

A DRY TIME IN ILLINOIS.

Saloons all Closed Up in Eight Counties.

Scores of Saloon Keepers Arrested for Sunday Selling.

Two Chicago Hotel Men Suicide Over the Worry.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Hundreds of saloons were closed in Illinois to-day, the local option voted at the last election in fourteen counties becoming effective at midnight. Eight counties are now totally "dry" while six allow saloons in only a few precincts. The counties principally effected are in the Southern Tier and reflect the wave of prohibition that has been sweeping up from the south.

The following counties are now without saloons: Edwards, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Union, Wabash, Williamson and Calhoun.

In some of the principal towns affected, Jacksonville loses 24 saloons, Duquesne 23; Herrin 15; Carthage 18; Marion 12; Mound City 11 and Lammer 10.

The prohibition sentiment was also felt farther north in the state where many towns voted out the saloons. In addition a systematic campaign for the Sunday closing of saloons has been undertaken in Chicago and several scores of saloonkeepers of the city have been arrested on evidence gathered by agents of the Chicago law and order league.

Liquor dealers of the State are alarmed at the situation and have taken steps to combat the reform movement. In Chicago the local Association of Saloon Keepers and the Restaurant Keepers' Association have united forces and will make vigorous attempts to secure the discharge of the arrested saloonkeepers when their cases are called for on Dec. 10. Two saloonkeepers committed suicide under remarkable circumstances yesterday. The members of their families attribute the deaths solely to worry lest the Sunday closing action of the law and order league ruin the saloon business here. The suicides are Matroni Peter and Orowick Gasper.

THE GOOD INDIANS.

NOT ALL DEAD, WRITES A MISSIONARY FROM THE NORTHWEST.

Defence of the Red Man and a Pathetic Appeal for Help—Old Chief Tells Ernest Thompson Seton That They Need Doctors More Than Missionaries.

Red Pheasants' Reserve, Nov. 18, 1907.

Dear Miss Applebe,—It is very comforting to know that we have someone interested in our work among the Indians. I am afraid that those people who say that the Indians are no good do not know much about them; opinions are often borrowed. When we came here we were told that the Indians were bad, and great beggars; this I found not to be so, and am finding out more and more that these people can be taught if we allow ourselves to be guided by God's word and ask Him for His strength to help us, with a single eye to God's glory. The Indians were the natural owners of this great Northwestern Canada; it was not without a murmur, and the white man owes them a living for it, and it is little enough for us, after the C. M. S. had done so much to civilize and Christianize the Indian, to take up its Christian work. I only wish I could meet those people who say the Indians are no good; I would tell them something which might change their opinion. There are many no-goods who come out among the Indians and blame them for their failures. Unfortunately men who know the Indians seldom go down to Eastern Canada, maybe because they cannot afford it. And some pass through by the railways, and when they see those poor unfortunates who have been demoralized by the bad white man, standing around the railway stations, they go back to their towns and homes in the east and say they know all about the Indian. I am sorry that our friends in the east have so small an opinion of our Indians. I think if they knew the truth they would feel for these poor creatures.

We are getting pretty much out of clothes, and no assistance from anywhere, but I suppose it will come. Only one bale came since we arrived here in April, 1906, and that was a personal one. Sending any bales to Mr. Inkster now does not assist his mission. If we had goods now we could get wood, hay, beef, and oats in exchange for them, as the cold weather is coming on, and people are anxious to get clothing for their children. I really hope something will come soon. I am, yours faithfully, D. MacDonald.

Indians Need Doctors.

(Toronto Saturday Night.) Ernest Thompson Seton, a Canadian, who has made a name for himself, has just returned from several months' travel in the little known country of the north, and has written a book on the life of the far north, and especially to learn whether buffalo herds were to be found there. He saw two small herds, and fancies there are more, but considers it improbable that they exist in large numbers. However, he confirms the story told by others that caribou in millions range that vast country, which we call the Barren Islands. This traveller makes two statements well worth considering. He tells us that much of that country is far from barren, and that over wide plains one travels waist high in prairie grass. He tells us, too, of the Indians—how diseases are wiping them out. So bad is the condition that Mr. Thompson-Seton rarely saw among them a person of sound body. It was a sight to stir the pity.

