

BOSTON LETTER

Portland Worried Over Their Smaller Ocean Traffic This Winter.

Ministers Shocked at President Fritchee's Innovation—Interesting Items About Maritime Provinces People.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Christmas week in Boston is being observed in much the same way as that of other years. Many persons are away, and those remaining have been content to pass the holiday season quietly.

The third biennial sportsman's exhibition here will be opened in Mechanics' building, Feb. 23. The managers of the show are making arrangements to have the game birds and animals of European and South American countries represented.

It is now possible to talk directly to St. John, for the first time since telephone lines were introduced. The connection was made possible on Monday by the completion of the St. John-Calais section of the New Brunswick Telephone Co.'s system.

Edward E. Cogswell of Boston, a well known authority on horses and horsemanship, has written a sketch of W. W. Bowser, the Malden trainer, who is well and favorably known all over New England.

The good citizens of Portland, while not as yet seriously alarmed, are noticeably worried over the smaller ocean traffic at that port this winter. In former years at this time it was not an uncommon sight to see five or six large ocean steamers loading or unloading there, but now it is stated there are as many as have been seen at one time this season.

The mayor and corporation of Parnham, Que., are showing commendable enterprise in their efforts to establish a new industry in that town. They are advertising in the American papers that they have acquired a large brick building 300x34 feet, with boiler house and addition of 120x34 feet, and chimney 121 feet high.

The educational situation in the maritime provinces is discussed this week by one of the editorial writers of the Boston Herald. The Herald says: "The agitation in Canada in favor of an alliance or federation of all the colleges of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island would appear to be in some respects a desirable movement."

Some of the Boston ministers are greatly shocked because President Fritchee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has introduced the German system of smoke talks at the well known institution. These smoke talks also include the drinking of a moderate amount of lager beer.

Some of the colleges which are designed to bring together, if we may take note, were founded, and are chiefly sustained by Protestant sects; but this need not constitute an insuperable obstacle to combination on a liberal basis.

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An Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis, dated Dec. 21, says: Dr. Thomas Delavan Devoe, poet, playwright, miner, dentist and member of a prominent Nova Scotia family, was laid to rest today in the potter's field.

Mrs. Ellen Donnelly, widow of William Donnelly, late of St. John, died in Worcester Dec. 17. The funeral was held Dec. 19 from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Mulcahy, in Everett.

Colin F. McDougall, a real estate dealer, died in East Somerville Dec. 23. He was born in Antigonish 46 years ago. The interment will be in that place.

Daniel T. Whitney, a Cambridge grocer, died on Tuesday of heart disease. Mr. Whitney was 83 years of age and was born in St. John.

Elias Piggett is a petitioner in the Suffolk county superior court here for a divorce from Mrs. Cordelia Piggett of Bear River, N. S. Desertion is alleged.

Twenty candidates are at present attending the Harvard graduates school at Cambridge. Of the number four are from Nova Scotia and six from Nova Scotia.

The death is announced in Roxbury, Dec. 25, of Miss Margery M. McIsaac, daughter of the late Malcolm McIsaac of Fairview, P. E. I.

The following from the provinces were in the city recently: J. F. Garrison, E. J. Humphrey, St. John; A. D. Gannon, St. Stephen; W. W. Simpson, J. F. Ryan, G. N. Barrett, Fredericton; F. A. Scott and Mrs. Scott, Halifax.

Col. Nathaniel McKay, formerly of East Boston, owner of the Dewey hotel at Washington, has obtained a divorce from Mrs. Jennie Pope McKay of New York in the Oklahoma courts.

There is little or nothing doing in the fish trade at present due to the holiday trade in other lines. Provincial mackerel are in evidence occasionally last sales out of vessel having been made at 10.50 to 10.75. The supply of oysters is not excessive. Prices are unchanged. Barrel herring are firmer at \$9.50 to 7 for N. S. large split and \$5.25 to 5.55 per barrel for medium. Live lobsters are more plentiful, the fishing season in Nova Scotia having opened.

A DRUGGIST TESTIFIES

Here's an honest statement from people who are in the best position to give an unbiased opinion of any remedy and they in the strongest terms yield the palm to Dr. Agnew's Ointment as a certain cure for all ailments of the skin.

The Eureka Drug Company, of Manch Chunk, Pa., writes: "Please send at once two dozen Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It has given great satisfaction in cases of skin disease and is one of the best sellers in that line we ever handled." Price, 35 cents.

