

It Will Pay Shoppers to Read Times Christmas Advertisements

TWO MURDERERS IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Murdered Woman and Her Servant Girl.

One Confessed He Killed Both of Them.

Woman's Husband Saw the Electrocution.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—Chas. Gibson and Stephen Dorsey, colored, were electrocuted at the State Prison to-day for the murder of Mrs. Edward Horner and Victoria Natoli, the latter a servant girl employed by Mrs. Horner. The murders were committed in connection with a robbery of the Horner home, near Camden, last August.

Gibson was electrocuted first and Dorsey a few minutes later. The men were accompanied by the Rev. Jacob E. Dunn, a colored minister. The current was turned on in Gibson's case at 5.05 a. m., and in Dorsey's case at 6.04 a. m.

Both men died instantly. The electrocutions were in charge of E. F. Davis, the New York State electrician.

The electrocutions were witnessed by Edward Horner, husband of one of the murdered women. During the night Dorsey wrote a letter to Principal Keeper Osborn, in which he declared himself innocent. He did not deny, however, being present when the women were killed. Gibson wrote a number of letters, one of them to Horner. In his letter Gibson admitted the crime, and said he fired the gun and then went to the house, where he killed Mrs. Horner and then the servant girl. Gibson also said that Dorsey was in the house with him when the murders were committed.

U. S. FLEET.

TOKIO WILLING TO WELCOME IT TO JAP WATERS.

Everybody Accepts Assurance of Friendship by the States—London Times Commends Roosevelt for Sticking to His Naval Programme.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The announcement of the sailing of the Atlantic fleet of the United States navy has not been received by the newspapers of Tokio or by the Government officials. All public men who have been interviewed by the Associated Press regard the sailing of the fleet as a foregone conclusion, and it is not likely that the actual start will cause the slightest ripple of excitement. Everyone accepts the assurance of friendship offered by America, and concedes the right of that nation to send its warships to Pacific shores. Such men as Minister Hayashi, Count Okuma, leader of the Opposition; Marquis Ito, former Premier Katsura and Admiral Togo have frequently said that the American fleet would be heartily welcomed by Japan should the vessels be sent to the far east.

Comments Roosevelt.

London, Dec. 17.—The Times this morning in an editorial highly eulogizing President Roosevelt, records the dispatch of the American fleet to the Pacific as a demonstration of the views enunciated in his presidential message. "His attitude," says the Times, "must command the respect and approbation of Englishmen. We admire the resolution with which he clings to his naval policy, not less than the broad wisdom by which it is inspired."

The Times proceeds to confess that the misgivings which are formerly expressed on the inopportune nature of the cruise have been dispelled by Secretary Taft's visit to the far East and the admirable temper and restraint shown by the Japanese Government and people.

IS JESSIE MAY BURKE ALIVE? WAS WRONG BODY BURIED?

Strange Story of Two Burke Girls Who Went to New York to Go on the Stage.

New York, Dec. 17.—Is Jessie May Burke alive or dead? That is a question that is worrying the girl's mother and incidentally causing the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to make an investigation. Three years ago, when she was sixteen, Jessie ran away from her home in Rochester, N. Y., and coming to New York, obtained employment on the stage. That was all her mother heard of her until October last, when she saw in a New York paper of the death of a young actress, Ella May Burke. Jessie, even as a child, did not like her name, and often said she wished she had been named Ella. Mrs. Burke telegraphed the manager, where the body of the girl was being held for identification, and asked if the body bore certain marks, such as moles and dimples, which would surely identify it if it were that of Jessie. The marks were found, and Mrs. Burke came to New York, positively identified the body and had it removed to Rochester, where it was buried.

More Dry Land.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Chicago to-day has one more square mile of "dry" territory than it had yesterday.

Last night the square mile, almost one per cent. of the entire city, was added to the prohibition area by the City Council. Without comment, other than that the district had been canvassed and that prohibition was the desire of its residents, the vote was taken, the result being 37 ayes to 25 nays.

FATAL DUEL.

This Man Bragg Apparently Bragged Too Much.

Laurel, Miss., Dec. 17.—A deliberately planned duel occurred in the main street of Laurel to-day, in which Edward Bragg was killed and B. W. Sharborough, former State Senator, was wounded.

The two had a quarrel over a business matter, during which Bragg is said to have advised Sharborough to go and get his gun. Sharborough went to a nearby store and purchased a shotgun and shells, while Bragg waited. When Sharborough reappeared Bragg opened fire, hitting his man three times without dangerously wounding him. Sharborough, in spite of his wounds, advanced till so close that Bragg seized the muzzle of the shotgun. Sharborough fired, ending the duel by mortally wounding Bragg. A boy spectator was slightly wounded.