An old chief complained to the traveller of the decline and decay of his people, and said with bitterness that he had asked again and again to have a doctor and a mounted policeman sent to him, but instead he only got missionaries. What an arraignment of the white race is the complaint of this old pagan chief, in lands we call barren, a thousand miles north of our newest railway, as he sits in his tepee and sees his people rot and decay from diseases they never knew until the white man came—strange diseases against which the herbs, songs and enchantments of the medicine man of the tribe are powerless—and yet when he begs for an officer of the law to protect his people against further wrong, and for a white doctor to cope with the white curses with which they have been afflicted, we send them instead missionaries! They need these teachers, it is true. They need them urgently, for they are dying rapidly. But they want to live as well as die. If we have destroyed their mode of life and imposed on them ours, is it not our duty to make our mode something less than murderous in its effects on them? It is well that good men should pray with these people as they die, and cheer their pagan hearts with news of eternal torment for the wicked and eternal joy for the unfortunate, the weak and the heavy-laden.

ANARCHISTS AFTER FRANCIS JOSEPH.

ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL EMPEROR AND PRINCE FERDINAND.

Four Well-known Anarchists Said to be on Their Track to Take Their Lives—Austrian Government Pleads Ignorance.

Budapest, Dec. 9.—The Nap, a newspaper of this city, publishes a sensational story to-day to the effect that an Anarchist plot upon the lives of Emperor Francis Joseph and Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the heir to the throne, has been discovered.

The story would appear to be founded on the fact that the Hungarian police were informed recently that four well-known Anarchists had left Geneva for Hungary with the object, it was declared, of making an attempt upon the life of Francis Ferdinand. The police were instructed to watch the frontier closely, but so far as is known no Anarchists have yet entered Hungarian territory.

Laughed at the Report.

Vienna, Dec. 9.—In answer to an inquiry concerning the reported Anarchist plot to make an attempt upon the lives of Emperor Francis Joseph and Archduke Francis Ferdinand, it was officially declared to-day that the Government had no information whatever to bear out the suggestion that the Anarchists who are supposed to have left Geneva for Hungary had any designs upon the Emperor or the heir to the throne, and the idea that such an attempt was probable was derided.

OUR CLYDESDALES.

ARE BEST IN THE WORLD, SAY AMERICAN BUYERS.

Graham-Renfrew's "Sir Marcus" Awarded Grand Championship—Canadian Sheepmen Have Phenomenal Success—"Roan King" Realized \$1,420.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—Roan King, the grand champion fat steer of the International Live Stock Exposition, was sold to-day at auction to C. Klineh & Company of Buffalo at 24 cents a pound. He weighed 1,080 pounds. This is the first time in the show's history that a grand championship has been won by a Shorthorn. Once the honor was received by a grade, twice by a Hereford and four times by an Aberdeen Angus. Roan King is fifteen months old. He has been carefully handled since his birth, and has been fed on ground oats and peas, with some mixed hay, turnips and mangels. He has never tasted corn or bran.

He is a beautiful roan in color, straight in every line, smooth in his finish and covered with a quality and evenness of flesh that is truly wonderful. His owner, Mr. James Leask, of Greenbank, Ont., will realize from this champion in awards and sale receipts a total of \$1,420. As Mr. Leask is his own herdsman, he will receive the herdsman's medal offered for feeding the grand champion.

This seems to be Canada's year as all of the Canadian exhibitors have done exceptionally well. In sheep the Canadians have taken practically all the championships and prizes offered in the classes and breeds they have shown. The money and awards they will carry home will be more than the total of all their competitors combined.

The Graham-Renfrew Company of Bedford Park, Toronto, and Graham Bros. of Clarendon, Ont., have excellent exhibits of Clydesdales, "Sir Marcus," the Bedford Park stallion, captured the grand championship in his class. American draft horse buyers say that Canada produces the best Clydesdales in the world.

The six-thousand-dollar team, owned and exhibited by Morris & Company of the Union Stock Yards is composed of six geldings standing seventeen hands and weighing about one ton each. They are pure-bred Clydesdales. Three are Canadians and three Scotch.

