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**HEAVY RAINS FLOOD**  
**THE STREETS OF TRURO**  
Water, Backed up by Ice Jam, Causes Much Inconvenience—People Forced to Live in Upper Portions of Houses.

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 23.—For twenty-four hours Truro has had the greatest flood experienced in the remembrance of its oldest citizens. Three days rained the brooks and rivers all over the country. About 1 o'clock this morning a great mass of ice above Salmon River broke loose with a loud report and swept down the heavily swollen stream with a roar. A temporary blockade occurred at the bridge and backed the water up so that the road was overflowed between the bridge and Bible Hill and covered with three feet of water.

The collapse of some twenty houses along the road were filled and the houses surrounded so no one could leave. Another ice jam a little further back up the flood so that the water around the Stanfield's factories and flooded all the houses in Water street. When the jams broke away the whole of Truro was quickly covered in water which backed up into the suburbs and surrounded all the houses on Ford street and Park street extension.

The seething ice floe gathered great force and the water rose gradually forcing the inhabitants from the lower flats to the upper stories of the houses. All the provisions and furniture were moved up stairs and the fires extinguished by water. It rose above the windows and at 2 o'clock a general alarm was rung in to rescue the 100 or more people imprisoned in the upper rooms of the houses.

The residents from one of the almost submerged houses were rescued after a long siege of hard fighting with the ice and water.

Branford Carroll of Lowell, Mass., who created a disturbance in R. E. Coupe's drug store, was brought before the court on Saturday. Judge Ritchie gave orders to Detective Killen to see who was responsible for bringing him to St. John and then to see that he was sent back across the border and not made a charge on the community.

Amherst News, Thursday: Word was received today that H. J. Logan, M. P., was suffering from a severe cold in Ottawa, but he was endeavoring to arrange to get home before Christmas. His son, Wallace, arrived in Amherst today and is the guest of Henry Hunter.

**Coughs**  
Ask your doctor his experience with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in hard colds, hard coughs, bronchitis, weak throats, weak lungs. Then profit by it. If he has anything better, use that. If he says Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is all right, then use that. Get the best there is, always, for the best is none too good. Keep in mind this—hold for over 60 years!

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**ST. JOHN STAR.**  
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The Star wishes all its readers a very Merry Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS.**  
Today is the real Christmas. Tomorrow is our own home where we enjoy the only and pardonably selfish time of the whole season, by receiving gifts from intimate friends, eating big dinners, and having a real nice holiday.

Christmas Eve is the day on which we give to others, on which we bustle about buying presents for all and when we try to perform a small part of that duty which, as a rule is not faithfully carried out during the year. The message of the angels, when the Great Gift was bestowed on this suffering world, was "Goodwill to men," but most of us regard the poor and needy, and suffering, as persons deserving of alms, and what we do for them we look upon as charity. We have no more reason to take credit to ourselves for this form of so-called generosity than we have for a feeling of self-satisfaction at the success which attends our own efforts in life. It is our duty, and it should be a pleasure to care for others to make another the pathway of life for those less fortunate than ourselves. We are commanded to help the poor, and we are commanded not to steal. It is just as much a duty to be thoughtful for others as it is to be honest. The poor who suffer through no fault of their own are our brothers, and we are their keepers.

Charity comes in when we exercise generosity towards those other brethren who are not deserving, whose way of life is such as to destroy all sympathy. But we have no right to judge; we are told only to aid; and to-day is the one day of the year in which our gifts should be most bountiful. But why confine the Christmas spirit to such a brief period? It should be in evidence during the whole year, and at no time ought we to neglect our duty by neglecting the needy.

**HEROES.**  
There are still heroes to be found in everyday life. Years ago the immortal Jim Bladose "held her nose" against the bank till the last gallop was ashore. Only recently the mate of one of our own river steamers remained at his post in the wheelhouse with flames bursting all about him, until he had reached the David Weston and permitted the rescue of passengers and crew. At no time ought we to neglect our duty by neglecting the needy.

**THE KAISER WARS ON CATS.**  
Every cat owner in Berlin has now to pay a tax, which has to be a metal disc round its neck as evidence that the tax has been paid. Any cat found on the street without this metal disc is taken to the municipal lethal chamber by the police. This method has already considerably lessened the number of cats in Berlin. The Emperor who has a hatred for cats, is said to have induced the Berlin municipality to take action.

