

To-day's Messages.

A FORTUNE FOR SOME ONE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. A prize of 1,000,000 has been offered for the invention of an airplane which will rise and land vertically. It was learned here to-day that the offer was by Edmond and Andre Michelin, French tire manufacturers, through the Aero Club of France and was announced by the Aero Club of America. A machine which can take off from the roof of a medium sized house, and land at the same place is desired. It is also specified in the terms that the winning machine must have the greatest possible range of speed up to 134 miles an hour.

WILL FIGHT NEXT YEAR.

LONDON, Dec. 5. C. B. Cochrane, promoter of the Carpenter-Beckett fight, announced to-day that George Carpenter has signed an agreement to fight Jack Dempsey, the American heavy-weight champion, next year. The purse will be 35,000 pounds, the winner taking sixty per cent, and the loser forty.

BRITAIN WAKING UP.

LONDON, Dec. 5. Sir Hamar Greenwood, under Secretary for the home affairs, in an address to-day before the Chamber of Commerce of London, announced that the Foreign Secretary was about to appoint a committee of representative men to inquire into the best method for promoting British Chambers of Commerce in all the cities of the world.

VATICAN IN NATION'S LEAGUE.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5. The committee of the conference of the Association for the League of Nations decided to-day that the Holy See could not be regarded as a nation, but expressed the view that it was a power, and that there was no important reason for exclusion of the Vatican from representation in the League of Nations. The question was referred to a special committee.

TO WHAT PURPOSE.

BERLIN, Dec. 5. A parliamentary sub-committee, number one, which is to occupy itself with the investigation of pre-war diplomacy, met to-day under the chairmanship of Deputy Dr. Ernst Quack, representative from Frankfurt-on-Main, for the social democrats, and definitely formulated a series of questions, which are to be submitted in advance to thirty former German Diplomats, political and military leaders, who later are to be summoned for personal cross-examination. Among these to be questioned are Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, former Chancellor, Herr Von Jagow, ex-Foreign Secretary, and Alfred Zimmermann also a former Foreign Secretary.

WILL NOT BE EPIDEMIC.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6. Dr. Amyot, Deputy Minister of the Department of Health, who has just returned from Winnipeg, where he had been investigating an epidemic of so-called sleeping sickness, to-day issued the following statement in regard to the matter. "The Department of Health as a result of its own observation, and information furnished by the provinces reports in reference to the present cases of sleeping sickness occurring in Canada, that the disease is at present largely confined to the Province of Manitoba. Since its appearance, only forty cases have been reported in the Province. It would therefore seem that no such sleeping epidemic has happened or is in the case of influenza, is likely to occur."

CLAGARY HAS IT.

CALGARY, Dec. 6. With four new cases of so-called sleeping sickness, and another death Thursday, outbreak of the malarial has reached epidemic proportions in Calgary. Up to date, out of ten cases of the disease there have been four deaths.

D'ANNUNZIO PLANNING RAID.

PARIS, Dec. 5. The Jugo Slav delegation in Paris is informed that D'Annunzio, the Italian insurgent leader, is planning to raid Cattaro, Spalato and the territory opposite Ljubljana, according to a statement issued by the delegation to-day. Ten thousand of D'Annunzio's forces will be used in the enterprise, it was said. The delegation announced that it had already notified the Supreme Council that Jugo Slav troops had been ordered to replace with arms any attack on Jugo Slav territory.

A PLEASANT PROSPECT.

PARIS, Dec. 5. Germany will be called upon, in a rigorous note, which the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference will complete to-day, to yield immediately to the Allied demand that the protocol of the Versailles treaty be signed, according to the "Excelsior." The newspaper says it had reliable information that Washington has advised Berlin to adopt a more conciliatory attitude. If ratification is not completed by December 31, says the Echo

de Paris, certain clauses of the pact will be rendered impracticable, and the Allies will be obliged to submit to Germany a new protocol, which would result in still further delay.

CARRANZAS CLOSES OIL WELLS.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 6. President Carranzas threat to close all producing oil wells in Mexico since the decree nationalising petroleum lands went into effect, was made good during the past week, according to advices received from Tampico by the oil weekly, published here. The Mexican Governments action cuts Mexico's oil production by nearly four hundred thousand barrels a day.

The regular meeting of the St. John's Mechanics' Society will be held in their Hall on Monday evening next at 8.30 o'clock. J. A. LEAHY, Secretary.—dec6,11

Old Favourites to Perform.

On Xmas Day afternoon and night, Mr. T. M. White and his company of Old Favourites will revive the celebrated drama, "Con, the Shaughraun." The C. C. C. Band will be present, and the public is assured beforehand of a very enjoyable performance. This amateur theatrical company is an old-time one, well-known in the city for the excellence of its plays, and that a big crowd will see the coming performance is certain.

McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, Dec. 6, '16. McMurdo's Peroxide Cream is a night as well as a day cream, combining most of the advantages of a cold cream with those of a vanishing cream, and being useful for most of the purposes for which either cream may be employed. Our Peroxide Cream, during the short time it has been on the market, has been steadily increasing in popularity, until it may now be reckoned one of the most sought after creams in the whole list of such articles. It is a light, white, pleasantly perfumed cream that rubs right into the skin, leaving it delightfully soft and smooth, healing abrasions, curing chaps, and feeding the surface generally. A jar of McMurdo's Peroxide Cream at 40c. is a good buy.

Being a man's store, we pride ourselves on expertness in choosing the sort of things that men really appreciate, and want. Such a variety as we show simplifies selection, removes every element of doubt as to style, correctness, quality, utility. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD.

He's a Nice Boy.

(From the Detroit Free Press.) The Prince of Wales, in leaving the United States, takes with him the good wishes of Americans for his future welfare. The Prince has won the American heart by his unaffected manner, his democratic ways and his genial good nature. He has the shy, retiring disposition of his father, and the same ability to deliver good speeches in a clear, resonant voice of wonderful carrying power, and to this he seems to add some of the diplomatic tact of his grandfather.

It was the policy of King George and Queen Mary to bring up their children in the most democratic manner possible, and the Prince was sent to a public school where he associated with boys of the middle class to a very great extent, and competed with them in study and in sport. If he had any ideas about kings being "God's anointed," he laid them down when he entered the school gates and forgot all about them. The result of such upbringing has been a clean, healthy, normal lad with no nonsense about him. He is a good type of the British youth, the type that may be seen by the thousands at any of the old country universities.

Fads and Fashions.

Rows of stitching in bright colors are chic trimming. Long sleeves continue in favor for all the practical waists. Printed Georgette skirts are said to be a coming novelty. The more subdued the color the richer the fabric must be. Accordion-pleated skirts are good in

Stop—Look—Listen!

Your best friend this winter is the Clothes Hospital. We can help you this winter to beat the high cost of living. All you have to do is to get all your old clothes together, send them to us—or if you say so, we can call for them. Now, ladies and gentlemen, this is the only chance you ever had to save a bank roll on your Suit or Overcoat. So now is the time to get all your old dirty or torn clothes French Dry Cleaned, Repaired and well Pressed.

If you want an Overcoat turned, bring it along and leave the rest to us. The Clothes Hospital, 200 Duckworth St. East. O'KEEFE BROS., Master Cleaners. Clothes called for and delivered. Outport orders promptly attended to. nov28,ead,11

BOY SCOUTS' COLUMN.



THE MONTH.

The month of December is the month of all months loved by the ancient astronomers, for having no proper instruments this month was by far the best to watch the stars with the naked eye.

The Long Night Moon, as the Indians called it, is the time to study the stars. December is also an excellent month to study evergreens and to collect their twigs and cones. The real month to prepare to raise an entertainment is this month. Incidentally the Gower St. Troop are holding one on the 16th. Good Luck!

SOME SCOUT "STUNTS."

Inter-Patrol Competitions should be always made as important as anything else by any Scoutmaster. We give some good competitions below.

FIND THE NORTH.

Scouts or, better still, patrols, are posted about thirty yards apart. Each boy lays down pointing in some stated direction. The umpire compares them with a compass. The boy nearest to the direction wins the prize (if one be offered).

KIM'S GAME.

I will not go into particulars of this game as it is one which every first class Scout knows, but I merely suggest it for inter-patrol work.

INTER-TROOP COMPETITIONS.

What gave me the idea of inter-patrol work was the following challenge: Editor Scout Column.

Dear Sir,—Would you please publish this challenge in your column: A picked team of six Scouts of the 2nd St. John's Troop (S.B.C.) challenge any other team to a competition in either "Kim's Game," "Find the North," or "Shop Window." The challenged are to appoint the day and place, and the challengers the umpire. Apply to this office. Thank you, Mr. Scout Editor.

Yours Scoutingly, R. S. FURLONG, Asst. S.M. Who will accept? Write me and I will notify the St. Bon's Scouts.

Yours Scoutingly, SHEBOYGO.

THE WOLF CUBS.

Editor Boy Scout Column. Dear Sir,—Our meeting was held as usual this week and 42 Cubs were present, our register is now filled as we have 55 on it. 13 more than we should have, packs being complete at 35.

Our routine was as follows: Cub's prayer, physical exercise, signalling, boxing the compass, the game of "this and that," and also indoor baseball. After all this we had a short rehearsal for the concert. We find that we do not have time enough to do one-half of the programme. The Cub movement in Gower Street, is going fine, and we hope to see other packs form up soon. The pack would like to be known as the 1st St. John's Pack.

