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NEW BUILDINGS DOWNTOWN PROPOSED

Ten-Storey Office Structure for
Bay Street Assured—The
National Trust Company and
Central Canada Company
Preparing to Build—Yonge
Street Leasehold Bought.

The National Trust Co., 20 East
King street, it is learned, are the
people who many months ago took a two
years' lease of the store occupied by
the C. P. R. ticket office at 15 East
King street, from the time of the rail-
way's removal across the way. The
C. P. R. will be out in March, and be-
fore that time the trust company will
have its plans for a new building well
decided on. The ticket office will be
occupied while the work is under way.

At the same time the Central Canada
Loan and Savings Co., 28 East King
street, will temporarily occupy part
of the Imperial Life building on Vic-
toria street, while they are erecting a
new building. The two structures will
be in all likelihood conform in style.

A deal embracing the properties be-
tween the Union Bank at the south-
east corner of King and Bay streets,
and the Bank of Nova Scotia, at 39
West King street, is progressing rap-
idly. A large Montreal financial insti-
tution is intimated to be the buyer.

Big Office Building.
Assurance was given yesterday that
a ten-storey office building, to cost
nearly a half million dollars, was to
be constructed on the 50 feet frontage
on Bay street, just north of the Mol-
son Bank, near King street.

The ground floor will be occupied by a King
street company. The property, which
runs back 95 feet, was bought from
Baile, Wood & Croft, at about \$5800
a foot.

The Colonial Investment and Loan
Co., who a month ago sold their pre-
mises at 51 West King street, have
arranged to lease half of the Imperial
Trust Co. buildings at 15 West Rich-
mond street.

Leasehold Purchased.
Bart Applegath of L. J. Applegath &
Sons, Yonge street haters, has pur-
chased from Burgess & Cowell, their
leasehold interests in properties at 177
and 179 Yonge street, one door north of
Queen street. The stores are now oc-
cupied by Edward Wilson and by Albert
Williams, who are to remove upstairs
and be replaced by Applegaths in a
new and larger store than this present
place. The leasehold, which has 12
years to run and is renewable for 21
years, cost about \$50,000.

Dinner's Fur Variety.
What is your choice in furs? Seal,
mink, mink, mink, mink, mink, mink,
Hudson seal, coyote seal, coyote or Per-
sian lamb? There is no end to the
variety of genuine furs, all seasonable
and fashionable. There is comfort and
style in any piece of genuine fur, and
Dinner's have every variety in thor-
ough genuineness. There is a selec-
tion of fur for every inclination of
taste and every standard of price, and
whatever the choice in genuine fur,
this season will be a bargain upon
next season's prices. D. Dinner's
Co., Ltd., manufacturing furs, cor-
ner Yonge and Temperance sts.

An Atmosphere of Roses.
There will be an atmosphere of
roses at the Princess Theatre next
week when "The Rose Maid" is pre-
sented. "The Rose Maid" is pre-
sented. This is a comic opera and
musical comedy combined, which
means that it will meet with popular
favor during Xmas week.

Fancy Linens
8c
Fancy Linens, a
including Silks,
Bonnets, embroi-
dered. Friday bar-
gain, set 2 x 7 1/2
in. (Second Floor).

OWELS, 3 PAIRS
\$1.00.
all pure linen,
day bargain, three
pieces, \$2.00.
le Cloths, made in
irrevocable quality,
designs, size 2 x 7 1/2
in. (Second Floor).

Family Flour, 5
Rainier, 2 pacs.
cleaned, 3 lbs., 25c.
Sugar, 5 lbs., 50c.
Lemon, 10c.
Powder, 3 tins, 25c.
Lard, 10c.
Butter, per lb., 35c.
Rice, 6 lbs., 25c.
Onions, 2 tins, 25c.
Potatoes, 2 tins, 25c.
Beans, 2 tins, 25c.
Mexican Oranges,
color, per dozen, 20c.
PILONA TEA, 55c.
Pineapple Tea, of
fine flavor, Friday
bargain.

30 p.m.
vening

Russia Blocks Chinese Loan.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(Can.
Press).—Russia is obstructing
the negotiations in connection
with the loan to China of \$125-
000,000 by the six powers group
of bankers, according to the
Peking correspondent of The
Daily Mail. Russia takes the
ground that this group cannot
lend money to China to aid
Chinese military preparations
in Mongolia.

PREMIER BORDEN TAKES VACATION

With Mrs. Borden, He Leaves
for Southern States—
Foster is Acting
Premier.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—(Special).—
There was a migration of members
from the capital on every outgoing
train today, and Parliament Hill is
deserted tonight.

