and opposes the queen's proposition.

THE CZAR'S UNHAPPY LAND.

Nihilism Rampant—Jewish Persecution Despotism Increasing.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says Tolstoi, the Russian minister of the interior, is chiefly engaged in the discovery and prosecution of nihilists. Tolstoi is inundated with threats of death. Whenever he stirs out it costs 500 rubles for extra police protection.

While nihilism is more dangerous the persecution of the Jews is as fierce as it was a few years ago, when the European press boiled with indignation at the anti-Semitic outrages which disgraced Russia. The great bankers, especially those of German nationality, who were previously interested in giving wide publicity to these outrages, with a view to prevent the investment of capital in Russia, are inclined to subsidize the press to preserve silence. They take this course for the purpose of preventing the impairment of European confidence in the Russian finance, the condition of which is not brilliant.

The protective system which Moscow manufactures obtained against the Silesian competition has caused the Silesians to flash hundreds of factories in Russian Poland. German operators are employed and the Silesians are enabled to supply the Moscow markets with goods at 5 to 10 per cent. under the prices demanded by Moscow manufacturers.

Despotism is increasing, and the press is coerced into silence. Russia is more and more ignoring liberal ideas and paving the way to a tremendous explosion.

The Pope Censures Protestants.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope, replying to the Christmas congratulations of the cardinals to-day, deplored the abnormal condition of the papal see and the general immunity allowed by the present state laws. He vigorously censured protestants for their machinations, and the liberal press for their insinuations when the foundation of a cholera hospital by the vatican was announced, and denounced the divorce law submitted to the chamber of deputies.

The Man Who Knows all About it.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The St. James' Gazette prints an interview had in Paris with a dynamiter. The dynamiter said the headquarters of the conspirators was in Paris, but the funds came from America. The explosion at London bridge was arranged at Paris three months age by a man now in America. Two men were sent to execute the plot in September, but a delay occurred. They returned to Paris after the explosion and are now there.

Off With His Head.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Pekin despatch says the board of censors has proposed to sentence to death Ma Kien, secretary of the Li Hung Chang, whom the board holds responsible for the Tientsin treaty. It is expected the Li Hung Chang will intercede in the secretary's behalf and with success.

That Settles It.

DURBAN, Dec. 24.—A British gunboat has planted the English flag at Durnford to dispel all doubts of its being a British possession.

By this means the entire country south of Delagoa bay is placed under British protection.

Anarchists in a Ruined Castle.

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The police to-day arrested a number of anarchist workmen holding a secret meeting in the ruins of Weisenburg castle at Teplitz.

Competition Fetches Them.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The old cable companies have reduced their tolls to the same figures as those established by the Commercial company.

A Stylish Failure.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Ingall, Phillips & Co., wharfingers, have failed with liabilities of one million.

CABLE NOTES.

The London prisons are extra guarded as a precaution against the operation of dynamiters.

Amschler, cashier of the Discounts bank, Vienna, has been arrested for complicity with Jauner, the defaulting director.

A Youth from Chatsworth.

George Lowrie, an articled apprentice with John Walton, the barber, and a full-fledged face-lacerator named Gus Williams have skipped out leaving several mourning friends. Lowrie came here a year or so ago from Chatsworth. He was a green youth and went to Mr. Walton to learn the tonsorial profession. He was apprenticed for two years. He got along so well that he induced Mr. Walton to take up a note for $80 which he had given in Chatsworth. The money was to be deducted out of his second years' wages. A week ago he went to Chatsworth and returned Tuesday. He borrowed five dollars from a brother barber and stole his valise in the bargain. Williams also stole a valise from Charlie in Hud Joy's. While in Chatsworth Lowrie "raised" enough money to buy himself and Williams a ticket to Liverpool via Portland. They started Tuesday night. Mr. Walton got on their track and telegraphed to Montreal yesterday, when they were arrested. As it would cost Walton $50 to bring them back he abandoned the chase and they were released. In the meantime Walton is out his apprentice and he will have to make the note good. So much for rural simplicity.

Insane at the Hospital.

Albert Mosier, a patient at the hospital, last evening showed such strong signs of insanity that he was removed to No. 4 police station and put in a separate cell.

WAGES OF RAILWAY ENGINEERS.

Trouble Effected Over a Threatened Reduction on the Gould System.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The grievance committee of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, who have been in secret session here several days, waited upon Colonel Hovie, third vice-president of the Gould system to ascertain the intentions in regard to reducing the wages. It is understood the Gould system wishes passenger train engineers to lay off certain trips and permit freight engineers to take their places, so that the latter, whose pay has fallen off under the depression of business, may earn better wages. This suggestion has caused trouble.

