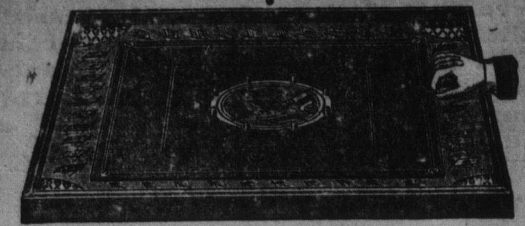


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## AMERICAN FLAG IS A FARCE.

Not Emblem of Liberty Says One Yankee.

American Manufacturer Refuses to Toast the Flag Which Does Not Protect Non-Union Workers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—William D. O'Brien, toastmaster at the banquet of Contractors and Builders at the Auditorium Hotel, refused to toast the American flag as an emblem of liberty. "Why, the emblem of liberty is a farce," he cried, "when men are shot down in the streets because they are trying to earn an honest living; when we are afraid to assert our rights for fear some labor organization will oppose us."

"It is ridiculous," he declared, "to think you should be obliged to waste your time discussing your rights with walking delegates, business agents and labor leaders. You have your rights, and no man should be able to step in and dictate to you where your rights begin and end. We want to make this national organization so strong that it will never again be necessary for us to confer day after day with these leaders to obtain our rights."

"It is a man is not a union member and is loyal to you, you must be loyal to him. We must be able to obtain liberty in every sense of the word and not merely privileges. The conditions are disgraceful which make it necessary for us to consult with our employees at every step."

William Grace, contractor, of Chicago, declared that he was tired of being told what to do by Gompers and Mitchell and other labor leaders. Mr. Grace declared that the running of the United States mail cars without police protection during the recent strike had made him think that his rights and the rights of every American citizen were just as sacred as the mail cars.

By other speakers at the door of organized labor. The feeling for the "open shop" was strong.

## BAD BLAZE ON GERMAIN ST.

Fire Last Night Does About \$16,000 Damage.—J. A. Tufts & Son, the Greatest Losers.

The three-story brick building on the corner of Church and Germain streets, owned by J. A. Tufts & Son, was destroyed by fire last night. The alarm was sent in from box 23, shortly before twelve o'clock, and when the firemen reached the scene the flames had gained great headway, although confined chiefly to the upper portion of the building. The night was bitterly cold and the firemen had to fight against many disadvantages. At first the fire appeared to be a very bad one, but after about an hour, during which time some eight streams were playing on the building, the flames were under control and the fire was only a matter of drenching. This forenoon it was discovered that the fire had again broken out, in the rear of the building, and on the upper floor. No alarm was rung, but a hose cart was sent down and a number of men extinguished the flames.

The building was occupied by W. O. Dunham, furniture and upholstery; James A. Tufts & Son, Christmas goods; A. J. Lordy & Sons, furniture; and William Cameron, tailoring. These establishments have all suffered both by fire and water. Messrs. Tufts & Son estimate their loss at \$16,000. They carry \$3,500 insurance in the Anglo-American, \$2,000 in the Western, \$3,000 in the Sun, and \$1,000 each in the Ottawa, Manchester and Connecticut, or a total of \$11,500 on stock, and \$500 office fittings in the Anglo-American.

William Cameron has \$500 on his stock and fittings. The building, which is damaged to the extent of the fire, is insured for \$5,000 in the Norwich Union and \$3,000 in the National. A. J. Lordy & Sons, and W. O. Dunham carry no insurance so far as can be ascertained today. Mr. Dunham estimates his loss at about \$300. A. J. Lordy & Sons estimate their loss at about \$1,000. In their place there was a lot of furniture stored and this was insured by the owners. Forty-one years ago, during the earlier part of the winter the buildings standing on the site of last night's blaze were destroyed by fire.

## BONDHOLDERS ANXIOUS.

European Capitalists to Whom Colombia Owes Money Appeal to President Roosevelt.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A lengthy letter from the council of foreign bondholders, personally addressed to President Roosevelt, putting forward the British bondholders' position against Panama and Colombia, has been forwarded by the foreign office to Ambassador Durand, who has been instructed to hand it unofficially to the president. The letter recites the history of the Colombian debt and asks the president to use his good offices to secure an equitable assumption of a portion thereof by the Panama leaders.