DID HE SUICIDE?

Ottawa Man Found Dead in the Street in Alexandria.

Alexandria, Dec. 17.—An unknown man was found dead on Kenyon street, here, last evening, with a bullet wound in his head. It is supposed to be a case of suicide, as a revolver was found near the body. The man was about 60 years old, well dressed, and apparently a commercial man. He had signed the register at the Commercial Hotel as J. Moore, Ottawa. An inquest will be held.

LEMIEUX DINED.

Minister of Labor Tendered Banquet at Tokio.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—Minister of Labor Lemieux, of Canada, last night was the guest of honor at a farewell banquet, attended by 300 leading citizens and officers, including Foreign Minister Hayashi and British Ambassador Macdonald.

SUGAR TAX.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 17.—The Chilean Congress has reduced the import tax on all kinds of sugar by 50 per cent.

BELGIAN KING'S LEG SEVERELY BURNED.



KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—It is rumored here that King Leopold received a severe burn on the leg while undergoing a heat bath treatment in Paris recently. The King's private physician has been summoned to that city.

FIRE AT DUTTON.

Two Fires Supposed to be Caused by an Incendiary.

Dutton, Ont., Dec. 16.—About 10.30 p. m. fire broke out in a warehouse belonging to C. W. Hodder, situated immediately in rear of Hoekin & Company's warehouse and which is about the centre of the business part of the town. The fire had made considerable headway before discovered, and consequently it was impossible to save the building, which was totally destroyed, with its contents, fully covered by insurance. About 12 o'clock fire broke out again in a lime house owned by Dowswell & Son. The house was destroyed. It is thought both fires are of incendiary origin, and was intended to wipe out the business part of the town, as a strong northwest wind was blowing at the time.

WANT CANAL.

A 12-Foot Waterway From Pittsburg to Ontario.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—"A 12-foot waterway from Pittsburg to Lake Ontario," is the slogan of a delegation from the Rochester New York Chamber of Commerce, which is meeting with the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce today. J. Y. McCintock, a prominent engineer of New York, and Assemblyman Geo. L. Meade, come as special representatives of the Rochester organization. "We are sure the plan is practicable," said Mr. McCintock to-day, "but want to be satisfied of the interest and support of representative men here."

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Rent and Royalty Collected in the Northwest.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The first business meeting of the Public Accounts Committee was held to-day. Mr. Clark, of Essex, presiding. Mr. Ames moved for a statement of rent and royalty collected by timber agencies at Edmonton, Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Nauphin and Calgary. Mr. Baughman McCarthy thought it would be a dangerous precedent for the Auditor-General to give the details of papers in his possession. To this the auditor replied that very little of the information asked for was in his possession. The Finance Minister considered that the information desired was such that the committee should have. Mr. W. H. Bennett and Mr. Bryce moved for particulars concerning contracts. The motions were all agreed to.

FINE OR JAIL.

Police Captain Guilty of Contempt of Court.

New York, Dec. 17.—Justice Burr sentenced Acting Police Captain Kuhn to-day to serve thirty days imprisonment in King's County Jail and pay a fine of \$250 for contempt of court in failing to obey a writ restraining him from taking Bertillon measurements of Frank Jenkins, recently indicted on charges of forgery and larceny, in connection with the suspension of the Jenkins Trust Co. This is another step in the effort of the Jenkins brothers to have their Bertillon records destroyed.

LYNCHED NEGRO.

A Yankee Nigger Who Did Not Take Any Impudence.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 17.—A negro member of a traveling minstrel troupe, who gave his name as Homer Rogers, was hanged by a mob in Morehouse Parish last night and his body riddled with bullets. As far as can be ascertained the lynching resulted when Rogers represented a remark by a white man, declaring that he was "a Yankee nigger, and did not take any impudence."

STOVE BOYCOTT.

Buck Stove Co. Get a Temporary Injunction.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In the case of the Buck Stove & Range Co., of St. Louis, against the American Federation of Labor, involving the right of labor to boycott business houses, which labor organizations regarded as "unfair" to them, Justice Gould, of the District of Columbia Equity Court, to-day granted a temporary injunction asked for by President Van Cleave, of the stove company, to prohibit the Federation from continuing to boycott the company pending a final settlement of the case.

Undoubtedly

We are showing the largest and most complete assortment of Christmas crackers. Each contains articles that amuse the children; a game of some sort; also an assortment of conundrums, with answers, etc. They are not expensive. Christmas stockings, filled with toys. Don't know of anything that will furnish so much amusement for the children. Price from ten cents to two dollars.—Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

Music for Christmas.