The railroad authorities say there will be no strike, but the engineers say one is very probable. They claim wages will be reduced Jan. 1.

BRUTAL MURDER.

A New Jersey Merchant Killed While Defending His Money.

PARKRIDGE, N.J., Dec. 24.—Last night Abraham Gurnee, a wealthy merchant, was counting his money when a negro named Sisco entered and dealt Gurnee a terrible blow on the forehead with a heavy piece of wood. A struggle ensued, during which the negro drew a pistol and shot Gurnee in the back of the head. The negro then made a rush for the money, Gurnee fighting him with all the strength he possessed. Sisco fired another ball, which entered Gurnee's back. The murderer then fled without the booty.

Mrs. Gurnee entered in time to see Gurnee in his last struggles. He told with dying breath who his assailant was. It is supposed the murderer has gone to New York.

CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Earthquakes, Cannibalism, Revolution and Bloodshed.

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—The earthquake in Canca did far more damage than at first reported. Aguadas and Pacora suffered heavily, and Manizales was almost destroyed. All the churches and public edifices and many private houses fell, whilst those remaining standing are damaged. Every house save four in Soledad, a town of 6000 persons, was brought to the ground.

A party in gathering rubber on the banks of the Outamays was attacked by savages, who captured the camp. Three gatherers jumped into the river and were drowned. Their companions were devoured by the savages.

The revolution in Ecuador under Alfaro is progressing. Many men have been killed. He recently overhauled the government steamer Huacho, which was filled with troops, and boarded her, after a sharp fight. Four hundred government troops were killed and wounded. A panic prevails in Quito.

A Masonic Temple Burned.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—A fire started this morning in the cellar of J. R. Mills & Co.'s stationery and mercantile printing establishment, situated in the northwest corner of the masonic temple. The fire extended rapidly into the other portions of the temple, which is a large building. The first portion of the temple to burn included most valuable scenery, an organ and other property belonging to the Scottish rite fraternity, and known to be the most complete in the west. The loss to the masonic fraternity is heavy. Mills & Co.'s establishment was destroyed.

Murdered His Guest.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 24.—Lewis Lucas, sheriff of one of the Choctaw nation counties, shot and killed Squire A. Hoyt, son of a prominent citizen. Lucas had invited Hoyt to spend the evening in his house as a guest. While Hoyt was playing a violin for the entertainment of the family Lucas suddenly drew a pistol and shot him through the heart. Lucas was arrested. Motive unknown.

A Boston Woman's Scheme.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A lady has submitted to Mayor Martin a scheme she proposes to undertake. It is to create a fund, the income of which shall be used annually for the care of the teeth of children in the primary schools whose parents are unable to pay dentists' bills. She proposes to contribute $5000 and hopes others may become interested. She will first try the experiment in one school.

Railway Earnings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The statement of the Lake Shore railroad for the year shows the gross earnings to be $14,902,000, a decrease of $3,611,000. The net earnings were $5,741,000, a decrease of $1,777,000.

The annual statement of the Michigan Central railroad shows the gross earnings to be $11,721,000; the surplus over expenses is $80,000. No dividend was declared.

A Hot Morning Bath for Tramps.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Last night thirteen tramps slept on top of the boilers at a coal shaft here. This morning one accidentally turned a blow out valve, allowing steam and hot water from six boilers to escape, burning and scalding eight of the men severely. It is thought two cannot survive.

What a Minister Saw.

READING, Pa., Dec. 24.—Rev. Samuel Witmer of Lancaster county says that while going home from a meeting last night, he was joined in the field by a headless apparition carrying a lantern. The supposed ghost accompanied him to his door and then disappeared.

A Penitent in Tears.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 23.—Rev. Dr. Moss, ex-president of the Indiana state university, made public confession of the charges made against him in church yesterday, and declared his penitence in tears. It was then voted to restore the doctor to christian fellowship.

Our Cox Ought to Have Been There.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The brokers of the stock exchange to-day had what they called a "jollification." They smashed all the silk hats of fellow members and played football with them, sang songs and blew fish horns.

Forged His Mother's Name.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 24.—The latest phase of Forger Hersog's rascality is that he forged a note for $500 on his aged mother, now 70 years old and the owner of but a small property.

WHERE 5000 PEOPLE EAT.

