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HERE'S WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND POWER TO KEEP IT SO

SEVEN EMPLOYES OF THEATRE ARRESTED AS BEING ACCESSORY TO MANSLAUGHTER

Blamed for Creating Draught That Forced Flames Over Heads of Chicago Audience.

HELD PENDING CORONER'S VERDICT

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Seven employes of the Iroquois Theatre were arrested to-night on orders issued by Chief of Police O'Neill. The charge against them is at present that of being accessory to manslaughter. They will be held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury. The men arrester are William Carlton, stage manager; Edward Cummings, stage carpenter; Frank Landrow, E. R. McCummings, E. Engle, Thos. McQueen, S. J. Masoni.

The last five are stage hands and scene shifters.

Ready to Get Out.

After being taken into custody four of the men told Chief O'Neill they had been requested by people connected with the theatre to leave the city. When asked who advised them to do so, they at first refused to say, but later admitted that the advice was given by Assistant Stage Manager Plunkett. They said they were about to follow Plunkett's advice, and all of them had packed their trunks and would have been out of the city had not the police arrested them.

Coroner Traeger to-night conducted an informal inquiry into the cause of the Iroquois Theatre fire. William C. Sellers, the fireman at the theatre, did not know just how the fire began, but said he saw it shortly after it broke out. He threw extinguishers on the blaze, but without effect. He tried to pull down the drop curtain or to tear loose that portion of which was blazing, without success.

Blames Theatrical People.

Assistant State Attorney A. A. Heer, who was present, said: "It seems agreed that the asbestos curtain was dropped, but that it went only to within 10 or 15 feet of the stage floor. People on the stage opened the door leading from the stage into the street on the west side of the theatre, and this created a draught. The draught blew the curtain out toward the audience. This held the curtain so tightly that all attempts to lower it further were fruitless.

"Attempts were made by numerous persons to pull the curtain down by hand, but without success. FROM ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER THUS FAR, IT SEEMS TO ME AS THO THE FAULT IN CREATING THE DRAUGHT WHICH THREW THE AUDIENCE INTO A PANIC AND FORCING THE FLAMES OUT OVER THEIR HEADS WAS DUE FAR MORE TO THE ACTION OF THE THEATRICAL PEOPLE IN OPENING THE DOORS AT THE REAR OF THE THEATRE THAN BY THE AUDIENCE OPENING DOORS IN FRONT."

NO EVIDENCE OF JOY.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—For the first time since Chicago has possessed bells to peal, whistles to shriek and horns to blow, the old year to-night was allowed silently to take its place in history and the new year permitted to come in with no evidence of joy at its birth. In an official proclamation, Mayor Carter H. Harrison made the suggestion that the usual New Year's eve celebration be for this time omitted, and the idea found a ready response in the hearts of the people, saddened by yesterday's tragedy. The appalling calamity of yesterday in the Iroquois Theatre has cast Chicago into the deepest grief and gloom. Even business to-day was performed with the sole view to actual necessity.

Ordinarily on New Year's eve the streets of the city are filled with merry-makers, but to-night the only throngs to be found were those around the morgues. Ordinarily numbers of fashionable restaurants in the heart of the city are filled with light-hearted revelers, who toast the year that passes and hail the year that comes. To-night these places were comparatively deserted, and some of them closed entirely, with doors locked and curtains drawn. Usually among these gay people are found many members of the theatrical profession; to-night not a single one of them was in evidence.

Second Time Stricken to Heart.

