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CANADA'S SONS OF TOIL.

MEETING OF THE LABOR CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

The President's Address—Appointment of Committees—List of the Delegates Present—Resolutions Introduced.

At half-past two yesterday afternoon Mr. Chas. March, president of the trades and labor council, informally opened the proceedings of the labor congress in Dufferin hall by extending a hearty welcome to the delegates from abroad, and then appointed J. R. Brown, Oshawa; Chas. A. Pettit, Belleville, and J. Armstrong, Toronto, a committee on credentials, after which an adjournment took place for thirty minutes to allow this committee to report.

On reassembling the committee reported that they had examined and found correct the following credentials: Thos. Martin and J. R. Brown, L. A. 2355 K. of L., Oshawa; Chas. A. Pettit, L. A. 2900, K. of L., Belleville; J. Aldridge, F. Howell and R. Johnson, bricklayers' union; J. Bedford and C. Armstrong, American brotherhood of carpenters; J. J. Rogers and S. Bailey, iron moulders, 140; A. Jury and J. W. Carter, L. A. 2305 K. of L.; J. Rooney, L. A. 2622 K. of L.; T. Moor and J. Rose, amalgamated carpenters 361, Toronto; J. T. Carey, seamen's union, W. G. Garson and J. F. Keifer, L. A. 2056, St. Catharines; J. Gardiner and J. Armstrong, typographical union 91; J. Booth, C. M. Harris and C. Glendenning, builders' laborers' union; H. F. West, bakers' union; J. D. Murphy, seamen's union; J. Smith and J. Strachan, tailors' union; Chas. Chase and W. L. Miller, plasterers' union; R. McCord, stonecutters' union; D. McGregor, P. Shea and J. Dowling, longshoremens' union; C. March and D. J. O'Donoghue, trades and labor council; J. Perry and R. Lamb, maltsters' union; R. Hutchinson and A. Osten (stove-mounters), stove-mounters and pattern makers' union; M. O'Halloren, L. A. 2622; G. W. Read, L. A. 2513, K. of L., Port Dalhousie; J. McGlue and E. Farthing, stone-masons' union; S. Potts, iron-moulders' union; Thos. Hanlon, sailors' union; H. E. Griffiths and R. Woodcock, L. A. 2782 K. of L., Toronto.

After the list of delegates had been read, on motion J. R. Brown was called to the chair and the election of chairman for the convention was proceeded with.

On the name of Mr. Chas. March being put in nomination

Mr. Meredith moved in amendment that a new chairman be elected each day. On this being put only five voted in the affirmative, and it was declared lost. The main motion was then put and carried.

Mr. March on being conducted to the chair was warmly greeted. On quiet being restored he spoke as follows:

Fellow workers from all parts of the province:

As the result of the vote just taken, and for which allow me here to return my most sincere thanks, it devolves upon me to preside over the deliberations of this body during its sittings until final adjournment. This honor I feel is paid more to the Toronto trades and labor council, the president of which body I happen to be at this time, than to me, fully conscious as I am of that lack of experience so necessary in directing such an intelligent body of men as I now find before me. But as I always make it a point to do my duty as best I know how in every condition of my life, I will follow that line now, trusting to your kind indulgence and direction where necessary.

While I may find it somewhat difficult to define minutely the many reasons that urged the Toronto trades and labor council to call together representatives of labor in its various phases throughout the dominion, yet I feel justified in saying that the disturbed condition of trade matters, coupled with strikes always detrimental under any phase, occurring from time to time, and the apparent need for a much closer cementing of all classes of labor for common defence and protection, has been not a small factor in the determination. That the council was not governed by narrow-mindedness in the premises is best evidenced by the call, embracing not only trade unionists, but also knights of labor. That this was right in principle I know you will agree, as between the two bodies antagonism should not, and I am glad to find does not exist, and between the two no section or class of wage-earners need be without organization — and consequent protection. In the perfection of organization lies education and a consequent raising of the masses to a thorough realization of their own power under our present advanced system of government—although yet a system capable of many improvements.