**BREAKING THE NEWS.**  
"Mamma, what would you do if that big vase in the parlor should get broken?" said Tommy.  
"I should throw whoever did it," said Mrs. Banks, gazing severely at her little son.  
"Well, then, you'd better begin to look after that vase," said Tommy, glibly, "cos father's broken it."

**THE STRUGGLE FOR CULTURE.**  
Pragmatism in its all-aroundness must consider pluralism. Monism must establish unity, otherwise it is a failure. Pluralism may easily be satisfied with a small number. Pragmatism abuses monism and also absolute pluralism. Since monism must be abolished with pluralism, from reports of a lecture in the Boston Transcript.

**DEATH COMES INSTEAD OF GOLDEN SECRET.**  
Alchemist and His Family Blown to Pieces on Eve of Great Discovery.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—M. Capel, a distinguished chemist and alchemist, who has long been trying to manufacture gold, brought about the death of himself and his entire family last night just when he believed that he had solved the golden riddle.

M. Capel had recently hinted to several people that he had made an important discovery in his experiments at gold production, and he wrote to his brother saying that he believed he was on the way toward solving the problem. He called his wife and three children into his laboratory at Pontet last night and showed them what appeared to be a nugget of gold.

He was explaining to them the process he had used, when he inadvertently pushed a basin containing some gunpowder too near the lamp. A terrific explosion followed, blowing up the entire laboratory and leaving it a heap of ruins.

Neighbors rushed to the rescue, and with great difficulty were able to recover the shattered bodies of the alchemist, his wife and three children. The wife was still able to speak, but she died on her way to the hospital. The alchemist has left no trace of his secret discovery.

Advertising is, indeed, one of the great developments of the century.—From an article in Self Culture Magazine.

John Mullin fell in a fit on Union street yesterday morning about nine o'clock. He was taken to Love's Hotel, where he soon recovered.

**DEATHS.**  
McCARTEY.—In this city, on the 23rd inst., Matilda, widow of William McCartney, leaving three sons and one daughter, to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p. m., from the residence of her son, Frederick McCartney, 9 Binodis street.

**DALTON.**—In this city on Dec. 21st, of diphtheria, Sylvia May Dalton, aged years and 11 months, beloved child of Edwin and Bertha Dalton. A sleep in Jesus.

**GOODWIN.**—At her father's residence, 163 Guilford street, W. E. on Saturday, Dora Elizabeth, daughter of C. W. Goodwin, aged two years and ten months.

**REID.**—Died suddenly at Gardner's Creek, Dec. 14th, of heart failure, George Reid, in the 54th year of his age, leaving a wife and five children to mourn their loss.

**STEAMER STRATHCONA**  
**DESTROYED BY FIRE**  
Blaze Started at Sea but She Was Beached in Time to Save the Crew—There Was Dynamite on Board.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—The new steamer Strathcona, owned in Halifax and running on the eastern shore of Nova Scotia, took fire last night as she was entering Port Dufferin and was totally destroyed with the cargo. The passengers, who numbered thirty, and the crew were saved.

The Strathcona left Halifax at noon on Saturday for Sydney and intermediate points. About 8.30 o'clock inside of Beaver Light, fire was discovered, and it appeared to be under the saloon. The flames spread rapidly through the ship.

Forty boxes of dynamite were thrown overboard, and Captain Reid, who was in command, ordered full speed ahead, and got all the boats ready, which was done.

The engineers remained in the engine room until the fire drove them out. The man at the wheel stood at his post until the wheel ropes were burned off and he was nearly enveloped in flames.

Captain Reid succeeded in beaching the steamer at Smiley's Point, but there was not a moment to spare although the passengers were almost panic-stricken, rendering it more difficult for the captain's orders to be obeyed, all hands were got ashore.

The passengers and crew lost everything, many of them reaching shore only half clad.

Among the passengers were five ladies. The night was densely dark and it was raining, but the thaw that has prevailed and which still continues saved the escaping passengers from the rigors of the frost which has prevailed up to this time. Captain Reid himself was the last to leave the steamer.

**RUSSIAN PRINCE IN**  
**BOLD GANG OF THIEVES**  
Many Outrages Perpetrated by Terrorists, Party in the Russian Provinces.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The chief of police at Nizhny was leaving the theatre last night when he was mortally wounded by two shots in the back. The assassin, who was severely wounded and was arrested, declared before he died that he had been chosen to execute the Terrorists' death warrant.

