

**HON. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE  
DIES SUDDENLY AT PARIS****Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries Succumbs  
to Acute Attack of Heart Disease.**

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, died suddenly in Paris tonight. A cable received by the family here tonight contained the startling announcement, which caused a tremendous sensation as the news spread like wildfire over the city, where there was no better known citizen than the man who for many years was the leader of the city council and for several terms mayor of the city. Mr. Prefontaine left here several weeks ago on a special mission to England in connection with the work of his department. The minister when he left was in his usual robust health and nobody ever imagined that he would never be seen again in life in his native city. He spent some time in London, where he had several conferences with the admiralty and government officials, and then left on a visit to Paris, his intention being to visit a number of points in France previous to returning home. He spoke at a dinner given by the Paris Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night, so that the news of his death today came as a startling surprise to his family and friends. Mr. Prefontaine was of an unusually vigorous constitution and had never known a day's illness, so that his death was all the more unexpected. Details of his taking off so far are lacking.

Popular With All.  
Mr. Prefontaine was one of the best-known French-Canadians in Canada, and was popular with all classes in the city of Montreal, owing to his broad-mindedness and fine personal qualities. He first gained a reputation as member of the city council, to which he was elected when he then held the municipality of Hochelaga. He was an alderman, became a part of Montreal. That was over 20 years ago, and Mr. Prefontaine sat continuously in the council as alderman and mayor until he completed his last term.

**OVERHEAD BRIDGE  
TO BE WIDENED****Grand Trunk Will Meet City's  
Wishes in Regard to Wortley Road Structure.**

Solicitor Biggar, of the Grand Trunk Railway, in reply to a communication of City Solicitor Meredith, has written that the Grand Trunk will proceed with the widening of the Wortley road overhead bridge, as agreed upon with the city some time ago. The company has been laying the double-track into the city, and the council objected. There is no written agreement for the widening of the bridge, but it is understood that the company, in accordance with the terms of the agreement made by City Engineer Graydon some time ago, stands ready to act fairly by the city and make certain improvements, which the council has asked in the past. Thus it is probable that when the Grand Trunk meets the city next year one of the first matters considered will be the widening of the big archway over the Wortley road.

**IRISH PARTY IS UNBROKEN****Campbell - Bannerman, However,  
Asks for Majority Over All Groups.**

London, Dec. 25.—England is enjoying a political Christmas. The actual election will not formally begin until Jan. 8, but anxious legislators are already campaigning night and day, greatly to the disturbance of trade and the utter dissatisfaction of holiday enjoyment.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's monster meetings in Albert Hall proved a huge success, and his declaration that self-government for Ireland was a cardinal feature of the Liberal policy was received with immense enthusiasm and assented to by Asquith, Grey, Haldane and Fowler, who thus openly repudiated their supposed identification with Rosebery's apostasy on Ireland.

Frederick Bannerman appeals for a majority independent of any possible combination of Irish Nationalists and Tories, to attain which majority he must win 19 Tory seats. This is a large order, but unless the Liberals fall through over-confidence, it seems pretty certain they will win the desired number.

There will be no Irish split in evidence during the general election, the Liberal party being in progress of adjustment, and the Irish party will reappear in the new Parliament with an unbroken phalanx of 84 members. There appears to be an extraordinary sense of relief throughout the British Isles at the removal of the costly Balfourism impost and the disappearance of a ministry remembered only by its failures.

As mayor about three years ago. For many years he was chairman of the roads committee, and under his regime many important improvements were inaugurated, and carried to completion. Mr. Prefontaine was popular with all classes, and his action while mayor during the South African war, in bidding Godspeed to the departing Canadian troops when they were leaving for South Africa, was especially deeply appreciated by his English-speaking fellow-citizens. Whilst a hard fighter in a political campaign, Mr. Prefontaine was liked by opponents as well as supporters, on account of his fine personal qualities, and his untimely death is deeply deplored in his native city.

**ROUVIER CABLES REGRETS.****French President Sends Condolences  
to Mr. Prefontaine's Friends.**

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier received today a telegram from Premier Rouvier of France.

Col. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, also received a cable from Private Secretary Clement, who was with Mr. Prefontaine. It says: "Minister died this evening most suddenly. Will leave with the body next steamer."