Although no program has been provided as to the measures that ought to receive your earnest attention, still, speaking now for myself, I think you should not overlook in your deliberations such questions as the extension of the franchise to a much greater degree than at present prevails, the Chinese immigration curse, pauper and assisted passage," immigration from Europe, the necessity for factory and sanitary legislation, such legislation by the dominion parliament as would amply protect the wages of mechanics and laborers involved in insolvent estates; a protest against placing the product of convict labor in an open market in competition with the product of the labor of honest men, and the liability of employers when employes suffer disability through unprotected machinery and so forth. It appears to me too that some action will be necessary with the view of devising ways and means for the better prosecution of efforts towards securing such legislation as may be required in repealing unjust laws as well as in the passage of such measures as may be deemed requisite in justice to the working classes from time to time. With these hurriedly conceived remarks I heartily welcome you to the Queen city of the west with the hope that the result of your labors may reflect much credit upon yourselves, both individually and collectively, and be productive of the greatest possible amount of good to the wage-earners of the dominion at large. I now declare this congress regularly open for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

During the delivery of his address Mr. March was frequently applauded and at its conclusion received an ovation.

On motion W. E. Meredith, typographical union, was elected secretary, and Messrs. S. Dunbar and W. Wilson sergeant-at-arms and messenger respectively.

Moved by D. J. O'Donoghue, seconded by J. Armstrong, "That the usual privileges be accorded the representatives of the press, excluding those of the Telegram."

Moved in amendment by Mr. Gardiner, and seconded, "That as liberal-minded men, we accord the privilege without any exception."

After some discussion Mr. O'Donoghue said he had produced the sentiment he was seeking for, and would withdraw his motion in favor of the amendment, which he did, and the latter becoming the main motion was carried.

On motion a like concession was made in favor of trades' unionists and friends of labor who desired to visit the hall during the meeting of the conventions.

After discussion it was resolved that the sittings each day be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 6 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the rules of order of the trades and labor council in so far as they apply, were made those governing the convention.

On motion of Mr. Jury, it was resolved that a standing orders committee be appointed, to whom all resolutions are to be submitted, and that they be brought before the congress in the order determined by them.

The chairman then appointed Messrs. Jury, Aldridge, Martin, Carey, Reed, Bedford, Rooney, McCord and C. Armstrong as such committee.

Messrs. C. Armstrong, Pettit, Brown, Johnson and O'Donohue were appointed a committee on ways and means.

Mr. Brown said he hoped delegates who were instructed to introduce any particular question would do so now, so that two different persons might not be moving in the same direction at the same time.

The following resolutions were then presented and referred to the orders committee:

By C. Armstrong, seconded by R. McCord, "That this congress petition the Ontario government to amend the assessment law so that tenement houses in rear of others be assessed according to the amount they rent for, and that all exemptions be abolished."

By Mr. Reid, "That this convention petition the government to lessen the amount of property qualification required to be eligible to hold municipal offices."

By C. Armstrong, "That the dominion government be petitioned to amend the proposed factory act so as to make it cover tenement house factories as now worked tailors and shoemakers."

By Mr. Rooney, seconded by J. B. Brown, "That the future welfare of the working people of this country requires the prohibition of further immigration of Chinese labor."

By C. M. Harris, seconded by Mr. Oster, "That in the opinion of this congress the present immigration policy is detrimental to the interest of the wage-workers of this country, and ought to be abolished."

By Mr. Aldridge, seconded by Mr. Howell, "Resolved, that whereas there exists at present a system of employing workingmen ten hours a day in the summer season and seven-and-a-half or eight hours in winter, this congress would strongly recommend nine hours as constituting a day's work."

By Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Carter, "That this congress views with deep concern the monopolization of the heritage of the whole people—i. e. the public lands—by corporate bodies and individual speculators."

It being 6 o'clock, the meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock to-day for the purpose of enabling the standing orders committee to prepare the order of business.

Electric Lights for Skating Rinks.

Ald. Farley presided at a meeting of the fire and gas committee yesterday afternoon Permission was granted to the National publishing company and to J. Foster & Son to erect boilers and engines on their premises. The resolution from council, referring the matter of extending the electric poles to the Spadina avenue skating rink, was taken up on motion of Ald. Millichamp it was decided to recommend that this privilege be granted; also that the poles be extended up Church street to the Granite rink, Ald. Maughan and Sheppard dissenting. Mr. John McFarlane was authorized to sell by auction all the old unused apparatus in the fire department. The date of sale will be authorized. The carters' stand in Bay street will be removed by by-law to the south side of Richmond streets, between Bay and Yonge, as the present site interferes with free access and egress from Bay street fire hall.

Police Court Pointers.

Thirty drunks were before the magistrate yesterday. On account of it being Christmas he let nearly all of them off. John Henderson, assaulting the police, fined $30 and costs. Alex. McKenzie, a juvenile thief, two years in the reformatory. Charles Johnston, larceny, three months in the central prison. Wm. Pellatt, robbery, four months in the same institution. The case of larceny against Henry Clare was enlarged. Deborah McCann, a vag, got two years in the Mercer reformatory. Wm. Henry, assaulting Mrs. Fahey, fined $5 and costs.