A fine grand piano for \$225 is one of the rare bargains that Goulay, Winter & Leeming are offering in connection with their Christmas selling. Do not fail to see this if you are thinking of music for the home. A small payment each month makes it yours. Note the address, 66 King street west.

The Man In Overalls

Times Christmas number to-morrow. Get copies to send away.

Have you done your shopping yet?

That storm was all right for those who were looking for a job to shovel snow.

Saturday night's storm will be remembered as the Foster blizzard.

I notice that the ministers of the city are arranging for an exchange of pulpits. Now I would like to suggest that they have an exchange of chairs at the same time. What do you say?

The beach storm has made room for another appropriation in the supplementary estimates, and it will have to be a good fat one.

The aldermanic candidates wanted are men who will work for the city's good, independent of all cliques.

It must take a lot of money to keep the Tory heifers greased, according to President Milne.

Another incident in connection with the snow storm is that while it piled up the snow drifts it also piled up the overcoat.

It turns out according to John Milne, that the hearts of the Tory workers are in their pockets. They must be anatomical curiosities. Something like the two-headed calf or the dog-faced boy.

The grand old Sand-aker weathered Saturday's storm in great shape. Proudly rode at anchor through it all. Serve another ration of grog.

So Mr. Lamoureux is to be the Tory candidate for West Hamilton. That will be good news for Mr. Zimmerman. Of course the Spec will support the Frenchman.

FOUND GUILTY ON ANOTHER.

YOUNG HILDRETH AND CAMPBELL CONVICTED AGAIN TO-DAY.

Crown Attorney Washington Will Go on With the Argument in the Perjury Cases on Thursday.

It took the jury but a few minutes to reach the conclusion that Hildreth, Campbell and Young were the guilty parties in connection with the robbery of the residence of Mr. R. S. Boniface, 231 Charlton avenue west, on the 10th of November last. They were tried this morning before Judge Snider, and Mr. Louis Heyd, K. C., defended. Mr. Washington was present for the Crown. The evidence against George Young in this particular case was very strong, and it was not until the trio were traced to the C. P. R. train on the night of the 13th that Campbell and Hildreth appeared in the case. The trio all pleaded not guilty. Mr. Heyd offered no evidence.

Mr. R. S. Boniface, the principal witness for the Crown, said that she, with the rest of the family, had gone to church on the Sunday night in question, and on their return had found the back door open and one of the back windows pried. Everything in the house had been turned upside down, articles of jewelry were stolen, also \$18 in money. The sideboard was badly wrecked. The drawers in the bureau upstairs had all been ransacked.

Mrs. Boniface identified George Young as being in the neighborhood. There were two other men with Young, but she could not identify them.

Miss Lillian Boniface, daughter of Mrs. Boniface, corroborated the story of her mother, and she also recognized Young as being in front of their house when they were going out. Miss O'Shaughnessy, Ashley street, identified the bag that was found on Howard Campbell.

P. C. Harry Sayers told of the eventful ride to Toronto on the night of the 13th of November, and of arresting and searching the trio.

P. C. Robson, who was with P. C. Sayers, told the same story. Mr. Heyd submitted that no case had been made against the prisoners, but Judge Snider held that the case should go to the jury.

Crown Attorney Washington announced this morning that he would go on with the argument in the perjury cases on Thursday morning. It is expected that he has a little surprise up his sleeve. It is extremely unlikely that the cases will be proceeded with at the present sittings of the court.

The charge of breaking into the residence of John Sintzel by Walter Hildreth and George Campbell was taken up this afternoon. Howard Campbell has already been found guilty of the charge.

A Smoker's Christmas Gift.

A handsome pocket leather cigar case makes a nice present for a smoker. They are sold for 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 at peace's pipe store, the headquarters for smokers' goods, 107 King street east.

Chaps, Cracks and Roughness

Of the skin are caused by unusual exposure to winds and change of temperature. Marlborough's skin food relieves and cures all skin roughness, and is a food to the skin. This preparation is not greasy and is absorbed by the skin quickly. Sold in 50c jars. Parke & Parke, druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

TWO SHOP LIFTERS MUST GO TO JAIL.

Lynden Women Caught in Act Yesterday.

Campbell, Church Warden, Goes Down.

Frid Yung Fined for Assault on Chin Sam.

