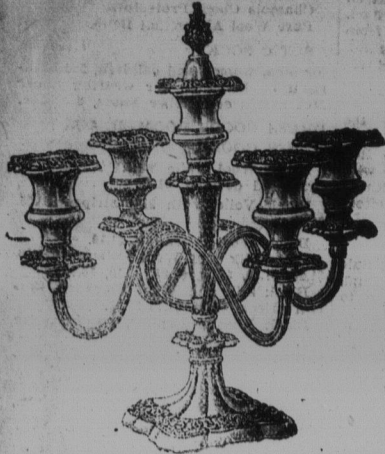


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THE SHOE TRADE.

French and Austrian Makers Advance Prices 10 Per Cent, As a Result of the Too Keen Competition in Raw Material.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—The Austrian manufacturers have decided to advance the price of shoes ten per cent., on account of the higher cost of leather. They claim this step is due to the extensive purchase of hides in the European markets by Americans, who have practically cleaned out the continental stocks. The Austrians also profess to see increased danger to the European shoe industry from America, owing to the United States government refunding ninety-nine per cent. of the tariff on the raw article when manufactured and exported in the States. The complaint that this procedure is too greatly facilitated by Secretary Shaw's order admitting proof of identity by sample declaration, instead of by affidavit.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Association of Boot and Shoe Manufacturers of Paris, representing extensive industries of Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Fougères, Nancy, and other places, has decided on an advance in the scale of prices for footwear. In making the announcement, M. Cibault, vice-president of the association, says it was made necessary by the gradual monopoly of the raw material by Americans. M. Cibault also asserts that the leather trusts and other leather industries of America are absorbing a considerable part of the raw product of France and are thus manufacturing and reselling the finished produce in the French market. The French manufacturers have suffered chiefly from the gradual rise in cost of leather. To meet this the selling price of goods will be advanced 10 per cent.

The manufacturers have also decided to seek a readjustment of the tariff rates of France with the view of improving their position. The advanced scale will first affect the wholesalers, but it is expected that it will soon lead to the augmenting the retail price, by about 20 cents to 60 cents per pair.

PLAYED SANTA CLAUS

And was Fatally Burned Beside the Christmas Tree.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Forest Gale, a 15-year-old boy attached to the Salvation Army, was fatally burned last night while playing Santa Claus for three hundred children at Hamilton, Ohio. The accident occurred at the Salvation Army hall, where the annual Christmas entertainment was in progress.

The boy was swathed in rolls of cotton and wore a long beard of sullar material. He was frisking around the tree picking out the gifts for each child and his clothing ignited from a candle. The fire leaped up enveloping him almost instantly. His false beard burned and he inhaled the flames. Gale was taken to the hospital, where he died twenty minutes later.

CHAMBERLAIN ARRIVES.

Warmly Welcomed by Crowds at Durban To-day.

DURBAN, Natal, Dec. 28.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, England, Nov. 25 on board the armoured cruiser Good Hope, landed here at 10.30 this morning. They received a warm welcome from large crowds of people.

A FATAL FIRE.

Two Brooklyn Firemen Killed and Others Injured, In a \$400,000 Fire That Swept Through a Number of Factories.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—In a fire which shot through five factories on the river front of Brooklyn after one o'clock this morning three firemen were killed, two were badly injured and more than \$400,000 damage was done. The list of dead and injured is as follows:
The dead are: Michael O'Toole, fireman of Engine Co., No. 55, on water tower; Thomas Jeffries, fireman, water tower, Company No. 6, crushed out of recognition; battalion chief Thomas Coppinger, of 23rd Battalion, skull fractured, arm and leg broken, died on the way to the hospital.

The injured are: Thomas McCarthy, right leg fractured and right hip crushed, at Long Island hospital; Wm. McCoolley, citizen, home supposed to be in Nostrand avenue, skull crushed, at Brooklyn hospital.

Beginning among the inflammable materials in the coeprage plant of Arbuckle Bros., at Plymouth and Bridge streets, within a half hour the flames were shooting from all the buildings and all the available fire engines of Brooklyn, with Chief Purroy in charge, were trying to save the district.

Thomas Kenny, a watchman in the Arbuckle plant was passing down the stairs, when he saw a ribbon of flame shot out of a rubbish heap on the first floor. Almost before he could gasp the entire first floor was in a blaze. He jumped from a widow and before he had crossed the street the flames were shooting from the windows.

