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ALEX. SHIELDS RULED OFF.

The Charge of Fouling Against Lasotta Said to Have Been Proved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The racing authorities at Bennings to-day investigated the charge of a foul laid against Lasotta, A. Shields' horse, which won the fifth race yesterday. The foul was proven and Alexander Shields, W. Shields, George Cousins, Jockey Hartley and the horses Lasotta, Rightaway and Powerful were all ruled off.

The weather to-day was clear, but the track was slow, occasioned by the heavy snowstorm of yesterday. The favorites generally ran in front, but in the fourth race Annie C. filly, a 15 to 1 shot, was the winner.

First race, ⅝ mile—Little Matt, 2-1, 1; Fiction, 4-1, 2; Hartford, 10-1, 3. Time 1.03.

Second race, 1 mile—Annie Bishop, 1-1, 1; Restraint, 7-1, 2; Lismore, 30-1, 3. Time 1.47.

Third race, ⅝ mile, handicap—Captain Brown, 2-1, 1; My Gips, 2-1, 2; Dalsyrian, 3-1, 3. Time 1.03.

Fourth race, 5½ furlongs—Annie C., 15-1, 1; Our Jack, 1-1, 2; Aurelian, 7-5, 3. Time 1.10.

JACKSON AND MITCHELL MEET.

They Shake Hands and Wish Each Other Good Luck With Corbett.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—For the first time in many a long day Charley Mitchell and Peter Jackson shook hands this afternoon. There has never been any real enmity between them, but somehow they were never the warmest of friends, probably through the Englishman's former associations with Paddy Slavin at the time of Peter's famous fight in the National Sporting Club. "Parson" Davies invited Mitchell to see Jackson in the character of Uncle Tom at the National Theatre. The Briton and several friends occupied a box during the performance and Davies joined them after his part was done with.

Mitchell was asked to go back on the stage, where he met and shook hands with the star. For perhaps 10 minutes they chatted pleasantly about matters theatrical, but not a word of fighting talk was uttered until Jackson complimented Mitchell upon his appearance.

"If I feel as well Jan. 25 as I do to-night," remarked Mitchell, "I fancy Mr. Corbett will find something of a job before him. A great many people appear to believe 'Handsome James' will have a walk-over, but there may be a surprise."

"There's one thing you never can tell about a glove contest," put in Jackson, with a grin. "No one can actually name the winner until the numbers go up."

At parting the man who expects to tackle Corbett next June wished the boxer who had an earlier date with the American champion good luck. Not to be outdone in politeness the Briton returned the compliment.

First Match of the Season.

The Victoria and Varsity hockey teams set the puck a sliding for the first time this season at the Victoria Rink last evening, when a practice game was indulged in. The play, while it lasted, was fast and furious. The Varsity team has been strengthened by the addition of Bradley, the Ottawa's star player of last season. His first work last night opened the eyes of the spectators. He is a sure man upon the wings.

The Victorias played a man short, and when time was called were in the rear by a score of 5 goals to 2.

The following players scored the goals: J. Gilmour two, and Barr, Walter and W. A. Gilmour one each for Varsity. Victoria's goals were scored by Thompson and Cosby.

Mr. S. A. Jones acted as referee.

The following were the teams:

Varsity: D. A. Culbert, goal; K. Peaker, point; W. A. Gilmour, cover point; R. Bradley, J. Gilmour, A. F. Barr, F. A. Walters, forwards.

Victorias: W. J. Morrison, goal; B. Forsyth, point; A. B. Cunningham, J. Bedford-Jones, J. Æ. Thompson, F. L. Cosby, forwards.

The Wellington Hockey Club reorganized with the following officers: Hon. president, Mr. C. A. B. Brown; president, Mr. T. L. Morison; captain, Charles F. Hill; sec.-treas., F. Morison; committee, P. Brown, W. H. Boyd, B. Grey; delegates, P. Brown, G. Macdougall. The Wellingtons desire to enter the junior league which the St. George's suggested. Communications may be sent to Secretary F. Morison, 604 Jarvis-street.