For the second time in her life the City of Chicago has been stricken to the heart. Not only have many of her sons and daughters met death in a variety of horrible and torturing forms, but the blow has fallen almost as heavily upon the strangers within her gates. There is hardly a village or town within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago whose people are not directly or indirectly interested in the piles of dead, or in the injured which fill the hospitals, or in the fate of those who seem to have passed from human knowledge, because no trace of them can be found. The list of dead to-night continues, as it was given last night, in the neighborhood of 560. It is generally accepted at this time that the most accurate estimate is 564. This number will be increased somewhat, as there are people in the hospitals who cannot survive for any length of time. It is believed, however, that the total number of dead will not in any event exceed 565. Including the missing, it is estimated that the total number of casualties at the present time is approximately 1000. There are among the missing the names of many who are at their homes, and of some who were not at the theatre at all. In the first excitement following the calamity these people were reported by their relatives as among the missing, and numbers of them have since returned to their homes and no report has been made to police headquarters. Their names, however, still swell the list of missing. When the names of the dead which are still to be identified are taken from the list of the missing, it is probable that the extent of the catastrophe will be fully estimated.

Cause Not Accurately Assigned.

There was discussion to-day among firemen, employes of the theatre and architects as to the cause of the fire. Accounts differ to-day as widely as they did last night. The theatrical people are practically a unit in declaring that the fire started with an explosion, and in this they are flatly contradicted by scores of people in the audience, who declare that they saw the fire creeping along the edge of the curtain for

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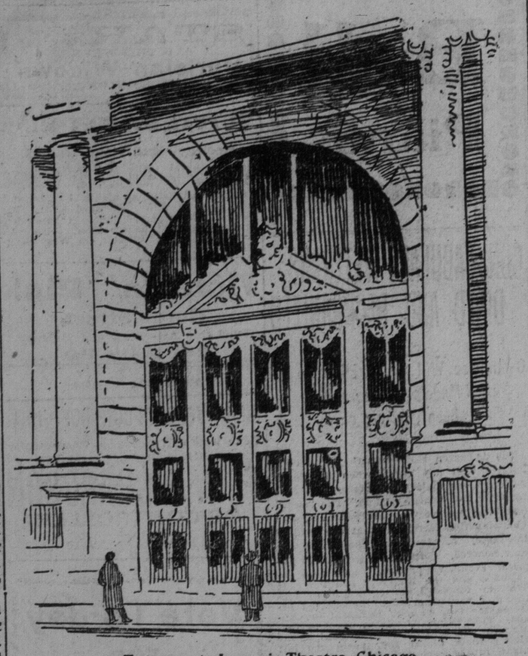

Entrance to Iroquois Theatre, Chicago.

ARE TORONTO PLAYHOUSES SAFE IN EVENT OF A SUDDEN BLAZE?

Local Comment Provoked by Chicago Horror—Element of Danger in Panic.

Is a horror similar to that at Chicago possible among Toronto play houses? That is a theme that is agitating many people in the city. Fire Chief Thompson says such a calamity under certain conditions is not only possible in Toronto but exceedingly probable. To The World he declared that all local theatres are not equipped with asbestos curtains, and that he is not certain that the municipality has the legal authority to require them to be used.

A year ago the fire chief, with Commissioner Coatsworth, visited the various theatres and inspected them, especially with reference to asbestos curtains. The report was made to the City Council recommending this guarantee of safety for the patrons of all hall shows in Toronto. The report was sent to the Property Committee. If any further action was ever taken by the authorities, Chief Thompson says he has not heard of it. He adds absolutely that these safety curtains are essential for the preservation of life in emergencies, tho observing that in this particular case with an asbestos curtain of latest design the rearful loss of life was not prevented.

Our Opera Houses in Fair Shape.

But Toronto opera houses are in very fair shape, some of them utilizing all the safe devices that modern mechanical ingenuity can suggest. In Shea's, for instance, there is an asbestos drop curtain weighing 900 pounds. Such curtains are very expensive, costing hundreds of dollars. This curtain cannot be burned. It will not ignite, even in contact with electric heat. It is always in service, and therefore cannot get out of order, as curtains that are only occasionally used will. It drops like a rock, and the dead weight is so nicely balanced that the exertion of a child raises or lowers it. The side exposed to the audience is artistically decorated. It may be operated from either floor or wings and during a performance it is the duty of one employe to stand within reaching distance of this curtain.

