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THE 'ROOF OF EUROPE'S TOP'

Crown of Mont Blanc, Highest Peak in the Old World, Recently Toppled Over, Spreading Ruin and Destruction In Its Path.

when the top of a mountain fails off and crashes two miles to earth? Havoc was wrought recently by Mont Blanc, the highest peak in Europe. French, Swiss and Italian peasants in the tiny towns nestling at the "White Mount's" foot doubtless are offering prayers of thanks to their patron saints because no one if the top of the solution of the mountain to show tourists its splendors. The sons of the Couttet family in Chamount's have been guides for centuries. Ambroise Couttet, a sturdy Savoyan, took Garret P. Sernestling at the "White Mount's" foot doubtless are offering prayers of thanks to their patron saints because no one if the coutter is the coutter of the to their patron saints because no one was killed in the catastrophe. Mont Blanc lost its summit. Persons living in Chamounix, the little French town from which the ascent of Mont Blanc starts, and Pourtroud, on the Italian side, were terrified by the sounds of a terrific avalanche which rolled along the Gorre of Brent gleater down along the Gorge of Brenta glacier down the mountain into Italy—taking every-They knew it must have started high on the peaks because its attendant snowfields tore out rocks by the tons, and the great mass rumbled down the great mass rumbled down the side for ten miles. It plunged knew it must have started high

mount's side for ten miles. It plunged then along the glacier bed, leaped into the Valley Doire threw pine trees and boulders about in a torrent, and came to rest within a few yards of the entrance to Pourtoud.

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Houses which stood almost in the avalanche's path were spared by a yard here, a foot and a half there. Several square kilometres of land, hitherto used for farming, were covered with blocks of ice, tree trunks and massive stones, and the pine forests of Pourtoud, known the support Furna for the size of the throughout Europe for the siez of its trees and its antiquity, was carried way bodily.

For three days the dwellers at the mountain's foot had no idea of the cause of the terrific landslide. The fog which circled the peak's top finally lifted and powerful telescopes were trained on the "Mon Dieu!" the peasants exclaimed

hen the observation's result was made nown. "The top of the mountain fell ft." That is exactly what had happened, and hesides changing the appearance of Mont Blanc's summit, the fall which started the avalanche deprived the "King of the Alps" of fully a score of its 15,781 feet of altitude.

The landslide was caused by the splitters of part of the limestone was reasonable. ting of part of the limestone pyramid which formed the culminating point of the biggest mountain mass in Europe. The stone crashed with terrific force to the snow and ice beds beneath, and then became like a gigantic snowball which had started rolling downhill. It enthered everything with it and kent which had started rolling downnill. It gathered everything with it and kept Waterloo County Council

Mont Blanc has taken a terrific toll in human life. Far more than 500 persons are known to have been killed by one or another of the mountain's caprices. The total deaths which may be ascribed to it probably are in the thousands, but still it stands, white and alluring, whispering, with the voice of a Lorelei, to the hardy adventurer "Try stallars me."

Mountain Got Revenge.

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But Balmat's victory over Mont Blanc
was not a final one. Living in ambush
for its victim, almost like a bearer of
human vengeance. Mont Blanc wated
48 long years to "get" Balmat, and
"get" him it did, in 1834 when the
"White Peak's" conqueror climbed it on. "get" him it did, in 1834 when the "White Peak's" conqueror climbed it on age-tired and less sure legs, and fell from a precipice. Peasants who are superstitious fear to be high on the mountain's side toward evening. A misty light on white snow gives play to many illusions, and the natives swear they often see. "Balmat de Mont Blanc's" spirit then, flitting over the drifts, its appearance always presaging terrible disaster.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-What happens death climbing the mountain to show forefathers had met death at the hands of the Alp's greatest slayer.

He knew an earlier Ambroise Couttet lay buried in Mont Blanc's ley bosom, fallen years before down a crevasse so profound that his would-be rescuers, lowered into the pit by ropes, were drawn up baffled. Awe-struck, with shaking nerves. They could find no bottom to it. A Pierre Couttet before him too, had been whirled to death in an avalanche, and his body, imbedded in a glacier and preserved perfectly, had come out at Chamounix nearly fifty years later. forefathers had met death at the hands EXPULSION OF years later.

When the Guide Balked.

