

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Ella Flagg Young Again Chicago School Head.

FATAL GERMAN GALE

Windsor is Threatened with Typhoid Outbreak.

Montreal has six inches of snow—the first heavy fall of the season.

German engineers have engaged to construct two big Chinese railroads.

The theory of murder in the Finnish girl's case in Toronto has been rejected.

Another movement has begun at Washington to suspend coastwise exemption in the Panama Canal.

Important alterations to the Biele regulations have been recommended by General Sir C. W. Douglas.

President Wilson signed the new United States currency bill in the presence of a distinguished company.

The death occurred of Peter MacRae, one of Ayr's oldest and most respected citizens, at the age of 71 years.

Kingston will have a Mayorality contest. Ald. J. W. Linton announced that he will oppose Ald. Abraham Shaw.

Julius Claretie, one of the French "Immortals" and administrator of the Comedie Francaise, died in Paris, aged 73 years.

The town of Forest started its first public utility, an electric light service, the up-to-date plant costing more than \$20,000.

Fire completely destroyed the large factory of the Thompson boat works, Owen Sound, and partially destroyed the boat house adjoining.

The Dominion Government ordered the Brantford Gas Company to discontinue supplying gas from the Tilbury fields for domestic purposes.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young was voted back into the superintendency of the Chicago Public Schools after a stormy session of the Board of Education.

Mr. James Clarke, probably the best known real estate man in Northumberland county, is dead in Cobourg. Mr. Clarke was in his seventy-fifth year.

Windsor is threatened with a serious outbreak of typhoid fever, chief officer Dr. John W. S. McCullough, chief officer of the Ontario Provincial Board of Health.

Deaths in the Township of York

A fire took place at Donnacona, on the line of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway, which resulted in the destruction of a general store kept by an Italian named Morozzo.

Justice Charbonneau, in Montreal, annulled the marriage of John Thomas Baker with Diane Eveline Emily McClay Adams, as she represented herself to be a widow, while having a husband living.

Severe storms for the past two weeks have done great damage to shipping at Elbe ports, in Germany. Fifty-two lives have been lost, according to latest advices, but the reports are not yet complete.

Marie Salias, a Mexican young woman escaping from people by whom she claims to have been ill-treated, was found wandering in the woods near Pont-tic, Quebec, and had to be taken to a hospital.

The Public Roads and Highways Commission has postponed its announced hearing from January 13 to Thursday, Jan. 22, when a public session will be held at the Parliament buildings, Toronto.

John Rhinehart and Fred Gagne, convicted of burglary committed at Webbwood and Sudbury, were sentenced by Magistrate Wagoner, at North Bay, to Kingston Penitentiary for two and a half years each.

For the saving of the life of Leo O'Reilly, who came near being drowned in the Grand River August 17 last, Thos. Harbour, Brantford, has been sent with a seal from the Royal Canadian Humane Association.

John Springsteen, a Hydro-Electric employee, fell over forty feet from a pole on West Mill street, Brantford, and fractured his skull. The man was rushed to the General Hospital, but there is little hope for him.

THE SCHMIDT TRIAL

Defence Rests With Evidence of Alienists.

New York, Dec. 29.—The fourth all-out trial of the defence at the trial of Hans Schmidt for murder, agreed to-day with his witnesses that the priest was insane. The witness, Dr. M. S. Greig, of Bellevue Hospital, said Schmidt's mind was so obsessed with the idea of making a sacrifice when he killed Anna Amalier, that he did not think of manslaughter. At the same time, he added, if anyone had been present to interrupt Schmidt, he would have recognized that he was committing a crime.

Judge Foster, who presides at the trial, told the jurors that it must be first of all before the expiration of his term, Dec. 31st, "there must be no question of a mistrial," he said.

After displaying to the jury a chart of the Schmidt family, indicating the cause of insanity, delirium tremens, suicide and attempts at suicide among Schmidt's ancestors, the defence rested its case. It is expected that the prosecution will attempt to establish the insanity of Schmidt by showing that he was a descendant of a family of lunatics.

BAD TRAIN WRECK

Killed Tramp and Caused Long C. P. R. Tie-up.

Toronto despatch: Thrown down on embankment over 50 feet in depth, twelve freight cars of the Canadian Pacific Railway were completely demolished yesterday morning at Cedar Mills, crushing out the life of one man, injuring three others and killing a large number of cattle which were being shipped to Toronto, while the Muskoka division was completely blocked for over a day.

