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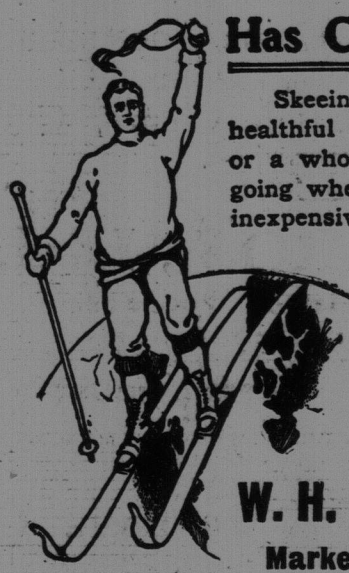
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## The Norwegian Skee



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Skeeing is by far the liveliest and most healthful of winter sports for one, two or a whole club of people; makes easy going wherever there is snow; affords inexpensive fun for all ages.

We handle the exclusive and special "TAJCO" Skee styles of the Theo. A. Johnson Co., are prepared to furnish the very best Skees made, in any size desired, at a moderate price.

**W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.**  
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Prices, \$3.50, \$4.50 to \$7.50

For Christmas Suggestions  
See Page 7.

## American Clothing House,

Outfitters to Men Youths and Boys,  
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## New Xmas Gifts OPENED TODAY.

**Thomas J. Flood,**  
60 KING STREET,  
Opp. Macaulay Bros.

UMBRELLAS—In Gold, Silver and Pearl mountings, from \$2.50 to \$10.

CUT GLASS—Vases, Bowls, Trays, Bon Bon Dishes.

LEATHER DRESSING CASES, Gent's and Lady's Hand Bags, Purse, Card Cases, Music Rolls, Writing Portfolios.

BOOKS—Padded Morocco, Poets, \$2.50 Edition at \$1.00.

PICTURE FRAMES and Engravings and Etchings. All the latest Colored Pictures.

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There are genuine bargains here in Men's Overcoats and they are selling quickly too. When you think that our regular cash prices are from \$2.00 to \$3.50 lower than others and then a cut of from \$2.50 to \$5.00 from those already low prices it means rare bargains. Do you want an overcoat?

Men's Overcoats, Regular \$8.00 to \$20.00,  
Now selling at \$4.95, 6, 7.50, 8.75, 10.40 and \$15

See our Underwear, Gloves, Mufflers, Ties, Etc.

**J. N. HARVEY,** Clothing and Furnishing  
199 to 207 Union St.

## ACCUSES THE VATICAN OF DEMANDING A BRIBE.

**Sensational Attack Published in Germany—In France There Has Not as Yet Been Any Serious Trouble—Many Messages Received by the Pope**

ROME, Dec. 13.—Enormous numbers of telegrams expressing sympathy are arriving at the Vatican, and the Vatican officials are beginning to turn them over to the Observator Romano for publication.

Tonight's paper publishes two such messages. One is from Archbishop Ireland to the Pope, and the other is from the Pope to the Archbishop of Ireland.

The second message is from the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States, and is signed by Archbishop Quigley, Bourgade and Messrs.

Commenting upon the two messages the Pope is reported to have said: "Far distant America is always the first to respond when religion, sentiment and patriotism are concerned."

The Pope was gratified to learn from tonight's despatches that the incidents of the day in Paris had not been serious, but he expressed the deepest concern over the situation of thousands of parish priests, "innocent and humble victims of the revolution who had been despoiled and turned out."

Monsieur Montagnini was engaged with the Secretary of State the entire day. He saw the Pope again today. It had been learned that Monsignor Montagnini was able to save and bring away with him a considerable number of important documents. This was accomplished through the assistance of a friend, Dr. Froja, who was staying with him at Paris. As soon as Dr. Froja learned that the revolution was being searched he escaped from the building with a handbag crammed full of papers. Dr. Froja is the mysterious friend of Mgr. Montagnini whom the French newspapers tried in vain to identify.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—The National Zeitung publishes an extract from a certain unpublished portion of the Von Hohenzollern memoirs which declares that Pope Leo XIII. at one time expressed the desire of a gift of \$100,000 from the Emperor of Germany in connection with a bill which was before the Reichstag in 1887 for the increase of the peace footing of the army. Prince Von Hohenzollern, whose opinion in this matter was asked, agreed thereto, but was advised withholding the money until the bill had been passed, but to at once inform the Pope that it would be given.