International Curling.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Executive Committee of the eastern section of the Grand National Curling Club of America held a special meeting at the New York Caledonian Club rooms to-night. The locations and the dates for the six national medal matches were arranged as follows: Champion rink match for golden medal at Hoboken rink, Jan. 24; north and south of Scotland match, Jan. 18, at Central Park; Scotch and all nationalities match for the Linlocak medal to be played by all clubs east and west Feb. 1, or within two weeks from that date (place not mentioned). The international club match for the Golden medal will be played at the Albany City Curling Club's rink, and the secretary was directed to correspond with the secretary of the Canadian clubs to fix a date for the match.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO BREEDERS.

The Admittance of Canadian Horses to the United States For Breeding Purposes—The Conditions For 1894—The Distance Flag Rules—Poor Transportation Facilities in the Province.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Trotting and Racing Horse Breeders was held in the Rossin House yesterday.

The meeting was a thoroughly representative one, every prominent breeder of the sidewheeler and trotter in Ontario being present. Among those at the meeting were President Dr. McCully, H. Scott, Caledonia; A. Sinclair, Chatham, William McGregor, M.P., Windsor; Dr. S. Carr, Stoney Creek; J. H. Walker, Picton; D. T. Somes and R. Wilson, Brampton; J. C. Boyd, Simcoe; W. C. Kidd, Listowel; J. B. Hughes, Waterloo.

Secretary and Treasurer J. C. Boyd read the annual report. He regretted that the call for membership to the breeders was not responded to so readily as the Executive Committee had expected. There are 49 members on the books. He was gratified at the successful filling up last spring of the stakes opened by the Association, the 2 and 3-year-old trotting having over 20 entries each. The yearling and 2-year-olds coming to the wire were lamentably short, only one each facing the starter. A Canadian record was made for 2-year-olds. He was of the opinion, after having witnessed the fine performances of the 3-year-olds, both trotters and pacers, that Ontario can raise as good colts as any other part of the world. All that remained for breeders now to do is to heed performing lines and keep their best fillies for brood mares, and not, as heretofore, sell them to be shipped out of the country. The $1000 futurity stake for foals of 1893, to be trotted in 1895, only received 53 nominations, which was only half of the number expected. The annual race meeting held in Hamilton last year was not a success, owing to the lateness of the season. One thousand five hundred and thirty-one dollars was received during the year and $1389 expended, leaving a balance on hand of $142. The report was not discussed to any length.

Canadian Horses in the United States.

President McCully informed the meeting that the question of the admittance of Canadian horses to the United States for breeding and racing purposes free of duty was to be laid before the American Congress by the Hon. J. C. Sibley, who has not, owing to the busy session of Congress, been able as yet to obtain a hearing.

He has also written the Hon. A. R. Angers, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, who has promised to lay the question before the Dominion Cabinet, and they will consider the establishing of reciprocal relations between the U. S. and Canada in the matter of the free intercourse of breeding and racing horses, whose owners can show a certificate of registration. The breeders expressed much delight at this statement, and the president was praised for taking up the matter so energetically.

Next Year's Conditions.

The distances and the conditions for next year were drawn up as follows:

Yearling trot, $100 added, ½ mile, best two in three, payments $5 on Feb. 1 and $2.50 on April 1; distance 1-2 mile.

2-year-olds, $100 added, $5 on Feb. 1 and $5 on April 1, 1-mile heats; best two in three.

3-year-old trotters, eligible to 3 min. class, $150 to be added, $5 on Feb. 1 and $5 on April 1, mile heats; best three in five.

Two-year-old pacers, $150 added, $5 Feb. 1 and $5 April 1, mile heats, best two in three.

Three-year-old pacers, $150 added, eligible three-minute class, $5 Feb. 1 and $5 April 1; mile heats, best three in five.