At a cry of fire or the appearance of a spark the curtain drops, shutting within the stage all heat, smoke and confusion. At the same time, automatic sprinklers will pour thousands of little streams thruout the stage, in the wings, on the walls, under the floor and into every nook, even the dressing rooms of the star would suddenly be flooded without even a hand being raised. The connection that starts the automatic machinery is supplied by heat, or it may be put in motion by one of the employes. A certain degree of heat, such as would be produced by a tiny flame, would start the machinery. The drawing of a single peg would bring to the floor of the stage all the upper works, scenery and inflammable material, and the large hose on each side would then be brought into play. As an additional protection, buckets full of water are kept in different parts of the building. These automatic sprays, sprinklers and hose, however, are common to the other houses in the city. Each is supplied with modern machinery for extinguishing flames and checking a blaze.

What it Depends on.

But the efficiency of all these protective measures depends in no small degree upon shutting in from the body of the house the smoke and the flames. It serves the double purpose of preventing a panic and confining the damage to the small space in the rear. If an audience should see the big drop curtain suddenly descend they would not realize what was going on in the rear. The drop curtains of the ordinary canvas kind on which scenery is painted is very inflammable. The paint and oils render them especially difficult to protect. Insurance companies surround all houses with every protection against fire that business experience suggests, but the asbestos curtains have not been forced into general use.

The new Majestic has an asbestos drop curtain, and is considered such a good risk that the rate is only 2 per cent., while it used to be 4 per cent. on the Toronto Opera House. It is tested every Monday morning. It is the business of an employe to go into the wings and flies and test this curtain especially. The weight of a hand drops it into place. The house has all the other guarantees against sudden destruction of life.

The great element recognized as all important is to give the people

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MORE SAD NEWS FROM CHICAGO.

Four Toronto Families Saddened by the Awful Holocaust.

Relatives left Toronto for Chicago yesterday to bring back the bodies of three victims of the Iroquois Theatre catastrophe—those of R. H. Coulits, Miss Welton and Miss Radcliffe, a sister of James Radcliffe, a C.P.R. agent at the Union Station.

Edwin Dickie, secretary of the Ontario License Holders' Association, yesterday received word that his brother's only daughter, 24 years of age, was also one of the victims. Mr. Dickie, prior to going to Chicago, resided in Dundas, Ont., for 18 years.

The two brothers of R. H. Coulits left for Chicago last night to bring back the remains for burial in the family plot here, and will also bring the remains of the dead man's wife, who predeceased him by several years, and is buried in Chicago.

Miss Radcliffe, who is a school teacher, will be brought home by her brother, who left last night to perform the sad and painful task.

Edith Williams, whose mother lives at 66 East Adelaide-street, is a member of the "Mr. Bluebeard" Company. She escaped without injury, but wired that she was coming home.

KINGSTON WOMAN'S GRANDCHILD.

Kingston, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Middleton, 49 Clergy-street, was informed to-day that her granddaughter, Miss Kathleen, aged 14, daughter of John H. Middleton, St. Louis, lost her life in the Chicago Theatre disaster. She was at the matinee with her cousin, Mr. Henderson. They were to have left for St. Louis to-day. The did so, but the unfortunate girl was in a coffin.

BOY LEFT ALONE.

Galt, Dec. 31.—Robert Easton, son of John Easton, Glenmorris, was burned to death yesterday. The boy was left alone in the house while his mother went to the barn to do the milking. On her return she found the lad wrapped in flames. It is thought that his clothing caught fire from a stove in the room.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Port Arthur, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A man named Sweaney was burned to death last night in his shack at Kashabourne, on the C. N. R. The building caught fire during the night, and only a few charred bones, found this morning, indicated the tragedy.

LONE SETTLER FOUND DEAD.

Port Arthur, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A. James Fenwick, a settler of Gillis Township, was found dead in his shanty on Tuesday morning. He had been living alone, and had been dead for some time when found by a fellow-settler. Fenwick came from Perth, Ont., and is an old railroader.

Radnor on New Year's Day.

PLOT TO MASSACRE CHRISTIANS.

