

## Fished Up His Son's Watch

CHESLER, Penn.—While fishing in Darby Creek, James Zell dropped his gold watch and chain overboard and, after trying to recover them, gave them up for lost.

Recently Mr. Zell's father went fishing at the same spot. When ready to go home, he felt a tug at his line and when the hook came into sight, there were the missing watch and chain.

Lost health is not so easily recovered. The easy way and the right way to keep well, is to guard your health while you have it.

A "Fruit-a-tives" Tablet every night at bedtime will keep the Liver active, the Bowels regular, the Stomach sweet, the Skin clear, and the whole system in the best and most vigorous condition.

If you are not feeling, or sleeping, or eating as you should, take "Fruit-a-tives," the famous medicine made from fruit juices, and here next morning you will be as good as new.

"Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial size 25c—or will be sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

## TRAIL LEADS TO FAR-OFF TURKEY

Imposter Who Operated in Victoria Lands Finally in a Turkish Dungeon

It is a far cry from the police cells of Victoria to the Turkish dungeons of Asia Minor, but the distance has been made by a man who has been making a tour of the prairie section as well as of the northwestern states and was well supplied with credentials which, in some cases, were genuine enough, though secured from credulous individuals who were won by his story, but in most cases were rank forgeries. Everywhere he went he posed as an emissary of the missionaries in Asia Minor, his mission being to collect funds to advance the religious work being prosecuted in that far distant country. He was met with considerable success and it is believed he forwarded considerable sums to his associates in the far east.

When he arrived here he called upon Mayor Hall who believed his story so far as to give him a letter of recommendation and a copy of the city directory. He then set out on his collecting campaign but from one or two suspicious circumstances which arose he was finally arrested at the instance of A. J. Brace and ultimately arraigned in court here. The case was afterwards taken to the police court, the matter over to Dr. Milne local immigration officer. Georges, carried in the police cells for over a month. Dr. Milne was communicating with Ottawa relative to the question of deporting the man and finally he was ordered to leave the country. He did not do so, but he was not actually deported.

The photograph of Georges taken here was sent by Dr. Milne to Ottawa along with a recital of the facts of the case. These in turn were forwarded to London, where Sir John, superintendent of immigration, who in turn sent on the papers to the head of the photograph immediately connected Georges, the supposed helper in the work of evangelization, with one of the most notorious members of the "Julia Beggars" an association of professional and crafty beggars.

In the meantime, while the official red tape was slowly unwinding, Georges wandered back to his native land as a result of representations made to the authorities by the missionaries and arrested and cast into jail where he now lies.

Just how much of the collected money Canada will probably never be known but men of his stamp and pretensions who are known to have reaped a golden harvest, may thousands of dollars having been contributed by the charitably inclined.

## EASY VICTORY FOR STANLEY AT TACOMA

TACOMA, Dec. 23.—Running easily all the way and finishing with a fine burst of speed, William Stanley, the San Francisco runner, who has been running in Victoria, last night won the 10-mile indoor race at Dreamland rink, distancing his nearest competitor by 15 laps, over almost a mile. Louis Heidinger, the Alaskan, was second, 12 laps behind Stanley, while Rinaldo Wilson of Tacoma was third, four laps behind Heidinger. Clearly another Tacoma runner who began the race dropped out in the seventh lap. The time as announced by the judges was 52 minutes and 14 seconds, which breaks Alfred Shrubbs' record for indoor running by a minute and a half.

However, there is little likelihood that the record will ever be recognized as the course was not measured with a steel tape and there was a difference of opinion among the timers as to the time. Stanley believes he has been cheated. He has not yet issued a public challenge after the race.

There was no question about Stanley's superiority. He gave Wilson and Cleary a handicap of one lap and started from scratch with Heidinger, who refused the handicap. Stanley set a stiff pace at the start and soon took the lead, overcoming the handicaps of the other two men. The race was expected to see him blow up as the race wore on, but he kept going at the same pace, gaining a lap on the other runners in about over the end. Long before Stanley would win unless he collapsed. He finished strong and gained half the distance around the rink in one circuit.

