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NEW YEAR OF MILITARY MEN.

A Merry Holiday Spent at the New Armories.

That the military man is a jolly good fellow cannot be doubted for a moment, and such scenes as took place yesterday afternoon in the new officers' quarters of the 91st regiment and throughout the whole garrison only go to show the strong feeling of friendship that has cemented itself among the officers, sergeants and men of all the units. The mess rooms of all the corps were filled during the entire afternoon. Owing to the fact that the 12th officers' mess was not yet formed, the company of the 1st officers' mess joined with the 13th, and there was a mingling of forces. The second was an animated one, groups of the older soldiers who have been connected with the military life of this city, almost since its inception, talking in a reminiscent strain of days gone by, and other groups of the younger officers painting brilliant pictures of future happiness in the new quarters, made the time pass all too rapidly. The officers visited the sergeants' quarters of both the 91st and 12th, and the sergeants returned the compliment, and this the day wore on. The sergeants were kept busy entertaining their many friends. The Fourth Field Battery mess rooms was another busy spot. Col. Rennie and the officers and men of the Army Medical Corps received calls from the officers and men of the other corps, as did the Army Service Corps. Taken altogether the day will long remain a bright one in the history of the military life of this city.

LORD STRATHCONA'S RULES FOR SUCCESS.

What is the secret of success? Two of the most successful men of the day--Lord Strathcona and Sir John Barker--recently expressed their views on the subject. Giving evidence in the Federal Court at New York in the United States Government's suit for the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company, which organization has made him the richest man in the world, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, on being asked the question, "What was the secret of your success?" replied: "We always had credit, we kept out of covanants, and we paid on our paper." "I think Mr. Rockefeller is right," said Lord Strathcona, who crossed to Canada over seventy years ago to become a clerk to a fur trader, speaking to the London Daily Mail. "Mr. Rockefeller, by credit, does not mean only money trust--he means the readiness to oblige, which is aroused in all men by strong and reliable characters. I think he is right, decidedly. "What your New York correspondent's message does not mention is Mr. Rockefeller's perseverance and his ability to seeing what not to undertake. The successful man never undertakes more than he can do. There are many admirable qualities to cultivate, but perseverance is certainly among the first. "Tell your young men and young women readers to keep perseverance before them every moment of their lives and to proceed slowly and surely. Opportunity comes to some more frequently than to others. There are very few whom it does not visit at all. You have got to be ready for it. If you are not pre-

NEW PLANET. DISCOVERED IN SOLAR SYSTEM BEYOND NEPTUNE.

Prof. Pickering Has Photographic Evidence of Its Existence--Its Diameter is Four Times That of the Earth. London, Jan. 1.--News of the existence of a new major planet situated beyond Neptune, announced on the authority of photographic evidence by Prof. Pickering, of Harvard Observatory, has been received by the Solar Physics Observatory at South Kensington. The last two major planets, Uranus and Neptune, were discovered in 1781 and 1846, respectively. Neptune, the outermost planet of the solar system, and its diameter about four times that of the earth. British astronomers have not been unprepared for the discovery of a great planet even beyond Neptune. For many years past various phenomena have been observed which could not be explained by known facts, and many workers have been making calculations for determining the disturbing factor, which was surmised to be a planet of considerable size beyond Neptune. Prof. George F. R. S. at various times calculated that the movements of a certain group of comets which visited the solar system in 1843, 1880 and 1882 were influenced by some body about one hundred times more distant from the sun than the earth is, and with a year equal to one thousand of our years. It is hoped that within a few days the results obtained by Prof. Pickering can be compared with the positions calculated by Prof. Forbes. The new planet is said to be at present in the constellation of Gemini, which, curiously enough, is the same constellation in which William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus.

SANG CAROLS.

Workers For Children's Hospital Were Out Again.

Of all the New Year eve attractions there were none in which more interest was shown than in the carol singers who paraded the streets till the bells tolled the death of the old year. The singers, forty-eight strong, assembled in the Christian Science Church on Jackson street at 7.45 and marched to the Y. M. C. A. where a couple of carols were sung; they then proceeded to the Grand, and after singing a few selections they toured the main thoroughfares until the stroke of midnight. They met again at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and continued singing until 6 o'clock at night, with an intermission of two hours at noon. Mr. Charles Camp, who had charge of the collectors, said that he expected the amount collected would be much larger than that on Christmas eve. The boxes were all taken to the Laidlaw Banking & Loan Company offices, where they will be opened this afternoon.