Solicitor-General Lemieux and Mr. Honore Gervais, M.P., Montreal, are among men mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the Cabinet, caused by the death of Mr. Prefontaine. But Quebec has got a portfolio more than the usual number at present and there is a strong feeling here that the position should go to the Western man. When Hon. David Mills retired from the Cabinet, the portfolio of minister of justice was given to Quebec, making an additional department to the Province. The Solicitor-General's position was also retained. If the West does not get increased representation there will be some dissatisfaction from that growing country.

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**SANTO DOMINGO  
WARS ON YANKEES****Insurgents Take Up Arms to  
Crush the Dominican-U.  
S. Convention.**

Turkey Island, Bahamas, Dec. 26.—Advices received here from Monte Christi, Santo Domingo, yesterday, say that Guayubin, Dajabon and Sabanaeta, have taken up arms against the Government, and the Dominican-American fiscal convention. Generals De Metrio, Rodriguez Joaquin Barba, Navarro, Martinez and Pedro Alvarez, have gone with 600 men to attack Santiago, and La Vega with a force of about a hundred men. General Perico Lasala has marched on General men.

General Deschamps, former vice-president of Santo Domingo, leaves here shortly on board a sailing vessel to operate against Puerto Plata. It is rumored here that President Morales is a prisoner in iron at the capital, San Domingo.

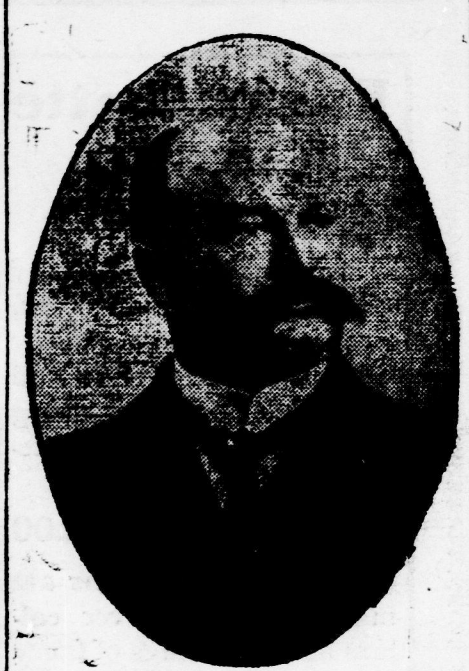
**TO COOL WIFE'S FURY.****Pittsburg Man Sent Hurry-Up Call  
for Firemen.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—A husband last night called out the Pittsburg fire department to extinguish his wife's fury. Five companies responded to the alarm and dashed madly to the house of Frank Wittenberger in South Carson street, expecting to find Clinton rowdies standing with arms folded in the doorway, and an exceedingly abashed looking woman whose face, however, still bore traces of the angry storm that but a few moments before she had turned loose on the household. To the 60 firemen and the driver of a patrol wagon gathered in amazement before the house Wittenberger said:

"My wife's fury is something terrible, gentlemen, and as I could no longer protect myself against her, I threatened to call out the fire department to extinguish her blazing rage. Do your duty now, if you think it necessary."

According to Wittenberger's story he went home with an incipient Christmas jag on, whereupon his wife proceeded to give him a good beating. He fled from the house, thinking her anger might cool, but his absence had simply fanned the flame of wrath, and when he returned, to use his own expression, "my wife landed on me again."

The firemen failed to see the joke, and the victim of his wife's incineration fury was taken before a police magistrate, who promised him protection by sending him to the workhouse for 30 days.



HON. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE,  
Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries Who Died Suddenly in Paris Yesterday from Heart Disease.

**A PERSONAL LOSS.****Hon. C. S. Hyman's Tribute to Late  
Minister of Marine.**

"The death of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine is very, very sad, indeed," said Hon. C. S. Hyman this morning when seen regarding the dispatch from Paris announcing the sudden end of the Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

"I feel his death to be a very keen personal loss, as he was a close friend for many years. As a member of the House of Commons for a considerable time, he had won the respect of members of both the Government and Opposition, and his death will be generally regretted. He was one of the strongest members of the Liberal Government—a man of undoubted ability."

"Mr. Prefontaine left for England and France in November, and at that time he was in the best of health—in fact, I had never known him to be ill at any time. He went to England to consult the Imperial authorities in reference to the establishment of a training school for naval reserves, and from England he had gone to France on business connected with the establishment of a steamship service between that country and Canada."

