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TRAVELERS AT BANQUET HERE

Commercial Men Here Re-Union, a Good Dinner, Hear Papers and Enjoy Social Hour.

Knight of the grip from various parts of New Brunswick were in the city today to attend a luncheon held at Bond's restaurant, beginning at 1.15 o'clock open to commercial travelers and arranged by a local committee. R. S. Sims, who was recently honored in being elected president of the Maritime Commercial Travelers Association, was in the chair.

The dinner was in the nature of a "get-together" affair, not officially representative of any association but merely arranged with the idea that with so many travelers in the city for the holidays it would be a good opportunity to have them meet in festive manner and talk over matters of interest to themselves. More than 130 commercial men took advantage of the occasion offered and the dinner proved a delightful reunion event.

F. W. SUMNER LEFT MORE THAN HALF MILLION

(Special to Times.)
Moncton, Dec. 30.—It is reported here today that the estate of the late Frederick W. Sumner is valued at over half a million dollars.

SIXTY CARS OF LIQUOR READY

At Quebec Border Awaiting New Year's Day for Transfer Into Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Sixty carloads of wine are on the Quebec side of the international boundary waiting to be sent into Ontario in compliance with the provisions of the new liquor law, according to a railroad official in this city. It is the express companies from the frontier that are anticipated by liquor shippers to Toronto in special wagons, and will segregate those of ordinary merchandise.

LOST BARNS AND CATTLE AND HIS EQUIPMENT

John McRae, Farmer of Shannon Settlement, Heavy Loser by Fire.

John McRae, a prominent farmer of Shannon Settlement, Queens county, on Saturday night sustained serious loss when fire destroyed three of his barns with practically all contents. The blaze broke out about half-past seven o'clock and although many of his neighbors came to his assistance it was found useless to try to save the barns, so their contents were directed towards salvaging what was possible. Besides the buildings, Mr. McRae suffered the loss of his entire stock of hay, nine head of cattle, such harness and farm machinery. The burning was slightly sooted and was unattended somewhat. There was no insurance.

MERCURY IN LITTLE TRIP TO THE CELLAR

The thermometer has been at its nicks again. Yesterday afternoon the mercury took a sudden dip for high tides and during the hours of darkness steadily descended from the temperature above mark away down to six points below the cipher, where it hesitated for about an hour just at day-break this morning.

Some Hope For Men Lashed to Wreck

Seas Calmer Around Anton Van Driel

Twenty-Six Drowned When Steamship Pounds on Rocks Off Cape Race—Effort to Reach Survivors Lashed to Bridge.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—No word had been received here up to ten-thirty o'clock this morning regarding the fate of five men who, as darkness descended last night, were seen still clinging to the wreck of the Dutch steamer Anton Van Driel pounding to pieces on the St. Mary's Bay ledges, forty miles west of Cape Race, Nfld. It was reported here last night that a steamer had put out from St. John's in an endeavor to effect the rescue of the survivors of the crew of thirty, and if this is the case, she should have been off the wreck at day-light this morning.

Other reports were that the weather was moderating off Cape Race and that consequently a rescue might be attempted from the land side. But the wireless had given no word of the outcome of either of these attempts to render assistance.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—Hope for the rescue of the five men of the Anton Van Driel was renewed today when day-break showed the storm passing and the seas calmer. From here would reach the scene of the wreck early today and there was a chance that her boats might be able to take off the survivors.

CITY HALL CLOCKS ACTING QUEERLY

An epidemic of sleeping sickness has broken out at City Hall, but fortunately it does not affect any of the human beings who handle the affairs of the city. For some unknown reason the clocks in the various departments have taken to acting queerly. When the commissioners gathered in the committee room for meeting yesterday morning the clock in that room was silent, having given up work at some few minutes after seven.

A THIRD PLEBISCITE

Rome, Dec. 29.—Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio has ordered a new plebiscite at Fiume to determine the future status of that city, according to the Epoca. Two plebiscites have already been held in the city.

Opening of New Protestant Orphans' Home Building in Carleton

Cozy New Quarters Formally Opened Today—Fresh and Bright and Pleasant Place For the Little Ones.