Salonica, Dec. 31.—Over 100 Turks were arrested here to-day on suspicion of complicity in a plot to massacre Christians. The arrests are continuing. Quantities of arms and explosives have been seized.

Eat the good food Lil-o Chips, a large package, ten cents.

HONOR FOR JOHN DRYDEN.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—The new American Breeders' Association, formed of breeders of animals, has elected Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, Ontario, chairman of the animal sections.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street East, Toronto. Edwards & Ronald, 48 Canada Life Building, Winnipeg, Chartered Accountants.

"FOUR!"

Exit Three and Enter Four;
Time has closed another door;
Time has hung another gate,
Lift the latch and learn the date.
Dandor.

New Year's Gifts. Geddes', 418 Spadina.

SLIPPERY SIDEWALK AGAIN.

Mrs. Dallimore, an aged woman, living at 38 West-avenue, slipped on that street yesterday and broke her thigh. She was taken to the General in the ambulance

VOTE EARLY

Every voter in the city should get his vote in as early as possible this morning. The polls open at 9 o'clock and will remain open until 5 o'clock, and no longer. The prospects are that an enormous vote will be polled on account of the election being held on a holiday, when all stores and factories, as well as offices, are closed. Both for this reason and because of the great number of candidates offering themselves for election, there may be congestion in many sub-divisions where a large number of voters are registered. The man that reaches his polling booth at an early hour not only will cast his ballot in comfort but will greatly assist the returning officers.

The first duty of the voter is to make sure that the ballots he casts will be counted. Unless the instructions have been carefully studied it will be easy to make a mistake. There will be many spoiled ballots. Yours will not be among them if the following facts are observed:

For Controller.

Each ratepayer has four votes. He may give these to one candidate, or he may give one vote to each of four candidates, or divide his votes as he sees fit. If, however, he mark more than four crosses on his ballot it will be void and not counted.

For Aldermen.

Each ratepayer may vote for three aldermen in every ward wherein he is assessed, but may not give more than one vote to any candidate. He must vote for the Boards of Control and Education in the sub-division in which he resides.

For Board of Education.

Each ratepayer may vote for twelve candidates, or may cast three votes for each of four candidates, or divide his votes as he sees fit, so long as he makes no more than twelve crosses on the ballot and no more than three after the name of any one candidate.

The electors are also asked to express their wishes on the proposition that the city should advance $50,000 toward the establishment of a municipal sanitarium for consumptives and will place a cross opposite the word "yea" or "nay" as they see fit.

Ald. Starr's meeting last night in Douglas Hall was much better attended than his former gatherings, probably on account of it being held in his own bailiwick. There were about 100 voters present, who gave the alderman good attention. E. P. Hallett occupied the chair, and on the platform were Ald. John Dunn and S. W. Burns and John Galbraith, T. L. Church, L. S. Levee and Dr. Thompson, candidates for the Board of Education, all of whom endorsed Ald. Starr and asked for personal support. Messrs. McGillicuddy, O'Halloran and Hammond, ratepayers in the ward, also said a few words in support of the candidate for controller.

Ald. Starr dwelt on his action in securing public playgrounds, and on the matter of the Berkeley-street fire house, and also resented the attacks being made on him by an evening newspaper. He drew attention to the impotance of the radial railway and electric energy questions which would have to be settled by the incoming Council and would need careful attention from the best men that could be selected.

Ald. Dunn devoted considerable attention to J. B. Hay, whom he characterized as the candidate of the Grand Trunk Railway. He intimated that his own course would be the same as he had heretofore pursued. The meeting closed with cheers for the King and the candidate.

The eve of the battle for the Board of Control found Controller John Loudon one of the strongest candidates in the field. Controller Loudon is regarded as invincible in Ward 3 and the vote that he will get from the city at large practically assures him of election. He has a record of steady fidelity to the city's interests, and while his conduct in Council has not been spectacular it has appealed to the great body of people who will cast their votes to-day.

Ald. Hubbard's chances have improved wonderfully since he entered the race for controllership. The citizens of Toronto remember the good work he has done, particularly in the re-organization of the fire brigade and the improvement of the Island. He will poll a heavy vote.