**STOLE EVA BOOTH'S RING****Salvation Army Leader Victimized  
by Thief in New York.**

New York, Dec. 26.—It was learned yesterday that Commander Eva Booth, of the Salvation Army, had her chateleine bag cut from her wrist during a crush at a subway station. While there were memoranda of value to her, and several dollars in the bag, her greatest loss was the wedding ring which her father gave to her mother many years ago, and which at her mother's death was handed down to her sister, Mrs. Booth-Tucker, who was killed about two years ago in a railroad wreck.

**LONDON'S LEGAL POOR****Number Now in Workhouses Greatest  
in City's History.**

New York, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch to the Times from London says: Official figures relating to the legal poor of London show that the numbers in receipt of pauper relief in nearly every month of the year now ending have been greater than in any of the previous 40 years comprised in the returns, with the exception of the period from 1867 to 1871.

The ratio of paupers per 1,000 of population has been higher in most of the months of this year than in any previous year since 1874. Not only has there been a remarkable increase in outdoor relief, but the rise in the numbers entering workhouses has continued. In no year of the history of the poor law has the population in the workhouses been greater for December.

**GREAT FIRE AT LITTLE ROCK****Almost Every Building in Big Block  
of Arkansas Town Destroyed.**

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 25.—With the exception of two small structures, every building on the block bounded by Second, Third, Louisiana and Center streets was destroyed. The heaviest losses were in the First Block, where four-story buildings were burned to the ground, causing a loss of about \$500,000. The burned district also included the live stock of C. L. Kraft, the Jewish Synagogue, the Merchants' stable, six cottages and a number of small brick buildings.

**Brandon Brewery Burned.**

Brandon, Dec. 25.—The buildings and plant of the Brandon Brewing Company were totally destroyed by fire this afternoon, entailing a loss of \$120,000.

**WHY MR. JUDD SHOULD NOT  
BE ELECTED MAYOR OF LONDON**

As next year will prove a most important one in many ways, it behooves the electors of London to look thoroughly into the records of the men who are offering themselves for office.

First and foremost come the mayoralty candidates. One of these is Mr. J. C. Judd, a member of the firm of Meredith, Judd & Meredith, barristers. Last year the people refused to trust the office of mayor to Mr. Judd's keeping, and the chief argument against him was that he was so wrapped up with corporation interests that he could not justly look after the city's affairs. His record then was against him. His record stands against him now.

Mr. Judd is the solicitor of the Grand Trunk Railway in London. He attempts to evade this responsibility by saying that he is only the agent of Bell & Biggar, of Hamilton.

But who are Bell & Biggar? They are the Ontario solicitors of the Grand Trunk Railway. Let a brakeman be killed, and the corner order an inquest, and Mr. Judd will at once appear on behalf of the Grand Trunk to fight the relatives. The records of actions in Col. Macbeth's office in the courthouse team with entries in which Mr. Judd and his partner, Mr. Meredith, have appeared on behalf of the

Grand Trunk—sometimes alone, sometimes associated with other Grand Trunk solicitors from out of town.

Who put through all the deals for land purchased by the Grand Trunk for interlocking purposes? Mr. Judd and his partners.

This is not said by way of reflection upon Mr. Judd as a citizen or a lawyer. To be retained by a corporation like the Grand Trunk is a professional honor. But it disqualifies Mr. Judd for the office of mayor, because of the very important negotiations that will be opened next year between the Grand Trunk and the city.

Is it right the company's solicitor should have charge of these negotiations in the city's behalf?

Ex-Mayor Beck says Niagara Power will yet be delivered in London at \$22 a horse-power. Mr. Beck also says that electricity as manufactured by Mr. Judd's firm, the London Electric Company, now costs an average of \$52 per horse-power.

Is it reasonable to expect that if Mr. Judd were mayor he would use his influence to have cheap Niagara power brought to London? This is a vitally important matter. It may come before the council next year.

Mr. Judd is a shareholder in the London (Continued on Page Three.)

**OFFICERS MAKE A RAID****Half-Dozen Arrests Made at a  
Disorderly House.**

The house of May De Mills, on Egerton street south, was raided at a late hour last night by High Constable McColl, accompanied by County Constables McColl and Sadler.