Business Troubles.

D. H. Ross, furniture and undertaker, Aylmer, sheriff in possession. Mrs. John Doupe, dry goods, Flesherton station, stock to be sold by auction. J. B. Laughran, boots and shoes, Ottawa, offering to compromise at 30 cents on the dollar. Abbs & Patterson, general store, Port Perry, assigned in trust. Mrs. Ellen Bull, dry goods, Thorold, stock to be sold by auction. Maille & Langdon, boot and shoe manufacturers, assigned in trust. Beaver Lumber Co., Yomachiche, failed.

Playing Their Way Home.

A colored band struck the town Christmas day. They belong to Lynchburg, Va., and had been traveling through the United States and Canada under the management of one Fulton. He deserted at Montreal leaving them dead broke. They are now working or rather playing their way home. The band paraded the streets last night and serenaded hotels and other places, realizing a considerable sum of money by passing the hat. In this way the colored musicians are slowly but surely traveling back to old Virginia.

Day Robbed at Night.

Edward Day of 162 King street west last night complained at police headquarters that he had been beaten and robbed in a lane off Simcoe street. His story is that two men came upon him in the lane and beat and kicked him until he was insensible. When he recovered consciousness he found that his money amounting to $42 was gone. Day was unable to give a description of his assailants.

The supreme court of Massachussetts has decided that a woman is a person. Unless she were a person how could she build the morning fires and take care of the wood piles?

PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Election of Trustees by Acclamation—Contests to be in Only Three Wards.

The nomination of candidates for seats on the public and separate school boards took place in the different wards yesterday. Very little interest was manifested in the proceedings by the "free and independent."

Public school board—There will be no contests in the following wards: St. Andrews, Marcellus Crombie; St. David's, E. P. Roden; St. George's, Charles A. Brown; St. James', Walter S. Lee; St. John's, George Boxall; St. Paul's, W. G. Hill, jr.; St. Thomas', R. B. Hamilton. The voting in the following wards where there are more than one candidate in the field will take place Wednesday next: St. Lawrence, Wm. Lamb, Elijah Westman, Lawrence Gibb; St. Patrick's, Dr. W. W. Ogden, Robert Gilray; St. Stephen's, Frederick Donovan, Dr. Hunter.

Separate School Board—In nine out of the ten wards the election of trustees was by acclamation as follows: St. Paul's, J. J. Murphy; St. Thomas', John Herbert; St. David's, Charles Burns; St. James', Rev. Father Bergin; St. Lawrence, Michael O'Connor; St. Patrick's, Very Rev. Father Laurent; St. John's, John Kelz; St. Andrew's, Very Rev. Father Rooney; St. Stephen's, D. Kennedy. St. George's ward will be the scene of a contest, the candidates being Wm. Thompson and Wm. Looney.

Sudden Death of Dr. Thomas Beatty.

Dr. Thomas Beatty of Lambton Mills was taken slightly but suddenly ill at his home about midnight of Tuesday night. A slight vomit was the only symptom of distress in the early part of his illness; but towards morning he grew worse, and at 7 o'clock he died. Heart disease was the cause of death. Dr. Beatty was an old and respected resident of Lambton Mills, having practiced medicine in that neighborhood for about thirty years, and a native of county Fermagh, Ireland.

Coming Balls.

The Royal Canadian yacht club have decided to hold a ball between January 15 and 22.

A number of the golden youth of the city are completing arrangements for a series of three fashionable hops in the pavillion.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Mr. Morphy, barrister, of Winnipeg is in town.

John Leys has returned from a visit to the Northwest and Port Arthur.

P. J. Sheridan is out in a letter abusing A. M. Sullivan for his course in O'Donnell's defence.

The duke of Albany has composed a waltz, which was included in the program of the recent tenants' ball at Sandringham.

President Arthur received six gold-headed canes and six silk umbrellas with gold and silver handles among his Christmas presents.

Cornell university has oil portraits of its founder, of James Russell Lowell, Goldwin Smith, and of Louis Agassiz—all by the painter Carpenter.

There is no truth in the report, according to the London Truth that the Prince of Wales has recently purchased a large tract of land near Kansas City.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt, J. P. Morgan, Miss C. L. Wolf, John Jacob Astor and Wm. Astor have each subscribed $10,000 to the Bishop Potter testimonial fund.

A Mr. Hay of Boston is to marry a Miss Oats of the same city. They will doubtless patronize the horse cars when they take their bridal trip.