Help From Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 31.--At a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon it was decided that Canada should evince its sympathy for the sufferers in the appalling disaster in Italy and Sicily in the tangible form of a national subscription of \$100,000. Parliament will be asked to ratify the Government's action, but no objection is anticipated from any source to this generous and prompt step on the part of the Dominion to help alleviate the terrible disaster which has befallen a sister nation. The money will be forwarded through the British Ambassador at Rome with as little delay as possible.

ALDERMANIC SELECTION--A LAST APPEAL.

Sir,--The sand in the hour glass is running low, and the citizens of Hamilton will shortly know if the head of our city government is to be dominated by party politics or whether he is going to have absolute control of his own policy for advancing the interests of Hamilton. If the former, then chaos will reign, putting the city back many years, for it will be a long time before another alderman of Captain McLaren's calibre comes forward on independent principles for the Mayor's chair. I have and always shall maintain if a representative of the people be placed in the position of Mayor through his own political organization, he cannot give the city's affairs his undivided attention, having to devote most of his time to the dictates of his own party. There is ample work for the most capable representative we can place in the civic chair, which can only be intelligently carried out for the public's good on independent lines, regardless of any obligations, political considerations. The candidate nominated by his party may be just as good a man, but he cannot devote the same attention and follow the convictions of his own opinions for the city's advancement. Why? For the simple reason that he has the interests of his own party at stake, which must be his first consideration, if he honorably addresses to the faithful pledges made to his followers during the time he was seeking their support. In my honest opinion, you have in Captain McLaren a man in every respect filling the bill and worthy of your confidence. T. W. Sheffield. [Owing to pressure on our space today we have had to cut down the above. --Ed.]

ALABAMA A DRY STATE.

Prohibition is Now Become Effective There. Mobile, Ala., Jan. 1.--With the passing of the midnight hour last night prohibition became effective throughout Alabama. A number of social clubs have been opened and chartered for these places will now be in great demand. In these clubs drinks will be dispensed to "members only." Before the doors of the saloons were closed last night whiskey and beer were given away in large quantities, and during the day drinks of all kinds were sold at nominal prices.

AMUSEMENTS

(Continued from page 11.) plays a return engagement of a week at the Princess Theatre, in Toronto. The fact that "The Gray Musician" will play return engagements throughout Canada within four months of its first visit, is proof of its popularity with the public. The holiday attraction at the Grand was the comedy "The Road to Yesterday," and it was enjoyed by two very large audiences. The play is very much out of the ordinary and there are a number of picture figures of the Elizabethan period in it. The story begins in an artist's studio in London, 1903, and the characters are then suddenly whisked back to 1603, where they are supposed to be leading different lives from those of the present day. (An admirable past has been selected by the Shuberts for the first time in Hamilton by Miss Rose Connolly. As the proceeds of this concert are for the maintenance of the City Hospital, it is deserving of the patronage of all classes. There has been a large demand for tickets and a capacity house is assured.

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(Continued from page 11.) A BENEFIT CONCERT. "Round the World to Jappy Land" will be at the Grand on Jan. 8th. The costumes are good and the music new and catchy. In the athletic scene two ball teams, the Scoundrels, city champions, and the Deering Harvesters, will take part, and the song, "The Empire," will surely make a hit with the fans. In the German scene, "Deutschland," a song and dance, by Messrs. J. Foley, G. O'Brien, Annie and Lena Vogt, will be a hit. In the Irish scene, "Sullivan," the latest New York hit, will be sung for the first time in Hamilton by Miss Rose Connolly. As the proceeds of this concert are for the maintenance of the City Hospital, it is deserving of the patronage of all classes. There has been a large demand for tickets and a capacity house is assured.

DEATHS BY VIOLENCE

Montreal's 'Sorrowful Record For Last Year--Murders and Suicides. Montreal, Jan. 1.--Montreal's morgue statistics for 1908 form rather a gruesome record. In all, 850 violent deaths or deaths under suspicious circumstances occurred. Of these, twenty-three died from foul play and led by Italian stilettoes. There were twenty-nine suicides, nineteen from gas inhalation; seventy-nine were drowned in the St. Lawrence, fifty were killed on the railways, twenty-two by the street railway; fifteen by explosions, ten of which were due to the Ile Perrot accident. There were 218 sudden deaths recorded, fifty-seven were burned and six sealed to death. One fireman was killed on duty.

FELL OFF GANGWAY.

Man and Horses Drop Twenty-Five Feet at Hull. Ottawa, Jan. 1.--Albert Desormeau, a laborer of Hull, died to-day as a result of injuries received on Thursday. He was working on a new power house for Mr. J. R. Booth, and while removing a stone one horse stumbled. The whole outfit fell over a gangway some 25 feet high. The team was killed, but Desormeau lingered with internal injuries till to-day.

