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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

AT THE
Newcastle Drug Store.

In our stock will be found this year, a larger and more complete stock of Xmas Goods than ever before. You can find presents suitable for all in our large display. Call and examine our stock before you buy and convince yourself.

Ebony Toilet Sets,	Hand Bags,	Burnt Leather Albums,
Ebony Manicure Sets,	Whist Sets,	Fancy Calendars,
Jewel Trays,	Collar and Cuff Boxes,	Ink Stands,
Jewel Cases,	Shaving Sets,	Copper Ornaments,
Ladies' Companion Sets,	Cribbage Sets,	Fancy Vases,
Hall Sets,	Tobacco Jars,	Smoking Sets,

And a hundred other things too numerous to mention, all of which would make a Happy X'mas Gift.

Durick's Drug Store
Thos. J. Durick, Prop.

We Thank You

for your patronage during the past year and solicit a continuance of the same during the coming year.

Best wishes for a very
**Happy and Prosperous
NEW YEAR.**

GEO STABLES.

We wish you a
Happy and Prosperous New Year
and trust to be favored with a share of your patronage in the year to come.

H. WILLISTON & CO.
Jewelers. Established 1889. Newcastle, N. B.

FIRE DESTROYS BUSINESS BLOCK.

Ontario Town Received a Serious
Scorching on Sunday Night.

LOSS IS \$115,000.
Partly Covered by \$64,000 Insurance.

BRACEBRIDGE, Ont., Dec. 28.—Last midnight fire was discovered in the upper story of a block of buildings owned by G. W. Sibbett and occupied by T. E. Godson as law offices. There was a heavy gale blowing and the fire gradually spread northward into a block owned by McCosh of Orillia, and it was also burned.

Following is a list of business houses destroyed: Thomas and Company, jewelry, books and stationery and publishers of Gazette newspaper, loss \$20,000, insurance \$7,000; John C. Carruthers, dry goods, loss \$23,000, insurance \$15,000; G. R. Simmons, sporting goods, loss \$6,000, insurance \$2,000; Max Axler, general store, loss \$15,000, insurance \$6,000; James Whitten, hardware, loss \$20,000, insurance \$10,000; Thos. E. Godson, law offices, loss at present unknown; G. W. Sibbett, on block, lost \$14,000, insurance \$8,000; John McCosh, block, \$16,000, fully covered by insurance.

A TRIUMPH FOR GOV'T OWNERSHIP.

Surplus of a Quarter Million Dollars From Telephone Operation in Manitoba—Rates to be Reduced.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Telephone rates will probably be reduced in Winnipeg to \$20 for house instruments and \$30 or \$35 for business. The first year of government operation and ownership has closed with a surplus of \$240,000. Rates throughout the province will also likely be reduced in proportion. The result is a triumph for government ownership.

LIVELY SCENE IN RUSSIAN DUMA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—During the debate for the budget in the Duma today, M. Pokrovsky, a Social-Democrat, remarked: "When an Armenian appealed to Christ for help during a massacre of Armenians, Christ was dumb, being silenced by Russian diplomacy."

This remark created a scene in the chamber, and President Khomyakoff suspended Deputy Pokrovsky from three sessions of the Duma. M. Gegtehemrin, another Social-Democrat, also was excluded from the session for protesting against the president's action, whereupon the Social-Democrats left the chamber in a body.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Thanking our friends and customers generally for their generous patronage during the past year, we desire to extend to all

The Compliments of the Season.

FOLLANSBEE & CO.

Earthquake Overthrows Whole Province.

Calabria, Italy, Devastated and
Several Towns Destroyed.

Thousands of People Killed and
Many Thousands More
are Homeless.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, was devastated to-day by an earthquake.

The town of Messina in Sicily was partially destroyed and Catania was inundated. In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen and many persons have been killed.

The fate of the entire region within the zone of the earthquake is unknown but all reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905.

The tidal wave which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sunk vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it would be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day, while the first news from Messina came in a despatch which a torpedo boat, dashing at full speed along the coast of the peninsula, carried from point to point, always finding the wires down, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph lines were found to be intact.

From that place the despatch was sent. It briefly stated that the situation was desperate and after summarizing the immensity of the catastrophe ended with the announcement that Captain Passino, commander of the local station of torpedo boats, was burned under the debris, after having with other officials, performed heroic work in trying to save others.

The Italian government proceeded energetically to relieve the far-spread distress, concentrating at the points of greatest need, troops and engineers. Members of the Red Cross were despatched to various places and camps and provisions were immediately prepared, all available railway lines and warships being used for their transport.

The city of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information coming indirectly from the region saying that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons were killed.

The steamers Washington and Montebello, which were in that harbor, afterwards proceeded to Catania: loaded with injured, who were so stupefied by terror that they seemed unable to realize what had happened, simply saying that it looked as though the end of the world had come. Five steamers left Catania for Messina to assist in removing the injured from that place, who are reported to number thousands.