Thomas Harrison, the boy preacher, says he is not a candidate for matrimony, and never heard of the young lady to whom he is reported to be engaged, and does not "know her from Adam."

"Ouida," the novelist, rarely encourages any one to talk with her. Indeed, she has no hesitation in saying that she despises people generally, and greatly prefers the company of her dogs and cats and horses.

Mr. Knowles, tory member for Wigan, Lancashire, who died on Dec. 3, began work in a mine when 9, and often attended a night school after fifteen hours' work. When 24 he was made manager of collieries at Ince, his native township, and six years later he was taken into the firm. He came out here with the duke of Sutherland not long ago for his health, but failed to get restored.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

Latest advices indicate that El Mahdi is still at El Obeid.

A new anarchist journal named L'Explosion has appeared at Geneva.

The Spanish protectionists hope to obstruct, and eventually defeat the negotiations for commercial treaties with England, Italy and the United States.

The desecration of the graves of British soldiers in Egypt has aroused the wrath of the English authorities, who have ordered an investigation.

The senate, by 201 to 51, has decided to re-establish the salary of the archbishop of Paris at 45,000 francs per annum, the deputies having reduced it to 15,000 francs.

A dissention has arisen among the socialist leaders in St. Petersburg regarding the prevention of the appearance of the Nov. numbers of the students' and nihilists' papers.

Lotteries in Virginia.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 26.—Proceedings were instituted to-day by the commonwealth attorney against the Dismal Swamp canal and lottery company by the nominal arrest of their president. The company claim to have the right to sell lottery tickets under the act of the assembly of the year 1816.

Well Informed Frenchmen.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Standard's Paris correspondent says although there has been no official communication on the subject, the French government has been fully informed in regard to the impressions which its policy in Tonquin has created in England, Germany, Italy, Spain and America.

A Too Free Use of Fire Arms.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—On Monday night last Simon Cole and several other negroes threatened the police force at Rolla, Mo., and chased Deputy Marshal Light into a hotel. Light fired two shots at Cole, killing him. Yesterday at the same place, Tom Smith, negro, and a white man had a fight. Sheriff Godey interfered and ordered Smith to throw up his hands. The negro not complying instantly the sheriff shot him dead.

AN UNEXPECTED PHASE.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDING CORONER AT THE HUMBER INQUEST.

Dr. Beatty Passes Away and is Succeeded by Coroner Johnston—Enquiry Opened Anew Last Night.

The sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Thomas Beatty, county coroner, at his home in Lambton Mills yesterday morning necessitated a complete renewal of the inquest touching the murder of the old woman Susan Gibbs. Coroner Johnston of this city was instructed to take charge of the inquest, and change of venue was made from Duck's hotel to Hicks' hotel at the Humber last night. A new jury was sworn in, composed of Edward Stokes (foreman), George Briggs, Robert Simpson, Patrick Donovan, Walter Wilson, Joseph Johnston, Joseph Rush, Walter Burgess, Charles Brown, James Dandridge, Geo. Rovett, Frank Daniels, John Noble, sr., John Noble, jr., John Menzies, Thomas Allen, George Armstrong, John White.

Yesterday Attorney-General Mowat instructed government detective John Murray to assist the county constables in tracing the murder to where it belonged, and he was on hand last night to keep a lookout. Mr. Fenton was also present, and Mr. Nicholas Murphy appeared for Aaron Harris, under arrest for complicity in the crime.

There was very little additional light thrown on the murder by last night's proceedings. Dr. Lynd of Parkdale testified to the death of Coroner Beatty, who had opened the inquest, and handed in certain papers which Dr. Beatty had in his possession bearing on the case.

Charles Nurse testified as to a conversation that took place between prisoner and himself on the railway platform at the Humber on Monday morning. Witness said to Harris, in a joking way, that the latter was suspected of the murder, as he (Harris) was the last one seen around the old woman's house before she was found dead. Witness also told prisoner that tracks had been discovered from Susie's hut to his house. Prisoner laughed and said "Susie was an old witch and had once offered him (Harris) £100 and her property if he would marry her." Mr. Nurse's evidence was unimportant.

Wm. J. Craig, son of the murdered woman, was re-examined. His repeated the evidence given on the first hearing, and was cross-examined on several points by Mr. Murphy. To Mr. Fenton he stated that his mother had a sister living at 212 Elizabeth street named Jane Rogers. This did not come out at Dr. Beatty's hearing.

Maria Harris, the 12-year-old daughter of prisoner, also went over her former evidence, without much variation. On cross-examination by Mr. Murphy, she stated that when she accompanied her father to "Susie's" hut on Friday evening and looked in through the door and saw a bundle lying on the floor that at first she was not sure whether it looked like a human form or not. She formed the opinion that it was afterwards.