Election day certainly opened auspiciously for Controller Frederick Richardson. The popular young candidate from Ward 1 has proceeded on the principle that the people should know the man that they are asked to elect to the Board of Control. Carrying out this idea, he has addressed the ratepayers in various parts of the city and has told them upon what ground he appears for re-election to the board. Controller Richardson's work on the board and in the City Council has on the whole been good, and he deserves a cordial support.

Ald. F. S. Spence askes the people to elect him to the Board of Control on the strength of an aldermanic record that is open to small criticism. He is recognized as one of the ablest men who have been identified with the City Council, and his strong public sympathies are freely recognized. Ald. Spence is a consistent friend of municipal own-

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DR. CHISHOLM ACCEPTS.

Wingham, Dec. 31.—Dr. T. Chisholm of Wingham has accepted the nomination of the Conservatives of East Huron for the Dominion election.

DROPPING AN OLD CUSTOM.

MISS COLUMBIA: Land sakes! looks like he wa'nt goin' tew call.

Canada Draws Statesers Thru Generous Land Laws

Representative Mondell Sees Large Numbers of Excellent Settlers Crossing Border.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Representative Mondell, chairman of the Committee on Arid Lands, who appeared to-day before the commission appointed by the President to enquire into the present land laws of the United States, with a view to their amendment to meet criticisms existing thruout the country, stated that the Dominion of Canada, thru its generous land laws, is drawing monthly large numbers of the most excellent settlers from this country across the line into British Columbia.

"The policy of the United States," said Mr. Mandell, "of recent years has been to hamper homestead makers rather than to assist them in seeking homes, and our neighboring sister, Canada, has evidently observed our mistake and has offered, and is offering, most generous propositions to secure sturdy settlers to fill up its vast domain.

"Over there a homesteader may take up a tract of 200 acres and after two years' residence make a purchase at the rate of $1 per acre, and in addition may take additional land upon the most reasonable terms, and also may secure long-term leases to other adjacent lands. This enables a sturdy young man with a few hundred dollars to obtain a homestead of greater extent than we offer for less money.

"The climate of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, the portion now being settled by Americans, is not more rigorous than that of Idaho, Wyoming or Montana, and in reality the lands are somewhat better. In my country alone twenty-five families have abandoned their homes within the past year and gone into Canada. The States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska have suffered even to a larger extent."

Happy New Year—Vote J. C. Clarke.

IN DISRAELI'S FOOTSTEPS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 1.—Blackwood's shows the fact that Disraeli in 1872 sketched a plan for the consolidation of the empire by means of an imperial tariff, colonial military aid and the whole scheme that Mr. Chamberlain is pursuing.

Help your boys by voting for J. C. Clarke.

STAND BY TRADITIONS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 1.—The Post says that the British colonies will thrill with pride and the proposals for a closer union of the empire will derive fresh weight is Great Britain stands by her old traditions in the Far East.

Try the top barrel, 35 Colborne-street.

WOULD ENDANGER THE BOND.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 1.—The News in its first studies takes the ground that if Canadian manufacturers are taxed a powerful section of the Dominion will be struck, endangering the bond of the empire.

Drink Radnor, the best of mixers.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

New Year's Day.
Municipal elections — polls open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Methodist Young People's Rally, Massey Hall, 10 a.m.
Canary and Cage Bird Show, St. Paul's Hall, 10 a.m.
Westminster Abbey Glee Club, Massey Hall, 8.
Y. W. C. G. at home, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Y. W. C. G. at Central Y. M. C. A., 3 p.m.
Barkethall at Y. M. C. G., 3 p.m.
Lieut.-Gov. Clark receives at Government House, 4 to 6 p.m.
Princess, "Pretty Peggy," 2—8.
Grand, "The Fortune Teller," 2—8.
Majestic, "Child Slaves of New York," 2—8.
Shea's, Vaudeville, 2—8.
Star, Burlesque, 2—8.