A LOOK INTO THE RESTAURANTS OF TORONTO AT NOON-TIME.

The Various Grades of Dining Establishments in a Growing City—An Industry With a Spontaneous Growth.

Nothing is more indicative of the metropolitan growth of Toronto than her restaurants. And it may be said that it is an industry that has had almost a spontaneous growth. Six years ago it was almost impossible to get a dinner in a restaurant on Sunday, and during the week a person was limited to two or three bills of fare a la European. In those days Thomas' English chop house and the St. Charles were the only restaurants near the centre of the city, and they monopolized nearly all the trade. But a different story can be told now. A man can stand at the corner of King and Yonge streets and almost within a stone's throw he can have his pick of a dozen or so eating houses.

As the city grew in population and men were obliged to live a long way from their place of business, and of course they had to eat, the restaurant came to the rescue and multiplied until now you can get almost any kind of a dinner or lunch you want. But still there is plenty of room for improvement, and it is reasonable to suppose that this improvement will come as the encroachment of population forces it. It is just something astonishing to see the number of business men, clerks, lawyers, workingmen, boys, reporters and beggars that "lunch down town" now in this city. The number cannot be less than 5000.

There are probably eight places in Toronto which rank as first class restaurants. There is Clow's, the Bodega, the Hub, Thomas', Staneland's, Kirby's, the Criterion and the Shades in Court street. All of these establishments have their patrons in greater or less number, and as for charges their bills-of-fare are almost similar. A few extracts will enable the reader to see just what it costs: Soup (generally a different kind each day) 10 cents per plate, fish 10c, roast beef and potatoes 20c, roast haunch of venison and jelly 25c, roast turkey 30c, roast pork and apple sauce 25c, roast wild duck and jelly 25c, boiled corned beef and cabbage 20c, boiled ham 20c. Then the entrees range from 15 to 25 cents. Cold meats, such as beef, mutton, veal and pork, and poultry, ranges from 20c to 30c. Game in season figures between 30c and 40c. With all these dishes go potatoes, bread and condiments. Extra vegetables are 5 cents per dish, except celery, which is generally 10 cents. Pastry is 5 and 10 cents, but principally the former figure. Tea, coffee and city ale 5 cents. Of course there are several special and expensive dishes which can be obtained to order at any of the restaurants named. After the regular lunch hour all the dishes are served to order, and chops, steaks, etc., go from 25 to 40 cents. In the restaurants named a man has got to eat sparingly to keep his check down to 30 cents. Many free livers who can afford it often eat from 60 cents to one dollar's worth. This is exclusive of wine or expensive ales and porter. Besides the first class restaurants, some of the leading hotels have a good many to lunch or dinner. The American has the biggest run of this class, and a large number of the wholesale business men in Front, Wellington, Yonge and other streets patronize the American. A single dinner here costs 50 cents, but commutation tickets are sold at reduced rates.

Besides the leading restaurants there are three clubs where lunch is served. These are the National and Albany, in Bay street, and the Toronto in York street. Of course no one but members, or persons introduced by members, can lunch at the clubs. The charges in the clubs are not more, and probably a little less, than the restaurants.

Then the 25 cent dinner has become quite an institution in the city. Betts of the Head quarters and John Holderness of the Albion hotel have the biggest run in this line. The genial John feeds a great many city people at 12 o'clock every day, and his 25 cent dinner is greatly praised. In Betts' you eat from a regular bill-of-fare, and for your 25 cents can have from four to six courses. There are other 25-cent dining houses, besides the one dollar hotels, but they are not so well known as the two named. The Terrapin, in rear of Cooper & Donnelly's, is among the number, and although a new establishment is meeting with considerable patronage.

The next class of dining places are the coffee houses and Coleman's, McConkey's, Nasmith's and Cox's. The St. Lawrence and Shaftesbury coffee houses probably lunch more than nearly all the restaurants ombined, but the checks are small. It is very easy to run up a 25 cent check in the coffee houses, and then you often feel that you are only half fed. People who have visited them can best judge if they are as cheap as the managers claim them to be. For a person who is only half hungry or has but a few cents to spend they answer excellently. Ladies down town during the day go to Coleman's, Nasmith's, McConkey's or Cox's for tea, coffee sandwiches or cake. Nearly everything on the bill of fare is 5 cents, except cold meat and oysters, the former being 15 cents and the latter 25 and 30 cents. Not a few business men and clerks, however, patronize this class of restaurant. Men who do not like to eat where liquor is sold go there as a rule.