Six arrests were made. A young man who gave the name of Blanche Sinclair; four young men, and the keeper. The sextet were brought before Squire Edwards, and complaints were lodged charging May De Mills with being the keeper of a disorderly house; Blanche Sinclair, with being a prostitute, and the men with being frequenters.

A plea of guilty was entered by the prisoners, and they all escaped with fines. The keeper was assessed \$10 and costs, the inmate \$2 and costs, and the frequenters \$1 and costs each. The costs were heavy, as three officers were engaged in the raid.

**NO REVOLT SAYS TOLSTOI****Writer Says He Does Not Consider  
Situation Vacant.**

Berlin, Dec. 26.—A special correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, who recently went to Russia, has just had an interesting interview at Jasna Poljana with Tolstois. Speaking of the present Russian situation, Tolstois said: "I do not consider it serious. Formerly lies were told in favor of the Government; now false reports are made against the Government. As a matter of fact, Russia will never give way to a French revolution, as this is against the character of the Russian people."

In answer to this the correspondent of the Tageblatt pointed to the fearful peasant uprisings which have taken place. To this Tolstois answered:

"For many years I have not read a paper and I only know what I have been told. I do not consider the uprising serious. The peasants have all ways gone to the forests, and they are behaving now with a little more impudence, but when two Cossacks appear they stop. Only a few desire revolution, and only agitators are creating the disturbance. At the peasant convention at Moscow, lawyers and academicians had the chief word."

**Town Almost Destroyed.**

Sunderland, Dec. 26.—Fire last night destroyed a large part of the little town of Tipton, 21 miles south of Sunderland. A heavy snowfall, and a heavy snowfall, is rushing, and nearly all the people of Tipton are homeless. There was little or no insurance, no fire department, and the loss is not known here.

**Black Hand After Him.**

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Charles M. Crouse, one of the wealthiest men in Syracuse, has received two strange letters from some person who pretends to be a member of the Black Hand, threatening to blow up his house if he did not pay \$2,000 in a cigar box on the curb in front of his residence, to be called for in the night. The letters have been turned over to the police. The second letter said that today would be used on Mr. Crouse's house, and that an attempt would be made on the lives of his family if he did not produce the money.

**France Demands More.**

Paris, Dec. 26.—It is learned that France energetically maintains that the return of the former French minister to Caracas and the withdrawal by President Castro of the objectionable phrases he used in the course of the negotiations over the French Cable Company's affairs will not suffice to restore diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela.

**Too Much Good Cheer.**

Toronto, Conn., Dec. 25.—While attempting to arrest a party of Italians who were fighting, Robert Newell, a policeman, was fatally shot, and L. S. Hall, chief of police, was stabbed early today. The fight occurred off East Branch street, near the Catholic Cemetery, about 3 o'clock. Eight Italians, excited by Christmas good cheer, were shooting at each other when the police appeared, and the Italians turned their weapons against them. Chief Hall is expected to recover.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 28°; lowest, 22° above.

**DRINK-MADDENED COSSACKS  
BUTCHER MOSCOW REBELS****Atrocious Tales Told of the Street Fighting on Sunday  
---Warsaw Strike at an End.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25, 10 p.m.—Direct telegraphic communication with Moscow was severed last night, but the Government succeeded in restoring communication by a roundabout route this morning.

All reports agree that the fighting yesterday, which continued until midnight, assumed the nature of a butchery by the machine guns of the artillery, grape and canister being employed mercilessly against the ill-armed insurgents.

Atrocious tales are told of the Cossacks, who piled with volka until drunk, fired down the streets, sometimes charging with lances.

The insurgents displayed great stubbornness in holding barricades, even advancing in a mass to the slaughter, where bombs were thrown from the windows.

**Warsaw Men Give In.**

Warsaw, Dec. 25.—The strike of the post and telegraph employees here is at an end, the strikers have accepted

the conditions of the Government. The telegraphers resumed work today. The military governor has issued an order prohibiting the street sales of newspapers, the singing of revolutionary songs, the holding of meetings and the organizing of processions. Persons who violate the order are subject to imprisonment for three months each and to a fine of \$1,500.

The railroad men today resolved to resume work unless their comrades in St. Petersburg should join the strike. 5,000 Already Slain.

London, Dec. 25.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a dispatch dated at 6:15 p.m. Dec. 25, says:

At an early hour this morning the casualties at Moscow were estimated at 5,000 killed and 14,000 wounded, with the fighting still proceeding.