Drs. Riddall and Lynd testified again as to the postmortem. This was all the evidence taken, and Coroner Johnston adjourned the inquest till Jan. 2 next.

The remains of deceased were exhumed yesterday at St. James' cemetery and were taken out to the Humber last night by Undertaker Young, where they were viewed by the new jury.

The murder still creates great excitement throughout the township of Etobicoke, and all day yesterday and last night there was a large number of visitors at the Humber. The general meeting place for discussion is at the three hotels which flourish on the banks of that placid but picturesque stream.

It is hinted that a certain person who talks a great deal about the murder and who has taken on very much since the inquest opened, knows more than he ought to and will be placed under arrest. The old man Aaron Harris continues to loudly protest his innocence, but he did not do his cause much good last night by his incessant attempts to intercept witnesses, especially his daughter whilst she was testifying.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The barque Middlesex, laden with 385,000 gallons of petroleum, from New York Bremen, has been given up as lost.

Two firemen were badly injured at a fire in New York last night after they had rescued ten people from a burning roof.

The net earnings of the Michigan Central and Canada Southern railways for the past year amount to $4,300,000.

The biennial session of the socialist labor congress met yesterday at Baltimore. Twenty branch associations were represented.

The Standard fire office of London has decided to withdraw its agency from the United States. It has reinsured all its risks.

Trouble is anticipated in the Pennsylvania coal region, fifteen or twenty thousand miners being expected to strike against a reduction to be enforced Dec. 31.

Dr. Hinerman, a prominent physician of Martin's Ferry, O., has been arrested for causing the death of Miss Ella Lytelle by malpractice.

Henry Zeickler of Beardstown, Ill., accused John Walton of undue intimacy with his wife. Walton's answer was a pistol shot which killed Zeichler.

Smallpox has broken out in the county jail of Newcastle, Del. There is considerable excitement as the county has no pest house and the officials are at a loss what to do with the victims.

Many democratic congressmen are dissatisfied with Speaker Carlisle's selection of a ways and means committee. They declare that no respectable tariff bill can now be expected this session. The whisky interests are considered to have been ignored.

The treasury department at Washington has been informed that the schooner Theresa Kennedy of New Orleans departed from the Canary islands without her papers and that the master had absconded with the cargo, intending to take it to the United States.

The report that a crank who intended to assassinate President Arthur was arrested in the Fifth avenue hotel, New York, on Evacuation day, is confirmed. He was armed with bowie knife and pistol, and said he had received instructions to serve the president the same as his predecessor had been served.

Parnell's Program.

LONDON, Dec. 36—Immediately after the Christmas holidays Parnell will hold a series of conferences with his colleagues relative to the extension and reorganization of the Irish party in Great Britain and Ireland and to the policy of the party in the coming session of parliament.

THE HIDDEN HAND.

An Actor's Surreptitious Attempt to Fill His Own Stockings.

BARRIE, Dec. 26.—On Monday morning an English gentleman named Newton, who was staying at the Orillia house, Orillia, had occasion to leave his room about 6 o'clock. On his return a few minutes after he found that some person had entered his room and stolen his valuable watch and chain and a diamond ring. Suspicion rested on a troupe that was also at the hotel, The Hidden Hand company. The company left Orillia and came to Barrie. Information of the loss was sent to Chief Rogers, who entrusted J. E. Rogers with the case, the detective, accompanied by Constable Greer, proceeded to the Queen's hotel, where the troupe are staying, and arrested Wm. H. Scott and Henry Newton, two of the members. The watch, chain and diamond ring were found secreted in an old pair of stockings in Scott's trunk. The parties have been remanded, awaiting evidence from Orillia.

WELLAND ELECTION.

Resumption of the Trial of the Petition Against Col. Moran.

WELLAND, Ont., Dec. 26.—The Welland protest trial, postponed here July last, was resumed this afternoon, Justices Ferguson and Patterson presiding. Mr. McCarthy, Q.C., appeared for the petitioner, the defeated candidate, G. L. Hobson. Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C., of Toronto, and Messrs. Harcourt & Cowper of Welland appeared for the respondent, Col. Moran. Nothing damaging has as yet been proved against the respondent. The case continues to-morrow.

THE FORTUNE BAY AWARD.

The United States Finds Itself With a Balance in Hand.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 26.—It has been ascertained here that the balance of the Fortune Bay award remaining in the United States treasury is to be paid to the claimants in the proportion of 7 per cent. of the amount allotted at the first disbursement, that being the balance in the treasury after paying lawyers' commissions, interest on the previous awards, and other expenses.