Caught in the act of shoplifting, with \$21.50 worth of goods which they had cunningly contrived to pin to the under side of their skirts, was the fate of two Lynden women who attended Robinson's Christmas sale yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Elizabeth Ward and Mrs. Martha Chenery were the women. They are married and came from Lynden, where both families are highly respected, for the Christmas shopping, but fell by the wayside and when they got to the dress department, they looked over the goods but did not purchase anything. The clerks became suspicious and stopped them on the way out. In the City Hall, where they were conducted by Detective Blankley, they owned up to the theft, and produced from their skirts the goods they had stolen. Mrs. Ward had a black cashmere dress valued at \$14.50 and the other woman a blouse valued at \$7. At the Police Court this morning M. J. O'Reilly appeared for them and pleaded guilty, and elected to be tried by the Magistrate. On their behalf he pointed out the fact of their being married, and of good families. He could not understand their fall from grace, nor could they themselves. The temptation of the moment must have been too great for them, and they succumbed. He asked that justice be tempered with mercy, as it was their first offense, and both were above the forty year mark. Mrs. Ward had a child only three months of age, and another child, about 8 years of age, was with her at the time, and was lifted from the dock by the heart-broken husband and father. Mrs. Chenery, it was stated, does not live with her husband. The Magistrate said he could not allow the offense to pass unnoticed, as there was altogether too much of it, and he would have to make an example of them. He spoke very plainly to them about what they had done, and sentenced them to serve a week each in jail. They were taken to the common jail sobbing and crying.

RECOVERED BODY, But Found it to be a Buoy, Not a Woman.

Reports of mysterious disappearances, and visions of suicides, or accidental deaths by drowning, some people around the bay front are beginning to see things. Ted Erwood, the white wings employee, and his son were down there yesterday afternoon and saw something floating in the water, off Bastien's boat-house. The police were immediately notified by them and Constables English and Springer were rushed to the scene. Hiring a boat, they rowed out to a bobbing object which, it was thought, resembled the body of a human being, and left Erwood and his son arguing on the shore as to who saw it first. When they neared the object the constables realized that the joke was on them, and debated which should throw Erwood into the drink. The body was nothing more or less than a buoy, with a lot of green weeds growing on it. When asked how he came to mistake it, Erwood said he took the weeds to be a woman's hair. The constables' friends are asking them when the inquest will be, and they are taking the joke good naturedly.

A SAD CASE.

Wife and Children of Ewald Grundman Destitute.

One of the most pathetic cases that have been called to the attention of Relief Officer McMenemy this winter is that of Mrs. Ewald Grundman, whose husband was employed as chauffeur by Mr. George T. Turcott, until a few weeks ago, when he mysteriously disappeared and has not been heard of since. No reason was assigned for Grundman's sudden departure. His wife and three small children were left in destitute circumstances in a house they occupied on Main street, just west of Park. With no funds to buy the rent or purchase food the unfortunate woman and her children were being starved. The furniture was seized by bailiffs to pay the rent, but H. B. Whipple, who has the renting of the house, when he heard the circumstances, immediately withdrew them. The city officials say that a small dealer from whom Mrs. Grundman purchased her furniture, paying \$50 on it, seized all her goods, including the bedding, and left only a stove and a few dishes. Mr. McMenemy arranged to have the woman and her children placed in a room in the old Customs' house for the present. Some of the ladies connected with the Germania society took an interest in the case. Sufficient furniture has been secured, but Mr. McMenemy would be grateful if some charitable inclined person would give some bedding. —Mr. Frank Kirk, of Vancouver, an old Hamilton boy, is here visiting friends. (Continued on page 10.)

STERNAMAN CASE CITED AS PRECEDENT FOR SUNFIELD.

Hon. Aylesworth Expected to Report to the Cabinet This Afternoon.

In connection with the case of Jake Sunfield, alias Tamillo, Mr. J. L. Counsel has written to Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, pointing out that there is a precedent of the Minister of Justice ordering a new trial in a murder case, when important new evidence is obtainable. He cites the Sternaman case at Cayuga. A new trial in that famous case was ordered by the late Hon. David Mills, who was then the Minister of Justice. Mr. Counsel says he has not asked that the death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. He is simply asking for a new trial on legal grounds, and his connection with the case will be only in a legal way, not sentimental. If a petition for executive clemency is sent, it will be by Sunfield's relatives.

Judging by the way the forecast of Madame Sa-Hera, "that Sunfield will not hang," made at a local theatre last night, was received by a section of the audience, a large number of persons would like to see the unfortunate man's life spared.

Considered by Cabinet.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special)—The Minister of Justice is going fully into all the evidence in connection with the Sunfield case, and if possible have his report ready in time for presentation to the Cabinet meeting to-day. It is doubtful, however, if he will be able to get through in time for to-day's meeting, but a decision is expected to be reached by to-morrow. In all capital cases the vote of the Cabinet decides, although the report of the Minister of Justice generally prevails. In the Shortis case, when Sir Hibbert Tupper was Minister of Justice, his report was that the law should take its course. The Cabinet was equally divided, and Lord Aberdeen, having no advice from his Cabinet to follow, decided in favor of clemency.