

# WOODS' FAIR

## This Is The Fourth and Last Week of Our Basement Sale

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## TERRORIST PLOT A JOINT AFFAIR

Alarmed at Recent Arrests, They Decided To Strike and Others Joined Them.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The frustration in this city yesterday of a Terrorist plot and the arrest of 50 men and women for alleged complicity was followed today by the capture in suburban towns of several other persons implicated in the abortive attempt at assassination.

The plot of yesterday came very much nearer maturity than did the last unsuccessful conspiracy against the Emperor, the participants in which were tried and condemned last July. According to the police, yesterday's and today's arrests in view, Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievitch and Judge Chichagovitch, minister of justice. Both were to have been assassinated between their residences and the railroad station and Tsarskoe-Selo, where they were going to see the Emperor. Two distinct revolutionary organizations were concerned. The first had its headquarters in Finland and the second was the so-called Northern Flying Column, recruited in the vicinity of Moscow.

Alarmed at the recent arrests of agitators at Viborg and Helsingfors, and the prospective closing of Finnish territory as a shelter from which to conduct their operations, the first organization decided to put its plans into immediate execution. The Moscow allies were notified, and joined the group from Finland in St. Petersburg. The police, however, had been informed of what was in the air, and as a result almost all the men and women implicated are now in prison. The entire force of the secret service was employed. Some were detailed to follow the suspects from the time they arrived in St. Petersburg, while others patrolled the streets in the vicinity of the residences of the grand duke and M. Chichagovitch, who both like on Italianaiska street, a few doors apart. Then, at a given signal, the police descended on their prey, and the fighting and arrests followed. Most of the prisoners are young, between 17 and 21 years, well dressed and well supplied with money.

### McGILL HAS DEFICIT

Operating Expenses for Year \$33,000 More Than Revenue.

Montreal, Feb. 23.—The annual report of McGill University was issued yesterday. From the financial statement it appears that there was a deficit of \$33,000 in operating expenses last year, the total expenditure figuring up to \$33,000. The investment in the university is now \$4,477,000, \$2,577,000 having been added to the capital account during the year. The greatest proportion of this addition is accounted for by the endowment of the Macdonald Agricultural College at St. Anne's, which is under the control of McGill, amounting to \$2,002,000.

### THE NEW FRENCH TREATY

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## JOINT DEBATE NOT SENSATIONAL

Unique Political Debate Between Premier of N. B. and Opposition Leader.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 23.—The joint debate between Premier Robinson and Hon. H. McKeown, for the Government, and J. D. Hazen and J. K. Fleming, for the Opposition, on the financial condition of the province, attracted many hundreds of people to the opera house, and several times as many people as gained admission were forced to go away. W. H. Thorn presided, and each speaker was allowed three-quarters of an hour.

Mr. Fleming, as challenger, spoke first, and the burden of his speech was to the effect that the financial statements submitted to the people by the Government were misleading and that instead of a surplus there was practically a deficit of over \$400,000. He claimed the bookkeeping of the Government was wrong, and that large sums were credited to capital account which should have been credited to current account. He made no direct charge of dishonesty, but claimed that the Government was too extravagant, and that the debt of the province was too large and still increasing.

In reply Premier Robinson submitted statements of expenditure on the different public works, pointed out that old wooden bridges had been replaced by steel bridges, railways had been subsidized, matured bonds had been taken up, and that the items in each case had been properly credited. He also declared that the people had not been misled, and the fact that the Government had brought an auditor showed plainly the Government feared no exposure.

Mr. Hazen followed, dealing with the Government's railway and highway policy, while Attorney-General McKeown sought to show that the province had forged ahead under the progressive policy of the Government.

All the speakers received a good hearing, and today both sides are expressing satisfaction with the meeting, and claiming to have scored. The audience was about evenly divided, and the meeting was devoid of sensational announcement or unpleasant incidents.

### WATCHING THAW

Under a Sixty Days Observation by a Noted Alienist.

Albany, Feb. 23.—Dr. Ferris, president of the state commission in lunacy, said today that Harry K. Thaw, acquitted of the murder of Stanford White on the ground of insanity, was being closely observed by Superintendent Lamb, of the State Hospital for the Insane at Matteawan.

Dr. Ferris said that the procedure in such cases as Thaw's is to observe the patient for the first 60 days of his confinement, and at the end of that period, if he is regarded by the superintendent as sane, a report to that effect is made to the court. If Thaw is believed by the superintendent to be sane, he has made his examinations and observations, as insane, it is unlikely that a report will be made to the court, unless required to by Thaw's counsel.

### A HEARST CANDIDATE

Independence Party to Call Convention to Nominate for Presidency.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Steps for the formation of a new national political party were taken at a conference of the Independence League today. The action followed a short speech by William Hearst, who, after endorsing the adoption of a "declaration of principles," setting forth the object of the organization, and the means by which it hopes to attain them. The provisional national committee, of which Mr. Hearst is chairman, was authorized to call a convention to nominate candidates for the presidency and the vice-presidency, after the Republican and Democratic parties have held their gatherings in Chicago and Denver respectively. The platform was reported by Clarence J. Shearn, of New York, chairman of a committee appointed in September, 1907, to formulate the documents. The objects of the Independence League are "to conserve the citizens of the United States the rights and liberties won for them by the founders of this government," says the platform, "and to perpetuate the principles and policies upon which the nation's greatness has been built."