The International Live Stock Exposition is held in the Chicago Union Stock Yards. These yards are one mile long and one mile wide. One thousand firms of meat packers are here doing business. The invested capital aggregates \$800,000,000, while the business each year amounts to \$700,000,000. More than 200,000 persons are employed. Last year 12,000,000 head of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep were slaughtered in these yards. About 16,000,000 head were received into the yards in 1906.

The trained elephant of India commences its career of usefulness at the age of twelve, and toils until about its eightieth year.

700 MINERS ENTOMBED.

Disastrous Explosion in a West Virginia Mine,

Rushing Physicians and Friends to the Scene of the Accident.

Explosion Caused by Dust—Heard Eight Miles Away.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 9.—An explosion is reported at Mines Nos. 6 and 8, of the Fairmont Coal Co., at Monongah, six miles from here.

It is said that one thousand men are employed in the two mines. It is said to have been a dust explosion. Nothing is known here of the number of men in the mines at the time of the explosion, but from the fact that the coal company, which controls the traction cars, has stopped traffic and are only sending out cars carrying physicians and intimate friends of the miners, it is feared the accident is a serious one. The mines are a part of those owned by the Consolidated Coal Co., of Baltimore.

The company has mines in Fairmont, Clarksburg, Somerset and near Cumberland. Clarence W. Watson, of Baltimore, is president. The concussion was heard eight miles away.

Great Explosion. Baltimore, Dec. 9.—At the office here of the president of the Consolidated Coal Co. it was stated that there had been a tremendous explosion at Monongah, and that it was feared the loss of life would be heavy.

A long distance telephone message to the Associated Press says that the bodies of three miners have been recovered near the mouth of the mine No. 6. They were foreigners. Superintendent John Malone, of the mines, says there are at least five hundred men entombed. It is believed that a majority of the men entombed were killed.

"ETERNAL FLAMES."

Fire Eaters Worshipped Natural Gas Gusher.

Baku, Dec. 9.—A new oil gusher has been opened at Surakhant, ten miles from this city. This indicates an important extension of the Baku oil industry. The new well gives 10,000 barrels a day. It is located on the site of an ancient temple dedicated at one time to a cult of fire worshippers and it has now been learned that the "eternal flames" that burned at the altar of the temple were maintained by natural gas issuing from the ground. According to geologists, this discovery opens up a possibility of tapping an oil strata in a region 40 times larger than the present one. The new strata includes part of the bed of the Caspian Sea and takes in the so-called "sacred isle" where Zoroaster, the founder of the perso-iranian religion, preached the fire cult. Zoroaster flourished about four hundred years before Christ.

PRINCE GEORGE

Breaks Adrift and Collides With Other War Vessels.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 9.—There was an exciting scene in this harbor last night, when the battleship St. George broke away from her moorings and went adrift. She was finally brought under control, but she was so badly damaged in the meantime that she will have to be docked.

The Prince George grazed a number of warships anchored in the harbor and then collided with such force with the new cruiser Shannon, which had just arrived in from her trials, that a big hole was pierced in the battleship's side. The Prince George took in water rapidly, and by the time she had been secured by a tug and towed to her berth, she had a heavy list to starboard. The Shannon was damaged only on her upper works.

DEAD NEAR HIS CABIN.

Tragic Fate of Aged Recluse in Village in Wellington.

Guelph, Ont., despatch: Word was received here to-day that an old man named Hamilton, who lived alone in a little cabin on the outskirts of Erin village, was this morning found lying dead on the ground only a few feet from the door of the wretched little hut in which he lived. He looked as though he had died from exposure, and beside him on the ground lay a whiskey flask, a little less than half full.

It was thought by those who found him that he had been lying there dead for three or four days. He was a bachelor, and had no relatives in the vicinity.

WORK FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

Dominion Council Has Increased Associations to Forty-nine.

Toronto report: The Dominion Council of the Young Women's Christian Associations of Canada, which held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of the President, Mrs. Holt, Kilgour, Queen's Park, has during the six years since its formation increased the number of city and college associations from fourteen and thirteen, respectively, to twenty-six and twenty-three. Representatives of six college and five city associations, including Edmonton and Hamilton, were present, besides members of the Executive.