The Executive Committee were instructed to communicate with the Windsor Trotting Association and the Toronto Fair Association in regard to the holding of the fall meet next year for their terms. The most advantageous offer will be accepted. The matter of the distance flag, which is always the bone of contention at every trotting meet, as the different tracks are not an entity in the matter of rules, was finally settled by the meeting unanimously favoring the holding of the meet under the rules as to the distance flags in vogue at the track at which their meetings are held.

The Breeders condemned the poor shipping facilities for the transportation of horses from point to point in Ontario.

The New Officers.

The officers elected were:

President, Dr. McCully; secretary, J. C. Boyd, Simcoe; hon. vice-president, Jacob Erratt, Ottawa; J. H. Metcalfe, M.P., Kingston; S. White, M.L.A., Windsor; Dr. Elliott, St. Kitts. Executive Committee: A. Sinclair, Chatham; William McGregor, M.P., Windsor; D. T. Lewis, Brampton; Dr. Carr, Stoney Creek; J. W. Allen, Picton; J. C. Boyd, Simcoe.

THE FAT STOCK SHOW.

Entries in Every Class in Excess of Previous Years.

GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 6.—The Provincial Fat Stock Show opened here to-day. The entries in all classes are greatly in excess of any previous year. In cattle, grades lead in numbers, short horns coming next. In sheep there is a very large showing, prizes being given for both breed and grade animals. Swine are away ahead of anything here at a fat stock show, some 150 animals being shown. The cash prizes offered for poultry had the effect of making the display a very large and attractive one.

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Sporting Miscellany.

An important meeting of the Intermediate and Junior Willow Foot ball Clubs will be held in Broadway Hall at 3 sharp.

There will be a meeting in room No. 3, Dingman's Hall, to-morrow (Thursday) evening, for the purpose of organizing a new bicycle club in the east, and anyone interested in wheeling is invited to attend.

Mike Burns' benefit at McDermott's Academy last night was attended by 600 well-satisfied people. There were 10 setto's, with a wind-up by the Schmitt Bros., in which some very scientific work was shown. Prof. McDermott made a very good chairman. The rest of the program consisted of dancing, club swinging, etc.

All the leading legal and medical gents of the city have patronized the Army and Navy Stores for those beautifully-finished Irish frieze ulsters; they can't be distinguished from those made by the high-priced tailors. Fact is, they're as good in every respect; the only difference is they cost half the money.

Toronto's Attractions.

Mr. Peter McIntyre has sent a letter to the Board of Public and Separate Schools of the city offering a book of 20 round-trip steamboat tickets to the senior pupils preparing the best essays on "The advantages of Toronto as a place of residence and its attractions for visitors."

Mr. McIntyre's idea is a good one, and ought to start a large number of young citizens to write up all they know or can find out about the city.

All items, society or otherwise, intended for The Toronto Sunday World, must be addressed to the editor of that paper at 83 Yonge-street. ed

SHE CALLED THE BOY A THIEF.

The Sister Brooded Over the Taunt and Died—The Mother Goes Insane.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 6.—Some time ago Miss M. C. Hoppe, teacher in a Public school here, called George W. Parshall's son, aged 6 years, a thief, in the presence of the other scholars. The boy's sister felt the disgrace keenly, and the other children taunted her with it. She was taken ill a week ago with brain fever, and this morning she died. Her mother is out of her mind in consequence of the child's death, and it is said she will never recover. Mr. Parshall complained to the Board of Education against the teacher, but was laughed at. It was supposed he was making a mountain out of a mole hill. Miss Hoppe, who called the boy a thief, is prostrated now also.

"Wang" To-Night.

Montreal, like Toronto, saw the first year's production of "Wang," and were able to compare it with the one to be given to-night and the remainder of the week at the Grand. In its long review of this same performance given in that city The Montreal Gazette of October 31 last said:

"A great many people who saw "Wang" last season, and were so delighted with it that they thought nothing in the same line could approach the production, have an excellent opportunity for revision of their judgment. It was said that "Wang" without De Wolf Hopper would be a fizzle. That is altogether a mistaken idea. "Wang" got along very nicely without the originator of the character. In fact, with all due deference to the creator of the part, in some instances Mr. Stevens is superior, and at all times is equal to the original."