In the meantime the Pope was to be presented with a jewel of value. The explanation of this reported incident is that the clerical party was opposed to the passage of the bill in question and the \$100,000 presumably was intended to secure its favorable vote.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The first day of the regime of the separation of Church and State having passed without grave disorders, public interest in the details already is flagging. It is now apparent that the resistance of the clergy will be purely passive and that there is no prospect of religious passions being aroused unless the churches are closed.

The government therefore is content of its own and will continue to do so until parliament authorizes the drastic measures which the cabinet is preparing. In the meantime in churches where legal applications were filed, the police again took note of infractions of the law at the morning masses. Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, is awaiting expulsion from the Episcopal manse in regard to the government, however, desires to avoid the appearance of forced case of the aged primate, who is in frail health.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The house of lords has reversed the decision of the appeal court in the West Riding case in regard to the payment for religious instructions. Holds that the city council is bound to pay for the whole, religious as well as secular. The lords thus uphold the original interpretation of the act of 1892, under which the "passive registers" headed by Dr. Clifford were fined and imprisoned.

**JAPAN SAID TO BE ACTING UNFAIRLY WITH RUSSIA**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—The relations of the Russian and Japanese diplomats who are negotiating the treaty of commerce between their respective countries have been seriously strained by the publication of an act obviously inspired from Nagasaki, of a dispatch reflecting upon the good faith of Russia regarding the institution of the "open door" and insinuating that she is getting her troops out of Manchuria.

This Japanese statement is characterized here as an issue of inexactitudes, designed to influence the public opinion of the world, while Japan is taking advantage of Russia's weakness to obtain profit never contemplated by the Treaty of Portsmouth.

**GENERAL NOGI WAS THROWN FROM HIS HORSE**

TOKIO, Dec. 13.—General Nogi, the Japanese commander who captured Port Arthur, was thrown from his horse today while returning home from the palace. He fell on his head and became unconscious.

His condition caused apprehension.

**TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION**

WANTED—Two first class carpenters wanted immediately. Apply A. E. HAMILTON, 150 Brussels street.

WANTED—AT once, girl for general housework. MRS. CHIPMAN, 38 Peters Street.

## FIREMEN WORKED WITH MERCURY 15 BELOW

The Cottage Occupied by Thomas King at Sussex Was Destroyed This Morning.

SUSSEX, N. B., Dec. 14.—The pretty cottage owned by Mrs. William Walthour of Campbellton, and occupied by Thomas King, was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The firemen fought the fire for three hours in a temperature 15 below zero. Mr. King saved a small part of his furniture. The house was insured for \$500 in the Sun; furniture \$100 in the Anglo-American.

Proceeds of the supper and fancy sale by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church last night amounted to \$124.

**MADE A DESPERATE EFFORT TO CATCH THE LEADERS**

Biddell and Walthour Spurred for Sixteen Minutes but Failed to Make a Gain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The contestants in the six-day bicycle race were grinding out laps in a mechanical manner this morning after an eventful night. The positions, however, were unchanged, according to the riders, although the spectators believe that Biddell and George had been lapped by a sensational sprint. The spurt was started when a split second before the start.

Walthour and Biddell, smarting under a decision rendered an hour earlier, when a split second before the start, they had nearly won, started at a mad pace that kept all the riders bent over their handle bars to do their best and kept the spectators in a continual roar of cheers and excitement. Receiving each other every few laps, Walthour and Biddell kept going at their best pace and forced the other riders to call on their partners for help and relief. George and Stoll, whose partners had been hurt in the spill at 2 a. m. were the only riders who could not get relief and they had to bear the brunt of the fight for their team. It was killing work and they finally lagged to such an extent that it was thought they had lost a lap when the spurt was suspended.

The score, however, when it was rung up at four o'clock showed no change.

