

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
MARITIME PROVINCES  
Strong Westerly and Northwesterly  
Winds: Fair.  
Temperature at 3 A. M. 24 Degrees  
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## HOME REUNION PLAN TO EXTEND THROUGH PROVINCE

Other Boards of Trade Likely to Take Up Premier Fleming's Suggestion and Aid Immigration.  
**FUND OF \$5,000 IN ST. JOHN IS ASSURED.**  
How the Plan Works in Winnipeg—180 Families Brought to Manitoba in the First Year.

The Imperial Reunion movement inaugurated by the council of the board of trade on the suggestion of Premier Fleming at the banquet on Tuesday, to discuss immigration matters with Arthur Hawkes, is already taking definite shape. The guarantee fund of \$5,000 to provide loans for the purpose of bringing out the wives and families of British immigrants who have come in advance and "made good" to New Brunswick, is practically assured. The idea underlying the movement is not to confine it to St. John, but that boards of trade throughout the province should cooperate so that the fund will be sufficient to meet all possible demands upon it.

W. E. Anderson, secretary of the board of trade informed the Standard yesterday that steps had already been taken to launch the project here. "I have written the Winnipeg association," he said, "for a specimen of the application form used in that city, and immediately upon its arrival we expect to formulate definite plans to secure the necessary financial back up."

In Winnipeg, Mr. Anderson said, the Imperial Reunion association fund amounts to \$20,000. During the year ending last October, 243 applications were received, of which only 41 were rejected. The cost of bringing families to this country ranges from \$65.00 which was paid in the case of a family of two brought from Liverpool, to \$271 in the case of a family of eight brought from Bristol. The Winnipeg association advanced money to bring 67 persons to Canada, of whom 176 were wives of settlers, 153 were children over 12 years of age and 249 children under 12.

Referring to the methods adopted by the Winnipeg association for raising the fund, Mr. Anderson said that a business man was approached for a subscription, he was not requested to put the amount of his subscription in cash. All that was required of him was to back the credit of the Association to any extent he wished. In other words, he assumed the liability for a certain portion of the Association's indebtedness to the bank. All the money is supplied by the banks on this guarantee, and the regular interest of six per cent. charged, and paid by the applicants to whom money is advanced.

## ABOLITION OF EMPEROR ONLY CHANCE

Tan Shao-Yi Thinks Peace Can Be Secured In No Other Way—Interference of Nations Not Wanted.  
**POWERS EXPRESS THEIR GOOD WILL.**  
Shanghai, Dec. 20.—"I am convinced that the abdication of the Emperor and the establishment of a republic is the only thing that will satisfy the people and prevent the further wholesale shedding of blood."  
This statement was made by Tang Shao-Yi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, after the session of the peace conference continuing here today.

"I will be difficult to persuade Yuan Shi Kai to abandon his plan for a limited monarchy, but we must use every endeavor to secure peace and end this awful bloodshed and the suffering among my people."  
Tang Shao Yi expressed the belief that the situation might have been saved at one point by a conference with the revolutionary leaders and prompt assurance of adjustment of the wrongs, but he considers that it is now too late to have such a conference. He is also convinced that there must be no foreign interference in the way of loans, or otherwise.

**GIRLS TESTIFY DOOR WAS NOT LOCKED IN TRIANGLE BUILDING**  
New York, N.Y., Dec. 20.—Two more young women who fled from the flames that swept the factory of the Triangle Waist Company, when 147 lives were lost last March, testified that the 9th floor door on the Washington Place side of the Aech building, was not locked when Margaret Schwartz died before it.

**IS ARRESTED FOR PLOTTING, ACCUSES HIS COMPANION**  
Mexico City, Dec. 20.—General Hurlado, arrested Sunday with General Higinis Aguilar, charged with plotting against the life of President Madero, has confessed to having been a party to a conspiracy, but throws the blame on Aguilar, who he said was the moving spirit.

## GHASTLY TALES OF HARSHNESS

Factory Commission Hears of Consumptives Engaged in Cigarette Manufacture—Children Support Parents.  
**FUTURE GOOD CITIZENS DESTROYED.**  
New York, Dec. 20.—Evils in the system of state licensing that permits manufacturing in tenements were testified to today before the legislative state factory commission by Lillian B. Wald, head of the Henry Street settlement, who produced photographs showing conditions.

"There were one to forty families in each of the 13,000 tenements in Manhattan and the Bronx engaged in manufacturing under state license," she said. "These people, I think, declared Miss Wald, 'operate to depreciate wages in factories. These tenement trades are parasitic and should be abolished.'  
"Many children have to work to support idle parents. The manufacturer enjoys a saving by sending work to the tenements, regardless of the fact that it keeps children from school and destroys possible good citizens in the future."  
"One woman too sick with tuberculosis to be taken to a hospital, was found making cigarettes in bed, noise from the factory being piped into her room, picking pins from the crack of the door, and smoking the shells with their teeth."

**BANK STATEMENT FOR MONTH SHOWS LARGE INCREASE**  
Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The bank statement for the month ending November 30, just issued today, shows a decided alteration in form. While the tables are in the same order, the title is printed on a more comprehensive basis, which will be a convenience to those who make use of the report.

**FRUIT CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN OTTAWA NEXT YEAR**  
Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Arrangements are being completed by Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, for the holding of a fruit convention in Ottawa, early in the new year. The gathering will be a large one, and will be representative of the fruit growers of all Canada, the various associations and administrative bureaus.

**STEEL PRICES WILL BE QUIESCENT TILL AFTER THE NEW YEAR**  
New York, December 20.—From an authoritative source it was learned today that the likelihood of any further advance in prices by the United States Steel Corporation is rather remote. In no event is it probable that any change in the existing schedule will be made before the New Year.