I am, yours Scoutingly, DONALD LEWIS, Cub Master. (Editor's Note:—It will give us great pleasure to publish an abbreviated account of the convention proceedings at Pictou last summer, but as an additional caution, not too long, please.)

YOUR FLASHLIGHT.

Here is a good way to revive a worn-out battery. Make a hole in each of the cells of the battery with a nail, and then lay them in enough water to cover them and leave them for some time. When you take the battery out it will show bright light as when you first bought it. Another way is to place the battery in a hot oven for just a few minutes.

THE BOY.

Put me in touch with the heart of the boy. Let me study his doubts and fears; Let me try to show him the way of life. And help him avoid his tears.

For the heart of the boy in its buoyancy Is the one that is pure and free; So put me in touch with the heart of the boy. The heart of the Man-to-be.

HOW THE INDIAN HUNTS DEER.

Chief Thunderbolt, of the Iroquois Indians, Brockville, some time ago visited the Scout Troops and gave the boys lectures on Indian life and customs, which was most entertaining and instructive. His remarks about the way the "Paleface" hunts deer, and the methods the Indian uses, were most illuminating. He said: "The Paleface goes hunting deer in the daytime, which is wrong, for all wild life in the bush likes to sleep and rest in the daytime. The cat sleeps all day and makes noises all night, for instance. Then the Paleface sends out his dogs and they chase the deer a long way from camp, and if the Paleface shoots one deer, he has a long way to bring it into camp."

The Indian goes out with his boy at night not far from his camp. He lights a fire, then another, and still another, till he has fires all in a circle. Then he sits quietly down and waits for the deer to come. When the fire bell rings in the middle of the night, and a big fire breaks out in town, Paleface gets up, puts his clothes on and goes out to see the fire. He likes to see a big fire. He is curious. So, too, is the deer. He sees fires and comes to look. Then the Indian and his boy shoot the deer, or if they only wound it, they can easily get the deer because the light of the fire has dazzled the eyes of the deer, and it cannot see where to go. So the Indians get the deer near to the camp. That is the difference between Paleface, who is so clever, and the poor Indian, who knows nothing."

Supreme Court.

(Before Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kent.)

Steer Bros. vs. D. A. Costa. McNelly for plaintiff asks that motion for a day be enlarged till Monday.

J. A. Robinson vs. The Daily Star Publishing Co. Howley, K.C., for plaintiff moves for Friday next for trial before a special jury. H. A. Winter consents. It is ordered accordingly.

W. A. Munn, App., vs. George Hawes, Resp.

The application made by Mr. Winter on Thursday for a commission to take evidence abroad was refused. Mr. H. A. Winter for applicant is heard on motion that the judgment of Johnson, J., be set aside and that judgment be entered for plaintiff. Court adjourned at 1 p.m.

We are showing a full range of Ladies' and Children's Raglans, Rubber Coats & Oil Coats, all the newest models. G. KNOWLING, LTD.—dec6,21,s,tu

Police Court.

For being drunk and disorderly a man was fined \$2.

A young woman taken in for safe keeping was discharged.

Summoned for breaches of the street traffic regulations, two truckmen were fined \$1 and \$5 respectively.

Four men, for maliciously damaging property in a New Gower St. shop, were let go as the case was settled out of court.

KNOWLING'S have just opened a splendid assortment of LADIES' UMBRELLAS. Prices from \$2.00 to \$7.50.—dec6,21,s,tu

Has Nothing to Say.

Questioned this forenoon by the Telegram in reference to the new appointment of Hon. W. W. Halfyard to the ministerial seat of Posts and Telegraphs, as announced in yesterday's Gazette Extraordinary, Hon. J. Alex. Robinson, Postmaster General, stated that he had "nothing to say, yet."

A Special Xmas Gift will be the prize, donated by one of our members.—dec6,21

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Watson left by to-day's express for Costa Rica, South America, where Mr. Watson is manager of the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Mr. A. Stansfield, wireless operator, of the Island of Manritius, in the Indian Ocean, has arrived in the city. He takes a position as accountant with Percie Johnston, Ltd.

Mr. M. D. Dawson, representative of The Grolier Society of London, publishers of The Book of Knowledge, is leaving at the end of December on a tour in the British West Indies and Demerara. As all inquiries from Newfoundland are referred to Mr. Dawson for attention, so as to save time and disappointment in delivery, parents who desire to procure a set of this famous Book of Knowledge as a Christmas gift for their family, should write at once, address, Mr. M. D. Dawson, Post Office Box 234, St. John, New Brunswick. The Book of Knowledge is printed in five languages. Sales to end of June last year, over thirty million dollars.

Shipping News.

The S. S. Sable Island will not be leaving Sydney until Monday. It is presumed she had gone to the assistance of the stranded steamer Arrammore.