The membership of the Y. W. C. A.'s

of Canada is now about 10,000, of whom some 3,000 are taking work in educational classes, and over 1,500 are in Bible study classes.

There was sent from Canada to Japan for two dormitories \$4,400 towards the

BANK WRECKERS

Bring Death and Want to Man Whose Money They Held.

New York, Dec. 9.—The King's county grand jury continued its examination into the affairs of the suspended Williamsburg Trust Company to-day.

In addition to the suicides caused by the suspension of the Brooklyn banks, many cases of actual destitution, to say nothing of bankruptcy, are coming to light. Most of the money tied up in the bankrupt institutions is that of people who have urgent need of it.

One woman, who has had a weekly allowance from a trust fund in the Williamsburg company, would have been evicted to-day had it not been for the receiver, who made arrangements to guarantee her rent, and then gave her \$10 out of his own pocket.

Another depositor in the Borough Bank is unable to pay a mortgage that has fallen due, although he had saved the money for this very purpose. He is at the mercy of the foreclosure and will lose his property.

ACTRESS SUICIDE.

Miss Bloodgood Deliberately Took Her Life.

Baltimore, Dec. 9.—The body of Clara Bloodgood, the actress, who committed suicide by shooting in her room in the hotel Stafford last night, will be taken to New York to-day by her husband, Wm. Laimbier, of New York, who reached Baltimore this morning. He declined to receive visitors but through John Emerson, stage manager of the company, stated that the note left for him by his wife gave absolutely no clue as to the motive for her act. It merely referred to some business matters which she desired him to attend to for her in New York, and evidently had been laid aside for mailing Mr. Laimbier could not, he declared, assign any reason for the deed, and Mr. Emerson added that he himself was no nearer a solution of the matter to-day than on last evening. He could only ascribe it to the fears of a possible physical breakdown on the part of Mrs. Bloodgood. She had had a hard season, he said, with a large number of one-night stands and this had told on her nervous system, and occasionally she would have a little nervous spell.

The fact of her purchase of the pistol here a few days ago and the discovery of a mental book in her room with marked paragraphs treating of the parts of the brain, seemed to indicate premeditation. The coroner said that it was plain she had made a careful study of these paragraphs with the hope of ending her life in a flash when the time came to fire a pistol ball into her head.

ENGINEER DEAD.

Other Casualties Resulting From Collision on the Erie.

Buffalo, N. Y., despatch: John Bain, of St. Thomas, Ont., the Washburn locomotive engineer, who was so badly scalded last night in a collision between his engine and several runaway cars from a Lake Shore freight train, at the crossing of the Lake Shore and Erie roads, died last night from his injuries.

The freight train had broken in two, and when the first part had passed the switch, the tender supported it was the end of the train and set the switch on fire. John Kelley, the switchman, was injured by the falling switch target, and jumping.

Thomas Cole, the clerk who was killed, jumped upon the engine as it passed the shops in order to reach the city earlier.

YORK LOAN

Inquiry as to How "Advance Shares" Were Treated.

A Toronto despatch: Class II, of the shareholders in the York County Loan & Savings Company came before Referee M. George Kappeler yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wm. Douglass, K. C., appeared for the general body of shareholders, Mr. W. R. Smythe for class II claimants, and Mr. C. D. Scott for the liquidator. The sitting was occupied in an examination of Mr. Stuart Lynn as to the way in which "advance shares" were dealt with. These shares were those on which the investor had secured a loan from the company. Mr. Lynn said that there was seldom any forfeiture of this stock because the loans had become overdue, but simply when payment of the weekly installment on the stock itself had ceased for a certain length of time.

During the course of the proceedings it transpired that the effect of the by-laws of the company might be that the borrowers are still liable for the amount of their loans, and that the shares had ceased to have any value owing to the automatic application of the forfeiture resulting from non-payment of instalments.

BOY KILLED.

Scalded to Death While Waiting for His Father.

Edinburgh, Dec. 9.—Edgar Wells, eight years old, was scalded to death, and his brother Walter, nine years old, was frightfully burned just before 6 o'clock this evening when a boiler blew out of the Endicott-Johnson company tannery at Endicott.