Urania.

The wonderful Urania scenic spectacles, "A Trip to the Moon" and "Chaos to Man," will be presented at the Grand Opera House on Monday evening, Dec. 11. These remarkable entertainments have excited a profound interest in every city where they have been presented. It is an ambitious attempt to illustrate the mysteries of the lunar world, the evolutions of the earth and the scenic grandeurs of America with remarkable stage effects.

This is not a stereopticon entertainment. On the contrary, it is considered to be one of the grandest scenic productions that has ever been conceived by human hands or ingenuity. The scenery, electric light illuminations and mechanical effects which are used in the performances of "A Trip to the Moon" and "Chaos to Man" represent a vast outlay.

"The Hustler."

Merriment will reign at Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House next week, if credit may be given to the promises of the management of "The Hustler," which musical farce will then have its first performance in Toronto. "The Hustler" is a song and dance entertainment, containing laughable incidents arising from the schemes of a moneyless jester to board for nothing and to obtain money from a wealthy German fellow-lodger. The imaginative "Hustler" is impersonated by the roloicful Irish humorist, John Kernell, who is said to carry the role in a mood of cool audacity that is irresistibly comical. "The Hustler" abounds with "specialties."

Japanese Girls at Musee.

A troupe of ten handsome Japanese dancing girls, arrayed in their native royal court costumes, are to be the main attraction at Moore's Musee Theatre, commencing Monday afternoon next. These little artists have been carefully trained from their childhood up in the terpsichorean art and are attached to the Royal Court of Japan as entertainers of the Japanese nobility.

Kleiser's Star Course.

Judging from the great stir made among the literary people of Toronto, Russell H. Conwell, the brilliant and picturesque preacher, author and orator in "Acres of Diamonds" at the Pavilion, Dec. 12, will draw one of the largest audiences that the Pavilion has held for some time.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West shore Route.

The West shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m., arriving in Toronto at 10.35 a.m. Sunday leaves Toronto at 12.50 p.m.

"They're daisies, every one of them," those double-breasted box back overcoats in beavers, meltons and naps, all shades. The prices are $6, $8, $10, $12.50, only to be got at the Army and Navy Clothing Stores.

Holloway's Corn Cure is a specific for the removal of corns and warts. We have never heard of its failing to remove even the worst kind.

Local Jottings.

The St. Alphonsus Club has decided to purchase a billiard table.

There were three convictions of selling cigarets to minors at the Police Court yesterday.

Burglars stole 20 yards of ticking from Whitworth & Restell's Bay-street mattress factory.

James Daniels was fined $5 at the Police Court yesterday on a charge of assulting Emma Hayes.

Garnet McHugh, aged 11, son of the principal of Streetsville public school, was drowned while skating on the Credit River.

Emmanuel Hill was committed for trial by Justice of the Peace Wingfield yesterday on a charge of forcibly entering Davenport station of the G.T.R.

John Heaslip has applied to the Chancery Court to be allowed to pay his wife less than $50 a month alimony, which amount he claims is excessive.

One hundred and eight men employed in the C.P.R. shops at the Junction were given notice last evening that they would be laid off until Jan. 1.

A mission is preached at St. Joseph's, Leslie-street, by the Redemptorist Fathers, New York, every day this week. Services at 5 and 8 a.m. and 7.30 every evening.

The Court of Appeal yesterday held that the Ontario Government is entitled to the discount on city water rates alike with corporations which are taxpayers.