TO ARRANGE NEW DATES.

Rota Judges Will Meet Lawyers in Election Cases Monday.

The rota judges have called together the lawyers in charge of the election protests to arrange for new dates for the trials, if necessary. If the respondents consent the trials may go on on the dates fixed, but there is not much likelihood that they will consent. Therefore, there will be a postponement in each case.

The government will, under the circumstances, meet the House with a majority of two. One of the Conservative members, Col. Matheson of South Lanark, is ill with a slight attack of pneumonia, but a despatch from Perth last night stated that he was much better, and in all probability he will be able to attend the opening of the legislature.

Meerschaum Pipes reduced, 25 per cent. off what we have left. Alive Bollard.

TYPOS WANT NEW SCALE.

A new scale of wages is to be prepared by the Allied Printing Trades Council at a meeting to be held shortly. Their contract expires with the bosses on the first of June this year. A meeting has been arranged for to take place in a couple of weeks, at which the employers will be represented. They will then try to make some satisfactory agreement that will ensure the continuance of work by the prompt signing of the agreement in June.

Briar in cases reduced 25 per cent. what we have left. Alive Bollard.

Commence the New Year Well.

Every one should make good resolutions for the New Year, and none would give you more benefit than that to determine to drink Radnor Water for the next twelve months, after which you will find that it has done you so much good that you will afterwards keep it for your natural life.

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Don't fail to see the Poultry and Pigeon Show in St. Andrew's Hall to-day. Admission 10 cents.

Radnor with Scotch and Rye, on the New Year.

BIRTHS.

MOORE—At Woodville, on Monday, Dec. 28, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

WALTON—FERRELL—At the residence of the bride's father, on Dec. 30, 1903, by the Rev. J. A. Brown, Thomas T. Walton, Esq., to Hannah Amelia, only daughter of Mr. Arch. Ferrell, all of Scarboro.

DEATHS.

YOUNG—At the family residence, Etobicoke, on Thursday, Dec. 31, Elizabeth Jane (Lizzie), youngest daughter of James A. Young, aged 19 years 3 months.
Funeral to Knox Church Cemetery, Scarboro, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1904, at 10 a.m.

PRITCHARD—At Brockville Hospital, from the result of injuries received by a fall, Robert Hiett Pritchard, the beloved son of George and Eleanor Pritchard, aged 25 years.
Funeral Friday, Jan. 1, at 2 p.m., from St. Clement's Church, Eglinton, to St. John's Churchyard, York Mills.

ASHENFELTER—At Toronto, Dec. 30, of pneumonia, Oliver L. Ashenfelter, aged 58, of Evening Telegram staff.
Funeral Saturday, at 3 o'clock, from 227 Clinton-street.

DUKE—At his residence, corner Clinton and Baker-avenues, Deer Park, on Thursday, Dec. 31, 1903, Charles Duke, in his 79th year.
Funeral on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2, at 3.30 p.m.

BLATCHLEY—On Thursday morning, at his residence, 119 Rose-avenue, William D. Blatchley, in his 66th year.
Funeral private.

COOKE—At 29 Leopold-street, Toronto, on Thursday, Dec. 31, 1903, Dr. George Cooke, formerly of Chesley, Ont., aged 66 year

NORTH OXFORD LIBERALS WILL MEET JANUARY 12

Will Lose No Time Getting Their Candidate in Field for By-Election.

Woodstock, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The body of the late Andrew Pattullo, M. L.A. for North Oxford, will be interred in the Finchley burying ground, London, England, on Saturday. His brother, County Registrar G. R. Pattullo, received a cable this morning that arrangements had been made for the funeral, and that an inquest on the body would be held on New Year's Day.

Convention Jan. 12.