ATTACKED BY WILD CAT.

Connecticut Man Killed Animal That Sprang at Him. New York, Jan. 1.--A despatch to The Herald from Winsted, Conn., says: Edward Gillette, a farmer of Bakersville, was attacked by a large wildcat or extant, which had been caught in a trap set for foxes. He started to drag the trap and animal to his home, when the cat jumped at his head. When the animal sprang at him a second time he killed it with an axe. The animal weighed 30 pounds.

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SUMMIT

Miss Nettie Richards is visiting her sister in the field. Miss Brecken is spending the holidays at her home in Waterdown. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, of Hamilton, spent Christmas at the latter's home here. Albert Garland, of Troy, spent Sunday with Lauchlin Howell. A. E. Walkley was the guest of P. H. Stepebaugh on Sunday evening. Wm. Potter and Miss Vernon, of Trosside, have been visiting friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Haas, of Galt, and Mr. and Mrs. Sturdy, of Hamilton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson on Christmas day. Services on Sunday afternoon conducted by the pastor. Epworth League service on Sunday evening at the usual hour. The topic will be taken by C. L. Howell, "The Duty of Making Good Resolutions." Everybody welcome.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

First Paid by Postmasters Through-out United Kingdom. London, Jan. 1.--Postmasters throughout the United Kingdom have commenced the payment of old-age pensions, under the last act of the last session of Parliament, to persons over seventy years of age. Seven hundred thousand applications for pensions have been received, of which 290,000 were disallowed, chief because the applicants have been in receipt of poor relief. The act provides that every man or woman of seventy or over who has been a British subject and has resided in the United Kingdom for twenty years, and whose means do not exceed £31 10s per annum, shall be entitled to receive a pension of from one to five shillings a week, according to the means of the pensioner. Where the yearly means of the pensioner has exceeded £20 5s but do not exceed £21, the rate of pension per week is five shillings. Where the income is between £21 and £23 10s the pension is four shillings, where the income exceeds £23 10s but does not exceed £26 10s the pension is three shillings, where the income is over £26 10s but less than £27 10s the rate is two shillings. Where the income is over £27 10s 6d but not over £31 10s the pension is one shilling a week. Persons with an annual income of over £31 10s are not entitled to pensions. Any person who has received poor relief during 1908, other than medical or surgical assistance, forfeits thereby the right to a pension.

SAW THEIR MISTAKE.

This same case of money, too, made it possible for the railroads to borrow funds at less exorbitant rates, thus facilitating improvements and repairs, and investors proved more willing to take municipal and other bond issues that proved almost unsalable in 1907. Finally, higher court reviews of and decisions against hostile legislation were helpful in restoring confidence to the business world generally, and even proved sedatives to national and State officials who found it less popular than heretofore to indulge in corporation bashing. Later on the apparently forgone result of the presidential election removed hesitancy, induced the placing of orders freely, and, perhaps, led to a greater growth of optimism than was really justified by the improvement in actual trade, striking as it was.

BEACH ROAD JOTTINGS.

Mrs. Norval Waterbury gave a progressive supper party New Year's eve to a few of her friends. Mr. E. Williams spared an eleven-and-a-half pound pie yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldrick and their daughter Irene, of Hagersville, spent New Year's the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Waterbury. Miss Lewis is visiting Mrs. Armstrong. The Scoundrels' indoor baseball team held a New Year's eve party at Dymal's. A large number attended, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

New Publications.

The Monetary Times of January 2nd is a considerably enlarged issue containing banking, financial, commercial and insurance statistics for the past twelve months. Business men throughout the country express their opinions as to the outlook for 1909. This elaborate issue deserves perusal by every business man desiring to size up the present situation and future prospects. A chronological table of the most important events occurring in financial and commercial Canada during 1908 is an exceptionally valuable reference feature.

Stanley Mills & Co. LIMITED Good Time to Think About Buying

New White Petticoats

A WOMAN'S SUCCESS as the financier of the home lies in her capacity for buying--not only in supplying immediate wants but in laying in supplies for the coming seasons. The provident woman who buys Whitewear in January--the woman who fills her linen closet with fresh, snowy sheets and other bedding, during the dull winter months, has found a way to sure and safe economy.

It's a good time to be thinking of White Petticoats, because this store has proved its capacity for good buying in an unusually large and comprehensive showing of the best and prettiest Petticoats that were to be had. The Petticoats were bought months ago, and reflect not only in the finishing and the daintiness of the trimmings, but in the very low prices, the unequalled strength of this store's buying capacity.