Unknown to everyone but his col-
leagues and intimate friends, Premier
Borden, accompanied by Mrs. Borden,
left this morning for a short vacation
in the Southern States. He will be
away until a few days before the
house meets again on Jan. 14. In his
absence Hon. Geo. E. Foster is acting
premier.

The cabinet held two lengthy ses-
sions today and disposed of a number
of routine matters.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it is un-
derstood, met a conference of Lib-
eral leaders in Montreal some time
during the Christmas recess, presu-
mably to discuss the naval situation.
He will spend Christmas at his home
here.

**Midway Tories
Endorse Candidates**

Will Support Hooken, Foster, Church
and Yeomans—Back Up
Borden Naval Policy.

The Midway Liberal-Conservative
Association held its regular monthly
meeting in Dulmage's Hall, last night.
John Reid presided. Two resolutions
were passed, one to convey to R. L.
Borden the approval of the association
of his desire to give practical naval
support to Great Britain; and the other
to assure Mayor Hooken, an the fol-
lowing candidates for the controller-
ship, Foster, Church and Yeomans, of
the support of the association in the
coming elections. Both resolutions
were carried unanimously.

GERMAN BIPLANE SEIZED.
GRAY, Department of Haute-Saone,
France, Dec. 18.—(Can. Press).—A
biplane piloted by a German, believed
to be a military pilot, landed at Mar-
nay today. It had come from Mul-
hausen, Alsace-Lorraine, and was im-
mediately seized by gendarmes on
instructions from the sub-prefect.

SHOWIN' OFF

**PARLIAMENTARY
WATERS**



SAMMY: Don't he make yeh tired?

TURKEY READY TO MEET GREEKS HALF WAY

Power Given Delegates Hailed
With Satisfaction in Europe
as Evidence That Porte is
Sincere in Working for Peace
— Little Progress Thus
Far.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(Can. Press).—
The peace conference held a brief
session today. The Turkish delegates
announced that fresh instructions had
been despatched from Constantinople
by special courier, therefore adjourn-
ment until Saturday was taken, by
which time instructions should reach
London.

News comes from the Ottoman cap-
ital tonight that the government in
empowering the delegates to proceed
with the negotiations with the Greek
as well as the Balkan plenipotentiaries.
This decision tends towards peace, as
there has been a suspicion that the
Turks were manoeuvring for time so
that they might strengthen their army.

The conference is now in exactly
the same position as the Portsmouth
conference after the first week's work.
The different parties are daily feeling
the ground before striking a decisive
blow.

Delay Disgusts Delegates.
After the sitting today some of the
Balkan delegates expressed disgust at
the way affairs were dragging, while
five armies and three besieged towns
were enduring all the sufferings of
war and the respective countries were
the prey of desolation, misery and
death.

A Bulgarian delegate observed that
the Turks were much mistaken if they
delayed the conference, hoping to
strengthen their army with troops
from Asia. These reinforcements were
chiefly composed of undisciplined
Bashi-Bazouks, who would prove a
serious danger not to the enemy but
to the Turks themselves.

In the meantime the allies are con-
centrating greater forces along the
Thracian front to enable them, if war
is resumed, to arrive at Constantinople
within a few days.

The prevailing opinion is that the
various postponements are aiming at
intervention by the powers. Turkey
hopes to obtain better terms than the
powers, some of whom have prede-
termined interests in the Ottoman Empire.
Besides, Turkey would consider it less
humiliating to cede territory on pres-
sure from the powers than at the
command of the Balkan States,
which were despoiled to the Museumian
world until recently as negligible quan-
tities.

The Greek proposals will be more
complicated than those of the other
allies, because they include the ques-
tion of capitulations, which Greece
alone among the Balkan States, enjoys
in Turkey with the great powers. The
capitulations, originally imposed on
Turkey by the Republic of Genoa, in
1565, include exemption from taxation
for foreign subjects, special courts
for their offences, and other privi-
leges. Greece is ready to accept a
clause in the treaty with the great
powers renouncing the right of
capitulations when the other powers do
the same.

Another delegate arrived today. He
brought important papers to Premier
Benizelos. He is Rizo Rangabe, whose
father, writer, poet and archaeologist,
was called "The Victor Hugo of
Greece."