The cable steamer Restorer has returned after completing repairs to the broken telephone cable across the Gulf from Telegraph Bay to San Juan.

## Challenge for Seawanhaka Cup

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club it was decided to authorize C. E. Routh, M. P. F. and E. W. Sharwood to sign articles for a series of races for the Seawanhaka cup with the Manchester club, of Manchester, Mass., to be sailed in July in Massachusetts bay. J. P. Black, the rear-commodore of the club, has already promised to build a boat, and it is more than probable that a syndicate will be formed to build another, and with the Thorella III. as trial tackle, the club will have a very formidable trio for the future, and they should be able, it is hoped, to find one capable of bringing the cup back to its old resting place at Dorval.

## ATTELL AND MOWAT FIGHT ON MONDAY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Abe Atell and Tommy Mowat, of this city, will box ten rounds before the Twin City Athletic Club here next Monday night. The match will be at catch weights. Interest attaches to the bout because Mowat has been out of the ring for four years, and upon his showing in this fight largely depends whether he will re-enter the boxing game.

## MINERAL OUTPUT

Production of Past Week Reaches High Figures, Prosperity Indications

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 24.—Clear, cold Christmas weather prevails here. Merchants say the shopping season was never better.

One shipment for the week were the second largest in the year. Following are the shipments by districts: Boundary district, 45,665 tons for week, and 1,551,375 tons for year to date; Rosedale district, 3,165 tons for week, and 23,334 tons for year. Slokan, Kootenay district, 3,335 tons for week, and 187,569 tons for year. Total shipments for the week were 12,627 tons, and for the year to date 1,965,888 tons.

Winter receipts for the week were 49,757 tons, and for the year to date 1,253,523 tons.

## NELSON AND WOLGAST TO GO 45 ROUNDS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Battling Nelson stands ready to close with Ad. Wolgast, fight in America, at last, as the Milwaukee boys posts a forfeit to bind the match. This statement was made by the champion last night after reading a dispatch from Los Angeles that Wolgast was begging for a chance to fight the title.

McCahey, manager of the Pacific Athletic Club of this city, announced to the public last night that he had agreed to a forty-five round contest between Battling Nelson and Wolgast. Wolgast, who is in this city with his manager, Thomas Jones, signed the agreement last night and Nelson has telegraphed his acceptance.

Nelson is to be given \$10,000, win or draw, and the men will post a side bet of \$5,000. The contest will take place in February or March, the exact date to be selected later, at the Vernon arena, outside of the city limits.

## MANY CURLERS TO PLAY AT NELSON

ROSSLAND, Dec. 23.—The British Columbia Curling Association held its annual meeting here at which the most important matter was the decision to hold a bonspiel at Nelson on January 24th, weather permitting. It was ascertained that a large number of rinks would be ready to enter.

The following officers were elected: H. P. McCroney, Rossland, patron; J. G. Bunyan, Nelson, president; J. L. Green, Greenwood, first vice-president; James Buchanan, Trail, second vice-president; A. McCowan, Cranbrook, third vice-president; Rev. F. H. Graham, Nelson, chaplain; George A. Hunter, Nelson, secretary-treasurer. Executive committee: C. D. Blackwood, D. G. G. A. Starkey, Nelson; J. A. Hartley, Phoenix; J. S. C. Fraser, Rossland; Judge Wilson, Cranbrook.

Representatives were present from Nelson, Rossland, Trail, Phoenix, Greenwood and Cranbrook.

**Corinthian Floated**  
HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—The Allan liner, Corinthian, which went ashore on St. George's island some days ago in order to escape collision with the schooner, "The White Horse," was towed to the harbor by the tug "The White Horse" and is being made to ascertain the extent of the damage.

**His Twenty-third Operation.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Edward C. Brown, a retired sea captain, is at present in a Brooklyn hospital, convalescing after his twenty-third surgical operation in five years. He has been operated on for a hernia, and he said, "that I do not mind them a bit. I guess they have become second nature to me."