When a reporter called at the new St. John Protestant Orphans' Home building, Queen Square, West St. John, this forenoon the large building, formerly the Martello Hotel, was as cozy and comfortable as one could possibly desire, fresh and clean as a new pin, and brilliant with sunlight. The prattle of childish voices with an occasional baby chuckle from the nursery made the cheerful interior appear more like a large private residence than an institution capable of housing over one hundred children. This afternoon and evening the or-

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Rushed Over Border And Held For Court

Five New Haven Men Taken to Massachusetts In Wood Alcohol Case—Fourteen Funerals In One Place Today

LOCAL NEWS

(Special to Times.)
Boston, Dec. 30.—Five New Haven men wanted in Massachusetts by the authorities of Hampden county on homicide charges were locked up in Springfield police headquarters at midnight, being placed under arrest by Massachusetts state officers led by Colonel Alfred F. Foote, state commissioner of public safety.

The men were spirited out of New Haven police headquarters by federal officers just ahead of habeas corpus proceedings instituted by their counsel, who sought opportunity, which had been denied them previously, to interview their clients.

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HOLD DOCTOR ON CHARGE OF KILLING GIRL

Alleged Trial Marriage Proposal One of Features of Kentucky Case.

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Louisville, Ky., Dec. 30.—Dr. C. G. Griffith, his office assistant, and central figure in the most mysterious Louisville murder case in many years, refused to furnish \$15,000 bail bond at the conclusion of arguments on motion for bail in police court here yesterday and elected to stay in jail pending his examining trial later in the week.

Dr. Griffith's attorneys asserted the motion was excessive in view of the showing that has been made for their client by Laurence Gardner, a girl of thirteen, who has asserted that she was in the physician's company delivering Christmas presents at the time it is believed Miss Griffith was shot and killed.

The little Gardner girl, after being confined in the detention home on the charge of delinquency, was released on nominal bail pending a trial in juvenile court.

A feature connected with the case which excited great interest was a police announcement that Dr. Griffith, in effect, had advocated a trial marriage of Miss Griffith, his one-time fiancee, and a soldier. The theory of Dr. Griffith according to this version was that such a marriage would fit her eventually to become his wife.

LIQUOR SENT DOWN A DRAIN

Inspector Wilson and Aids Pay Visit to House of Suspect in Norton.

Inspector W. D. Wilson, assisted by Sub-Inspectors McAnish and Merryfield, carried out a successful liquor raid last night at the village of Norton. The inspectors arrived there on the maritime express at 7.15 last evening and immediately went to the house of a man suspected. They entered the house, but before they could make a seizure, the liquor was emptied down a drain, so says the report. However, the odor was strong enough for the inspectors to be quite sure that it was not water the accused emptied out. A deposit of \$200 was put up for his appearance in court at a later date. It was reported that the inspectors have another charge against the defendant in Queens county.

PREDICTS CANADA EMPIRE CENTRE

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—Lloyd Harris, trade commissioner for Canada in London, told the Womans Canadian Club yesterday afternoon that in fifty years Canada would be the centre of the empire and not just a minor portion of it, if sentiment, trade and commerce continued for anything.

MADE TROUBLE ON STREET CAR; FINES OF \$20

In the police court this morning Charles Kennedy was charged with disturbing the peace by assaulting Rutherford Muir, a street car conductor, last evening.

The accused was arrested on a warrant, and this morning Charles Kennedy made recital of two or three volumes of essays, contributed to by 150 writers, his pupils, colleagues and friends in the British Empire and the United States.

Sir Clifford Allbutt, in making the presentation, spoke of the supreme service rendered by Sir William Osler, and hoped that for many years he would abide as the mentor of modern Oxford, leader in the van of medicine and an example to all.

According to the Daily Mail, he was a wonderful and great man, ranking with the foremost teachers of our time.

Allusion is made to the controversy over the exaggerated view read into his declaration that the effective, vitalizing work of the world is done between the ages of twenty-five and forty, and the Daily Telegraph remarks that his own subsequent career affords the best ground for doubting the validity of his argument.

VETERANS AND THE GRATUITY

Toronto, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of war veterans last night, including various organizations of returned men, it was decided to go ahead with a scheme of circulating petitions to be presented to the dominion parliament urging a further gratuity.

Representatives of the G. W. V. A. who attended the meeting said that they had no power to set in motion, under the other soldiers' organizations in the matter.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS BURNED TO DEATH

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Jeanne Valade, four years of age, while playing with matches, set fire to her clothes and was so badly burned that she died a few moments later.

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