Biddell and Walthour are in good shape and they have promised to make the race interesting before the day is over. They protested earnestly early today when just as they seemed to be about to gain a lap, Fogler fell causing a spill. They claimed that the fall occurred purposely and for a time they refused to ride again until something was done. They were appeased and the race which had been delayed an hour was resumed.

8 a. m.—Score: The nine leaders, 1,736 miles; Walthour-Biddell, 1,735 miles; Biddell-Samsen, one lap less, and Galvin and Wiley, 1,736 miles flat. Record, 2,014-3.

**PASSIVE RESISTERS ARE SUBJECT TO FINES**

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**KING OSCAR BETTER.**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 14.—King Oscar's condition today, showing considerable improvement. Towards noon this official bulletin was issued: King Oscar passed a quiet night. He slept six hours, only coughed a little and his temperature this morning was 100.9 (Fahrenheit). His pulse still is irregular but there is no increase of phlegm in the lungs. The patient's general condition is fairly satisfactory.

Bulletins will be published hereafter twice daily, at 11 a. m. and 9 p. m.

The Star has received from Tilley & Fairweather, general agents of the Railway Passengers' Accident Assurance Co., a handsome desk calendar which they are now issuing for 1907. The Railway Passengers' Accident Assurance Company is the oldest accident company in the world and one of the strongest.

**THE DEATH LIST ON THE GREAT LAKES**

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Practically all the goods were found on the men arrested. It is understood that there are four in the gang which was seen at the International station about twelve last night. A number of burglaries have occurred in Amherst, Point de Bute and other places of late. The folks arrested here from Amherst, their names being Arthur Troop, and Fred Culliver.

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**LAURENTIAN DOCKED THIS FORENOON**

Brought Eight Passengers to St. John—A Rough Passage Out.

The Allan Line Laurentian, Captain Pitts, arrived in port early this morning. She docked at the I. C. R. pier at 9 o'clock.

Twenty-two cabin passengers came out, fourteen of whom landed at Hill street. The eight who arrived here are: C. C. Siavel, Wm. Smith, Sergeant Fairlie, W. Stevenson, Mrs. R. Stey, Taylor and S. Welch. This is the Laurentian's first trip to this port this season. She had a very rough passage out, heavy westerly gales having been encountered with the warning that they should have looked after the dog licenses earlier.

The work of serving the summonses has been quite a task for the police officers. In the North End there were 215 summonses and all but thirteen were served. The west side dog owners were all pretty well served, while there are still a large number in the South End to be attended to.

In the court this morning there were many excuses why licenses had not been taken out. One man promised to go immediately and procure a license. A prominent citizen pleaded that he was unable to give his dog away; a well known vocalist said he would have been quite willing to pay a license if his dog was alive but some person had to give his dog away; a well known man said he did not think it necessary to pay a license on the corpse. Then there were men who claimed that they at one time owned dogs but had sent them to the country.

One fire department driver said he had sent his dog to the country, another driver of the department informed the magistrate that his dog was a wee little one and that his honor might be able to see it any day on King street east. The magistrate said if it was the dog he saw the members of the company might easily contribute to its license, for they all seemed to own it. The driver said it was unnecessary as he had taken out a license for it. He was excused. Another man said the dog he was asked to pay for was not his but his country brother-in-law's. The father-in-law at times visited the son-in-law, the dog followed, liked the place, and when father-in-law left for the woods, dog Tray remained behind for a feed, and after loading up like a camel added to the old homestead once more to bark after the cattle.

Another man said that his wife claimed that the police had not yet received their license. They were excused while an enquiry will be made.

Another man said he had sent his dog to St. Martins, that the canine had returned to St. John but only for a few days, and left again for St. Martins as if in terror of being fined.

**FUNERALS.**

The funeral of the late Mrs. George W. Martell took place from her husband's residence, Carleton street, at 10 o'clock. The body was taken to Gondola Point, where interment took place.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Tower was placed in its last resting place in Fernhill cemetery this afternoon. The funeral took place from her late residence, Rockland street, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. D. Hutchins conducted the burial service.

The police found a horse blanket on Sydney street last night.