Jebb, the well-known optical specialist and inventor of the "Recherche" optometer for examining the eye and sight, will be at J. E. Ellis & Co.'s, 3 King-street east, till Saturday, 9th. Consultation and examination of the eyes free. 4

A quiet wedding was celebrated last evening at 1.30 Crawford-street, when Mr. David Hogg was married by Rev. J. E. Starr to Miss Maggie Brownlee. The happy couple have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

The Sunday school festival in connection with the Richmond-street Synagog in St. George's Hall last evening was largely attended. Many of the children showed marked talent in their rendering of recitations and songs and the meeting was a most enjoyable affair. Before the entertainment a supper was given to the pupils.

Bridget Grant sued her employer, Rev. Father Lawler, in the Police Court yesterday for $30 wages alleged to be due. Father Lawler admitted an indebtedness of $20, and judgment was entered for that sum. As the priest was leaving the court room the woman attacked him, striking him with her fist. The priest declined to prosecute for the assault.

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Novel Christmas Numbers.

The approach of the Christmas season causes most citizens to devote more or less anxious thought to the subject of holiday numbers of the various magazines. The Toronto News Company have all the best annuals published in England, France and the United States, and so much ahead of all previous years are the various publications that the demand has been unprecedentedly large. Comparatively few copies remain in stock, and as there is no second edition dealers should order supplies at once before all are picked up.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures all throat and lung troubles, such as coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness, etc.

TORONTO MEDICAL DINNER.

OVER THREE HUNDRED GUESTS SIT DOWN TO THE FEAST.

This Year the Meds Outstripped All Previous Efforts and as a Result the Banquet Was One of the Most Successful Ever Held in Toronto—Who Were There.

No merrier gathering has the Rossin House seen for many a day than that which assembled last night at the medical dinner of Toronto University. Every one, from the grave, time-marked brows of the invited guests to the careless, jolly faces of the students, seemed to catch the inspiration of the hour. Among the three hundred and odd guests present were: Hon. member, Dr. J. H. Cameron; president, W. H. Alexander, fourth year; 1st vice-president, J. Sheahan, third year; 2nd vice-president, E. L. Roberts, second year; hon. sec., Frank W. Smith, fourth year; B. A. Campbell, D. J. Armour, B.A.; H. H. Ross, R. H. Somers, J. H. Miller, G. Simpson, J. S. Sloan, H. W. Miller, D. McGillivray, G. H. Jackson, J. H. Mulvin, J. A. Cummings, members of the committee, and Vice-Chancellor Mulock, Dr. Richardson, Hon. G. W. Ross, D. R. Wilkie, J. J. Maclaren, Principal Caven, W. S. Lee, Dean Ogden, Dr. Willmott, Drs. Reeve, A. B. McCallum, Futcher, Glaister, Martin, Martin, Robinson, Tomlinson, Harvey, Burrows, Bird, South, J. B. Peters, W. Caven, Primrose, E. E. Kitchen, St. George; Principal Dickson, Upper Canada College; Drs. Smith, principal of the Veterinary College, G. M. McCallum, Spencer, George Peters, Graham, Starr, Prof. Ellis, Drs. Dwyer, John Caven, A. R. Garden, H. H. Oldright, D. G. Gordon, Prof. Baker, Dr. O'Reilly, Prof. Mavor, Dr. Adam Wright, Dr. L. McFarlane and Dr. John Amyot.

In addition to these there were the following representatives of the different colleges of the Dominion: Messrs. Garrett, McGill Medical College, Montreal; McNally, Bishop's College, Montreal; Morden, Queen's University, Kingston; Murphy, Trinity Medical College; Mitchell, Dental School; Morrison, Knox College, and Hales, Victoria College.

The bill of fare was most artistic, both in the arrangement of contents and the general design. On the first page was a picture of Trinity Medical College and in the ground in front three gravestones, erected to the memory of the three defeats of Trinity in baseball, Rugby and Association football. This merry jest was but the prelude to the general program of the evening.

The music stationed in the entranceway played at times, but a poor second to the heartily sung varsity songs of the students, that made the very roof of the building ring.

The grave professors looked on and smiled, and their pleasure in the greatest medical event of the year beamed on their faces and cast a benign influence over the great assembly.