DROWNED IN A FRESHET.

Nine People in One Family Meet Their Death.

MADISON, Ind., Dec. 26.—Information has just been received that a family named Boss, consisting of the parents and seven children, were drowned in the freshet of Hardis creek, Ky., on Sunday night.

The Doom of Mousseau.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—The evil day for the local government has been postponed, but it is believed only for a few days. A member of the cabinet who arrived from Quebec yesterday admitted that their limit of power had arrived. Mr. Wurtele, the treasurer, it is said, has actually sent in his resignation, as well as Hon. Hy. Starnes, but the former, when interrogated on the subject, declined from a feeling of delicacy, to say yes or nay. Mr. Starnes admits that his resignation has been in the hands of the premier for months past.

Fire in a Waterford Foundry.

WATERFORD, Ont., Dec. 26.—The Waterford foundry, owned by Green Bros. & Co. of this place, was burned this morning. The fire took place in the paint room near the smoke stack. The loss will be about $30,000: insurance $9000, in the Waterloo, Gore, Mercantile and Etna companies. A few of the tools and a small quantity of the stock was saved. The loss is largely on lumber and stock in process of manufacture.

American Pork in France.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Paul Beert has written a letter to Dr. Voltaire, in which he argues that the fear of an outbreak of disease from the use of American pork is in no way chimerical. He quotes the statements of Delmers, an inspector at Chicago, who certified that diseased and dying hogs passed his house daily, and that they were sold cheap and shipped to Bordeaux and Havre.

A Little Spark.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Baron Von Manteuffel, governor of Alsace Lorraine, has ordered the expulsion from Germany of two Frenchmen, one of them being general Grouvel, for omitting the observance of a slight formality in certain official relations with the authorities.

At the Colorado Mines.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—A Tellwide dispatch says: A snow slide came down the Marshall basin on Monday carrying off the shaft of the house of the Mendota mine containing fourteen men, eight of whom were killed outright and two wounded. Four dug themselves out.

Kidnapped or Drowned.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 26.—Three little daughters of John Kilgore of this city have mysteriously disappeared. Men are scouring the woods for them. It is feared they have been kidnapped or drowned.

Been Rusticating in Canada.

LOWVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—The Lewis county treasurer, Rogers, who has been missing some time, returned last night. His friends say he has been rusticating in Canaad.

Snow in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The snowstorm yesterday did considerable damage on Long Island by crushing in barns, sheds and hovels. There is two feet of snow on the level.

Only a Scare.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The police say the explosion at Birkenhead yesterday was caused by mischief makers, whose object was to frighten the people.

The idea that the explosion at Birkenhead on Christmas was due to fenians is entirely discredited here.

Too Much Kindness.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—John Meyers, a saloon lunch fiend, was treated all day yesterday. In the evening he became unconscious and died this noon from too many treats.

Orangemen at Dromore.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The orangemen are making great preparations to oppose the nationalist meeting announced at Dromore, county Down, on Jan. 2.

RIOTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

THREE ORANGEMEN KILLED AND OTHERS MORTALLY WOUNDED.

The Infantry Summoned to the Scene—The Riot Still in Progress at Last Accounts.

ST. JOHN, N.F., Dec. 26.—A formidable riot occurred at Harbor Grace this evening. The orangemen of the city turned out in procession with their regalia and flags, when they were attacked by the opposite faction and three men were instantly killed and several mortally or severely wounded. The riot at this hour (8 p.m.) has not been quelled. Detachments of infantry and cavalry and police are being despatched by train and steamer to the scene of the disturbance.

A SNUB FOR SUNSET.

He will Decline the Chairmanship of One Committee Because He Cannot Get Another.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—"Sunset" Cox, who was appointed chairman of the house committee of naval affairs, has informed an intimate friend that he will positively decline to serve on that committee when congress reconvenes. The reasons assigned are that the committee on naval affairs will have comparatively little before it during the present congress, and that twenty-two years' service in the house entitled him to the chairmanship of foreign affairs. His friends say in that position Cox contemplated a number of reforms in the line of reducing the number of foreign ministers and vesting consuls with diplomatic power.

HAMILTON THE HEADQUARTERS.

Burglars Radiating from the Ambitious City Make a Descent Upon Flamboro'.