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GREAT SCHEME

"There's millions in it!" exclaimed the inventor. "In what?" asked the capitalist. "In my new big 'trunk,'" replied the inventor. "You've seen a woman pack a trunk, haven't you? Well, there's always room for one more article in the 'trunk'—the capitalist. 'How much money do you need to put it on the market?'"—Chicago Post.

He—Please play for me. She—I don't play. He—Please sing for me. She—I don't sing. He—Please marry me.—Chicago News.

A. C. SMITH DEAD.

City and Province Have Lost a Good Citizen.

His Services in the City Council and in the Legislature.

Universal regret was expressed Friday when it was announced that A. C. Smith, the well-known wholesaler and retail produce dealer of Carleton had passed away at his home on the corner of Queen and Watson streets.

Mr. Smith had been seriously ill for some five or six months and although death was not unexpected, it has caused profound sorrow.

Besides his wife, formerly Miss Sarah Boone, Mr. Smith leaves two children, H. Colby Smith, of the firm of A. C. Smith & Co., and Sadie, living at home.



LATE A. C. SMITH.

Albert Colby Smith was born at Blissville, Sunbury Co., N. B., 10th March, 1844. His parents (Benjamin Smith and his wife, Amelia Clark) were natives of New Brunswick, of United Empire Loyalist stock, their immediate ancestors having come from Connecticut.

Mr. Smith received his early education in Sunbury county schools, and, graduating from the provincial normal school, taught school at different places in New Brunswick for seven years. In 1876 he began business in St. John as a commission and produce merchant and with his partner, Mr. Lockhart, built up a large and progressive trade with Great Britain as well as with the mother country.

Mr. Smith, apart from his business enterprises, took a great interest in municipal as well as provincial affairs, and served as alderman for Albert ward at the city council board from 1883 till 1888. At the union of St. John and Port of Antigonish, Albert ward ceased to exist, but at the first election held in the united cities he was elected one of the aldermen for Brooks ward.

In 1890 Mr. Smith, who did not offer for re-election, was succeeded by his business partner, E. Lockhart. In 1891 Mr. Smith was nominated a candidate to represent St. John in the provincial legislature and was returned by a large majority. He was again successful at the provincial election of 1892, but declined a re-nomination in 1895, in favor of Mr. Lockhart.

Mr. Smith had the courage of his convictions, and on more than one occasion opposed himself to the surface currents of popular opinion; the most notable instance being his advocacy of the union of Portland and St. John, when that measure had very few supporters on the West Side of the harbor. Later on he was one of the most vigorous opponents of the Leary dock scheme.

In the election of 1896 the Learyites sought to kill his candidature by raising the cry "Smith or One Million Dollars." The electors scorned the bribe and triumphantly sent Mr. Smith to the legislature. Mr. Smith married, 3rd April, 1868, Miss Sarah E. Boone, daughter of William H. Boone, of Fredericton, and a descendant from Loyalist stock.

The funeral of the late Albert C. Smith took place from his residence, Queen square, Carleton, on Sunday afternoon. Despite the severe storm which prevailed there was a large attendance of people in all walks of life, who desired to pay their last tribute of respect to one of St. John's best citizens.

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CANADIANS WELCOME.

Detroit Tribune's Opinion as to the Usefulness of Canadian Troops in South Africa.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—A second regiment of Canadian Mounted Rifles will soon join the British forces in South Africa. The present war has opened the eyes of the British war department, and British soldiers generally, to the true value of the Canadian troops.

Whatever advantage there may have been in this discipline under the old conditions it is largely offset by the new conditions. The British regular usually stood fast to his tracks against fearful odds. He was a gallant fellow to withstand an assault or to make a charge. Under the new conditions charges and assaults are infrequent. Officers are picked off by unseen marksmen, and unless the individual soldier possesses independence of action he is of little use.

Instead of needing regulars to hold them in line, the Canadians were most effective when given their heads. They fought with intelligence. They moved with rapidity and discretion. They were always ready to take the initiative. When they got into a tight place they invariably showed the good stuff that is in them. Military authorities were slow to appreciate the fact that the best soldier for modern warfare is the hardy horseman of quick intelligence, who can find a shelter for his own skin when the bullets are flying thickly, and who can be skillful use of his rifle and his wits give a good account of himself to the enemy.