A Great Toast List.

The toasts of the evening, one and all, called forth the greatest enthusiasm. These included 14, as follows: The Queen, proposed by W. H. Alexander, president. Canada, proposed by J. Sheahan, vice-president, and responded to by Dr. James Richardson. Toronto University, proposed by Mr. Armour and responded to by Vice-Chancellor Mulock and Professor Baker. The Medical Faculty, proposed by Mr. Campbell and responded to by Dean Ogden, Professor McFarlane, Professor Graham and Professor Adam H. Wright, members of the faculty. The Local Legislature, proposed by Mr. Simpson and replied to by Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education. Other Professions, Sister Institutions, Graduates and Graduating Class, Athletics, Undergraduates, The Press, The Ladies and Freshmen.

A Canadian of Canadians.

In reply to the toast, Canada, Dr. James Richardson, after reviewing the history of the country, said we should be proud of of our ancestory as he was. He had reason to be a thorough Canadian and proud of his country, for his father, grandfather and all his immediate relations had been connected with Canada from its earliest settlement. He felt that our future destiny was to sink our differences into a common nationality. He was sorry to know that there were men among us going about teaching sedition.

A Hospital in Queen's Park.

Vice-Chancellor Mulock, replying to "The Local Legislature," said he had ever favored the scheme for establishing a hospital on the site of old Wycliffe College. There there was room for a medical college and a hospital with all necessary buildings. Though the scheme had been defeated he still had thorough confidence in it. If this scheme did not eventually succeed it would be to the disaster of Toronto University. Referring to the Government established and sustained agricultural college at Guelph he exclaimed: "On what principle is it established that Government money should be expended to help men to take care of the health of their cattle and refused to aid men to take care of the health of humanity?" The cry that private institutions were doing this work was not true, since they only did it imperfectly.

Hon. G. W. Ross, in reply to "The Local Legislature," was pleased to inform the guests that that body was in tolerable good health notwithstanding the cold chill it had lately received. He then gave some encouraging remarks to all connected with the medical college.

At a late hour this, perhaps the best-represented annual dinner of the Toronto University Medical College, closed.

Unequalled In Toronto.

The citizens of Toronto recognize a good thing when they see it, and when they have a son or daughter who requires an education to enable them to earn their own living in the great contest on this earth for position—such as shorthand and typewriting or business education, Barker & Spence's Shorthand and Business School, 12 King-street west, Toronto, is where they are always sent to obtain such. The majority of the pupils at this school belong to Toronto, which is its greatest recommendation, and though it does not reopen for another term till Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1894, all who enter during this month shall receive reduced rates. The law lectures alone, delivered by Mr. W. N. Irwin, barrister, solicitor, etc., Freehold Loan Building here, are well worth the cost of the entire tuition. Day and evening classes are in full working order all the time. Visitors are always welcome.

The student's Mixture

tobacco is selected with the greatest care towards securing the blending qualities which produce to the smoker such delicious enjoyment. Try it and you will be satisfied to use no other.

The fur stores are squealing at the Army and Navy for cutting prices, and threaten to boycott manufacturers supplying goods to the Army and Navy.

Rheumatism Cured in a day.—South American Rheumatic Cure, for Rheumatism and Neuralgia, radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. The first dose greatly benefits. Sold by druggists. 46

As a general blood building tonic and for that tired feeling, Burdock Blood Bitters excels all other remedies. It positively cures dyspepsia.

VICTIMS OF THE GRIP.

Viscount Strathallan Dies From the Epidemic—Several Deaths In London—Wurtemburg's King Has It.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Viscount Strathallan, heir-presumptive to the Earldom and Scotch titles of Perth, died last night from influenza. He was formerly major of the Sixth Dragoon Guards, from which he retired in 1882 as honorary colonel.

Morley to Try Change of Air.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Right Honorable John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, who is suffering from influenza, left London this morning for Monte Carlo, where, by the advice of his physicians, he will sojourn for a time.