## U. S. Immigration Vagaries

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—A citizen of the United States for 10 years was refused the right to return home from Canada today by the United States immigration officers. Prosper F. Fargis, N. D., came here six weeks ago on a visit to a brother. He started back yesterday and was told he must remain until he gets his naturalization papers to show local United States officials. He was naturalized 10 years ago and was naturalized in the United States. He was refused his papers and his naturalization papers with them on leaving there if they want to get back.

At a recent meeting of the Joint Conference Board of the various printing unions, the subject of a new proposition was presented from the representative of the International Stereotypers' Union, which proposed that the annual conventions of all printing trades unions shall be held in the same city at the same time. It is argued by the proponents that such action would prove advantageous to all of the unions concerned. Some of the objections to the proposition were that the representatives of the various branches will tend toward more tolerant treatment of each other and that it would be a practical step in bringing about concerted action. It is proposed, if the action is taken, to hold a joint convention of the printing unions to discuss the common good.

## IMPORTANT RULING

Judge Howay's Judgment on Appeal to Have "Wild Land" Classification Removed.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24.—Judge Howay this morning handed down a decision in connection with the appeal of V. J. Walker, who claimed that 640 acres of land which he owns in Surrey municipality was wrongly assessed for taxes. The judgment is an important one, as it will go on record as a precedent in cases of similar appeals. Judge Howay said in part:

"The next question in this appeal is: Are the lands of the appellant exempt in whole or part from wild land tax, as coming within the section declaring that land on which there are no buildings or improvements, the value of \$5 per acre is wild land, but it may nevertheless be taken out of the class of wild land if it is included within the area reclaimed or being reclaimed under any dyking or drainage scheme, and assessed for such reclamation work as is necessary to be done."

"It is common ground that there are not existing improvements to the lands in question. It is therefore prima facie wild land. The appellant in order to succeed must establish himself within the area exception."

"To be exempt the land must fulfill two conditions, (1) that it is not reclaimed or being reclaimed, and (2) it must be assessed for such reclamation work. If either of these two factors is not present, the land is not exempt. Now, let us look at the facts. These are not in dispute. In 1889 the municipality of Surrey undertook a dyking scheme. The works were completed and the dyke stood for a time, almost a year, and then it was destroyed by a flood. The dyke was then rebuilt and the land was reclaimed. It is therefore not exempt from wild land tax."

"By the Surrey Dyking act, 1892, the dyke was to be maintained by the municipality. The works were completed and the dyke stood for a time, almost a year, and then it was destroyed by a flood. The dyke was then rebuilt and the land was reclaimed. It is therefore not exempt from wild land tax."

"The appellant's lands, therefore, do not come within the area exception. They are subject to the wild land tax."

## GREAT FIGHT WITH FIRE

Expensive Efforts to Quench Flames in Quail Mine Thought to Have Been Successful.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—There is hope that the fire which has been burning for fifty years in a mine at Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, at last has been extinguished. The mine contains one of the most valuable deposits of coal in the anthracite region, and the fire has been burning since the mine was first opened. The fire has been burning for fifty years, and the mine has been closed since that time. The fire has been burning for fifty years, and the mine has been closed since that time.

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## NO WORD OF PLUMMER'S CREW

Fate of Fourteen Men Who Sailed on Derelict Unknown—Tugs Seek Wreck.

No word has been received of the fate of the fourteen men of the crew of the wrecked schooner Suse M. Plummer, which is drifting abandoned in the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The schooner was last seen on the 10th inst., and has since that time been missing. The crew of the schooner was last seen on the 10th inst., and has since that time been missing.

## Got the Drop.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 24.—Harry Rogers, a prominent Teton county ranchman, today shot and killed Don Corral, a Mexican, who had threatened to shoot Rogers. Both were killed.

## Little Girl Killed.

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Dec. 24.—Six-year-old Louise Bray, of Ottawa, was almost instantly killed at the Sault Ste Marie, Ont., when she was struck by a train. She was on the way home from school.

## Pleimen Try Again.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 24.—A ninety-two pound man, who was given the name of Pleimen, was today taken to Washington, D. C., by the United States government. He was taken to Washington, D. C., by the United States government.