The dead man is a tramp, who was stealing a ride at the time of the accident. He was hidden under one of the wrecked cars, and when the remains were found under the debris they were crushed and mangled so terribly that identification is considered almost impossible. The three others who were injured were the conductor and members of the train crew. When the cars toppled over the embankment the men jumped in an effort to save themselves, but only two succeeded in leaping clear of the wreckage, while all fell down the 50-foot ditch. One man was picked up unconscious, while the other two sustained a severe shaking-up and had lacerations and bruises about the face and body. It is not thought that any of them are critically ill as the result of their wounds.

One of the 12 cars which were thrown down the embankment six of them were filled with cattle. The animals were badly crushed and injured by the wreckage. In many cases they were killed instantaneously, while others were so badly injured that it was necessary to despatch them as soon as possible. It is estimated that the monetary loss from the death of the cattle alone will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Although the cause of the wreck is not known as yet, it is believed that it was the result of an axle breaking on one of the freight cars.

BISLEY CHANGES

War Office Official Recommends Alterations.

In Conditions of Some Important Contests.

London, Dec. 29.—Important changes in the conditions of shooting for the King's Prize and other more important contests, will be recommended by the War Office, the War Office has been considering proposals for modifying the Bisley programme to bring it more into harmony with the musketry regulations of the territorial force. The agitation for the abolition of the bull's-eye, and knowledge that the War Office favored "service competition," has created uneasiness among some rifle clubs, who fear that adoption of the War Office policy may kill interest in rifle shooting. Specific schemes are set out for the King's and other important contests, introducing rapid firing and snapshooting in the second stage of the former and the first stage of the latter. For example, for the second stage of the King's competition five rounds deliberate, ten rounds rapid, and two rounds snapshooting at 300 yards are suggested. The shoot in the second stage at the last meeting was ten rounds at 300 and ten at 600 yards deliberate firing.

Recommendations are to be submitted to the members of the National Rifle Association at the general meeting in February.

BACK IN POWER

Ella Flagg Young Reinstated in Chicago Schools.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Although she did not receive the unanimous vote of the members of the Board of Education when she was reinstated yesterday afternoon as superintendent of Chicago schools by a vote of 13 to 7, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young will accept the reelection, according to the understanding of Mayor Harrison and Peter Reinberg, President of the Board.

At the annual meeting of the board two weeks ago Mrs. Young declined to stand for reelection after she was not chosen on the first ballot. She said at that time she did not want the position unless she could have the undivided support of the board members.

John D. Shoop, who was elected superintendent to succeed Mrs. Young, will continue as the school head, in the capacity of assistant superintendent until Mrs. Young returns from North Carolina, where she is at present.

UNLEAVENED BREAD COMES FREE.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—(Special)—An order-in-council has been passed allowing Passover bread and matzo to come into Canada free of duty between March 11 and April 12. The minister of customs was asked by a number of leading Canadian Hebrews to make this concession.

BAR ON POTATOES

U. S. Continues Quarantine Established Lately.

Exceptions Where Countries Are Free of Disease.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Houston to-day issued an order continuing the quarantine put temporarily into effect Sept. 20th last, forbidding potato importations from the British Isles, Canada, and all Continental Europe. This action was modified, however, by a second order under which the quarantine may be raised, under proper regulations and inspection, from foreign countries or districts which can show that they are free from potato wart and powdery scab, the two diseases which the Department of Agriculture aims to keep out of the country.

The first order becomes effective, December 24th, but will not apply until January 15 next potatoes covered by Consular invoices issued on or before Wednesday next. The second becomes effective January 15th next.

Representatives of various countries affected appeared at hearings recently held at the Department and protested against the quarantine.

In the case of certain provinces in Canada and certain countries and districts of Europe the officials here believe the absolute prohibition can be lifted in time to allow the movement of the present year's crop, under regulation and inspection, which, under the secretary's order, is similar to that for nursery stock.

In a statement accompanying the orders the department announced that "the present potato excitement is apparently due to a misunderstanding of the yield of this year."

The department experts estimate the crop at 331,525,000 bushels, which, the statement says, "is considerably above the ten-year average," and exceeds the annual food and planting consumption of potatoes in the United States. The supply in farmers' hands is large.

ZELAYA LEAVES

Hopes United States Will Pacify Nicaragua.