The lowest grade of restaurant in the city—the "big 10 cent lunch establishment"—flourish in Adelaide street, near Church, opposite the Grand opera house and in York street. There are probably seven or eight of them, and they are principally patronized by bootblacks, newsboys and sports in hard luck. You can get a fair repast for 15 cents. What it lacks in quality is made up in quantity.

Then there is another class of eating-houses, of which Queen street west is the centre. There is a number of them between York and Yonge in this thoroughfare, and they are principally run by colored people. The most reputable of them is run by Mrs. Warren. The staple articles of diet are displayed in the windows and is composed mainly of fried sun-fish, cold ham, pork and beans and stacks of suspicious-looking cold chicken. They have no regular meal hours and keep open, as a rule, till a late hour. Besides all the classes of restaurants named, there is scattered through the city a number of eating houses which run on speculation. They cannot properly be called restaurants, but you can get a "snack of something cold" and a bottle of ale on the quiet. There is more profit on the ale than there is on the meal.

Last in the list may be mentioned the night eating-houses. Gray's Chicago restaurant in King street west and York street is the place to find this class. They keep open till 3 and 4 o'clock a. m., according to how business is. The bill-of-fare is: Oysters, ham and eggs, steak, pork and beans, etc., price 25 cents each. They have a big run, and long after midnight, when the city sleepeth, so to speak, dozens of men may be found in these haunts partaking hungerly of their democratic dishes.

A real good all night restaurant would be a great boon to the army of night-workers and night-hawks, of which the city if now full. Of the better class of restaurants only four of them keep open till midnight—the St. Charles, Thomas', Kirby's and Staneland's. Clow, the Bodega and the Shades close at 7 p. m. There is no difficulty in getting all you want to eat on Sunday on the European plan.

It may be said in conclusion that there are several quiet and sequestered restaurants in the centre of the city. They have not a large number of patrons, but the men who eat there can afford to pay for everything first-class, and the privacy of the places indicated is one of their strongest recommendations.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Partial Returns of Examiners in Mathematics and Chemistry.

The examiners in mathematics and chemistry at University college have partially completed their labors, with the following result:

Mathematics—First Year.—Class I.—J. McGowan, J. G. Witton.

Class II.—J. A. Sparling, M. Lennox, M. McMillan, H. Boultbee, T. A. Gibson, A. F. Hunter, F. J. Steen.

Class III.—E. S. Hogarth, A. A. Knox, J. H. Hunter, W.J. Healy, S. J. Saunders, J. S. Copeland, G. Wilkie, C. E. Saunders, R. R. Bensley, J. E. Jones, W. F. Hall, E. C. Jeffrey, W. H. Grant, A. W. Milden, H. R. H. Renner, H. G. Stark, H. A. McCullough, G. Boyd and J. W. Edgar equal, R. H. Johnston, A. W. Mainland and A. D. Yeomans equal, W. A. Wylie, W. A. Bradley, J. O. Millan and W. L. Sutherland equal, A. Buckingham and A. H. Suffel equal, J. G. Brown, A. Jones, E. E. Senkler, equal, W. A. Lamport, E. F. Blake and H. Elliott equal.

Second Year.—Class I.—J. C. Stuart, J. T. Crawford, A. J. Kesler, J. A. Duff, D. J. Cornwall, F. Sanderson, T. R. Rosebrugh, E. H. Avery.

Class II.—J. D. Dickson, J. H. Philp, G. MacLean.

Practical Chemistry.—In practical chemistry the following have passed: Messrs. Chewitt, Roger, Burns and Smith equal, Bush and MacMaster equal, Scott and Nairn equal, Miller, Paibey, Bowman, Ball, Colvunoun, Cardiff, Withrow and Richardson.

GAGGED, BOUND AND ROBBED.

Simonsky, a Pedlar Relieved of Money and Goods to the Amount of $2200.

ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 24.—In the vicinity of this town, this afternoon, a pedlar named Simonsky was attacked by three men, gagged and bound to a tree and robbed of $200 cash. The robbers then made off with his horse and wagon containing about $2000 worth of jewelry, watches, etc.

A Detective After Two Actors.

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—Detective Humbersmith and Mrs. Carolina Dorn of Buffalo were in the city this morning in search of two young men named George E. Clark and Edward Viggers, members of a theatrical company about to visit Hamilton. Mrs. Dorn is a theatrical costumer, and complains that these men hired two costumes and wigs, worth at least $100, and brought them to Canada without her knowledge or consent.