Irving J. Wells, the boys' father, is employed at the tannery as fireman. The boys went to the tannery to get home with their father, who was just preparing to quit work for the day when the flue blew out, letting the water down into the fire box. The steam generated blew the furnace doors open. The boys, who were standing twenty feet away, were covered by the escaping steam and water, and so badly scalded that the younger one died two hours later. It is thought that Walter will recover. No one else was injured.

TORONTO MAN'S SUDDEN END.

Expired Suddenly in Detroit—Was on Way to Ohio.

Windsor report: John Christie, aged 51, of Toronto, a travelling salesman for building supply firms, died suddenly of heart disease at 247 Brush street, Detroit, at 4.15 o'clock this morning. Christie arrived in Detroit Wednesday night on his way to Ohio.

Coroner Parker notified the family, and the body was taken to the county morgue. Owing to the fact that Christie is a non-resident, a post-mortem will be held. Christie had \$185 and valuable jewelry on his person.

MADMAN'S DEED.

TWO LABOR LEADERS SHOT IN BOSTON STATE HOUSE.

Insane Man Entered Looking for Governor Guild—Found the Men in the Ante-room and Fired—One of the Wounded Will Probably Die.

Boston, Dec. 9.—John A. Steele, an insane man of Everett, walked into the ante-room of the executive chamber of the State House this afternoon and, finding Governor Guild's door closed, turned on three prominent labor leaders, who were waiting in the room and fired three shots at them, probably fatally wounding Edward Cohen, of Lynn, President of the State branch of the American Federation of Labor; seriously wounding Dennis R. Driscoll, of Boston, Secretary of the same board, and painfully injuring with the muzzle of his revolver, Arthur M. Huddell, of Boston, former President of the Central Labor Union, of this city. Steele was overpowered by Private Secretary Chas. S. Groves, General J. H. Whitney, chief of the State police, and Governor Guild, who rushed out of his office.

Cohen was shot twice through the head and is in a critical condition. The third bullet struck Driscoll a glancing blow on the side of the forehead and rendered him unconscious. He recovered consciousness half an hour later. Huddell's wound was not serious. Steele has been an inmate of various State insane institutions for the last five years. He was released on parole from one of them only last month.

G. T. PACIFIC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Over Eighteen Hundred Miles of Road Now Under Construction—Bridge-building in the West—Accommodated the Settlers.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—At the annual meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Grand Trunk Pacific, held in Montreal to-day, the President submitted a report of the progress during the year, showing that the authorized mileage of the company for the main line and branches consists of 900 miles, of which is now in progress, amounting to 1,840 miles.

The substructure of the bridge across the South Saskatchewan River at Saskatoon is completed, and the steel superstructure is now being erected, which, it is expected, will be completed so that track-laying can proceed westerly 200 miles to the Battle River with the opening of the work next spring. The former officers were re-elected.

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LIMIT IMIEGATION.

HON. R. LEMIEUX RECEIVES ASSURANCES FROM VISCONT HAYASHI.

Agents Will Have to Abide by Foreign Minister's Decision—Commissioner Ishii Comments on Tyranny of Trades Unions.

Tokio, Dec. 9.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Canadian Minister of Labor, held a lengthy conference to-day with Viscount Hayashi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office, and received verbal assurances of the limitation of Japanese emigration, and that he will be given later full details of plans on foot for its control.

A committee from the emigration agencies here has held a conference with Minister Hayashi, who announced that the plan of the Japanese Government was closely to limit all emigration to the United States and Canada. Some members of the committee angrily announced their opposition to this course, but Minister Hayashi remained firm and dismissed the committee without changing his attitude or making any compromise.

Kiki Yiro Ishii, Chief of the Japan-

ese Bureau of Commerce, who a few days ago returned from his visit to the United States and Canada, where he was sent to investigate the emigration problem, gathered representatives of the Tokio newspapers around him at the Foreign Office this evening and discussed his mission abroad. He said that there were two classes of Japanese in America, day laborers, of whom there were 15,000, and a few agriculturists. It was against the emigration of the former that objection was raised. He found that many of this class were desired by employers, but others said their methods of living were objectionable. The Japanese agriculturists generally were successful.