New York, Dec. 29.—Jos. Santos Zelazola, former President of Nicaragua, sailed to-day for France, whence he will visit his family in Paris. He is expected to return to his home in Nicaragua, but has been abandoned upon the conditions imposed by the Department of Justice at Washington that he would leave this country at a reasonable time. Recently agents of the department have been watching him, to see that the condition was complied with.

"I am going to Barcelona to spend three months with my family," said Zelazola to-day. "I hope eventually to return to my native country and die there. I have no wish to go there now, but I hope that some day the United States will take hold of my country and pacify it."

FOR FEDERAL ACT

Justice Minister Favors Dominion Bankruptcy Law.

Montreal despatch: A Federal bankruptcy act would be a desirable innovation in Canada, is the opinion expressed by Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, in a communication to the Builders' Exchange of Montreal, received to-day. This opinion comes as a result of a resolution adopted by the exchange in November, which pointed out the hardships worked on manufacturers and others who distributed goods over the whole Dominion. The present system is for each province to enact its own legislation with regard to bankruptcy, and as a result the business man having connections throughout Canada is compelled to be acquainted with the provisions of many different acts.

Some years ago the matter was taken up by various Boards of Trade throughout the country, but with little result. Lately the Builders' Exchange discussed the subject at considerable length, and, without making any recommendation in regard to the provisions of such an act, decided that a Federal Act be considered.

In reply to this, Hon. Mr. Doherty promised to lay the matter before his colleagues, and added: "Personally, I am of the opinion that such a law, provided its provisions be carefully considered and adapted to the needs of the country, would be highly desirable."

EGGS AS "MOVIE" TICKETS.

Harrison, Ark., Dec. 29.—Eggs are becoming so scarce in the mountainous section of Arkansas that they are being used as a medium of exchange. Not only are they acceptable for payment at grocery stores and mercantile establishments, but they are taken on motion picture theatres. One egg admits a minor, and two eggs one adult. The proprietors of the theatres find a ready cash market for the eggs.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—The unidentified steamer which went ashore near Little Island, two miles south of Cape Henry last night, was today still on the reef some distance from shore, with her name unknown. She appears to be a tank steamer, loaded. The revenue cutter Onondaga was apparently giving aid early to-day.

MURRAY OF ELIBANK

Talks in New Orleans of His Oil Plans.

New York, Dec. 29.—A despatch to the Tribune from New Orleans says: It was about a year ago that through-out the British Empire went the query: "Where is Lord Murray of Elibank?" Lord Murray, it was said, was the one man in England, who could shed most light on the Marconi stock affair, in which members of the British Cabinet and Parliament were implicated. But his Lordship, who was formerly a whip of the Liberal party, had taken ship to Central America, and his testimony never was offered in the investigation which resulted.

Until yesterday Lord Murray has set no foot on English-speaking territory. The United Fruit Company's steamer Abangarez brought the nobleman to the port of New Orleans. He had come from Colombia, where, during the last year he has negotiated vainly for engineering concession for the Pearson concern, of which he is a partner.

"I am on my way to New York," he said, "where I shall transact a little business. Not wishing to interfere with the Christmas celebrations of my business friends, I have determined to wait in New Orleans for several days and then train for the north."

In the matter of oil field concessions in Colombia, Lord Murray states that that any action by the United States would not have changed the situation anyhow. The concession have been held up in Bogota because President Restrepo has a hostile majority against him that cannot be settled for about a year. In the meantime representatives of his company are landing surveyors in the parts of Cartagena, Barranquilla and Tumaco, for the purpose of building harbor improvements later for the account of the Government of Colombia.

At the same time, Lord Murray took several severe raps at so-called U. S. dollar diplomacy.

TWO VESSELS SAFE

News Received From the Stefansson Expedition.

Alaska and Sachs in Winter Quarters.

An Ottawa despatch: Dr. R. M. Anderson, chief anthropologist with the Stefansson expedition, reported to Mr. George D. Desbarats, Deputy Minister of the Interior, today that all crews of the Alaska and Mary Sachs, two of the explorer's vessels, are safe and well in winter quarters at Collinson Point, fifty miles from Flaxman Island, in the Arctic Circle. The reports arrived by mail to-day, and states, contrary to recent despatches from Seattle, that neither of the two vessels is damaged to any extent. The Mary Sachs was, however, caught in the ice last September, but can be easily released.

Dr. Anderson reports last having seen the Karlik in an ice pack near Point Barrow on August 19. The mail received to-day was despatches from Collinson Point on Oct. 15th by runner to Circle City, Alaska, and thence it was sent south by steamer.