But the British military authorities have gradually come to learn this, and the Canadians as well as the Boers taught it to them. And so it is not surprising that the latest contingent of volunteers from Canada should be so very welcome.—Detroit Tribune.

NO JOY IN THIS FAMILY.

Illness of the Head of the House Makes the Festive Season a Very Sad One.

The Dyspeptic is generally very cross and irritable. It is impossible to be happy or make others happy when distressed and worried by the illness of a family member. Dyspepsia is a family illness, and a happy one for when the one who should lead the others in all merry making is nursing a pain which racks his body and irritates his brain, it is very difficult to get up much enthusiasm. Dyspepsia and there is no reason why this should not be forever banished and at once, for Dyspepsia can be presently relieved and permanently cured by Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Many who have been cured of Dyspepsia, Sour Stomach, Heartburn and Bloating by Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets have given their testimony. This evidence multiplies as time goes on.

At Milford, Ont., lives Mr. A. D. Miller, who for years suffered untold pain through Dyspepsia. His physician treated him for Liver Complaint and he grew worse. He would blot up terribly after eating; his appetite was capricious, sometimes couldn't eat at all, at others ravenously hungry; his heart suffered also, palpitation being so bad that he could not sleep at night. He was so run down that he was hardly able to get around.

He commenced a treatment of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and soon began to improve. He says: "After using two boxes I was well and felt like a new man, and I have had good health ever since." Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets have changed many a miserable victim of stomach troubles into a healthy man or woman, and the best of it all is that once cured by Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets means permanently cured.

THE NEW SUBURBAN.

The following is the time table for the suburban train which it to go on today:

Table with columns for West and East directions, listing stations and arrival/departure times.

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TO COERCE VENEZUELA.

Germany About to Make a Naval Demonstration.

First Move May be to Establish a Blockade of Venezuelan Ports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The gathering of German warships in the vicinity of Venezuela and the presence in the same locality of many American, British, French and other foreign warships, is directing attention to imminence of the naval demonstration Germany is about to make against Venezuela. Thus far the German government has not made known the exact details of her proposed move, the official communications to the United States being confined to an inquiry as to the attitude of this government on the question of a demonstration. In view of the purpose of the part of Germany not to acquire any permanent foothold in Venezuela, the answer of this government was entirely satisfactory to the German authorities, who since have proceeded with the execution of their plans for coercing Venezuela. It is said to be probable that the first move by Germany will be the establishment of a blockade of Venezuelan ports, so as to prevent the introduction of food products into Venezuela, and thus starve the beleaguered into submission.

Venezuela, it is said, is entirely dependent on the coast for its supply of corn, which is a staple among the Venezuelans. The Germans are expected to occupy one or more of the main ports of Venezuela, probably La Guaira and Maracaibo. In this connection most positive assurances have been given to the United States government that the occupation is to be temporary, and for such length of time as will permit the collection of the debt due to Germany, the disposing of the report that there is any ulterior purpose to establish a German colony in Venezuela, and thus starve the beleaguered into submission.

On the part of Venezuela it is semi-confirmed that the President Castro has made known that he is prepared for any eventuality. There is complete silence, however, as to the defensive measures Venezuela is adopting, but there is no indication that she is laying mines or preparing in any way to resist the invasion. The Germans are said to be practically defenceless against such a surprise attack. The fresh water supply of Lagunaira and Maracaibo is drawn from the interior of the country, and are expected to be cut off.

The interior of Venezuela is regarded as a richly developed and fertile country, and it is said that it would take at least 200,000 German soldiers to make headway through the wild and uneven country against the tactics of the settlement. The outlook for the continent and sympathy which can be aroused within the United States toward a European invader is actually operating on the minds of the Venezuelans. It is understood also relies largely on the fact that the foreign capital invested in the large Venezuelan ports, and would be the heaviest sufferers from any destruction wrought by the German fleet. Money from England, Germany and the United States has built up Lagunaira, Maracaibo and the other ports, and it is not surprising that the interests of Venezuela, and these shipping interests, should appeal to the general governments. There are a few hopeful signs on both sides that at the last moment peace may be averted. The German minister to Venezuela is still at his post, and there is some hope that he may still bring about a settlement. The outlook for a cash settlement, however, is rather meagre since Venezuela's treasury is empty and all of the Venezuelan officials are on half pay.