Baron Ishii described the existing economic conditions in America, and explained the method of State self-government in the United States. He said that between the trusts and the labor unions the middle class of Americans and foreign laborers suffered, declaring that union labor was largely controlled by unreasoning persons, their attitude being almost that of tyrants, and they were liable to destroy anything standing in their way.

"Japanese engaged in agriculture as land owners or lessors," said Baron Ishii, "require a few of the best class of their countrymen as laborers, but the Government of Japan has been limiting the emigration of this class."

GAMBLING AT SEA.

PROFESSIONAL GAMBLERS "WORKING" THE ATLANTIC LINERS.

German Baron Loses Heavily—Organized Gang of Card Sharps Invades the Steamers—Companies Warn Passengers.

New York, Dec. 9.—The heavy gambling on the North German Lloyd Line steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie on her recent westward voyage from Bremen, when Baron Von Ittersum is said to have been relieved of \$600 in cash and a large amount of promissory notes by a professional gambler and a confederate, has convinced the agents of the Atlantic lines in this city that there is a well organized gang working the steamers. Herman Winter, passenger manager of the North German Lloyd Line, said yesterday: "We have done all in our power to protect passengers on the steamers from these card sharps, but it is very difficult, because in many instances the passengers will not take the advice of our officers and consequently they are stung."

An official of the White Star Line said that the company refused tickets to all gamblers that were known to them, and that in the busy season notices were inserted in the passenger lists warning the patrons of the line against gambling with strangers or taking part in large pools on the ship's daily run.

ASKS DAMAGES.

CLERGYMAN CARRIED SCANDAL, BUT WITHOUT MALICE.

Warton Divine Says His Duty Led Him to Denounce Fellow Clergyman's Wife.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Upon a motion to have the plaintiff give security for costs in the libel suit of Mary Elizabeth Danard, wife of a Methodist minister of Oliphant, Ont., against Thomas Moore, of the same place, the affidavit of the defendant was read by Judge Hall, Mrs. Danard seeks \$2,000 damages for alleged defamation of character by Moore, who, it is claimed, told Rev. Rogers, of Colquhoun Bay, and Rev. William Smythe, of Warton, of rumors coupling Mrs. Danard's name with others in an impolite way.

The defendant urges in justification that the communications were privileged between himself and Rev. Gordon, because he, as a member of his local Epworth Society of the church, was in duty bound to make report of the rumors to Rev. Gordon, who was in charge of the society. This he did, he said, privately, and at the request of a majority of the members of the society. He says that he took the opportunity afforded by his being with Rev. Rogers at a series of revival meetings to make the communication.

Later, he says, Rev. Smythe, as chairman of the Warton district of the society, asked him, as quarter board representative, about the trouble. He then repeated the rumors to Rev. Smythe without malice, but because it was his duty to tell all he knew under the discipline of the Methodist Church. Other statements complained of the defendant denies having made.

The reputation of the rumors was taken advantage of by members of the society, who sought to have Rev. Danard desist from the conduct of Danard evening meetings in the Oliphant Methodist Church.

The cause of action arose November, 1906. The defendant says that the plaintiff has not sufficient money to pay costs, if judgment should go against her.

ZULU CHIEF UP TO DATE.

Wants to Know Why Cape Colony is Making Warlike Preparations.

Cape Town, Dec. 9.—Chief Dinizulu, who is credited with planning a general rising of the Zulus against the British, has telegraphed to the Government of Natal expressing surprise at the military preparations that are being made by that colony.

He asks why, if the Government thinks he is responsible for the murders committed during the rising last year, he is not put on his trial and, if found guilty, punished.

COCAINE FIEND RUNS AMUCK.

Negro Shot Seven White Persons, Then Was Riddled Himself.

Augusta, Ark., Dec. 5.—Crazed by cocaine, Wash Muesey, negro, ran amuck here to-day shooting seven white persons, two of whom were women. The negro was finally cornered in a railroad yard and shot to death by a posse, fighting until he fell, literally riddled with bullets. One of Muesey's victims will die.