The S. S. Scotsburn, Monroe master, cleared from Bonne Bay for Halifax with 501 qts. codfish, 229 barrels salmon, 855 barrels herring, 13 cases lobster, 50 steel drums, 14 wood barrels, from A. B. Harding.

The S. S. Princess, Burns master, entered Bonne Bay to load herring for Halifax.

The S. S. Brighton sailed this morning with a general cargo for New York.

Dark camosies should be worn under dark Georgette houses.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BURNS, ETC.

Great Slaughter Sale!

Our Entire Stock of Ladies' and Children's Hats Reduced 25 p.c.

The prices are the lowest in the City. Drop in and take your choice.

Items of Interest 'Round the Store

COTTON BLANKETS. 100 pairs of Cotton Blankets size 54 x 74. These are first quality; good clean stock; they come with Pink and Blue borders. Ask to see these. Regular price \$3.50 per pair. Sale Price, per pair **\$3.39**

COTTON BLANKETS. Also 100 pairs of the largest size Blanket, size 64 x 76. These are of excellent quality fleece and will give good serviceable wear. Regular price \$4.30 per pair. Sale Price, per pair **\$4.19**

CHILDREN'S WOOL CAPS. A line of Children's Wool Caps in White, Brown, Red and other shades. Some have button at side, while others are plain turban shape. Regular price 75c. Sale Price, each **69c.**

LADIES' DIVIDED SKIRTS. Made from good heavy material, fleece lined. Very warm and comfortable for winter wear. Don't forget to have a look at these. Sale Price, **\$1.58** each

LADIES' FLEECE HOSE. Full fashioned Ladies' Fleece Lined Hose, heavy weight; ideal stocking for present wear; all sizes in the assortment. Reg. price 75c. pair. Sale **69c.**



FURS! FURS!

Consisting of Muffs, Sets, Collars, Scarfs, etc.; also Sets for children. Purchasers of our furs are to-day making choice at prices in many instances equal to present wholesale costs for equal grades. See our West Window exhibit, then come in and we will show you more.

GLOVES. Ladies' Cream Fleece Gloves with dome fasteners. These are a very good line suitable for present wear; they come in small, medium and large sizes. Sale Price, per pair **69c.**

STANFIELD'S UNDERWEAR. For men; all wool; the kind that gives warmth and comfort. We strongly recommend this line, because of its popularity, sizes 36 to 40, shirts and pants. Reg. price, \$2.75 each. Sale Price, per gar. **\$2.68**

MEN'S SWEATER COATS. Another lot of Men's Grey Sweater Coats. These are extra good value, and every working man should not be without one during the cold weather. Sale Price, each **\$1.90**

MEN'S WINTER CAPS. An excellent line of Men's Winter Caps in mixed tweed. These caps are fitted with sanitary ear bands, turned up on the inside when not in use. Sale Price, each **\$1.58**

MEN'S FLANNEL SHIRTS. About 6 dozen Men's Khaki Flannel Shirts, made of good strong material; a warm shirt, a well made shirt, and a shirt that will stand hard usage. Reg. price, \$2.60 each. Sale Price, each **\$2.28**

FELT CRUSHERS. A line of Ladies' and Girls' Felt Crushers. Hats in Navy, Black and White. A real knock about hat for everyday wear. Sale Price, each **98c.**

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Maternity Home

Fifth Days Donations to \$6638.

The drive for the Maternity Home continued most successfully yesterday. Lady and gentlemen workers on the job early and late and with splendid results, so that the total now amounts to \$75,840.

Thursday and Monday yet to go—days; will the objective \$100,000 be reached? The team workers say yes; and their friends and supporters who have seen their energy and determination during the firmly believe they will "go over top." The number of subscribers received yesterday was the largest for any single day during the campaign, showing that the collection have lost none of their keenness are just as determined to root the dollars as they were in the early part of the week. Hon. M. G. Ter was in his place as chairman yesterday at 9 last night and addressed the gathering. He congratulated ladies and gentlemen on their efforts during the day; all had done splendidly and if they continued at the pace to-day and Monday he fully believed the sum aimed at will be realized.

Mr. Dunbar then took the floor, the following amounts of one hundred dollars or more were announced by the team captains: A. E. Hickman, \$500.00; Aders, Howell & Co., 400.00; Monroe, 250.00; Peep, 250.00; Lawrence Flour Mills, 250.00; Fern Trust Co., 200.00; Whitely, 100.00; A. Rendell, 100.00; S. Sellers, 100.00; and A. Grouchy, Pouch, 100.00; Cove, 100.00; S. Clothing Factory, 100.00; James Ryan, 100.00; S. Miller, 100.00; McGuire, 100.00; W. W. Halfyard, 100.00; Roberts, 100.00; Crowe, 100.00; and F. Davey, 100.00.

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