## PRACTICAL METHODS TO BE EMPLOYED

Judicious Selection of Men to Investigate Public Service to Be Followed by Removal of Restrictions.  
**PREVIOUS COMMISSIONERS UNDULY HAMPERED.**  
Amendment to Engineers Act Proposed Permitting Employment of Competent Experts.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—It is reported tonight that the government has determined upon the men who are to conduct the investigation into the several departments of the public service at Ottawa. The names mentioned are those of Hon. A. B. Morin, K. C., of Toronto; Richard S. Lake, of Grenfell, Sask.; and G. N. Ducharme, of Montreal.

**CONTROL OF IOWA CENTRAL PASSES TO OTHER HANDS**  
New York, Dec. 20.—As the result of favorable action of stock holders of the Iowa Central Railway yesterday, the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad today formally took over the control of the Iowa Central, its leased and operated lines, which will hereafter be operated as a part of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad. Formal notice to this effect was issued from the office of Newman Erb, president.

**UNITED STATES MAY ACT AS MEDIATOR IN TURCO-ITALIAN WAR**  
New York, Dec. 20.—At the suggestion of Dr. Lyman Abbott, and Dr. Mary Eddy, a woman who has spent many years in Turkey, President Taft today advised the good offices of the United States, as mediator in the Turco-Italian war.

**STRIKE BREAKER WITH GUN WOUNDS TWO—ONE MAY DIE**  
Rivers, Man., Dec. 20.—Alfred Thomas, a Grand Trunk Pacific strike breaker, got into a quarrel with some strikers at the hotel here this morning, and on being attacked drew a gun and fired, probably fatally wounding Alfred Alsford, a hotel porter, and seriously injuring a striker called Gribben. He was overpowered by two striking apprentices and is held by the police.

## BUSINESS DISTRICT OF MONCTON SWEEP BY FLAMES

### DEPUTIES RATIFY THE AGREEMENT

Paris, Dec. 20.—The Franco-German accord on the subject of Morocco, which was ratified in the Chamber of Deputies today is an agreement, signed on Nov. 5 last, by which France cedes to Germany a strip of territory in the French Congo, while Germany cedes to France some territory on the frontier of Togoland and Dahomey.

France's right to establish a protectorate in Morocco is recognized, on condition that she agrees to safeguard economic equality and commercial liberty for all nations in that country. The original dispute arose through France, according to Germany's point of view, overstepping the provisions of the Algeiras agreement, a consequence Germany sent the gunboat Panther to Agadir and a period of great tension followed in Europe.

**DEPOSITORS IN MERCHANTS BANK MARKING TIME**  
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—That a petition largely signed by depositors of the Farmers' Bank had been presented to the government, and that no action to recover double liability from share holders would be taken until the government gave some indication of its intentions in the matter, is the statement made by W. C. Mikol, of Belleville, counsel for the depositors and one of the members of the recent deputation which visited the government in regard to the bank.

**WORRIED ABOUT EXAMS, SCHOOL GIRL SUICIDES**  
New York, Dec. 20.—Fannie Van Cott, a pretty sixteen-year-old girl of good family, borrowed a glass from her teacher and slipped quietly into the lavatory at a girl's high school in Brooklyn today. Ten minutes later a teacher found her dead on the floor, the empty glass beside her.

**HOLD WILKINSON FAILED TO MAKE OUT CASE IN STATEMENT**  
Chicago, Dec. 20.—Formal notice that the defense will present a verdict finding the ten Chicago meat packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, not guilty, for the reason that United States District Attorney James P. Wilkerson failed to make out a case in his opening statement to the jury, was given today by Attorney Levy Meyer, at the opening of the afternoon session of the trial.

### MEASURES TO PREVENT CONTAGION

Camp Where Meningitis Was Thought to Have Broken Out Fumigated—Deaths May Have Been Coincidence.  
**MEN SUPPLIED WITH NEW OUTFITS.**  
Special to The Standard.  
Chatham, Dec. 20.—Col. Maltby, in speaking to your correspondent tonight, stated that he and Dr. Desmond, had reached the camp at Little River, where meningitis was thought to have broken out, and had found the men that remained all in good health. The camp was in a healthy spot, and there was no fear of any contagion from the water.

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### Worst Fire For Several Years Does \$30,000 Worth of Damage, Only Partly Covered by Insurance.

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Moncton, Dec. 20.—The worst fire for several years in Moncton broke out shortly after six o'clock this evening in the basement of a gunsmith and hardware store, belonging to the estate of the late Charles Elliott, on Main street, and before it had been extinguished a frontage of about one hundred feet had been wiped out, including the Elliott store, M. J. Steeves' confectionery and fruit store, the five and ten cent store, owned by G. G. Lee, of Fredericton, H. L. Bass' shoe store, W. G. Jones' coal and insurance office, and Foster Keith's barber shop.

**FRONTAGE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET BURNED.**  
Lee's Five and Ten Cent Store Probably Heaviest Loser—Leaky Gas Pipe Probably the Cause.  
The total loss is about thirty thousand dollars—ten thousand in buildings and twenty thousand in stock. John O'Sullivan's dry goods store was saved with difficulty, but his stock was somewhat damaged by water.

**SOCIALIST MEMBER WANTS TREATY WITH RUSSIA WITHDRAWN**  
Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, the socialist member of the house, introduced a joint resolution today to terminate the extradition treaty of 1857 between the United States and Russia.

**\$50,000 PRICE FOR ALIENATING HIS WIFE'S AFFECTIONS**  
Toronto, Dec. 20.—This morning a statement of claims was made in the Superior court against A. G. MacKay for the alienation of affections of W. J. Haines' wife. Haines is a commercial traveller of Toronto.

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