Dr. Anderson, who was formerly chief anthropologist of the American Museum of Natural History, states that the charts prepared by E. D. K. Leffingwell, also American explorer, were of inestimable value. The Mary Sachs, with Kenneth Chapman, zoologist, in charge, and the Alaska reached Collinson Point on September 27th, and decided to winter there.

FATAL RAIL SMASH

Brockville Man Killed Riding on a Shunter.

A Brockville, Ont., despatch: A light engine overtook and crashed into the tail end of a Grand Trunk freight train, being pushed out of the yard this morning. Both engines were damaged, and Daniel Cahill, who was riding to his work on the shunter, was killed. Arthur Knill, who was riding with Cahill, saved his life by jumping. Cahill's body was found crushed to a pulp when the engines were separated. The tender of the shunter was driven into the cab, and Engineer Wilkinson and Fireman Courtney had a miraculous escape from injury. Brant Orr, yard conductor, riding on the steps of the freight caboose, suffered a fractured leg. The impact buckled a flat car adding joining the van, but none of the rolling stock left the rails. Cahill was 18 years of age and a bookkeeper by occupation. An inquest will be held.

FRUIT PACKERS FINED.

St. Catharines despatch: Chief Inspector Waddell of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, secured a conviction before Magistrate Campbell here against George X. Walker, a well-known fruit-grower of Crantham township, on a charge of fraudulently packing ten cases of apples. The fine was \$10. Information has also been laid against a Stamford township grower.

ROBBERY AND MURDER.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Jacques Bostick was arrested here to-day, charged with having robbed a Southern Pacific passenger train near El Monte on December 1 and having murdered James Montague, a passenger agent, who attempted to resist him. The police took from him the watch of the train flagman and a pocketful of lawn mowers.

SHOT AN OFFICER

Brantford Negro's Bullet Hit Policeman's Forehead.

Victim is Expected to Recover, However.

Brantford, Ont., despatch: There was a near tragedy in Brantford about midnight, when Billy Murray, a colored man, fired a shot at Emma Jones, who was spending the night at his home on Brock's Lane, wounding her in the hand.

When the police went to arrest Murray he fled, but not before he had fired several shots at the constables, one of which lodged in Constable Cobden's forehead. The wound is serious, but is not expected to prove fatal. Murray also fired at several homes where he sought refuge and was refused admission, but finally got into the house of a widow, where he barricaded the doors, cut the telephone wires, and made himself comfortable until about 7.30.

The police lost all trace of him, and searched all night without finding a clue. They had just given up the man hunt for the time being, and had returned to the station, when they received word that Murray, armed with a shotgun, was hiding in the home of his sister, Mrs. Gains, St. George street.

A squad, under Chief Slemmon, went to the house and had no difficulty in arresting the man, he offering no resistance. He was remanded in Police Court this morning. Both the wounded constable and the woman are in the hospital, but are doing nicely. The trouble is said to have started over money matters. Murray had been drinking heavily, and that is thought to have had much to do with his becoming so desperate.

DEADLY POWDERS

Government Warns Regarding Headache Remedies.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—A bulletin issued by the Inland Revenue Department on "headache powders" calls public attention to the fact that "there can be no doubt that harm is done by the indiscriminate use of headache powders." After noting that headache is merely a symptom of something wrong, and not itself a disease that can be treated by a "cure," the bulletin adds:

"The drugs to which the efficiency of these headache powders is due are powerful heart depressants, and are capable under certain conditions of producing fatal results, while under most conditions they are merely sedatives. They contain acetanilide, or phenacetin, and are so marked under the regulations in regard to the patent medicine act. The amount of acetanilide present in most of the powders exceeds three grains, which is the limit of dosage prescribed by the British pharmacopoeia."

"No doubt," says the bulletin, "serious results would more frequently follow their use were it not that they contain other drugs, usually caffeine, which act as stimulants of the heart. A little reflection should convince the consumer of these powders that he is taking great liberties with his health and life."