The executive of the North Oxford Liberal Association met this afternoon and decided to call a convention of the party on Jan. 12 to nominate candidates for both the Dominion parliament and the provincial legislature. There is only one man thought of for the Federal House. Hon. James Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, will again be the candidate. As for the nominee of the party for the local, everything is still in the air. There is no dearth of material, and the perplexing problem will be how to square everybody. Among the many who are being discussed it looks to an outsider very much like Mayor John White will show the greatest strength in convention. It is agreed that he would run well in the city, where the parties are about evenly divided, but in the farming districts he would be weak. George Smith of the law firm of Smith & Mahon is out for the nomination. He announced to The World that he was in the field and would stand or fall by the convention. He is better known in the north part of the riding than some of the other candidates, and it is believed he would make a good run. Others who have strong claims and are regarded as possibilities are Cpl. Munro of Embro, Walter Murray of Benheim, Malcolm Douglas of Woodstock, and John Krug of Tavistock. Woodstock Liberals laugh at the idea of a non-resident being selected. They say there are too many local men who ought to be given a chance, and the convention will undoubtedly choose one of these.

Conservatives Spectators.

While the Liberals are busy discussing the claims of the aspirants, the Conservatives appear to be content to stand by and watch how things are going for a while. They assert that they will present a united front to the enemy, but are just now doubtful of the wisdom of running a straight Conservative candidate. At the last election many of the guiding spirits would have been prepared to give their support to D. R. Ross, the independent Liberal, who was running as a prohibitionist. Unless Premier Ross is prepared to redeem his promise to the temperance people and enact some substantial mea-

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HEAD SEVERED FROM BODY.

Walter Barnard, at London, Killed by a Planer.

London, Dec. 31.—An unfortunate accident occurred at the works of the London Tool Co. this evening by which one of the workmen, Walter Barnard, lost his life. The unfortunate man was caught in one of the planers, his head being completely severed from his body. Exactly how the accident happened is not known, for it was at least one-quarter of an hour before the body was discovered. Death must have been instantaneous. Dr. McLaren, after examining the body, found an inquest unnecessary. The young man was 24 years of age.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR MEMBERS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 1.—Among the victorious members of the labor party in Australia are Mr. Findley, editor of The Melbourne Tocsin, who was expelled from the Victorian parliament for an obscene attack on the King, and Sir Edward Braddon, a brother novelist.

Box Marqueato Cigars 50c. Alive Bollard.

TURNING COLDER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 31.—(8 p.m.)—Another marked cold wave is spreading over the Territories and Manitoba, indicating a continuance of wintry conditions generally. Light snowfalls occurred over Ontario, also in Alberta and Assiniboia.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—46; Calgary, 12—22; Qu'Appelle, 4 below—16; Winnipeg, 8 below—10; Port Arthur, 2 below—16; Parry Sound, 4—24; Toronto, 16—26; Ottawa, 2—16; Montreal, zero—18; Quebec, zero—10; Halifax, 14—24.

Probabilities.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong west to northwest winds; light local snow falls or flurries, but mostly fair and turning colder.

Ottawa and St. Lawrence—Light snowfalls, followed by fresh to strong west to northwest winds and decidedly cold again by Saturday.

Gulf—Fresh to strong winds and light snowfalls.

Maritime—Fresh to strong winds, mostly south and west; a little milder; light snowfalls.

Superior—Fresh to strong west to northwest winds; fair and very cold to-day and on Saturday.

Radnor—the purest of table waters.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 31.	At.	From.
Majestic	New York	Liverpool
Bovic	New York	Liverpool
Pennsylvania	New York	Hamburg
Sarmatian	Boston	Glasgow
Teutonic	Liverpool	New York
Ethiopia	Glasgow	New York
Graf Waldersee	Hamburg	New York

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A song for the New Year! Exultant
As hours—
The dust of defeat hath not sullied
Its flowers,
But Fancy hath dipped them in rosemal dew,
And brought them—all blooming in beauty to you!

A song for the New Year! A clarion strong;
Achievement—thro service—refreshment thro song!
No mountain too mighty for Faith to remove;
No labor too lowly, transfigured by Love!

A song for the New Year! A message of Joy,
May never a discord its music alloy!
But, growing in sweetness and melody clear,
May it ever inspirit and strengthen and cheer!

—Ernest Neal Lyon.