

ALL HE DESERVED.

The ex-Soldier, Leo Smith, Thoroughly Shown Up.

He Received the Maximum Amount—

Statement from Ottawa as to the Disbursements of the Fund.

Some time ago the Sun published statements made by Leo Smith, a returned South African who had lost both legs during the war, to the effect that he had not received any aid from the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association at Ottawa. These statements were contradicted by the local militia officers, who stated that Smith had received \$2,000, the maximum amount granted to widows or disabled soldiers.

The following statement received from Ottawa is self-explanatory: The Canadian Patriotic Fund Association has paid out in relief since its organization on the 15th January, 1900, to the 31st October, 1903, \$254,110.17. The number of cases favorably reported upon by the relief committee, all of which received grants, was 1,070. Many of these cases were reconsidered several times. Some were reopened, while others were not entertained. The maximum grants were \$2,000 to widows and disabled soldiers, and \$1,000 to other dependents of deceased soldiers.

MAN KILLED. C. P. R. Fireman S. A. Clergy Crushed to Death—Freight Train's Fatal Collision With Shunting Engine in C. P. R. Yard.

An accident, with fatal results, occurred Saturday morning in the west end of the C. P. R. yard at Brownville. At a quarter of four o'clock the first section of No. 87 freight train, engine #72, in charge of Conductor Haskell and Engineer Twilings, eastbound, was coming into Brownville and the engine either lost control or on account of the slippery condition of the rails, was unable to stop his engine in time.

Advertisement for a meat chopper: 'It won't chop wood but Sargent's Gem Food Chopper will chop raw meat, cooked meat, vegetables of all kinds, fruit, crackers, bread, eggs, cheese, nuts, figs and other foods, and It will chop them all rapidly, easily, coarse or fine, in uniform pieces, without mashing, squeezing, tearing, or grinding. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited, St. John.

GERMANY WILL BE NEUTRAL

In Whatever Fight Russia and Japan May Possibly Put Up.

The Great Bear Now Concentrating Two Hundred Thousand Soldiers Around Vladivostok, to Occupy Korean Frontier.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Associated Press can announce on the highest authority that Germany has decided that in the event of war between Russia and Japan, it will maintain a strict neutrality. Other members of the Dreibund will observe a similar attitude.

PECULIAR DEATH. Of A. G. Hill, a Prominent Resident of Malden, Mass.

MALDEN, Mass., Jan. 11.—Abram G. Hill, a prominent resident of this city, met a sudden death under unusual circumstances today. As he was driving a pair of horses on Howard street, Melrose Highlands, the animals ran away. Mr. Hill was thrown from the sleigh and was picked up dead.

THANKS FROM CHICAGO'S MAYOR. OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—His Excellency has received the following letter from Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago, dated January 4th:

CHAMBERLAIN HOLDS TRUE. Called the Duke of Devonshire's Bluff as Soon as It Was Presented to Him.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—An acrimonious correspondence between the Duke of Devonshire and Joseph Chamberlain is published this morning. The Duke, who is president of the Liberal Unionist Association formed at the time the Liberal party split on the home rule question, wrote to Mr. Chamberlain suggesting that the association should dissolve owing to the difficulty of allocating the funds, now that the party has become divided by the fiscal controversy.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE? Laurier May Call on an Election, or Call Parliament Together.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—There is no change in the political situation. The government is still halting between two opinions, seemingly unable to make up its mind whether to call parliament or to dissolve it. The government press has been instructed to talk session, but conservatives should not be lured into security. The time to organize for the campaign is now.

REV. DR. WILSON,

The Pastor of Zion Methodist Church,

Delivered an Interesting Sermon, the Subject of Which Was "1904, a

Forecast"—A Year of More Than Ordinary Interest.

Rev. Dr. Wilson preached in Zion church last Sunday on "1904, A Forecast." The text was Matthew xxiv, 32 and 33. Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

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A GOOD MOVE. Fredericton Board of Trade and the River Service. Urges Adequate Steamship Accommodation on the St. John, From Gagetown as Well as From Indiantown—Other Reforms Noted.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 11.—The annual meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade was held this afternoon in the city council chamber, the president, Mayor Palmer, presiding, with a large attendance. Election of officers resulted in the re-election of all officials, viz.: President, John Palmer; vice president, John J. Weddall; treasurer, M. Tennant; secretary, J. W. McCready; D. Fraser, Jr., Aid. J. S. Scott, A. B. Kitchen, Ed. Moore, W. D. Hooper and W. E. Farrell were elected members. President Palmer's address briefly reviewed the work of the year dealing with the session of the fifth chamber of commerce of the Empire and the entertainment of two parties of delegates on their tour through the Dominion. The recent successful exhibition held in September last called forth favorable comment.

MEN'S SUIT PRICES CUT.

In order to add still more interest to the CLOTHING SALE which is booming up this store, we have added Men's Suits to the list of Bargains. Read a few of the Cuts.

Table with 4 columns: Suit type, Price, New Price, and Suit type. Rows include: \$5.00 Suits (Now \$2.98), 4.50 Suits (Now \$2.98), \$6.00 Suits (Now \$3.98), 6.50 Suits (Now \$3.98), \$8.00 Suits (Now \$5.98), 8.50 Suits (Now \$5.98), \$12.00 Suits (Now \$6.98), 10.00 Suits (Now \$6.98), 8.75 Suits (Now \$6.98), 9.50 Suits (Now \$6.98).

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CHICAGO'S HORROR.

List of Recognized Dead Has Now Reached 571.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Having heard the testimony of seven chorus men and eight chorus girls of the Mr. Bluebeard company with regard to the Iroquois Theatre fire, Assistant States Attorney Barnes took a non-suit in the case against them today.

A diamond ring valued at \$250 is the most important find in the "placet mine" operated in the debris of the Iroquois Theatre fire. A. C. Whitford, who was injured in the fire, said today: "The body of Leroy Greenwald was identified by his father in a vault at Mount Hope cemetery today. The body previously had been identified and claimed as that of Norman Corbin."

An unclaimed body at the county morgue was identified today as that of Corbin. Startled by testimony of a woman witness that additional doors not heretofore referred to were closed on the day of the disaster, the coroner's jury adjourned today and went to verify the statement. The supposed doors were found to be mirrors. The testimony was revised accordingly. By the death today of Herman, the number of dead brought up to 571.