THE LABOR YEAR

1913 Was Comparatively Peaceful in Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The past year in Canada has been an unusually peaceful one, as far as strikes are concerned. During the past year up to the present a total of 25,49 men have gone on strike, and they have lost 1,157,718 working days in the process. This compares very favorably with the showing in 1912, when, as indicated in the annual report of the department for that year issued a few days ago, 40,511 men were on strike and 1,909,208 working days were lost. The comparatively small number of labor disturbances during the past year has saved the country, therefore, many hundreds of thousands. May and July were the banner months for strikes. During May there were 49 strikes in progress, affecting 4 firms and 3,258 men, who lost 157,782 working days, while in July there were 24 strikes under way, affecting 49 firms and 1,102 men, who lost 188,857 working days, while in July there were 24 strikes under way, affecting 19 firms and 1,102 men, who lost 188,857 working days. February, on the other hand, was the quietest month from an industrial point of view, there being 17 strikes in progress, affecting 11 firms and 799 employees, who lost 51,593 working days. The heaviest, therefore, was highest in early summer, rising to this point at an upward gradient from the beginning of the year and then sinking slowly. During November only seven strikes were in progress, 1,511 men being affected and 5,551 working days being lost.

MEDAL FOR LIFE-SAVER.

A St. Thomas, Ont., despatch: Mayor Wright of Aymer, Ont., last evening at a public meeting in that town presented Leonard Youell, son of George W. Youell, with a Royal Humane Society Medal of Canada in recognition of his bravery when he rescued from drowning Lucille Green, his ten-year-old daughter of John Green, of St. Thomas. The child was thrown in to the water between a boat and the cement dock at Port Carling, Muskoka, when the boat was making for the dock, and Youell dived from the dock at great risk to his life, and rescued the girl. The boy is 19 years of age, and is a second year science student of the Toronto University.

HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

A St. John, N. B., despatch: Russell McEwen, twenty-three years old, was arrested to-day on the strength of a telegram from John McAuley, Chief of Police, St. John, N. B., charging him with the murder of a woman.

NEW C. P. R. MOVE

Forecasted by the London England Standard.

London, Dec. 29.—The Canadian railway market, which has provided a number of surprises during the year now closing, has in store for the early part of 1914, says the Standard, further developments of a character scarcely suspected at present. The construction of trunk lines in the Dominion during recent years has brought about far-reaching and fundamental alteration in the balance of power in the Canadian railway world, and the principal interests concerned are already taking counsel among themselves with a view to maintaining the status quo. This only can be achieved by the concentration of administration which would eliminate one or other of the groups at present existent. The Canadian Pacific board are anxious that the opening up of the Dominion to modern transport facilities shall be in conformity with their plans, and not in opposition to them. The probability is therefore that eventually the Canadian Pacific Railway may not only run from ocean to ocean, but may extend its operations in other directions.

NEW CURRENCY LAW

U. S. Officials Are Working Out Details.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston to-day began working out details of the new currency law. The two Cabinet members, acting as an organization committee, will determine the important preliminary moves to the actual installation of the machinery that is to operate the Federal reserve system.

Although the law provides that the two Secretaries shall join with the Comptroller of the Currency in the preliminary work of re-organization, the office of Comptroller is vacant, and it has been decided that the Secretaries, constituting a majority of the committee, may go ahead. Later, the members of the Federal reserve board of seven will be named by President Wilson. The Secretary of the Treasury and the new Comptroller will be members of that body, and the other five will be chosen from private life.

The organization committee is empowered to employ counsel and summon witnesses and papers, to go deeply into the location of the reserve reservoirs. Its decision is not subject to review, except by the Federal Reserve Board.

It is possible that before the question of cities is decided the organization committee will visit cities suggested, and base its report on information gained at first hand. That can hardly be kept off a tentative list would include New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and Seattle, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and several others are asking for designation.

NABBED A ROBBER

Was Caught on Street by a Woman Victim.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—One of the most astounding pieces of detective work was made to-day about noon by Mrs. Arthur E. Cole, a bride, who detected in John Bostwick, whom she passed in the street, the train robber who held up a Southern Pacific passenger train near Los Angeles on the first of the month, robbed many passengers, and killed Traveling Passenger Agent Montague. Mrs. Cole lost her diamond engagement ring, hence she made a close study of the bandit.

To-day she was walking in the Mission with her husband, when she spied the man who robbed her. She warned her husband, and they shadowed the man until he entered a pool room. Then the husband telephoned to the police and the man was arrested.

He claimed he was a machinist, who had been working here for months, but on him was found a gold watch which had been identified by its number from Los Angeles as belonging to Brassman Robinson, who lost it in the hold-up. Bostwick also had many pawn tickets, one of which is for a loose diamond. Mrs. Cole believes this diamond came from her ring.

As a reward of \$7,000 has been offered for the capture of this train robber, the bride will get a handsome return for her detective ability.

The police feel assured he is the train bandit and the murderer.