The statement telegraphed from the Hague to the Morning Leader, of this city, that both Holland and Great Britain insist that Panama shall assume liability for \$15,000,000 of the Colombian debt, is emphatically denied by the council, who point out that no such large sum was ever dreamed of as Panama's share. Arbitration at the Hague or the personal decision of President Roosevelt would be quite satisfactory to the council.

## SUPREME COURT.

Chief Justice Hears Important Cases—Lawyer Allowed Six Months to Read Affidavits.

In the supreme court chambers this morning, before His Honor Chief Justice Tuck, the case of Laveque and Spide vs. Hals came up on review from the magistrate's court of Dalhousie. It is an action of debt, in which judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$16.42 in the court below. On review this morning, the ground was taken that the proceedings before the magistrate did not show, as they should have, that the magistrate resided where the proceedings were held. The chief justice upheld this ground, and ordered that the judgment below be set aside with costs, with leave to the plaintiff to bring a new suit. W. H. Harrison appeared for the defendant, and Dr. A. A. Stockton for the plaintiff. In the matter of the Maritime Commission Wrecking Company, an application was made by George Allan, K. C., of Fredericton, on behalf of Byson Winslow, for an order for the winding up of the company on the ground of insolvency. J. A. Gregory, K. C., on behalf of the company, presented affidavits showing that the company was solvent, and, besides, took objection to the winding up of the company under the dominion statute. A postponement of six months was allowed for the company to produce evidence to the contrary. Mr. Allen was allowed to peruse the affidavits.

## EQUITY COURT.

Judgement Delivered in one Case This Morning by Judge Barker—Minor Cases.

The regular monthly session of the St. John equity court was opened this morning by Justice Barker. A large number of outside lawyers were present. A petition was presented by A. W. Baird for the passing of the yearly accounts in the matter of George L. Slipp, an imbecile. His honor made an order to that effect.

A petition was presented by F. B. Carvell, of Woodstock, praying for an accounting by Frank H. Hale, in reference to certain partnership funds in his possession, and alleged to be the property of the partnership composed of John S. Layton, Jr., and Fred H. Hale. The petition also asked for the dissolution of the partnership. The court considered.

Judgment was delivered in the case of Smith vs. Wright et al., and the bill was dismissed with costs. This was an application to set aside a conveyance. Wendell B. Jones, of Woodstock, appeared for the plaintiff, and J. B. Carvell for the defendant. The case of Johnson vs. Hasen, administrator, et al., stands over till the next court.

The case of Patterson vs. Patterson et al., also stands over. Robert of Newcastle, presented a petition for the appointment of a new trustee in the matter of the estate of Robert Johnson, Jr. Court considered.

The case of Wason vs. Babbit stands over till the next court.

Burden vs. Howard will come up for hearing on Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

## LIGHT SHIP NEARLY HERE.

(Special to Star.)  
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 15.—Premier Tweedie, of New Brunswick, arrived in the city this morning. The lights of the Lurcheur Shoal, in Bay of Fundy, is expected here about this evening. Mr. Ross' visit here is for the purpose of inspecting the new work being done at the power house by the Street Railway Company and in connection with the coal pocket to be built for the Dominion Coal Co.

## JAMES ROSS IN TOWN.

James Ross came to the city this morning from Sydney on his private car, and will probably leave for Montreal this evening. Mr. Ross' visit here is for the purpose of inspecting the new work being done at the power house by the Street Railway Company and in connection with the coal pocket to be built for the Dominion Coal Co.

## AMHERST FAIR OPENED.

The winter fair at Amherst, N. S., was opened last evening by Premier Ross. The fair is one of the best so far, and is attracting a large number. Its object is to show the finest of maritime products and live stock.

## P. E. L. WINTER SERVICE.

So far as can now be ascertained, the government steamer Stanley will leave the route from Summerside to Cape Tormentine on Thursday or Friday. The Stanley went to Summerside today to be in readiness and it is not probable that the Northumberland will run for more than a day or two longer.

The other government steamer, Minot, will, it is understood, go on the Georgetown-Pictou route about the same day.