At Catania, the panic-stricken people, fearing new shocks, absolutely refused to reenter their homes and are camping in the squares which are free from water, and the surrounding country. The tidal wave sunk five hundred boats there and did great damage to several large vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer Buda. Not only did Catania suffer from the effects of a tidal wave, but a similar body of water inundated the handsome streets of Messina which flank the harbor, covering them with a thick layer of mud, which rendered more difficult the succoring of the wounded, many of whom could be seen lying under the wreckage.

It is reported that the villages of Faro and Ganzirri, adjoining Messina, have disappeared. The effects of the earthquake were aggravated by fire from an explosion of gas, the flames which swept along several of the streets, adding terror upon terror.

In Calabria, the region around Monteleone, was most effected. The village of Stefanconi, the inhabitants of which number 2,300 were practically destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured, Mgr. Morabito, the Bishop of Mileto, who distinguished himself in the earthquake of 1905, did valiant work again today. He rushed into places where the ruins were the greatest and brought aid and encouragement to all.

Thousands of people abandoned their homes, although a terrific rain storm prevailed and filled the air with lamentations and prayers. In some places, such as Prizze Cotrone, Santa Seyerina and Piscopio, the people had the courage to enter the churches, almost while they were falling and carry out the saints. They bore these in procession through the open country, invoking the mercy of God. In the mountainous regions inland, the population has taken refuge in grottoes and caves where peasants and priests, soldiers and persons of gentler birth are living in common. Their bed is the ground and fires burn to keep off wild animals. In Albi alone 2,000 people are homeless.

Extraordinary scenes are reported at Catania. Following a violent earth shock at 5.20 a. m., the sea rose in a tremendous wave, which wrecked many smacks. A secondary tidal wave caused further great damage and wreckage. Awakened by the shock, the inhabitants fled panic-stricken from their homes into the streets and squares. Processions were organized and soon all the churches were filled with weeping crowds imploring divine mercy.

Midnight reports say that Reggio the capital of the province of Reggio di Calabria, eight miles from Messina on the opposite side of the strait, has met the same fate as Messina, but these reports have not been confirmed, owing to the lack of telegraphic facilities.

A very severe shock was felt at Caltanissetta, a city of Sicily, and, although much damage was done, no one was killed. The shock created great alarm and notwithstanding the downpour of rain, the whole population remained in the

CANADA LOSES CHAMPIONSHIP

Noah Brusso, Alias Tommy Burns,
Knocked Out In 14th Round
By Jack Johnson,

A TEXAS NEGRO,

Who Is Now The World's Heavy-
Weight Champion
Pugilist.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—Jack Johnson, the big negro from Galveston (Texas), is the world's champion heavyweight pugilist. He won the title today in the big arena at Rushcutter's Bay from Tommy Burns, the French-Canadian, who had held it since James J. Jeffries relinquished it, and after a chase of Burns that had led half way around the world.

The end came in the 14th round when the police, seeing Burns tottering and unable to defend himself from the savage blows of his opponent, mercifully stopped the fight. Previously it had been arranged that if the police interfered, a decision should be rendered on points and Referee McIntosh, without hesitation declared the big black man the winner, for all through the fight he had shown himself Burns' master in every style of fighting.

Burns in an interview after he had gone to his dressing room, said: "I did the best I could and fought hard. Johnson was too big and his reach too great."

Johnson appeared fresh after the fight, while Burns' eyes were badly puffed and his mouth swollen to twice its normal size. The Canadian fought a game battle and showed indomitable pluck, but he was no match for the big Texas black.

Twice only in the annals of pugilism has a colored man been permitted to fight for the title, emblematic of world's champion heavyweight pugilist. Peter Jackson tried it with John L. Sullivan, but Sullivan would not consent to a go. After James J. Jeffries took the scalp of Bob Fitzsimmons he took on Hank Griffin at Los Angeles, but the colored man was easy for him and never had a chance to win the honor. He was knocked out in four rounds. Jeffries then drew the color line and several years later retired. Johnson had tried to get on a fight with him unavailingly.

Then Tommy Burns, or Noah Brusso, as his real name is, took the mantle of Jeffries. Since then and until today, Johnson has endeavored to get him into the ring, declaring that he was Burns' master.

The fight was for a purse of \$35,000, of which Burns received \$30,000 and Johnson \$5,000. The ring was a 24-foot one and was pitched in the centre of a big arena built especially for the purpose. The bout was to have been for 20 rounds.

The crowd was estimated at between 18,000 and 20,000.

Before the contestants entered the ring "Bill" Squires, who thrice has been defeated by Burns, challenged the winner.

Burns weighed in at 168 pounds and Johnson at 192. The betting was 7 to 4 on Burns at the start, but it veered after a few rounds to 2 to 1 on Johnson.

The spectators conceded that Johnson's victory was due to his physical advantages over Burns, his superior knowledge of the fighting game and his unruffled demeanor while being taunted by the champion.

The stakes were paid the men while they were in the ring.

TEN MEN KILLED IN FURNACE CAVE-IN.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—Two bodies have been recovered and eight more are known to be buried in the cave-in of a trench at the blast furnace plant at Ensley tonight. Several other laborers and two foremen were injured. Most of the dead are foreigners.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of Imitations
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