Preparations to Preserve the Peace.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The Conception bay orangemen have issued a proclamation for a public procession through the streets of Harbor Grace and Riverhead. It is said the Roman catholics threaten a repetition of last year's disturbances. The corvette Tenedos has been despatched to Harbor Grace, and an inspector of police, with a large force of horse and infantry constabulary, left this morning for the scene.

"Another Sad Warning."

PORT HOPE, Dec. 24.—Robert Wallace was found near his residence on the Cobourg road yesterday morning, where he had lain all night. He was taken home, but only lived an hour afterwards. This is another sad warning to those who use the "curse of Canada."

Mother Baum's Diamonds.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—J. D. Steele, Hamilton, has been here and presented papers in the Mandelbaum seizure case before the commissioners and minister of customs. It is understood the department will order the restoration of the diamonds.

Frazer's Christmas Box.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—W. H. Frazer can find no person to take charge of the baby left on his doorstep last week. There is no institution in the city to care for such waifs.

The Act of a Coward.

Peter Norton imbibed a little too much on Tuesday night, and honored E. A. Jones' tavern, Kingston road, with a visit, and because he was refused more liquor attempted to clean out the place. Mrs. Jones at this moment entered from the sitting room, and Norton seized a chair and struck her a terrible blow on the head, knocking her senseless. Upon being ejected he kicked in the door, and made things lively until the arrival of Constable Fife (12), who soon had him at No. 4 station. Mrs. Jones was unable to attend the police court yesterday, and Norton was remanded till Dec. 30, bail being refused.

Royal Christmas Weather.

Yesterday opened stormy and blustery, and it snowed hard all day. By 6 o'clock there was a foot-and-a-half of snow on the ground, making excellent sleighing. About 7 o'clock it began to get cold, and by midnight it was very snappish. The stormy weather during the day injured the retail business considerably. The streets last night, however, were very lively, and Christmas purchasers were out by the thousands. The sleighing will prove a boon to the livery stables and hackmen. We will have royal Christmas weather to day.

The Old Firemen to Dance.

The Old Firemen's association of Toronto will hold its annual ball at the Pavilion on the evening of Jan. 23 next.

THE MORMONS MUST GO.

AT LEAST AN INFLUENTIAL CHICAGO MEETING SAYS SO.

A Powerful Arraignment of the Iniquities of Polygamy—Prompt Congressional Action Demanded.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A meeting was held last night to give expression to the sentiment of the city on the question of mormonism. Resolutions were adopted as follows:

We sympathize with the American citizens in Utah in their struggle to establish American civilization, and are astonished and alarmed at the apparent indifference of congress, which allows the anti-American system of priestly domination to go on increasing its dangerous power in the very heart of the republic, and subjugating territory after territory to its polygamous control.

We most earnestly call upon our senators and representatives in congress to heed the appeal of the law abiding American citizens in Utah, and to disown this threatening polygamous hierarchy by passing what has come to be known as the Cullom bill.

We urge our fellow citizens in other states and cities to unite with us through personal appeals, through the press, patriotic mass meetings, and petitions and resolutions, in urging upon congress the importance of prompt action in carrying out the president's recommendation in his recent message. That all political power and privilege be taken forthwith from this polygamous hierarchy and their adherents in Utah, by appointment of a legislative commission in harmony with the precedent established by the similar governments of the territories of the Northwest and of Louisiana.

While prompt and radical legislation on the part of congress is a virtual necessity to arrest the growing evil and avert a dangerous conflict hereafter we must depend for the permanent reformation of the people of Utah upon that system of christian schools now carried on in that territory by christian and patriotic citizens of our country by which American education has been brought within reach of more than 80 different communities in Utah, involving the support of more than 160 American teachers, and bringing under their training nearly 4000 children of mormon parentage.

As American citizens, appreciative of sweet christian homes in which, according to God's ordinance, "they twain" and not "they twenty" are one, and alive to the honor and highest welfare of our common country, we hereby pledge ourselves to keep up the agitation of this question through pulpit, platform and press, and in every way in which a wholesome public opinion can be created, until polygamous mormonism, a relic of barbarianism, twin to slavery and like slavery, is smitten to death and buried forever.

Senator Sharon to Divide With Miss Hill.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The celebrated Sharon divorce suit has been decided in favor of the plaintiff. The suit as brought by the plaintiff, Miss Sarah Althea Hill, claiming to be the wife of ex-Senator Sharon, was for divorce and a division of his property, valued at ten millions. It is believed Sharon will appeal. The court held that under the laws of California the plaintiff is the legal wife of Sharon, and as such on the ground of wilful desertion is entitled to divorce and a division of property.

