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**WOMAN'S WORLD**

The World will be pleased to receive items, such as engagements, weddings, parties, teas and other news of personal interest, with the names of those present, for this "Society News" column. The items should be endorsed with the name and address of the sender—not the publication. State whether you prefer them to appear in the Sunday or daily issue.

**A Deserving Mission.**

Mrs. M. E. Machel, 95 Bellevue-avenue, has sent out the following letter, the general purport of which should appeal to many a heart and many a pocket book. It is self-explanatory.

"May I recall to your notice an appeal on behalf of the repairs and improvements, which were necessary to enable the Mission House, 100 Avenue Avenue to continue the work among the poor as it has done for the past seventeen years. It was feared that the building would be closed on account of its unsanitary and cold condition, but some friends of the Sisters of St. John the Divine, the work of the Mission House being one of their many good works, had faith enough to believe that money for such a charity would be forthcoming.

"In response to my appeal I have in the bank \$388, but the estimate for the repairs and improvements is \$250 and this sum is not sufficient to raise. The work is nearly completed, i.e., the excavation and drainage of basement, a new furnace, proper plumbing, painting, etc., and the enclosing of the whole building in brick. The sisters hope to occupy it and dispense good cheer and help to the poor, and they are anxious to open it free from debt, as it has always been for the past seventeen years, during which time it has been a constant source of contribution of charity in that poor district. Money was borrowed to start the work so that the poor might be helped during the coming winter and as ready there are indications that there will be many calls on the sisters. Contributions large or small may be sent to the sisters, Major-street, or to 95 Bellevue-avenue."

**A Queen Expectant.**

THE HAGUE, Dec. 22.—It was officially announced to-day in the chamber of deputies that Queen Wilhelmina was in an interesting condition, and the statement was greeted with joyful "bravos" from practically the entire house.

Only a handful of socialists and the hoots and derision of their colleagues excepted, the royal demonstration.

The queen is now under the care of Prof. Kouwer of the University of Utrecht, one of the leading surgeons of the realm, and under his direction she has abandoned her carriage rides and taken to walking as exercise.

This strange departure on the part of the beloved ruler created an immense amount of comment at The Hague, when Queen Wilhelmina arrived there a month ago from her summer palace. No one had expected the public ear and when the young queen descended from her private car at the railroad station in The Hague and set off for her palace in a brisk walk, her action created a sensation.

Accompanied by a woman companion and one of her secretaries, Queen Wilhelmina strode along the public thoroughfare with her head erect and her shoulders thrown back, fulfilling every detail of her carriage the instructions of Prof. Kouwer.

Comments in the press expressed mystification at the queen's action, but no attempt was made to guess at what had prompted her to make the journey from the railroad station to her palace on foot.

A few days later, however, the young queen was again seen, walking briskly from her palace to the city, and her mother, a distance of little more than half a mile. On these walks she was accompanied by a number of her princely consort and at other times by one or two members of her household and Prof. Kouwer.

Prof. Kouwer has adopted an entirely new method in preserving the health of the queen, and the result of which is that she shall have proper exercise.

She must walk at least a mile each day in clear weather, or three long if she is strong enough. The women of The Hague have been requested to refrain from crowding along the streets used by the queen in her walks, and from staring at her. Wilhelmina's health has now become a matter of greater public concern than it has in his possession. For instance, what appointments have served to make the present phase of the matter of intense public moment.

**UNFAIR RATES ON FLOUR.**

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Buy Him a Bath Robe.

Fairweather's big Christmas sale puts you in the way of securing handsome, elegant and useful things as Christmas gifts for a man, at prices that are not much over what you'd expect to pay for some indifferent bauble that he'd lose interest in the first hour it was in his possession. For instance, what could a man appreciate more than a bath robe, and up to now it's been quite uncommon to make gifts of such, but there's a big turn toward useful comfort in selecting this season's presents, and bath robes certainly must be counted in that list. Fairweather's (84-86 Yonge-street) are offering their entire stock of them at 25 per cent. less than the regular market prices, and there are many other just such splendid

**GIFTS FOR THE POOR.**

Scholars of Metropolitan Sunday School Show Practical Sympathy.