Policeman Buckley sent in one, then two alarms. Before the firemen had arrived the third and fourth floors had caught. When Deputy Sheriff Murray arrived he sent in a third and fourth alarm and when Chief Purroy arrived, a half hour later, he ordered engines and fire boats from the Manhattan side of the river to help. With the arrival of the water tower No. 6 Battalion Chief Coppinger assumed charge of it, and ran it directly under one of the walls. Suddenly the wall was seen to bulge at the third story, and the men could move it. It crashed down on them. The fireman and McCoolley the citizen were buried, and water tower and ladders were smashed to kindling wood. Ten minutes later the fireman was taken out. It was the battalion chief, unconscious and fatally hurt. McCoolley came next. McCarthy, who will die, it is thought, was found under a wheel of the tower also unconscious. The bodies of Jeffries and O'Toole were found together.

THE DEATH ROLL.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 28.—Moses M. Ham, for many years editor of the Dubuque Herald, once a state senator and postmaster at Dubuque during both President Cleveland's administrations, died last night. He was 69 years of age.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 26.—Associate Justice Jackson Temple of the supreme court of California is dead in this city. He was born in Massachusetts August 11, 1827. In 1852 he came to California, and besides serving with distinction as judge of the district and superior courts he was three times elected to the supreme bench.

PESHAWAR, Punjab, Dec. 28.—Hadda Mullah, who caused so many outbreaks on the northwest frontier of India, died December 22.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Langtry arrived here today from Europe.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Premier Balfour is confined to his bed at Whitthinton, Scotland. He is suffering from a sharp attack of influenza.

ROME, Dec. 28.—Bishop Conaty, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, appears to have the best chance of appointment to the bishopric of Los Angeles, Calif. When the congregation of the Propaganda meets January 19, after the holidays, the filling of this vacancy will be among the earliest business transacted.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The Rev. Wm. H. Annable, 65 years old, pastor of the Irwin Memorial M. E. church, of this city, died today. He has been for eight years presiding elder to the Central New York conference.

BOTH ARE DEAD.

Man and Wife Victims of Accidental Poisoning.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Singer are dead, the result, it is thought, of accidental poisoning. Mr. Singer became suddenly ill and his wife sent for a physician. Before one reached their home Mr. Singer had expired and Mrs. Singer had been stricken with convulsive pangs. She died while the physician was trying to relieve her sufferings. She revived long enough, however, to say the single word "salts" in response to the doctor's questioning as to what she had taken. The physician believes that the couple took oxalic acid mistaking it for salts.

A DAY'S CRIMES.

Murder and Robbery Committed in American Cities.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 28.—Ernest Wimberly, a well known young man of this city, was fatally stabbed last night at the corner of 2nd, 3rd and Warren streets by two negroes. One wound is near the heart and the other is in the side. Charles Humphreys and John Golden were arrested, charged with the crime. The cause of the stabbing is not known.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 28.—The state bank of Webster, Kansas, seven miles south of here, has been dynamited and robbed of \$1,500 in cash. The robbers dug a hole through the vault large enough to admit a man and then blew open the steel chest. They then escaped.

WHOLESALE MARRIAGE.

How a Chicago Preacher Earned Big Fee in Short Time.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—Rev. N. B. Naylor performed a marriage ceremony last night by which five couples were united, says a special to the Chronicle from Armstrong. The brides and bridegrooms formed a circle around the minister, and with clasped hands took the vows. They belonged to a matrimonial club and had agreed to be married at the same time and by the same minister.

VENEZUELA.

The Cabinet at Washington Discussing the Arbitration Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The cabinet is now in session considering the Venezuelan matter. It is understood the question of arbitration will be referred to the Hague tribunal by the agreement of all concerned.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A semi-official note published today says: "As in the case of Italian note, the British and German notes to Venezuela presented December 23, declare that if President Roosevelt does not accept the post of arbitration the powers would be prepared subject to certain reservations to submit the matter to the Hague tribunal. The Lokai Anzeiger of Berlin published yesterday the following statement evidently inspired by the foreign office: "The German government has excluded from the scope of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty a claim of 1,700,000 bolivars (about \$330,000), which must be paid immediately in cash before arbitration is begun."

WORRIED TO DEATH.

What Christmas Brought to the Rev. Jesse A. Wilkins.

WOODSTOCK, Conn., Dec. 28.—Worry over the knowledge that his farm which represents the savings of a life-time, was to be taken from him, by the foreclosure of a \$1,500 mortgage, is believed by the medical examiner to have caused the sudden death of Rev. Jesse A. Wilkins, 75 years old, a retired clergyman, whose body was found today in the house where he had lived alone for two years. Early on Christmas afternoon Rev. Mr. Wilkins, who for some time has been making an effort to meet the interest on the mortgage is said to have received a notice of foreclosure. Today his body was found on the floor. Physicians pronounced the cause of death to have been congestion of the brain, brought on by worry.

THE STREET RAILWAY.