Wore Stolen Coat.
On Wednesday night A. M. Gabel's
store at 741 Dundas street was broken
into and a valuable fur-lined coat and
two suits of clothes were stolen. Bob
Snow was suspected and Detective
Mitchell spotted him on a Bloor street
car wearing the missing coat, which
was valued at \$200. He took Snow
over to the city hall, where he was
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and vest of his suit, which had also
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"You had better put the handcuffs
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"Sure, I ain't going to run away from
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Got Good Lead.
However, Snap led the boy out by the
arm and placed him in the wagon. He
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was being briskly taken toward the
station dock when he fooled his escort.
When he huddled the cathedral fence
Snap was hard on his heels, but then
the constable met misfortune. His
trousers caught on an iron bar and
held him fast. Snow being able to gain
a big lead. No constables barred his
way from there to the city hall yards.

Every police station in the city was
notified and detectives were posted at
some of Snow's hangouts, but the es-
caped prisoner did not show up. The
railway yards were searched, but he
was not seen. It was thought that he
jumped a train.

Don't Eat Too Much.
At the regular monthly meeting of
the Purify Educational Society of
Toronto, Dr. W. J. McCormick gave a
very interesting lecture on "Diet." Dr.
McCormick attributed the cause of
many of the chronic diseases which af-
fect the human race to indiscriminate
eating.

Tried to Save Chum

Bessie Morton, four years old, who
was drowned while trying to save the
life of her playmate.



R. SNOW AGAIN ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY

**Crook Who Escaped From Jail
Several Years Ago Was Ar-
rested Again Last Night
While Wearing Stolen Over-
coat, But Got Away From
Police and is Not Caught.**

Breaking away from a constable
while being led into Court, the police
station shortly before 10 o'clock last
night, Robert Snow, a celebrated local
crook, made good his escape, and up
to an early hour this morning had not
been caught. Snow was arrested
earlier in the evening by Detective
Mitchell on a Bloor street car, charged
with shop-breaking. He was taken to
the detective office in the city hall and
from there was conveyed in a patrol
wagon to Court street. Patrolman
Snape was leading him into the sta-
tion door, when he jerked away and
ran along Court street and across
Church street. He hurled the stone fence
of St. James' Cathedral, dashed across
the park, then along King street, down
West Market, and into the railway
yards, where the police lost trace of
him. About a dozen uniformed and
plainclothes constables followed him,
but Snow, who has on many former
occasions shown the police his heels,
had the speed of Mercury and could
not be headed.

Bob Snow was one of the seven crim-
inals, including Alex. Rose, now do-
ing a life term in Kingston Penitenti-
ary, who participated in the sensation-
al fall delivery in Toronto four years
ago. Snow was arrested in the west
end of the city by Detective Crook
a few weeks later and was sent down
for six months for breaking jail. He is
only 22 years old, but has a bad record,
having served several terms in
Central Prison for various of-
fences. His home is on Margueretta
street. He has a brother, Bill Snow, now
serving a term in Kingston Peniten-
tiary. Bill Snow some years ago es-
caped from Central Prison by cutting
the bars in his cell door and riding
away in a baker's wagon.

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TWO CHILDREN, EACH FOUR YEARS OLD, WERE DROWNED IN SWANSEA MARSH WHILE PLAYING TOGETHER ON ICE

Little Girl Attempted to Save Her Chum When the Thin Ice Broke But
She Also Sank and the Two Bodies Were Found Together, With Only
the Girl's Hand Showing Above the Ice—Albert Prosser and Bessie
Morton Had Been Playmates Since They Could Toddle and Wan-
dered Away From Their Homes to Slide on the Ice Pond Nearby.

One tiny hand protruding from a hole in the ice led to the discovery of the lifeless bodies of Albert Samuel Prosser, aged four, and Bessie Morton, also four years, in a pond at Swansea at 4.45 yesterday afternoon.

When taken from the water the bodies were quite cold, showing that life had been extinct for at least 30 minutes. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., of Mimico, worked until late in the evening in an attempt to restore the two children to life, but his efforts were of no avail.

The position of the bodies when they were located would indicate that the little girl lost her life attempting to save the boy. It was only her arm that could be seen above the water, and her other hand was resting on Albert's. He was lying about two feet under water.

It is thought that the two children had gone on to the pond to slide. The boy ran ahead, stamping with his foot to test the ice. The ice gave way and he went thru. To all appearances Bessie ran forward and held out her hand to him. But he was too heavy for her. The ice broke again and they were drowned.

The pond itself is in a deep gully. The western side is the only way the gully can be entered with safety. Here Southport street borders the pond, separating it from the main marsh to the west, known as Sewer Pipe Pond.

The boy and girl reached the pond by Southport street. There is a thicket growing around it, and only one clear entrance to the ice is afforded. This is directly behind the home of D. Walker, whose yard extends to the water.