The annual Christmas festival of the Metropolitan Sunday school was held last night in the school room of the church and was an occasion when many of the scholars presented to the deaconesses of the church a large number of Christmas gifts, which are to be distributed by them to-day to poor children. The school room was prettily decorated, one of the features being an ornamental tree lighted by candles.

At the conclusion of an entertaining program the Sunday school children were presented with boxes of candy. Sunday School Superintendent H. S. Park occupied the chair.

The Queen to Gen. Booth.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Queen Alexandra's well-known interest in the Salvation Army was emphasized in a telegram to Gen. Wm. Booth, commander-in-chief of that body, who was on Friday operated upon for a cataract, saying:

"I have felt so much for you and hope the operation may be successful. I trust you are getting on towards complete recovery and that the slight you need so much will soon be entirely restored."

Gen. Booth's physicians believe he will recover his sight.

Good Times Again.

New York World: This will be a "good times" Christmas. The mercury of trade has been ascending in a holiday approach until it has surmounted the hard times mark of a year ago and reached a high level, perhaps as good as that recorded in prosperous 1906.

**HOW TO CURE A HEADACHE**

To attempt to cure a headache by taking a "headache powder" is like trying to stop a leak in the roof by putting a pail under the dripping water. Chronic headaches are caused by poisoned blood. The blood is poisoned by issue waste, undigested food and other impurities remaining too long in the system. These poisons are not promptly eliminated because of sick liver, bowels, skin or kidneys.

If there is pain in the back showing kidney trouble—if the skin is sallow or disfigured with pimples—it always clearly what is causing the headache.

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**In Society.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fox of 121 Havelock-street wish to thank the many kind friends for their deep sympathy which has been such a help to them in their great sorrow.

The annual at home of the ex-pupils of Parkdale Collegiate Institute will be held in the institute, Jameson-avenue, on Friday, Jan. 27, at 4 p.m. J. McBeth is secretary of the Graduates' Association, who are conducting the affair.

The engagement is announced at Grafton, of Miss Blanche Murray of Ross-shire, Scotland, to Mr. James Blacklock. The marriage will take place quietly on Christmas Day at the residence of the bride's aunt, Miss Johann Ross, Grafton.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Louise Watson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, 152 Jarvis-street, to Mr. Douglas C. S. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson, Brampton. The wedding will take place early in January.

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.**

G. R. Geary Succeeded in Getting Court Revision to Change His Mind.

The assessment scheme for the extension of Temperance-street from Bay-street to Sheppard-street, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, of which the city is to pay \$10,000, was approved by the court of revision yesterday, but owing to the arguments of Solicitor G. R. Geary, who arrived after the decision had been reached, the court agreed to reconsider.

Mr. Geary, who represents Robert Bond, liverman of Sheppard-street, who opposes the extension as prejudicial to his property, claimed that at a previous meeting of the court it was agreed that neither side should have the privilege of further argument, and that K. J. Dunstan of the Bell Telephone Co. had promised to give the extension, broke this agreement yesterday by advancing further argument. The court had adjourned before Mr. Geary arrived, but he hunted up one of the members, William Ardagh and P. H. Drayton, and had them reconsider their decision.

Some Sterling-road property owners opposed its widening and extension northward and westerly to the railway tracks at an estimated cost of \$600,000. Time 131 Jan. 16 will be allowed for a petition.

A petition will be gotten up by Russell Bond, property owner, who considers that Wallace-avenue ratepayers should contribute to the cost of extending Russell-avenue.

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**"POWER OFF" IN PLAN FOR TORONTO ELECTRIC DEAL**

Nothing New for Months, Says William Mackenzie, Regarding the Arrangement.

President William Mackenzie of the Canadian Northern Railway said to The World last night that his trip to England was to make a small notation. He effected the object of his visit without difficulty, as conditions were good. The sentiment there was favorable towards legitimate Canadian investment.