Unusual Mortality In London.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Influenza is increasing in this city. Seventy-four deaths during the past week have been attributed to that disease. The deaths from all causes have been 300 above the weekly average.

A Royal Sufferer.

STUTTGART, Dec. 6.—King William of Wurtemburg is suffering from influenza.

In Montreal the Epidemic Causes the Doctors to be Overworked.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Grip is rapidly spreading in the city, and the doctors are having their hands full attending to the patients. The weather of the past few days has resulted in a great increase in sickness.

A number of prominent professional and business men are down with grip. Mr. McNicol, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, has been laid up for a week with it.

Scarlet fever is also very prevalent, and the number of deaths among children is greatly above the average.

KING HUMBERT MAY ABDICATE

Because of the Unpopularity of Italy's Connection With the Triple Alliance.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 6.—The correspondent at Rome of The Independence Belge reports to that paper under reserve that King Humbert in view of the unpopularity of Italy's connection with the Triple Alliance, for which he accepts the responsibility, thinks of abdicating.

THE GALLERY COLLAPSED.

Two Hundred Carried Down in a Theatre Accident at Bristol.

BRISTOL, Dec. 6.—The Drill Hall was crowded this evening during the performance of a horse tamer. Shortly before the program was to end the gallery, containing 200 persons, collapsed. All were carried down with it. Twelve persons were injured, five so severely, that they must be taken to the hospital. Nobody received mortal wounds.

BURST WHILE BEING TESTED.

A Workman Killed By the Explosion of an Armstrong Disappearing Gun.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A large disappearing gun, made by the Armstrongs, burst today while undergoing a range test at Siloth, Cumberland, and a workingman was killed. A party of visitors who were watching the test escaped all injury.

German Winter Army Manœuvres.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The entire corps of Guards stationed at Spandau, Potsdam, Berlin and Lichtenfelds will shortly engage in winter manœuvres. Pioneers and engineers will test the ice in the Havel at Brandenburg to ascertain its strength, etc. Ice bows, skates and Esquimaux dogs will be used in the manœuvres.

Russia Will Have a Similar Manœuvres.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—It is stated here that General Pusirewski of the Russian army will inspect the Russo-Galician frontier and will organize winter manœuvres of the new Russian frontier guards corps.

Military Trials To Be Public.

MUNICH, Dec. 6.—The Bavarian Landtag to-day unanimously adopted a resolution to the effect that the ministry be instructed to maintain the publicity of military trials.

No Buffer state Treaty.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—An official communication is made public to-day denying that a treaty has been signed with Great Britain respecting a buffer state between the French and British possessions in Asia. The communication states that the negotiations for a treaty are still in progress.

LEBLANC WILL NOT HANG.

His Sentence Will Be Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Joseph Leblanc, now lying in jail at Winnipeg under the sentence of death, will escape the gallows. It is understood that a report has been made to council, which in due time will be approved by His Excellency the Governor-General, recommending a commutation of his sentence to imprisonment for life. Leblanc, along with George Riley, was charged with the murder of a farmer named Wilson in Winnipeg. Riley was acquitted of murder, but got 15 years in the penitentiary for robbing the dead man. The evidence at the trial showed that if murder there was, then Riley was the more guilty of the two. However, Leblanc was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged on the 15th inst.

Chief Justice Taylor of Manitoba, who was trial judge, in his report to the Minister of Justice, recommended a commutation of the death sentence, and this will be granted.

Lord Aberdeen has not yet been asked to approve of an order in council to this effect, but he will be in a few days.

THE NUNN CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Bringing Home the Authorship of the Letter to Mr. Nunn.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 6.—The preliminary investigation into the charge against Mr. J. G. Nunn of criminally libeling Mr. E. G O'Donnell was resumed yesterday afternoon before Police Magistrate White. Messrs. J. M. Glenn and A. Grant appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. T. W. Crothers for the defendants. About 25 persons were in the court room listening to the proceedings.