A house owner named Badinoff, of Tiflis, who has been repeatedly exhorted to pay the Terrorists \$1,000, was killed in the open street before his children's eyes. The murderer escaped.

Yesterday a gang of armed robbers entered Gukassoff's magazine, at Tiflis, and demanded money. They fired revolvers, killed an attendant, Gukassoff fired back, and killed one of the robbers. Another was arrested, and the remainder fled, but were caught later. Among them was a nobleman, named Tikhovskoye, and Prince Alajalov.

**OPERA TONIGHT.**  
The much-talked about engagement of The Robinson Opera Company commences at the Opera House tonight, with a presentation of the amusing musical comedy "The Telephone Girl."

The cast includes such high-class artists as Jack Henderson, Frank D. Nelson, Mae Kilevney, Esther Wallace, Essie Barton, Daisy Howard, Frank V. French, Geo. A. Pritch, Rudolph Koeh, John Moore, Harry Nelson and Victor Delaney. The company has just completed a most successful season in St. John's, Nfld., playing a record-breaking engagement of thirty-eight consecutive performances in that city. The season's work has put a snap and finish to the performances and the work of the entire company is most excellent throughout.

Tomorrow at the Matine La Mascotte will be presented.

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**RAIDED BY LIONS,**  
**TRADER KILLS FOUR**  
Terrible Predicament of White Man and Natives Guarding Cattle Kraal.

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While encamped at the Luange river he was awakened by the noise of lions attacking the cattle kraal. MacMillan secured two heavy revolvers, and, accompanied by armed native helpers, took up his position on an ant heap and fired at the lions, several of which had already entered the kraal.

Two lions were badly wounded, and, roaring with pain, they dashed at MacMillan. They were quickly dispatched, but not before two of the natives had been badly mangled.

A third wounded lion then charged the ant heap, and as MacMillan and his men had exhausted their ammunition they were forced to retreat into the bush until daybreak. Then they saw three wounded lions leave the kraal and seek shelter in the bush.

Inside the kraal they found two more dead lions, making a total of four killed and three wounded. The lions had killed eleven oxen, seven cows and five calves.

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**Slippers & Christmas.**  
**WISE OLD SANTA CLAUS**

Will buy more slippers this year than ever before. He considers slippers one of the most useful Christmas Gifts than can be made. Many and many a foot is now wondering if Santa Claus will bring a pair of nice warm SLIPPERS on Christmas morning. Some are little feet, some are big feet, but all feet are alike to Santa Claus—he will bring them, if you but give him the hint. Put "Slippers" on your gift list—Santa Claus will do the rest.

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**ACTION AT LAW**  
**OVER QUARTER CENT**  
Its Non-Payment Leads to the Rejection of Probably Profitable Patent.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—Two inventors named Mach and Lagodalla have brought an action for \$2,800, which they allege they have lost by the non-payment of half a farthing.

They protested at the German patent office a contrivance to prevent accidents in working cranes, the yearly payment being \$87.50. This amount was calculated by the Austrian postal service and duly sent by postoffice order, however, declared that the amount received was one-eighth of a penny less than the sum due, and sent two notices of the inventors' agent asking for the balance.

As the notices were disregarded, the patent office declared the patent lapsed. The inventors have now brought their action against their agent for neglect in failing to pay the extra half farthing.

**VIC. TICKETS TOMORROW!**  
Buy your tickets for Victoria Bink this evening or tomorrow. On Christmas day clerks will be in attendance at the rink office to meet all who desire season tickets. The prices are quoted in the regular advertisement column. Tomorrow morning at St. John children are cordially invited to have a free skate. In the afternoon and evening the band will be in attendance.

**LAST WORD FROM M. R. A'S.**  
Shortly after 8.30 this forenoon M. R. A's stores were crowded, and towards dinner time the rush continued. This afternoon a steady stream of shoppers is still flowing in and out the various doorways. Bargain fancy goods, gloves, neckwear, men's furnishings, furniture, etc., etc., are being sold in larger quantities than for many a 24th of December. Tonight the wifely comelines at 7.15 and end when the crowd dwindles away home. Deliveries up to a late hour.

I.C.P. Detective Williams has recovered the cameo brooch which was in the valise owned by Mrs. Grace Denison. Stolen from the Bonaventure depot, Montreal. The brooch, which was highly valued as an heirloom, was found in the house at Halifax of William Hannabury, the young man arrested at Moncton and recently sentenced to two years imprisonment for valise theft—Hs. Chronicle.