Mr. Mackenzie said the company had no new plans at present, but was concentrating on the completion of the rail ways out west on which it had been working during the past year.

Asked respecting the report that an arrangement was approaching completion between the Toronto Light and the Toronto electric companies, Mr. Mackenzie said there had been no change in the situation during the past few months.

He did not go over in connection with anything of that kind. Any negotiations for an arrangement were, Mr. Mackenzie said, in the most preliminary stage.

Sir Henry Pellatt said last night that he knew nothing about the completion of the reported arrangement. "There has been a certain amount of negotiation," said W. D. Matthews, "with a view to some arrangement, but the details have not been finally completed."

The basis on which the negotiations had been in progress were reported

to have placed the Toronto Electric stock at the par value of \$4,000,000, to be exchanged for Toronto Power de Electric Light Co. at an approximate market value of \$6,570,000.

The scheme was reported to contemplate the continuance of the Toronto Electric Light Co. as at present, but with its dividend raised from \$200,000 to \$361,000.

No Wedding Bells for Her.

In the criminal sessions, Archibald Lake has been placed on trial on a charge preferred against him by a colored girl named Alice Emmeraley, formerly of Jamaica. The girl, who claims to be under 21 years, alleges that he promised to marry her and had broken the promise. The case is being heard practically behind closed doors, and will be continued this morning.

The defendant claims that he never made any such promise.

Christmas Buying at Score's.

One of the many fine lines of neckwear to be seen at Score's, 77 West King-street, is a new shipment just received of Irish poplin silk. These ties are made up reversible, cross striped, with alternating colors, in an almost unlimited range of shades, such as green and purple, green and white, orange and green, purple and black, mauve and tan, purple and white, etc. The showcase containing this rich assortment of neckwear was a centre of unceasing activity all day yesterday. The high grade quality and low price of 50 cents is a combination that cannot be resisted.

True Bills.

The grand jury of the sessions has returned a true bill against Edgar T. Shephard on a charge of fraudulent obtaining \$300 from A. C. Jennings and one against William Anderson and Robt. Gillespie charged with stealing two revolvers from the T. Eaton Co.



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**CAN CLARIFY SEWAGE.**

Yorkville Resident Submits Results of Experiments to City.

Joseph Adams, 67 Marlboro-avenue, has submitted to the city authorities samples of clarified water obtained from sewage. He experimented with filthy water obtained from the bay at the foot of Brock-street and from the Don. A small amount of a powder which he has found effective has, in from 8 to 12 hours, clarified the water until when aliphoned from the sludge it is apparently free of any trace of organic matter. A slight odor of lime is noticeable which may disappear when the water is filtered. Mr. Adams says the powder can be bought at \$10 a ton or less, and it may prove a cheaper and better method than any yet submitted here, especially as the sludge will be available as a fertilizer.

**TRIAL OF NIGHT RIDERS.**

Many Witnesses Relate Stories of Depredations of Gang.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The eight defendants in the night riders trial were brought into court to-day handcuffed in pairs with a detail of two soldiers for each pair. The soldiers with rifles halted at the court room door, and other soldiers armed with revolvers met the prisoners at the threshold and escorted them to the bar.

Judge Shaw was the first witness. He said the riders forced him to give them oil to pour on the fish docks when they were burned and later whipped him when he tried to go before the grand jury.

They gave him his choice of a switching or hanging. He told them he was not anxious to endorse either, but that if he had to make a choice he would prefer the whipping.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Reelfoot Lake, was visited by the riders and was given five days to move under penalty of being hanged. His home was burned.

**INCENDIARY FIRE.**

Bitter Feeling Over Local Option Said to Be Responsible.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Incendiarities are believed to have set fire to the large grist mill of J. J. Rank, Norwich, early this morning. The mill was destroyed with all its contents. The loss, including 12,000 bushels of wheat and 100 tons of cheap grain. The loss, which is partly covered by insurance, will reach \$15,000.

The owner was identified with the local option movement and incendiaryism is believed to have been the result of the bitter feeling over that question.

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