Ten important lines, ranging from 75c to \$2.50, will be on special display on Monday

They run the gamut of styles from the plain cotton Petticoat with a pretty deep lawn tucked flounce at 75c, up to the dainty, dressy, embroidered and ruffled flounce at \$2.50. All have the indispensable dust frills, which add so materially to the wearing quality of a petticoat. Even the least expensive ones are finished with the dainty French seams and they are all so delightfully fresh and crisp that it's a pleasure to look them over. We ask you to come personally to our special Petticoat display on Monday--feeling confident that you will agree with us that in each and every case our Petticoats are unquestionably the best values ever offered in this city. Prices 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 up.

White Waists--All New

The keynote of this season's styles in Shirtwaists lies in the sleeve, undoubtedly. Our buyer delayed purposely in the choosing of Waists until the new styles were definitely set. The result is a comprehensive showing of strictly up-to-date, carefully selected Waists, at this store's notably low prices. Two popular sellers at \$1.50 are described below--one tailored, the other in dress style. The Tailored Waists are of crisp, white lawn, made with a wide panel pleat collar and cuffs, finished with either side with one broad tuck and a cluster of fine tucks. Long graceful sleeves, pointed at the hand, tucked at the elbow and trimmed with such excellent value on Monday for ladies' stylish shaped tucked collar to \$1.50 match. Only \$1.50

A Great January White Lawns-- Save Money

- 18c Victoria Lawn 12 1/2c Fine White Victoria Lawn, fine, even quality for blouses, aprons, etc., 40 and 45 inch widths, regular 18c and 20c January sale 12 1/2c
- 20c India Lawn 15c Fine White India Lawn for ladies' shadow embroidery blouses, dresses, etc., 32-inch width. Regular value 20c. January sale 15c
- 40c Persian Lawn 32c Fine White Persian Lawn for ladies' undermuslins and children's wear, fine, superior quality and 40-inch width, regular 40c, sale 32c
- 50c Swiss Muslins 35c Plain, Real Swiss Muslin, even sheer qualities for blouses, dresses, etc. Note the 54-inch width. A special purchase value 50c. January sale 35c

Reduced Price for Making Separate Dress Skirts

During January Separate Dress Skirts will be made at reduced prices. Choose any new style from the latest American fashion plates. Only a limited number of orders will be taken, so place yours at once. Of course style, fit and satisfaction is guaranteed. Prices range at \$2.00 to \$3.00, according to style chosen. Enquire for Miss Tyson, second floor.

Saving News from Staple Section

- 15c Apron Gingham 12 1/2c Fancy Check Apron Gingham, in plain and bordered edge, pure indigo dye, 40 inches wide, splendid wearing quality, regularly 15c, January sale 12 1/2c
- 51.50 Sofa Rugs 51.19 Fancy Flannelette Lounging or Sofa Rugs, in large sizes, assorted colorings, in fancy figured and check patterns, heavy quality, on sale at 51.50, January sale 51.19
- 12 1/2c Linen Toweling 9c A special purchase. Plain, Pure Irish Linen Tea Toweling, 25 inches wide, absorbent, heavy make, regularly 12 1/2c, on sale 9c yard
- 15c Cream Flannelette 10c Another lot of that heavy Cream English Flannelette goes on sale; heavy Saxony fleeced finish, for warm winter wear, on sale at 15c yard
- 1.85 Crochet Quilts 1.19 White English Crochet Quilts, in large double bed sizes, hemmed ready for use; heavy, good wearing quality, value \$1.85, on sale 1.19 each
- 15c and 18c Fancy Quilts 10c A great clearing sale of odd Doilies, in hemstitched figured damask, crocheted and Battenburg, regular prices 15c and 18c, January sale 10c

FINCH BROS. 29-31 King

SIMCOE CHIEF.

Evidence That He Took Stolen Furs Across Border. Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 1.--What may be considered corroborative evidence of the accusation made by Constable Wilkins, of Simcoe, against Chief of Police Malone, committed for trial on the charge of shooting his subordinate, that Malone was the instigator and principal in a number of robberies committed in Simcoe, is furnished by an alleged statement of One (Joe) Frontiers-Officer McHattie, and in that Malone succeeded in removing the stolen property across the border. According to the statement of McHattie, Malone was arrested on Jan. 28, and went to the jail at Simcoe, and told McHattie that he was going to Buffalo, where he had the balance. He saw a woman in Buffalo, and the furs, and he asked her to arrange the trouble in taking the furs across for identification. McHattie knows nothing regarding the woman who phoned the gate to the American jail, and Malone was arrested. It is said that Malone succeeded in removing the stolen property across the border.