NO ONE HEARD ANY CRIES.
Altho' there are fully a dozen houses within a stone throw of where the drowning occurred, no one heard any cries or saw the accident. There was a concert being given in the village school to close it, preparatory to the Christmas holidays. Nearly every house in the vicinity was locked up while the parents attended the concert to hear their children recite or sing.

Bessie and Albert were too young to attend school, so they had been sent out to play. They were seen at Sylvester's grocery store on Windermere avenue about 4 o'clock. They then disappeared.

When the girl did not appear as usual at her home and dusk was coming on, the mother became anxious. She sent Arthur, the son, aged 12, to look for his sister. Arthur met Dawson Hawke and Ernest Ford, and asked them to help him.

After wandering about for some time the boys ran across footprints in the light fall of snow. These led from Southport street to the pond. Upon following them they came to the edge of the pond and saw the girl's hand raised above the ice.

Young Hawke and Ford tried to walk out on the ice, but fell in. They then ran to the home of William Carr, nearby, and notified Carr and Sam McClellan. With the aid of a fence board and a pile pole, Carr, assisted by McClellan, was able to reach the two bodies. Before he got them ashore he was forced to wade up to his neck in ice and water.

BODIES CARRIED TO HOMES.
Both the boy and girl were carried to the home of Mrs. Browning, a few yards away. When it was found there was no chance of resuscitating them the bodies were taken to the homes of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Prosser, Windermere avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Immanuel Morton, Windermere avenue.

The result of the tragedy will be a double funeral on Saturday, and the children will likely be laid to rest side by side.

Ever since they could toddle, Bessie and Albert had been playmates. Defects in the little girl's speech and hearing had caused the parents a great deal of worry, as well as expense. Just lately her power of speech returned and she also could hear well. But during the time when she could not do either of these things the little boy seemed to be the only person she could understand.

Mr. Prosser is a foreman at the Peace Foundry, New Toronto, while Mr. Morton is a carpenter employed by Young & Co. They live directly opposite one another on Windermere avenue.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey stated last night that he might hold an inquest into the affair for the purpose of finding out why such a dangerous swamp as this one should be left in its present condition. He condemned the place in no uncertain terms, and said it was a spot where malaria and other diseases originated.

For the past week children have been skating on the marshes and ponds in the vicinity, altho the ice is not very thick. Last year another little boy was nearly drowned in a marsh nearby.

ISADORE FRANK PLACED UNDER ARREST

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Boot and Shoe Firm—Re-
leased on \$10,000 Bail—
Other Arrests May Follow.**

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and shoe firm of P. E. Frank & Co., 29
East Front street, was arrested last
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He was taken to Court street police
station and allowed out on \$10,000 bail,
the bonds being furnished by E. A.
English, real estate agent, Melinda
street; Benjamin Backrack, 55 Bay
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Lawrence Shea of the Elliott House,
who went security to the amount of
\$5000.

Frank's arrest was the result of the
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the past five weeks. It is understood
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GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

"We have too many cliques in To-
ronto," said Rev. L. Minehan, at a
meeting of the Municipal Improvement
Association, in C. O. F. Hall, last night.
"What is the little girl's speech and hearing
had caused the parents a great deal of worry,
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GERMAN PERIL NOT NAVAL ONE

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(Special).—Dr.
Charles Sheard of Toronto was the
speaker at the Waterloo County Can-
adian Club banquet held in the
Salem Temple here tonight and gave
an interesting address on "Canadian
Citizenship." At the outset he com-
plimented the city on its many indus-
tries and the thrift of the people
which, he said, was everywhere ap-
parent.

To develop citizenship, he said, Can-
adians must stick to the motherland.
If there were a German menace con-
fronting the British Empire today it
was not a naval one, but one of Ger-
man thought and industry. Citizenship
could best be developed if kept out of
politics, sects and creeds.

Canadians should develop that
genius, the road to which was the
working road. Genius had been de-
scribed as the infinite capacity for
taking pains, and what was done in
building up the country should be done
well. Speaking of the high cost of
living, he said that it was high living
which caused the most trouble.

His address was well received and
he was complimented at the close, on
motion of Dr. G. H. Bowley and Rich-
ard Reid.

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ONLY 4 DAYS

There is but four days left in which World readers can secure a
copy of the Illuminated Bible. The distribution will finally close at
12 o'clock on Christmas Eve, December 24th. It will be impossible
to secure a copy of this Bible after that date.

As a gift book there is nothing that will equal the Illuminated
Bible. The thousands of World readers who have availed themselves
of the opportunity to secure one will testify to that. Finished in
flexible leather binding, with overlapping edges, gold letter, printed
on this Bible paper, illustrated with over 600 text pictures in half-
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Clip Certificate from Page 6.