The inhabitants of Moscow have been forbidden to leave their dwellings after

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**WALL STREET HAD  
A CHRISTMAS BOX****Two Pugilists Thump One Another  
for the Benefit of  
Bankers and Brokers.**

New York, Dec. 26.—Wall street bankers and brokers, in the number of 200, arranged as part of their Christmas Day programme, a glove fight, which resulted yesterday afternoon in the injury of one combatant and the disfigurement of the other, the World says today.

Spectators paid \$5 each for admission to the arena.

"Young Kilrain," of Canada, and "Kid" Callaghan, of the Bronx, were engaged for the contest. Besides a purse of \$300 to spur them on to the fray, feeling on account of the result of a previous contest, insured to the well-groomed crowd a lively contest. Betting became brisk, and the weight of money displaced Callaghan from favorite to an even-money choice.

Kilrain was the aggressor at first. He cut Callaghan's face, broke his nose, and was striving for a knockout, when Callaghan came back with a rush which sent Kilrain to his corner in a groggy condition when the bell rang.

In the second round, Callaghan was sent to the mat for a count of seven, and just managed to last the round. The boys fought close to the ropes in the third, and several spectators were concernedly picked away from the stands which appeared on their whiffling fronts. Beginning with the fourth round, Callaghan became the aggressor, and he was wrecking fast. At the close of the fifth round of the fight a foul was claimed, and a free fight among the excited brokers seemed imminent.

The finish came in the eleventh round, when Callaghan put his left to the body and right to the head of Kilrain, who fell half-way through the ropes. Spectators pushed him back into the ring, but he was unconscious. He was not revived until after 15 minutes of hard work. A physician in the crowd advised his immediate removal to the hospital, but he was hurried away in a carriage by his friends.

**The Foxey Conductor****And the Highwaymen****Yanks Off Trolley While Bandits Were Going Through  
Passengers on a Chicago Street Car.**

Chicago, Dec. 26.—On a crowded Ashland avenue electric car at Thirty-sixth street last night, six armed men fired a score of shots through the windows and roof and were engaged in robbing the passengers, including several women and children, when the confusion was on the car with the conductor, striking away the arm of the man who threatened his life, pulled the trolley pole, and the interior of the car instantly was plunged in darkness.

In his battle with the four robbers, in his battle with the four robbers, he knocked one off the car with the conductor's handle. He had enough, and picking himself up ran off. His companions went into the car to the aid of the three who were engaged in a hand-to-hand fight. A passenger, who escaped from the car, informed the police, who came in a patrol wagon, entered the car and drove the robbers from it at the points of their revolvers. The bandits exchanged shots with the police, but were overpowered.

**\$800,000 PRESENT  
FOR MISS ALICE****Oregon State Starts a Popular  
Subscription for Presi-  
dent's Daughter.**

Baker City, Ore., Dec. 26.—A move to create by popular subscription a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt, who is to be married to Congressman Nicholas Longworth in February has been started by citizens of the eastern part of Oregon. It is the plan of the organizers to have subscription lists in each state of the union, the money subscribed to be transmitted to various state treasurers, who will in turn forward it to the secretary of the treasury at Washington.

The subscriptions will close on Feb. 8, so as to enable the present, which is believed will be about \$800,000, to be turned over to Miss Roosevelt on the day of the wedding. Individual subscriptions will be limited to ten cents.

**PROMISE A BITTER FIGHT****Printers Say Are Well Healed for  
Struggle With Typothetae.**

New York, Dec. 26.—Final preparations will be made this week by the Typothetae and Typographical Union No. 6 for the fight over the closed shop and the eight-hour workday in all book and job offices, which is expected to begin on Jan. 1.

A representative of the union said yesterday: "The only demand we made is the eight-hour workday, the nine-hour rule having prevailed up to the present. The employers have refused the eight-hour demand, and will try to introduce the open shop. The fight will be a bitter one. We are not afraid of the result. We have more than \$50,000 available now, and can raise \$500,000 if necessary."

The periodical publishers have decided to stand by the Typothetae, and members of this association which have their own printing plants will refuse the demands. In a statement on the preparations for the coming struggle, William Green, the president of the New York Typothetae, says his members are prepared to meet competent non-union machine operators and other printers in the various composing rooms.