Another possible means of settlement is through the diplomatic offices of a prominent Venezuelan official now on foreign service, who has been summoned by cable to return to Caracas, probably for the purpose of going on a special mission to Germany. The presence of the North Atlantic squadron and many other American warships in West Indian waters, the source of much speculation in Germany and Venezuela. The German official assured that the presence of American ships in the neighborhood is looked upon with satisfaction, and is construed as distinctly significant.

Caracas, Venezuela (via Galveston, Tex.), Dec. 27.—The German cruiser Vesta anchored here at 10 o'clock today. An interesting incident occurred early in the day. When the Venezuelan health officer, Dr. J. J. J. J., boarded the Vesta at 6 o'clock in the morning he was not allowed to board. The Venezuelan officials immediately interpreted the action of the German officers to mean that the cruiser had visited La Guaira on warlike business, in connection with the claims of German citizens.

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CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The quantity of apples on hand in the various warehouses, and those held by the farmers on Dec. 1st, will surely be of interest to our readers, so we give the following table, which was absolutely correct at that date:

Table showing quantities of apples in various locations: Annapolis, Bridgetown, Round Hill, Paradise, Middleton, Wilmot, Kingston, Aylesford, Auburn, Berwick, Waterville, Cambridge, Kentville, Centerville, Shelburne Mills, Hillfield, Canning, Wolfville, Port Williams, Farmers.

The number of apples already shipped at that date amounted to 176,000 barrels, which, taken with those on hand, makes a product of 294,500 barrels, or safe to say 300,000 barrels of apples for this year's crop. The total number of apples on hand in the United States on December 1st amounted to 1,909,950 barrels, held there possibly for an advance in the market. When these apples are turned loose, look out for a drop in prices.

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Situation in and Around Pekin—Russians Causing Trouble.

PEKIN, Dec. 23.—A Prince of Manchua princes, including Prince Su, collector of taxes on goods entering Pekin, started Saturday to meet the Chinese court. Prince Su intends to press his claim to be sent as an envoy to Great Britain upon the occasion of the coronation of King Edward.

The Dowager Empress is making vigorous efforts to assert herself before the Chinese populace with a view of retrieving the prestige lost by her during the last few years. The programme for the court's return to Pekin provides that the emperor shall precede the Dowager Empress to this city, in order that he may be enabled to meet her with great honors at the station when she arrives subsequently.

Two thousand Chinese troops entered Pekin last Friday. The Austrians have mounted two large guns upon the fortifications surrounding their legation. The other foreign legations keep their guns concealed.

Although the British are well supplied with artillery and the Germans can occasionally be seen drilling on their glacis with field and rapid fire guns, the Americans who hold the crucial position at the Cham-Men gate, are not supplied with artillery. With the approval of the American minister, Conger, Major Robertson of the Ninth Infantry, commanding the legation guard here, applied to the war department for two guns. This application was refused because, when the department consulted with W. W. Rockhill, special commissioner of the United States here, on the matter, the latter replied that artillery was not needed and that its presence would be harmful.

PEKIN, Dec. 29.—At New-Chwang the Russians have secured control of the telegraphs and cables. This action on the part of Russia is causing dispute between that country and the foreign consuls at New-Chwang.

STEAMERS CRASHED TOGETHER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The foreign steamer Newburgh of the Hudson River line, and the steam lighter Clifford of Hartford, Conn., came into collision in the North River, opposite 100th street, this morning. The lighter was sunk and applied to the war department for two guns. This application was refused because, when the department consulted with W. W. Rockhill, special commissioner of the United States here, on the matter, the latter replied that artillery was not needed and that its presence would be harmful.

MODERN CHINESE WAX.

PEKIN, Dec. 29.—Considerable sensation has been caused in Chinese official circles by a dinner given at his residence by U. S. Minister Conger, and which was attended by the leading officials of the Chinese foreign office. The dinner was attended by Ma Tung, a former "Boxer" leader, and Wang Wen Shao, one of the Chinese plenipotentiaries. The dinner was attended by several American ladies. It was formerly the custom for prominent Chinese officials never to enter a foreign legation except upon the most formal occasions, while the meeting of foreign ladies socially would have been considered as degrading as would the associating with Chinese women upon the same footing.

The present is significant of the progressive tendency of today which has recently been manifested in many ways.

"Don't you think a holiday is more cheerful when there is a large family gathered about the festive board?" "I do," answered the sardonic person. "A large family is a glad assurance that there is no going to the enough turkey cut out of the supply the menu for the next three days."—Washington Star.

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