HAMILTON, Dec. 26.—This city is the headquarters of a gang of roughs and jail birds, who concoct wholesale villany here for the surrounding country, and who from this centre make frequent depredations, and so far they have done it with great success. Christmas day another successful robbery came off in West Flamboro'. The house of Mr. J. L. Horning, on the second concession of West Flamboro', two miles from Dundas, was entered in the forenoon, while all the members of the household were absent, and $25 in money, a promissory note for $100, and a bank deposit receipt for $1000 and some miscellaneous papers were taken.

GONE FOR A MILLION.

A Providence Firm Fails With Disastrous Results.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 26.—A. D. Smith & Co. have assigned; liabilities said to be over a million, largely to Providence banks. The firm operated two cotton mills in this city, two in Johnstown and one in Woonsocket. The failure involves the suspension of the Providence Steam Mill Co., and the Groton Mfg. Co. Smith & Co. have large property, but mostly in plant, and the firm has been working on a large indebtedness and insufficient active capital.

The liabilities of A. D. Smith & Co. are placed at $1,700,000. In their various mills Messrs. Smith & Co. operated 87,000 spindles, giving employment to 10,000 or 12,000 persons. The failure involves the suspension of all their concerns and threatens many families with want during the winter. The assets of the firm are thought to be small. None of the banks involved are believed to be seriously crippled.

Railroad Earnings.

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 26.—The report of the New York, West Shore and Buffalo railroad for the year ending September shows $35,455,000 of capital stock of forty million was paid in. The funded debt amounted to $43,036,000. The cost of construction and equipment was $78,612,000. The earnings were $347,000 and the charges against earnings $348,000. Nine persons were killed during the year and four injured.

The report of the New York, Ontario, and Western railroad shows the earnings were $1,357,000 and the charges $1,434,000. Fifteen persons were killed and forty-three injured.

An Old-Time Grudge.

WILKESBARRE, Pa, Dec. 26.—Dick, the pedler, and Diede Bright, miners, fought 67 rounds yesterday for two hundred dollars a side. The pedler was declared the winner. Both men were badly punished. The fight was the outcome of a grudge in England. Much money changed hands.

Railway Construction in the States.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A summary of the railway building in the United states for the past twelve months shows 6600 miles of main track laid. The approximate cost was $165,000,000, making the total miles of railway in the country to date 120,000. The construction during 1882 was the largest in the history of the country, 11,600 miles. The year before it was 9800.

Chess Tournament in New York State.

ELMIRA, N.Y., Dec. 26.—The chess association of Southern New York and the Northern Pennsylvania convened in the Advertiser building here to-day for a four days' tournament. Both Steinitz and Mackenzie, champion players, are here, and sixteen of the best players of this section have already entered the tournament.

A General Christmas Melee.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 26.—In a general Christmas melee among the negroes at Sweet Home, near here, last evening two were killed and several wounded.

McMahon and Dufur.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—An agreement was signed to-day for another match between Dufur and McMahon for $500 a side and the heavy weight collar and elbow wrestling championship of the world.

Killed While Sleighing.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—John S. Austutz and two daughters, sleighing near Buffington, were struck by an express train while crossing the Lake Erie and Western track. All were killed.

MILD FOLLOWED BY COLD.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Dec. 27, 1 a.m.—*Lakes: Strong winds or gales from the southeast and south shifting to north and northwest; cloudy, mild, with local rains turning to snow, followed by colder weather.*

THE CONSULAR INVASION.

An informal conference was held at government house yesterday afternoon, at which his honor the lieutenant-governor, the honorable the commissioner of public works, and the government architect were present.

The governor opened the proceedings by somewhat peremptorily saying that government house would have to be enlarged; that he did not wish his desire to do the honors of his office outstripped by his means to that end, that is to say, he wished, and was in fact most anxious, to entertain all who at all came within his purview, so to speak, but that the increase in the diplomatic corps has been so marked that he would certainly not be able to entertain in suitable form all the ambassadors from foreign potentates, all the consuls and vice-consuls, now resident in the city, unless he had a larger dining room, more reception rooms, a commodious wing to his wine cellar, and a new range in the gubernatorial kitchen.

"Have they increased so much as that," said the commissioner, as he tried to recollect how much government house had already cost the province.

But before he could make up the sum a knock came to the door, and a liveried servant asked his honor if he would be pleased to receive his superbity, the vice-consul of Patagonia, who had just arrived and desired to present his credentials. His honor consented to receive the distinguished personage; he proved to be Giggs, the paper-box maker of Leader lane, who had driven up in a twenty-five cent cab, carried the Patagonian ensign, and bore an envelope as large as a three-sheet bill in his arms. His clanking spurs filled the hall with a Dull Thud.