The leading counsel for Sharon says the judgment, if it stands, will not be a serious pecuniary injury to Sharon. He don't think he has $10,000 worth of property which could be made subject to the decision.

A Day's Enjoyment at Sing Sing.

SING SING, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Sixteen hundred and twenty prisoners will dine on turkey to-morrow under the warden's hospitality. After dinner they will be allowed to talk, read and spend the day as enjoyably as possible. Each prisoner will be presented with half a dozen cigars.

Making it Easy for the Men.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—The Portland rolling mills will reduce wages from 10 to 15 per cent. Jan. 1. They will also reduce the rents of their property to employes in like proportion.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Kneip, a Chicago lawyer, has absconded with $6000 of his clients' money.

The Jackson, Mich., Interest and Deposit bank has assigned; liabilities unknown.

The Columbia university at Washington will admit women to the medical department on the same standing as men.

The Delaware house at Rouse's Point, N.Y., was burned yesterday morning; the guests escaped in their night clothes.

R. W. Carter & Co., proprietors of the Commonwealth hotel and Ocean house at Swampscott, have failed; liabilities $65,000.

Judge Blodgett ruled that the Chicago board of trade could not be compelled to furnish the Western Union telegraph company with its own quotations.

PERSONAL.

Bismarck is going to Cairo.

Cardinal Manning is writing a life of St. Vincent de Paul.

W. E. Price of the Grand Trunk audit office, Montreal, is at the Queen's.

Joachim Saracceni, butler to Gregory XVI., Pius IX. and Leo XIII., died recently.

Prof. Leopold Von Ranke, the celebrated German historian, celebrated his 89th birthday Sunday.

Lady Lansdowne has made large purchases in jewelry and other Canadian goods, which she will send to friends in the old world.

Dr. Grimm, the body physician of Emperor William, and the originator of the sanitary system adopted by the German military authorities, is dead at Vora.

The Count of Paris recently had made 100 cravat pins, each bearing, in precious stones set in gold, the Bourbon emblems, and he is giving them to his political friends.

Prince Albert will join the Grenadiers at the close of his university studies. The Prince of Wales has requested that no distinction be made between Albert's duties and those of the other officers.

Dr. Howard, jun., one of the demonstrators of anatomy at McGill college, has secured by examination the fellowship of the Royal college of surgeons of England, being the first native Canadian who has obtained the honor.

Bell, the inventor of the telephone, although immensely rich cares nothing for money. He is entirely occupied with his family and his scientific studies. When he is not busy in his laboratory, or in his library, or in the free school for deaf mute children, which he has established, he is enjoying the society of his wife and children.

Communication.

As trees, that many a vale and hill
Divide, yet stand beside one stream,
May, through its subtle current, seem
To hold communication still:
So, friend, to thee my thoughts flow free,
A constant current one may note
Except when on its flood I float
A letter, like a leaf, to thee.

CHRISTMAS EVE WEDDING BELLS.

Marriage of Fred. A. Roe and Miss Anna R. A. Harrison.

Joyous marriage bells pealed at St. Matthias church, Bell-Woods avenue, last evening, Frederick A. Roe of New York, brother of the late Alex. H. Roe, M.P.P., led to the altar Miss Anna Roberta Augusta Harrison, elder surviving daughter of the late Chief Justice Harrison, and niece of Rev. Richard Harrison, rector of the parish. The ceremony was performed by His Lordship Bishop Sweatman, assisted by Rev. Chas. Darling and the rector. The bride was dressed in cream colored satin de Lyons, brocaded front, embroidered in silver oriental lace sides; court train, edged with ermine flounces; water lilies, and the usual veil. The bridesmaids were Miss Lilian Brock (daughter of W. R. Brock), Miss Dolly Reford (daughter of Wm. Reford), and Miss Cecile Harrison, cousin of the bride. Their dresses were of white silk tulle, with bonnets to correspond. The groomsmen were Henry Abel of Woodbridge and Henry Brock of Toronto. The bride was led to the altar by Judge Osler, representing her father, and accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. R. Harrison. The ceremony, which began at 7 30 p.m., was full choral, rendered by the usual choir of the church. The sacred edifice was decorated for Christmas. After the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the Rossin house, where a reception of friends took place, succeeded by refreshments. The proceedings were of a comparatively quiet character, on account of recent bereavements in both of the families chiefly concerned. The happy couple left last night by the 11 o'clock train of the Great Western railway on their bridal tour in the United States.