To the Editor of the Star:—
Sir,—Is it fair to the citizens of St. John the way the Street Railway is putting salt and sand on the track? It is simply scandalous the way they are allowed to do things. They come along with the sweeper and scatter the salt all over the street.
What is the matter with the council, or do the St. John Railway Company pay all the taxes?
Yours respectfully,
TEAMSTER.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

At the protestant Orphan Asylum, Wiggins' Male Orphan Asylum, Home for Incurables, Mater Misericordiae Home, Little Girls' Home, Salvation Army Home, Seaman's Mission, Alms-house and Lunatic Asylum the inmates were cheered yesterday by good fare and other kindly remembrances.

CARLETON CURLERS.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the members of the Carleton Curling Club enjoyed a fine game, the match being between the president and vice-president. The latter won easily, the only rink in the losing side which proved able to beat its opponent being the one skipped by the president. On New Year's day the return match will be played.

A SPLENDID CONTRIBUTION.

The collection taken in the cathedral yesterday in aid of the orphans amounted to \$780. A number who were not at the services have announced their intention of further contributing to the fund.

Mr. Fox, the new organist from England for St. John's church, is a clever musician. His playing in the church yesterday was marked by much skill and taste.

CORNELL HAS 2968 STUDENTS.

IITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The Cornell University register was ready for distribution today. The book shows that the total number of students in attendance to date is 2,968, a gain of 174 over last year.

This year there are 390 instructors, etc., being an increase in the teaching staff of thirty. Forty-six states and sixteen foreign countries are represented in the student body.

CANADIANS DEFEATED.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—An Edinburgh cable reports another defeat for the Canadian football team.

JOSEPH FARREN'S DEATH.

Coroner Berryman is today making enquiries into the death of Joseph Farren, who died from the effects of injuries received at the I. C. R. terminus a week ago. It is said that death was due to exposure, and Dr. Berryman is finding some difficulty in learning the facts. He has heard from Dr. Morris concerning the slowness of the ambulance and has yet to receive the statements of the steamship people and the stevedores. Dr. Berryman says that as yet he has learned nothing which would render an inquest necessary.

WILL THEY STRIKE AGAIN?

Writing from a Pennsylvania town a former St. John resident says:—
"The impression here is that there will be another strike next summer. The coal companies are working the mines for all they are worth. The strike commission will not get through before spring, the mine owners will not agree with their opinion, the union will not be recognized, there will be a great deal of coal on hand, the selling price will be kept up because the companies know the miners will strike, and so it will be the same old thing over again. At present there is a very bitter feeling between the mine owners and the union members."

CHARGED WITH POISONING.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 24.—David Hurlbert was arrested today on the charge of attempting to poison his son-in-law, John Gallagher. Hurlbert, who does not bear the best of reputations at Rockville, his home, some six miles out of town, is out on bail till the enquiry on Monday.

A FAITHFUL EMPLOYEE.

Miss Marshall Saunders of Halifax, suggested in the Halifax Herald that some tangible recognition be made of the faithfulness of section foreman David Ferguson, who saved the express train from being wrecked in the washout near Folleigh Lake. John Donaldson, of Port Williams, who was a passenger sent the Herald \$5.00 to start a fund for the purpose.

Ulster Bargains

This is the time of year when an Ulster is more useful and comfortable than any other Top Coat and we are offering the balance of our stock at greatly reduced prices—be sure and see them.

Men's Ulsters at \$3.00, 4.00, 5.00 and 6.00.
Boys' Ulsters, age 12 to size 35, all reduced to \$2.00.
Boys' Ulsters, age 5 to 11 years, all marked \$2.50.

Overcoat bargains in every size.

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Men's Winter Goods :

Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2.
Winter Capes, from a good blue cloth driver at 35c. up to one at 1.75
Winter Gloves, wool and fur lined, from 50c. to \$3.
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DYSPEPTICURE.

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Disappears Like Magic Under the Influence of Park's Perfect Emulsion.

Price per bottle. Large bottle \$1.00

Evening a fire was made in McLean & Ryan's furnace, and this probably caused the fire. The losses are as follows:—
McAfee's building, worth \$2,000; stock, \$7,000; insurance, \$2,000.
McLean & Ryan, stock \$1,000; fully insured.
John Murray and wife, who occupied the flat over McLean & Ryan's store, were in Moncton spending Christmas. They lost everything. Nothing saved, and no insurance.
Bleakney Bros. saved all their stock. All the stock of McAfee and McLean & Ryan was destroyed.
Hugh W. Churches' warehouse, with contents, was destroyed. No insurance.
Geo. Mann's meat shop was also destroyed, but the stock saved.
King and Church's building worth \$3,000, insurance \$150.
Mr. McAfee lived over his store and lost all his household goods and clothing.
The Mohawk Hockey team will have their first practice in the Queen's rink tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.
Manifests for thirty-seven cars of meats, five of lard, three of doors and three of maple flooring, all American goods in transit, were entered at the customs house today for export.