Mr. D. Creighton of Toronto, manager of The Empire, said he saw Mr. Nunn's letter before the heading was put on. It was shown him by an assistant, Mr. A. H. Cohoon. To the letter were attached letters addressed to the Owen Sound Board of License Commissioners, purporting to have been written by Messrs. Ewen Cameron, R. McCully, Jabel Robinson, D. Ferguson and others. He did not see the envelope which contained the letter.

The case was adjourned until Thursday.

Two Lives and $10,000 Lost.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 6.—Fire to-night damaged Turner Hall, Allegheny, to the extent of $10,000 and caused the loss of two lives. At 8.30 o'clock Mrs. Benninghoff, wife of the janitor, discovered the hall was on fire. She sent her eldest son Paul out to give the alarm and rushed to the fourth floor to save her three younger children. That was the last seen of her alive. After the flames were extinguished Mrs. Benninghoff and her three children were found suffocated.

The fur stores are squealing at the Army and Navy for cutting prices, and threaten to boycott manufacturers supplying goods to the Army and Navy.

Explosive Stovewood.

WINTERBOURNE, Dec. 6.—Stovewood loaded with gunpowder has been found on the premises of the Messrs. Proudfoot on two occasions. The police have been asked to investigate.

LOSS OF LIFE AT SEA.

Twenty-Six Men Lost in a Disaster Off Highlands Light.

HIGHLANDS LIGHT, Mass., Dec. 6.—When daylight came this morning it was seen that the ship Jason, ashore off Eastham, had broken in two amidships. Her main and mizzen masts are gone and every man of her crew on board, numbering 26, was washed into the sea and lost.

When the tide ebbed this afternoon the body of one of the Jason's crew was discovered tangled in the rigging over the vessel's side, but the fierce sea which is still running prevented its recovery. It is expected that to-morrow it will be possible to reach the ship, when other bodies may be found where wreckers are saving the jute bales on the beach.

Steamer Avery Burned.

MACKINAW CITY, Mich., Dec. 6.—The steamer Waldo Avery, with 70,000 bushels of corn from Chicago to Buffalo, was totally destroyed by fire last night in the Straits. She was beached at Gulphin's Point. The boat was owned by Hawgood & Avery of Bay City and valued at $80,000.

24 Lost in a Gale off Japan.

VICTORIA, B.C., Dec. 6.—According to Oriental newspapers received here a heavy gale prevailed recently in Shimane Prefecture, Japan, which did great damage to lives and property. A steam vessel with 24 persons was lost.

Sunk in Collision.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The steam trawler Rosslyn to day collided with and sunk the steamer Bull off North Berwick. The Bull's crew and her four passengers were landed in small boats.

HOTEL BURNED AT JARVIS.

The Occupants Escape With Difficulty Out of Windows and Over Roofs.

JARVIS, Dec. 6.—About 1.30 yesterday the City Hotel was found to be in flames, and with difficulty the occupants escaped with their lives out of back windows and over old roofs barefooted in the snow. Some of the children were passed out through smoke and flames. The building was owned by Mrs. Irwin and occupied by Mr. Mason and family. The insurance was only $500 on contents and nothing on building.

Madoc Review Burned Out.

MADOC, Ont., Dec. 6.—The North Hastings Review office and plant was burned this morning. The loss is $3000; insured for $1700. The Review was owned and edited by J. K. Orr. The adjoining building, owned by Mrs. Harper, was badly damaged by fire and water.

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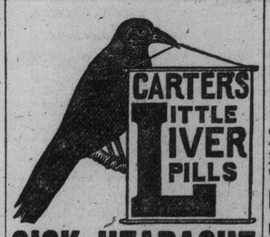
Personal

City Solicitor Biggar will leave this morning for a few weeks' sojourn in Florida.

Ald. John Shaw is confined to his house by illness.

Mr. H. S. Strathy, General Manager of the Traders' Bank, was thrown from his horse while out riding a few days ago, severely injuring one of his legs.



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