## NOT FINISHED YET.

The new fire alarm system was supposed to be completed on Friday last. Yesterday the board of works visited No. 3 station and are said to have found everything in good order. Last night the system was used for the first time, and failed. When box 23 was pulled the alarm sounded 31, and sent the apparatus out Waterloo street. Some of the drivers, getting only one round, remained in the stations. After a loss of some minutes the alarm sounded 23 properly, but during the delay the fire had gained further headway.

## CZAR CAN MAKE PEACE OR WAR.

On Russia's Attitude the Far East Situation Depends.

Japanese Emperor and Cabinet Are For Peace—Russia's Supremacy in Corea.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Dr. Motino Ichiro, the Japanese minister to France, in the course of an interview yesterday expressed the firm belief that a peaceful solution of the Russo-Japanese differences would result from the negotiations between the two nations, adding: "All depends, however, upon the attitude of Russia. Our emperor is animated by peaceful sentiments and the peaceful dispositions of both sovereigns give a solid guarantee that war will be avoided."

The minister pointed out that the Japanese cabinet is not responsible to parliament, but solely to the emperor and that, therefore, parliament is unable to influence the conduct of the Japanese. The emperor has an understanding with Russia and will not allow itself to be carried away by demonstrations of popular feeling unless forced to such a course by external events.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says that the agreement which is reported to have been entered into between Russia and Korea by the terms of which, in the event of an emergency, Russian officers will be employed to guard the royal palace, provides also for the employment of a Russian major and a Russian captain in each Korean battalion when necessary demands.

## MAY ARREST BOY SMOKERS.

Chicago Alderman Propose to Prohibit Cigarette Smoking by All Under Twenty-One.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Every person under twenty-one years old caught smoking a cigarette will be arrested, if the city council approves of an ordinance which the license committee has ordered the corporation counsel to draw.

Nearly all the aldermen are opposed to the sale of cigarettes to minors, and there is little doubt that the ordinance will pass. It is expected that under this measure dealers in cigarettes and cigarette material may be prosecuted successfully. When boy smokers are arrested it is planned to have them all taken to the city hall and the cigarette material.

"The ordinance regarding the sale of cigarettes is almost universally violated in Chicago," said Lucy Page Gaston before the license committee in urging a strict observance of the law. "I have spoken to Chief O'Neill regarding the violations and he told me he had detailed men to obtain evidence against the violators, but for some reason they had been unsuccessful."

"I have men in my employ who can get the evidence, and with a little money, would prosecute successfully all violators of the ordinance."

Representatives of the Manufacturers' Association have told the committee that 30,000 persons sell cigarettes and cigarette material in Chicago and the city collector has given but 479 licenses," said Mr. Hunter, chairman of the committee.

The address appealed to the Alderman and on the suggestion of Alderman Cerveney, the chairman appointed Aid. Scully, Aid. Cerveney and Aid. Butler a committee to collect data for the corporation counsel to use in drafting an ordinance prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes by minors.

"Cigarettes are killing the boys and degenerating the men," asserted Aid. Cerveney.

## THE KISHINEFF MURDERERS ARE HARD TO CONVICT.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Though the Kishineff trial has been in progress twenty-two days, says the Moscow correspondent of the Times, the case against the first batch of 27 persons charged with actual murder has not been concluded. Several advocates on the Jewish side threaten to throw up their briefs unless a number of prominent persons, including the vice-mayor of Kishineff, are put in the dock for inciting the populace to sack Jewish houses.

## TRAINS LATE.

The Halifax express due here at six o'clock in the morning was three hours late today. The Boston train, due to leave here at a quarter to eight, did not wait and the passengers arriving from Nova Scotia points are compelled to remain in this city until this evening. Almost all the trains are late these days. The Boston express is half an hour behind time today and the Montreal express two hours.

## FIRE AT BATHURST.

Bathurst was visited early yesterday afternoon with a disastrous fire. Some ten houses in all were burned, and one time it looked as though the whole town would be wiped out. The firemen fought the flames stubbornly and only by sheer determination checked their progress. The loss will reach about \$30,000, about half of which is covered by insurance.

## PERSISTENT FIRE BUG.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—The plant of the Deane Clothing Co. was destroyed by fire. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary who had made two unsuccessful attempts to burn the place within a week.