Wasting City Water in Cold Weather.

The waterworks committee met yesterday afternoon. Present, Ald. Sheppard, (in the chair) Hunter, Barton and Davies. City Engineer Sproat's report called attention to the excessive waste of water throughout the city during the past few days, caused by citizens leaving their taps open to prevent the pipes from freezing. From Dec. 19 to 22 there was a loss of not less than 12 inches of water from the reservoir, making it necessary to keep both pumps at the engine house working at their full capacity. During the few days of cold weather it was estimated that as much as 10,000,000 gallons of water was wasted in this way. The cost of pumping this water was about $600. The engineer recommended that the council pass a by-law compelling all city water takers to provide a proper cut off tap and vent inside of their dwellings, so that their pipes could be emptied when desired. There is at present only about 13 feet of water in the reservoir, the depth having been lowered one foot and a half Tuesday night. The letter was referred to the city solicitor for an opinion as to the power of the council to pass such bylaws.

Osiris Rose Croix Chapter, No. 7, G. R. C.

At the annual conclave of Osiris Rose Croix chapter, No. 7, G. R. C. royal and oriental freemasonary, 33°, 95°, 90°, held in Memphis hall, valley of Toronto, on Friday evening last, the following illustrious brethren were elected as officers for 5885:

M. E. Snider,	95°	Sir Knight	M. W.
J. F. Vincent,	"	"	P. M. W.
J. Boddy,	"	"	S. W.
E. W. Butler,	"	"	J. W.
A. J. Philips,	"	"	orator.
D. Carlyle,	"	"	prelate
R. Higgins,	"	"	conductor.
J. Maclean Rose	"	"	treasurer.
T. D. McCulloch	"	"	S. of G.
J. D. Dewar,	"	"	G. of T.
G. Kent,	"	"	organist.
W. H. Smith,	"	"	sentinel.

"More Blessed to Give Than Receive."

Poorly dressed men and women, with eager, expectant faces, and carrying huge baskets, flocked in large numbers to No. 33 Colborne street, where the annual distribution of Christmas cheer by St. George's society was taking place, yesterday. The applicants had previously been supplied with tickets showing the number in family, and amount of provisions to be given. The place was neatly decorated with flags, bunting, evergreens, mottoes, etc. The distribution far exceeded that of any previous year, and altogether there was given away 9000 lbs. of beef, 5000 lb of bread, 200 lbs. of tea, and 700 lbs. of sugar, valued at nearly $900.

Buglers Spending Christmas Eve.

Bright beams of happiness overspread Bugle Major Swift's face last night when he was presented with an illuminated address by the members of the Queen's Own bugle band. The address testified to the esteem in which the recipient was held by the members, to his qualities as a volunteer, and to his good work in bringing the band to its present state of efficiency. Bugle Major Swift, although taken completely by surprise, responded in a neat speech. After partaking of an elegant spread, speeches, songs and toasts were proceeded with. Bugler J. Woods sang a comic song caricaturing several members present in a very acceptable manner, and had to respond to repeated encores.

Denny Costigan and Sam Bittle.

Denny Costigan of New York and Sam Bittle were to have a Marquis of Queensbury bout at George Fulljames' academy in Alice street last night. There was a large crowd present, but Costigan cannot. Then Bittle and Jim Fell amused the spectators with four hippodrome rounds.

Remembering the Driver.

Phillip Montgomery is a driver on the Kingston road tramway and delivers The World promptly to a number of gentlemen down the road. In recognition of this service, J. W. Millar yesterday presented the faithful Phillip with a handsome scarf pin made of East India gold, with a coral setting.

Young Pickpockets at St. Lawrence Market.

Thomas Carlisle, aged 18, who has just been released from jail for till tapping, and Cornelius Curtis, aged 16, were arrested in St. Lawrence arcade by Detective Brown last night. They were edging through the crowd, and attempting to pick pockets.

Punctuality Pays.

The following members of A company, Royal Grenadiers, won the prize of $5 each for regular attendance at drill during the season of 1884: Col.-Sergt. Cuseck, Corporal Armstrong, Corporal Cox; Lance-Corporal Curtis.

Come in and Have a Smoke.

If anyone thinks that the E Padre cigar, made by Davis Bros., is not a genuine fragrant article, just let them step into The World office and try. The city editor will pass the box round.

ANOTHER FRENCH AFFAIR

A YOUNG MARRIED WOMAN SHOOTS HER ANNOYER.