**THE Christmas Sun**

The Christmas Edition of THE SUN, to be issued tomorrow, will be the Biggest and Best Two-Cent's Worth of Reading Matter and Pictures ever printed in St. John.

The edition will consist of 28 pages, beautifully illustrated in colors and containing a splendid selection of Christmas Stories and Articles by John Kendrick Bange and other famous authors. The edition will be limited to 8,000 copies and orders for extra copies must be placed today.

## ALL PASSENGER RECORDS WILL BE BROKEN TODAY.

POUNDED HIS HEAD WITH A COBBLER'S HAMMER

A Fight on the Donaldson Liner Marine Which Will End in the Police Court.

There was a lively scrap last night on board the Donaldson Liner Marine, with the result that a fireman named Shelly was severely injured on the head.

Shelly appeared in the police court this morning with a couple of friends, stokers off the Marine, and he claimed that last night there was a little beer going and that a fireman named McAfee got into an altercation with him which resulted in a cowardly assault.

"McAfee had used his fists," said Shelly, "it would not have been so bad, but he took a cobbler's hammer and hammered me over the head."

Shelly's appearance showed that his statement regarding punishment was pretty nearly correct. His head was all bandaged, and the blood showed through the bandage. McAfee apparently had no regard for Shelly's skull and if the onslaught had not been stopped when it was Shelly might not have been able to reach the police court. A warrant was sworn out for McAfee's arrest and the case will be given a hearing tomorrow morning.

**STEAMER CLARA ASHORE.**

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 14.—The steamer Clara, from Montreal is running in four sections, the first one of which, with about three hundred passengers, reached the city at two o'clock. The second, third and fourth sections follow at intervals of an hour, the one bearing the overseas mail being West St. John at five o'clock. The different sections of the express with passengers bound for Liverpool are not coming to the city, but will run right down to Sand Point, where the transfer can be easily made.

Between nine and ten o'clock a train left Union depot carrying to the West Side the passengers for the Empress who had previously arrived in the city. They all went on board the steamer and got comfortably settled for the voyage.

So far as can be estimated now there will be from 150 to 200 first cabin passengers, 250 to 400 second cabin and 700 to 750 in the steerage. The mails will be rushed on board as soon as the train arrives and the Empress will leave somewhere between seven and nine o'clock this evening.

**SOME ORIGINAL EXCUSES MADE BY DOG OWNERS**

There was an unusual scene in the police court this morning when the player after he had licensed it, and that the dog returned, but had been again given away.

Still another man claimed that the dog he had been summoned about belonged to his daughter who intended talking out a license today.

There were numerous other excuses and while there have been a great number of licenses taken out as a result of the raid on delinquents, the cash receipts at the police court this morning were not of a startling nature, for the majority who appeared were armed with licenses and thus escaped fines.

A large number who failed to appear in answer to the summons will be called on again and may suffer the penalty of four dollars.

**NOT \$7,000 IN DIAMONDS, BUT 50c. IN GLASS BEADS**

The article in a morning paper stating that a box of diamonds, valued at \$7,000 had been stolen from the I. C. R. warehouse, was a fake. Allan Ina, Thomas Maloney, head checker stated that the story was far fetched and that no box of diamond necklaces had been placed in the shed.

The other checkers also claimed that no robbery had taken place.

Mr. Taskles, local manager of the Allan line here, says that the reporter had been given a false story, as no diamonds are missing.

The yarn originated in this way. The Sarmatian brought here a large quantity of cheap glass beads. One of these beads got broken and an employe in the freight shed related the yarn to the reporter, stating that the lost property was a \$7,000 box of diamonds, while in reality only about fifty cents worth of beads went astray.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 14.—The life saving station reports a steamer ashore. The life saving crew have gone to her assistance. The identity of the vessel is not yet known. The Mantoloking life saving station is 23 miles south of Sandy Hook.

This morning at eight o'clock a C. P. R. steamer passed Brier Island, bound for St. John and is due here this afternoon. It is expected that it is the Montclair from Bristol.

The police report that the glass in William Smith's window on Brussels street was broken by some unknown person last night.

Seven drunks were given the usual sentences this morning in the police court.