But Serviss's Couttet had perfect nerves. He took Serviss higher and higher up on the peak while a terrific nerves. He took Serviss higher and higher up on the peak while a terrific storm raged at its summit and avalanches rolled down the sides. His eyes sparkled at the noise they made and he smiled deflantly as their tossing white crests rushed over inclines he just had crossed. It was only when, after twice turning back, Serviss demanded to complete the trip to the top in the face of a terrible tempest and almost sure death there, that Couttet, who really knew Mont Blanc, refused.

"It is too perilous, and we must descend," the guide said with quiet conviction. "I will not take the risk."

Serviss admitted later that no human being could have scaled Mont Blanc that day, and that Couttet's level-headed edness saved two lives which otherwise would have been lost through an amateur's enthusiasm.

Probably the most tragic of Mont Blanc's many terrible disasters occurred in 1870, when eleven persons, an entire party, were swept to death in a snowstorm near the "Roof of Europe's" top.

ANXIOUS TO SHIFT BLAME FOR ACCIDENT

Seeks To Make Townships Responsible.

KITCHENER, Dec. 22.-Considerable ruffle was caused at the county council meeting today by the placing of the to climb me."

Jacques Balmat, in sinewy, daring mountaineer, was the first person to gain the peak's summit. He won his great victory in 1786, after a terrible night spent alone on the mountain's side, amid the crackling of glaciers and the shaling of avalanches. ties are now anxious to shift the blame on the Waterloo Township authorities. and to assess that township \$3,300. A committee consisting of next year's warden, chairman of finance and chairman of roads and bridges, together with Reeve Little of North Dumfries, and Reeve Janzen of Waterloo Township, were appointed to adjust the matter. At the close of the meeting Warden Debus was presented with a gold-headed cane.

Burglars in Factory.

At an early hour this morning burglars broke into the offices of the Onward Manufacturing Company and stells me

FAVORS OVERSEAS EFFORT TO HANDLE **FUTURE IMMIGRANTS**

Secretary of Labor .Wilson Wants United States To Act.

Official Claims He Alone Has Power To Deport

Revolutionists.

Washington, Dec. 21.-Establishment of machinery overseas in co-operation with foreign governments through which aliens before breaking up their homes may determine whether they will be admitted to the United States and legislative consideration of the proposals of the second industrial conference are outstanding recommendations in the annual report of Secretary Wilson, made public today.

The labor secretary devotes much of his report to discussion of invariant to the second The labor secretary devotes much of his report to discussion of immigration and the expulsion of alien revolutionaries. He asserts that he clone has authority to order the arrest and expulsion of aliens, although the cureau of immigration has assumed to itself power not only to make recommendations, but also to make findings.

The report shows that 633,371 aliens arrived in this country during the last fiscal year, as compared with 237,021. Further promotion of appropriate the year before. Of the total arrivals 11,795 were excluded at the ports where they sought to enter. Of those arriving 430,001 are classed as immigrant aliens, and 195,575 as non-immigrant aliens, and 195,575 as non-immigrant aliens, and 195,575 as non-immigrant aliens. Departures of aliens totalled 428,062, including 288,315 emigrant aliens and and 139,747 non-emigrant aliens, mak.

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and 139,474 non-emigrant aliens, making the net increase in the immigrant
population for the year 132,514.

Japanese admitted numbered 16,174,
as compared with 14,904 the year before.
The total number of Japanese departing is placed at 15,535, making, the report says, on additional increase in the finance of part and the ports are says and the deported of the deleter pay for employees of the
alies.

Besides the immigrants turned back
at the ports of arrival, 2,762 were
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Average Sale Price \$200—Highest \$400

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Mr. Wilson says that during the year 519,003 aliens took the initial or final steps toward citizenship. While this is less than the record total of the year before, Mr. Wilson says the decrease is confined to aliens in military service and results from the demobilization of the army. First papers were filed by 300,106 aliens, while petitions for final naturalization were filed by 166,925 aliens in civil life and 51,972 soldiers.

Turning to the industrial situation, Mr. Wilson urges legislative action to carry out the recommendations of the second industrial conference proposing joint organizations of management and employees for prevention of industrial situations of management and employees for prevention of industrial clients when they occur. Attention is called that during the year the labor department's division of conciliation was called upon to uti-

contracts. Collective bargains cannot be regarded in the same category as ordinary contracts, because there is no mutuality. The employer does not agree and cannot agree to give steady employment to all the wage earners concerned nor to any specified number. Consequently the workers included in such a bargain could have no legal claim except that they were actually employed by the other party to the bargain and at his discretion. There would be no fairness in making such contracts enforceable at law. To permit collective bargainings to be legally enforcible would be to discourage the making of them. To leave their fulfilment to the good sense and good faith of each side would encourage their making and thereby promote industrial peace."