His honor welcomed him to court, invited him to attend the vice-regal festivities, and to hang his banner on the outer wall. Mr. Giggs thereupon retired.

"We will certainly have to do something," said the commissioner, and thereupon suggested that the government architect report on the question. The architect said he would look into the matter forthwith and retired.

But before the governor could take leave of his loving minister, the commissioner, a page announced Mr. Buffins, the west end tailor, who wished to know his honor's decision in the matter of pleats on diplomatic coats. He had made a coat for the consul of Sunguy on which he had, according to the best London authorities, put three pleats; but that he now had an order from the consul of the Society Islands in the South Pacific, who insisted on five pleats on his coat, shoe brush couchant on the side of his hat, and three splits in his coat tail. It was useless to try and follow the English court tailors if these little idiosyncracies were to be humored.

"You will have to see the provincial secretary," said his honor. "Hardy is the final arbiter in such matters." Mr. Buffins retired.

"But what do all the consuls do?" said the commissioner as he kissed hands.

"Ask our friend Von Heimrod," said the governor.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

Where is my ten bushel of potatoes—Tommy McIlhose.

And mine too—Mr. Kelly.

I wonder if King Koffee wants a consul at Toronto—The Adj.

If the Irish republic was only started I'd be consul-gineral—Mr. Boyle.

By the gods, I ought to be one—The Colonel.

I wonder if anyone has written to the king of Siam—Mayor Dawsun.

I cabled him a week ago—Ald. Farley.

BURIAL OF GENERAL TURKEY.

He strutted around in his glory,
Got fat and red in the face;
Now a leg or a wing tells the story
Of feast and Christmas grace.

A week and his taste is forgotten,
The "tone" of his stuffing and all;
And now we return to our mutton,
While the "wish-bone" dries on the wall.

"Lightly they'll speak of him, now that he's gone,
Calumnious tongues shall upbraid him;
But little he'll reck if they let him sleep on
In the grave where we tenderly laid him."

—*Drumstick.*

Tennyson Made a Baron.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

Baron Alfred Vere de Vere,
Of me you win no new renown;
You thought to daze the country folk
And cockneys when you came to town.
See Wordsworth, Shelly, Cowper, Burns,
Withdraw in scorn and sit retired!
The last of some six hundred earls
Is not a place to be desired.

Baron Alfred Vere de Vere,
We thought you proud to bear your name,
Your pride is yet no mate for ours,
Too proud to think a title fame.
We hail the genius—not the lord;
We love the poet's truer charms,
A simple singer with his dreams
Is worth a hundred coats of arms.

Baron Alfred Vere de Vere,
You put strange memories in my head:
For just five decades now have flown
Since we all mourned young Arthur dead.
Oh, your wet eyes, your low replies!
Our tears have mingled with your tear:
To think that all such agony
Should end in making you a peer!

Baron Alfred Vere de Vere,
Our England has had poets too:
They sang some grand old songs of yore,
But never reached such heights as you.
Will Shakespeare was a prince of bards,
Our Milton was a king to hear,
But had their manners that repose
Which stamps the caste of Vere de Vere?

Baron Alfred Vere de Vere,
Robe, now your bays are sere and spent:
The King of Snobs is at your door,
To trace your long (and deep) descent.
A man's a man for a that,
And rich on forty pounds a year;
If rank be the true guinea-stamp
To win Parnassus—win a peer!

Trust me, Baron Vere de Vere,
When nobles eat their noblest words,
The grand old gardener and his wife
Smile at the airs of poet lords.
Howe'er it be, it seems to me,
'Tis only noble to be good.
Plain souls are more than coronets,
And simple lives than Baronhood.

I know you, Baron Vere de Vere:
You pine among your halls and bays:
The jaded light of your vain eyes
Is wearied with the flood of praise.
In glowing fame, with boundless wealth,
But sickening of a vague disease,
You are so dead to simple things,
You needs must play such pranks as these.

Alfred, Alfred, Vere de Vere,
If Time be heavy on your hands,
Are there no toilers in our streets,
Nor any poor in all these lands?
Oh! teach the weak to strive and hope,
Or teach the great to help the low,
Pray heaven for a noble heart,
And let the foolish title go.

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at.	From.
Dec. 25	Abyssinia	New York	Liverpool
Dec. 25	Malin	Southampton	New York
Dec. 25	Caledonia	Glasgow	New York
Dec. 26	The Queen	Queenstown	New York
Dec. 26	St. Laurent	New York	Havre
Dec. 26	Pavonia	New York	Liverpool
Dec. 26	Wieland	New York	Hamburg