The Victim a Bachelor and a Libertine—Madame Francey Keeps Her Word With Fatal Effect.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A tragedy similar to the Hugues Morin affair occurred at Tonnerer. An architect named Brisbard visited the house of a merchant named Francey and soon afterwards rushed from the house pursued by Madame Francey. Blood was streaming from his body, and Brisbard fell shrieking and exhausted. Madame Francey fired two shots with a revolver into his prostrate body, crying that she had been insulted long enough. She then gave herself up to the police. Brisbard is dead. He was a bachelor, 40 years of age and reputed to be a libertine in appearance, and devoted his time to forcing his attentions upon married ladies.

Madame Francey is a fascinating woman of 25 years. Brisbard a short time ago visited Francey's house and awaited the return of the latter from the theatre. Madame Francey showed him the door and threatened if the visit was repeated that she would shoot him. On his second visit, which was also made during the absence of her husband, Madame Francey kept her word.

THE TEST OF CHRISTMAS.

To those of us who are already engaged in life's struggle the true measure of a returning festival like Christmas is the question: how do we enjoy it as we grow older? Is it a source of increasing pleasure, or does it yearly become more tiresome, more significant of the fact that we are growing older? How many of us accept the dispensation of age, accept it ungrudgingly. Whether we are thirty or forty or seventy, how many of us can look on our years as did Cephalus in the following extract from Plato's Republic:

"So we went home with Polemarchus * * and Cephalus his father was there. He struck me [Socrates] as being a very old man, for it was a long time since I had seen him. He was seated in a chair with a cushion, and he wore a wreath. As soon as he saw me he embraced me and said:

"You do not often, Socrates, come down to us in the Peiræus; you really ought, though, if I indeed, were still able to walk with ease as far as the city there would be no need of your coming here, for we should go to you. But as it is, you must come oftener; for you know very well that the more my capacity for physical enjoyment lessens and fades away, the more does my desire for conversation and my pleasure in it increase.

"Indeed, Cephalus," I answered, "I delight in talking with very old people for I think we ought to enquire of them, as of men who have traveled before us on a road over which we ourselves must in all likelihood travel, whether this road is rough and steep, or smooth and easy. And from you, since you have now arrived at that period which the poets call the 'threshold of old age,' I would gladly learn your opinion,—whether you regard it as a painful part of life, or what account you would give of it?"

"I will tell you, Socrates," was his reply, "what seems to me to be the very truth of the matter. You must know that we who are of the same age often flock together, as the old sayings goes; and when we have met, most of the company give themselves up to lamentations, sighing after the enjoyments of youth, and calling to mind the pleasures of love, and carousals and feasts, and all the rest; and they complain bitterly, just as if they had been deprived of some very precious thing, and say that when they once lived in happiness they are now not living at all. And some there are who lament over the indignities shown them at home on account of their years; and on this theme again they unite in telling over again the tale of many wrongs which old age has brought upon them. But it seems to me, Socrates, that they do not lay the blame on the real cause. For if this were the cause, I too should have suffered the same evils by reason of my age, and so also would all the others who have reached the same time of life. But I have met with many a man who has not had this experience, and once, I remember particularly, I happened to be in the company of Sophocles the poet, when somebody asked him: 'How is it with you, Sophocles, in regard to love? Do you still find pleasure in the society of women?' 'Softly, man,' was his reply, 'most gladly have I escaped from love as from some furious and savage master.' I thought at the time that he had made a good answer. And now the less do I think so now. For there is no doubt that in old age there is much peace and freedom from such things, since the passions are no longer on the stretch, but lo sen their hold; and then undoubtedly does the saying of Sophocles come true—it is a release from many and furious masters. And as to these complaints, and those also against the family, there is one only cure for them, and that is not old age, Socrates, but the character of the men themselves. If they are equable and contented, the old age itself is but a slight burden; but if not to such men, Socrates, old age, and for that matter even youth itself, is a hard thing."

THE POEM OF THE NATIVITY.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

A Safe Investment.

From the St. John (N. B) Sun.

The clerks in the Bank of New Brunswick formed a syndicate yesterday and purchased a barrel of apples for their own use.

Evening

Hon. G. W. Ross, Part II., First Ontario Reader.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

In my little bed I lie;
Heavenly Father, hear my cry:
Protect me through the night,
Bring me safe to morning light.

A Good Christmas.

Northerly to westerly winds, fresh to strong during the day; fair, very cold weather with a few snow flurries.