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Mr. Wilson says that as a result of the failure of Congress to enact legislation defining the status of the United States Employment Service the service exists more as a function than as a bureau of the department, and he urges legislation permanently establishing this service and enabling it to co-operate with state employment bureaus. with state employment bureaus.

The labor secretary renews his recommendation for legislation to improve the work of labor distribution by making public lands and community credits more accessible. He also again urges Congress to provide governmental means for the adequate training of workers in industry and to provide for federal control of the interstate trans-

lize its good offices in more than 4,100 industrial disputes "directly involving more than 3,125,000 workers and indirectly involving more than \$3,500,000."

"The department," says Mr. Wilson, "stands for collective bargains as in the nature of 'gentlemen's agreements' in contradistinction to legally and forcible contracts, Collective bargains cannot be regarded in the same category as be regarded in the same category as

DEALERS WILL JOIN PROTEST TO OTTAWA

Province Will Send 500 Men

LOEW'S COMPANY OF CANADA PLANNED

Marcus Loew Approves of Principle of Theatrical Mergers.

Canada held meetings yesterday to consider the creation of a new company to be called Loew's (Canada), Limited, with a capital of \$5,000,000, 8 per cent cumulative preferred shares of \$100 each, and \$15,000,000 common shares of \$10 each. These were Loew's Toronto. each, and \$15,000,000 common shares of \$10 each. These were Loew's Toronto Theatres, which approved of the reorganization, and Loew's Windsor Theatres, which, after a stormy meeting, decided upon an adjournment until Tuesday, December 28, to give the shareholders an opportunity to more fully acquaint themselves with the merits of the proposal put forward by merits of the proposal put forward by the directors.

The assets of the five different theatres, it was pointed out, totalled \$5,625,324, and the liabilities, \$2,085,055.

Marcus Loew of New York City was present, and in answer to a question said he approved the principle of theatrical mergers such as this one, but that he had not himself gone into the merits of the proposals put forward in this instance.

Mr. Loew surprised a good many of those present by saying that he had no this afternoof.

Average \$40 Each.

St. Thomas, Dec. 22.—The high cost of justice at the general sessions just closed has exceeded the estimate of County Treasurer Graham. There were 55 jurors on the panel, and they received \$5 a day and mileage, or an target of \$40 each. The balance is made up of allowances to crown without the proposal put forward in the general hospital in a critical condition, as the result of injuries received in a mishap which optimized at his home this afternoof. of the proposal put forward by

OXFORD CATTLEMEN FORM ASSOCIATION

EDS FATHER

AT MOUNT FOREST

FOREST. Dec. 22.—Miss

the grade sires now being used in the county, the assessors to carry on the work of the census. A grant of \$3,000 will be received by the association from the Government, and the county council is to be asked for a grant. W. E. Thompson of East Zorra was elected. president; J. P. MacDonald, East Zorra, vice-president; G. R. Green, Woodstock, secretary-treasurer.

Death of D. G. Murray. Death of D. G. Murray.
One of the best-known residents of
East Zorra and Oxford, D. G. Murray,
Concession East Zorra, died at

East Zorra and Oxford, D. G. Murray, 19th concession, East Zorra, died at his home this afternoon, following a paralytic stroke yesterday, which was followed by a second this morning. Deceased was 66 years of age, born in Harrington, and lived most of his life in the county. He served on the county council, and always took an active part in municipal politics. For many years in the division court, and judgment was prought to recover an amount due for supplied the steamer.

Owing to business conditions on the line in Canada, 35 more men in the extender in The suit three-day railwaymen's poll will open the discussion of civic aristy, past and present. The special three-day railwaymen's poll will open the discussion of civic aristy, past and present. The special three-day railwaymen's poll will open the discussion of civi

announced to its employees that the bonus heretofore paid the employees will be discontinued this year, and that instead the money will be put into the business in an effort to keep the factory running all the time and avoid the lay.

After close on Friday as well as on Christmas Remembrances.

Mrs. Heraid has presented the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. each with business in an effort to keep the factory running all the time and avoid the laying-off of any of the hands.