R. L. Borden addressed a large audience in Annapolis last evening. The cold wave which struck the city early Monday morning almost brought the mercury last night down to zero. A severe temperature is expected tonight.

## LOST CAPTAIN AND MATE.

One Sailed, Another was Drowned—Ship Found Drifting Helplessly Without a Navigator.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 15.—The British steamer Stanfield, Capt. E. Hamblin, from London, reports that on Nov. 26 she sighted the Italian ship Vega, bound from Pensacola to Savona. The ship was flying distress signals and Capt. Hamblin lowered a boat and went to her. The master said that he found the ship drifting aimlessly about, there being no one on board capable of navigating her. The crew reported that the first mate had killed himself by drinking laudanum and the captain fell overboard and was drowned. Second Officer W. C. Barrow, of the Stanfield was placed on board to take the ship to the nearest port.

## HALF A MILLION LOST.

Disastrous Fires Raging in Rochester, N. Y.—Incendiarism Suspected.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 15.—It is now believed that Rochester's loss from the fire of this morning will reach half a million dollars, about fifty per cent. being covered by insurance.

The fire broke out shortly before midnight last night, when flames were discovered bursting from the top story of the Foster-Armstrong piano factory on Commercial street. The firemen had just returned from another big fire in the same locality. The flames in the piano factory made good headway and the efforts of the department to check their progress were of no avail, although they were prevented from spreading to nearby buildings. A few minutes after the walls fell, fire was discovered in the shoe factory of Williams, Hoyt & Company, and a few minutes later a fresh fire started in the Wendell piano factory at Central avenue and North Water street. The Foster and Williams & Hoyt fires were extinguished after hard labor, but the fire in the Wendell plant was more stubborn and this morning the firemen are fearful that the blaze will get beyond their control. Police and firemen are of the opinion that the fires were set by incendiaries.

## WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN A GARBAGE HEAP.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The body of Nellie Conroy, of Brockport, was found frozen stiff in the garbage grounds of the village last yesterday afternoon. The woman, it is said, had been under the influence of liquor. She had been to a party with her brother, but refused to return home with him. He left without her. Later she started out and wandered to the dump where she fell and was frozen to death.

## PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Sch Adeline, 194, Williams, from New York, coal.  
Sch Ayr, Segoe, from Providence, R. I. ballast.  
Conservator—Str Aurora, Ingersoll, from Campbell.  
Conservator—Sch Beaver, Reid, for Harvey.

Manifests were received at the customs house today for fifty-eight cars of American goods in transit. The following is the list: 3 cars of lard, 19 cases of meats, 2 cars of grapefruit, 7 cars of whiskey, 1 car machinery, 7 cars of corn, 1 car of lumber, 1 car of glucose, 12 cars of hops, 10 cars of pork and 1 car of tallow.

## FOR SALE.

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FOR SALE—Rotary mill in first class running order with Lath Machine attached. Capacity twenty to twenty-five thousand sp. ft. lumber per day. Can be delivered at any time. Enquire at C. M. BOSTWICK & CO., St. John, N. B., or at Great Salmon River, St. John Co., N. B.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A quantity of revolver or side arm ammunition. No. 6 Colt. Apply to CRACK SHOT, Star office.

FOR SALE—An acre land, complete, nearly new. Apply to J. B. FISHER, 75 Prince William street.

FOR SALE—A quantity of steam pipes and iron, 4 1/2 inch pound weights. Apply at Sun Office, St. John.

## TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

LOST—Between Nelson's Book Store, head of King street, and post office, by way of the country market, 1 pair of Gold Rimmed Eyeglasses. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

LOST—On Friday last a Fox Hound Pup, white with brown and black spots. Finder will please return to John McEachern, 44 Forest street. Anybody found harboring the same will be prosecuted.

## THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature, 12; lowest temperature, 2; barometer at noon, 30.02 inches; wind southwest, velocity sixteen miles per hour. Clear.  
Forecast—Fresh westerly winds, fair and decidedly cold today and Wednesday; zero temperature tonight in interior.

Synopsis—Weather is now very cold in nearly all parts of Canada, 20 below was recorded at Ottawa and 14 below at Quebec. The general outlook on Atlantic coast is fair. To Banks strong westerly winds and to American ports fresh westerly.



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