## Baseball Championship.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—President Hermann of the Cincinnati club, today announced that the club will play the American league club, the St. Louis Browns, in a game to be played at Cincinnati on January 1st.

## Opium Smuggler.

Shortly before the Chinese steamer, the liner's crew was caught at Seattle trying to smuggle three five-ten tins of opium from Hong Kong to Seattle. The crew was caught at Seattle trying to smuggle three five-ten tins of opium from Hong Kong to Seattle.

## Effect of the Eight Hours Act.

On the extent of the production of coal in the export trade, it is largely to the operation of that Act. The latest figures obtainable seem to show that the fall was the greatest in the first two months or so after the Act began to operate there. It would thus appear that in some of the mines the effect of the Act is being overcome, either by more miners being employed, or by more improvements in the cost of working. Attempts are being made to define the methods of operation in the district, but the negotiations proceed slowly.

## Heavy Christmas Mail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Christmas cheer from thousands of thousands in Canada and the United States was brought by the liner Teutonic, which arrived here with 110 sacks of Christmas mail on board.

## Photograph of Comet.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Despatches received from Flagstaff, Ariz., state that Prof. Lowell has successfully photographed Halley's comet. The picture shows an irregular form, resembling a fan, with a bright nucleus. The comet is clearly outlined and the edges show. Recent work at the Flagstaff observatory will be described by Prof. Lowell in a paper before one of the sections of the American association for the advancement of science here next week.

## VANCOUVER PLANS A MODERN YACHT CLUB

The destruction of their club house by fire hasn't discouraged members of the Vancouver Yacht Club. They are planning to build a new club house, which will be a modern yacht club. The new club house will be a modern yacht club.

Already the preliminary steps have been taken in that direction. Work will be done on the site of the old club house, and a new club house will be built. The new club house will be a modern yacht club.

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## NEW ITALIAN STEAMER

Liner Oceania, of La Veloce Fleet, Completes Her Maiden Voyage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Completing her maiden voyage the new twin screw steamer Oceania, of the Società di Navigazione Italiana, a Vapore, has arrived at New York after battling with continuous heavy weather and a rough sea.

The Oceania is the exact duplicate of the steamer America, and was built in the Italian Naval Yard at Palermo. She is 200 feet long, 30 feet beam, and 10,000 tons displacement. Her engines are triple expansion, and she is capable of making a speed of 17 knots. At trials a maximum speed of 18 knots was attained.

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## BROUGHT CARGO OF LINER OHIO

Barge Princess Louise Reaches Vancouver With Portion of Cargo of Ill-Fated Ohio.

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## AORANGI IS VESSEL WITH RECORD

Made Her First Voyage From London in 1883—Capt. Archibald Hunter Her Chief Officer.

The withdrawal of the Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi from the Vancouver-Sydney run recalls the fact that she is a vessel with a splendid record and there are thousands upon thousands of people in all parts of the world who look back with pleasure to trips made on this vessel. In her whole career the Aorangi has never been in disaster or accident and she is spoken of as the lucky ship.

Her present voyage is her fifty-fifth on this run and allowing 15,000 miles for the round trip she will have covered 225,000 miles between Vancouver and Sydney when she reaches the latter port on her last run from here on December 31.

The Aorangi was built as long ago as 1883 at Glasgow by J. Elder & Co. for the New Zealand Shipping Company. She was one of four vessels built for the company and was a costly ship, built of iron, a material which is not used now.

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between 5,000 and 9,000 tons are thirty-four. Sailing vessels number 4,739, with the total displacement of 251,387 tons gross. They include one vessel of over 2,000 tons. Those sailing vessels, carrying capacity whereof is measured by koku, number 1,881, with the aggregated capacity of 656,131 koku. They include one with over 1,000 koku carrying capacity.

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## Tenders Wanted!

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the matter of the Estate of Francis L. David (deceased).

Tenders will be received by the undersigned till noon of the 17th day of January, 1910, for the purchase of the undermentioned property, viz:

N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 11 and S. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 1