Radio Sub-Station.

An officer from the signal corps, military headquarters, London, has been attracted here by the number of wireless and radio devotees, and it has been decided by the authorities as a result of the visit to install a sub-station here, probably at the armories.

GENERAL SESSIONS TORONTO, Dec. 22.-Two of the five

> FOR ELGIN COUNTY County Treasurer's Estimates Exceeded — 55 Jurors Average \$40 Each.

COSTS ARE RECORD

Rebate.

Mr. Loew surprised a good many of the five companies bearing his hame; that his responsibility centred on operating the theatres in question, from which he detacted a percentage of the profits arising through the performances.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Ontarlo expects to send about 500 men interested in the automobile trade to Ottawa next Wednesday to join delegations from other

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Davidson is suffering from a severe wound in the throat. His condition the throat this afternoof is reported as critical, but hopes are entertained for his responsibility to private the province and the price at the price and price at the price at

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Heads the Poll.

Heading the poll at the recent election at Edmonton, Mrs. E. T. Bishop, formerly of St. Thomas, was elected to the school board of that city. Mrs. Bishop was formerly Miss Thyrza Wooster, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Job Wooster, St. Thomas. Her vote was 6,801, and 308 in excess of that of the next candidate, Professor W. H. Alexander.

w. H. Alexander.

Pring—Lang.

The marriage of Miss Alice Rose
Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John
G. Lang, 48 Mondamin street, and Mr.
Fred Pring, Bridgeburg, took place this afternoon at Alma Presbyterian Church. Rev. H. E. Thornloe officiated. Mr. Fred Scrase played the Wedding March. The bride was given was played the Wedding March. The bride was given was navy blue and seal furs. After a trip to Toronto Mr. and Mrs. Pring will reside in Bridgeburg.

Pong Ling, the alleged proprietor of the King Cafe, made an emphatic denial at the division court today that he was a partner or owner of the business conducted there, and repudiated all responsibility for the contracted.

Winderstood that the prison will open early in the New Year.

Presented With Club Bag.

The gymnasium at the Collegiate Institute was the scene of a pleasing event this afternoon, when the staff and pupils gathered to blid farewell to was the scene of a pleasing event this afternoon, when the staff and pupils gathered to blid farewell to was the scene of a pleasing event this afternoon, when the staff and pupils gathered to blid farewell to was a fet on the staff of the Sudbury High School. As a slight token of appreciation the retiring teacher was made the recipient of a handsome club bag from his fellow-teachers and staff.

SARNIA NOMINATIONS

Special Three-Day Poll Arranged for Railwaymen of City.

ness conducted there, and repudiated all responsibility for the contracts made among the merchants for supplies in connection with the retaurant. Pong was billed by several local storekeepers, and not responding he had as many suits to defend. The result was that the actions were all ordered to be held over until Pong's liability is ascertained.

Judgment Against Teddy.

The action to recover \$175 by J. L.

Gilmore of the Gilmore House, Port

Stanley, from Cleveland and Ericau

Christmas Remembrances.

Mrs. Herald has presented the Y.

M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. each with
a check for \$100.

Those of the M. C. R. employees who were recently laid off will their pay checks on Thursday. \$10,000 for 100 Acres.

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Wm. Small, St. Thomas, has purchased the 100-acre farm of J. W. Smith, near Talbotville, paying \$10,000.

Lady Liberals Elect.

The officers elected by the Ladies' Liberal Club are: President, Mrs. M. Schram; vice-president, Mrs. H. Kennedy: Accretory, Mrs. H. H. Kennedy: Accreto nedy; secretary, Mrs. Hurst: treasurer, Mrs. B. Mills; chaplain, Mrs. Stover; guard, Mrs. D. Thompson.

GEORGETOWN FARMER SERIOUSLY INJURED

James Davidson in Guelph Hospital With Wound

early in the New Year.

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Railwaymen of City. SARNIA, Dec. 22.—The municipal nominations to be held in the city hall tomorrow at 10 o'clock and 7:30 p.m. will clear the political skies, and will

been current regarding "dark horse" candidates.

Nominations for mayoralty, board of education and hydro-eiectric commission will be held in the morning, and for aldermen in the evening, followed by a public meeting called by Mayor.

Nisbet for the discussion of civic affairs, past and present. The special three-day railwaymen's poll will open Wednesday, next week, and continue