### THEY WANT EVANS' FLEET

Australia Extends an Invitation to United States Pacific Squadron.

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 23.—Australia wants the American fleet of battleships, now on its way to San Francisco, to come to this country. The Government has already given the matter serious consideration, and a letter has been given to President Roosevelt, inviting the fleet to visit the Australian ports, in the hope that the visit would mark a new era in the history of this part of the world.

As yet no reply has been received here, but today the Prime Minister (Alfred Deakin) issued the following statement:

"The Federal Government, realizing the significance of the visit of the American fleet to the Pacific, and the importance on future developments of the approach of a great body of warships, decided last December to send a cordial invitation to the President of the United States, inviting the presence of the fleet at the principal Australian seaports. If the invitation is accepted, the reception given the fleet at Rio Janeiro, Valparaiso and Callao will be eclipsed by Australia. The visit would mark a new era in the history of this part of the world."

## DID YOUNG GIRL FIRE THE BARN?

Said To Have Done It Out of Revenge for Gross Wrongs Suffered.

Mount Albert, Ont., Feb. 23.—When Mabel Allen comes up for her preliminary hearing before Magistrate Moore tomorrow on a charge of arson, some strong evidence will be offered for the prisoner.

C. R. Fitch, counsel for the defendant, who is alleged to have fired the Hopkins barn, is the authority for the statement that the case against his client will not go far.

The commitment of Mabel Allen followed the tale of a young girl's vengeance on the man who, she alleges, wronged her; of her ten-mile tramp through the snowdrifts and open fields of East Gwillimbury in the hours of midnight, to destroy this man's barn; of the tale of her subsequent prosecution by this middle-aged farmer, who in his evidence admitted wronging her, and who now seeks to send her to the penitentiary on a charge of arson—such was the case presented against her.

The fire which destroyed the Hopkins barn occurred in the early morning hours of Friday, Feb. 14, and entailed the loss of about \$3,000. The evidence given today went to show that seven neighbors had traced a woman's footsteps through the snowdrifts to the lane of the Allen home, while the fire was still burning; how as the searchers reached the Allens' gate a light in one of the rooms suddenly disappeared; how the girl had been employed as a domestic at Hopkins' home, and had quarreled with him and his mother, and finally how the girl is alleged to have been promised marriage by a man whose wife is yet living.

Mabel Allen, the defendant, has just turned 18 years and is of a pleasing appearance. She is the daughter of a struggling farmer and was employed as a domestic in the Hopkins house from September, 1906, to Aug. 15, 1907. During this time, it is alleged by Hopkins and his mother, that the girl quarreled with the family, and threatened once to burn the farm buildings, while in fits of passion she would throw articles, such as spoons, knives and forks, at John Hopkins, even once attempting to poison him by pouring aqua fortis on pills which Hopkins was accustomed to take. On the other hand, Mrs. Hopkins, who, by the way, is 80 years of age, admitted that her son kicked the girl once, and the defense alleges gross cruelty and abuse. The courthouse during the inquest was crowded with farmers from the surrounding country, to whom both families concerned are well known.

### "SUBMARINES NO GOOD"

Inventor Holland Says Purchase Was a Foolish One.

New York, Feb. 23.—John P. Holland, of Newark, the inventor of the original Holland submarine boat, said today that he had no knowledge of any secret developments in connection with the building of submarine boats for the United States Government.

"It was placed on the witness stand before a naval investigating committee at Washington," said Mr. Holland, "I told them that no more submarine boats be built like those that have recently been constructed. To my mind they are worthless as defensive boats, and therefore an unnecessary expenditure."

"What the people of the Pacific coast are thinking about when, as is reported, they are buying submarines, I do not understand. Submarines can never effectively defend any coast, as is understood by naval authorities."

Mr. Holland said that the Japanese Government is now building submarine boats at the docks at Kobe, and that the work was under the supervision of Capt. John Ide.

These boats, the inventor said, are being constructed from plans which were drawn by him, but which, he had been informed, had been changed materially and improved.

Mr. Holland said he saw Baron Matsushita last September in Manila, and that the baron told him that the boats are being built at Kobe, but he would not say how many were being constructed. Holland was given to understand, however, that a big flotilla is being built.

Mr. Holland said that these boats were the best of the Pacific coast, greater speed than Admiral Evans' fleet was now making, and would be able to accompany any fleet of battleships on any cruise. The submarine, Mr. Holland said, was no defense against submarines, and could be used only as a defense against a battleship fleet or to attack a battleship or land defenses.

### NEW CORPORATIONS

Many New Strong Concerns for Ontario Announced in Gazette.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The incorporation of three large companies, including one from Western Ontario, are announced in the Gazette. They are: Cobalt Silver Hill Mines, Cobalt, Ontario Gas and Oil Fields, Ottawa. Other incorporations are: Duggan & Gray Company, \$50,000, Stratford; Crystal Bay Canning Company, \$50,000, Kingston; Aylmer Packing Company, \$40,000, Aylmer; Oneida Lime Company, \$20,000, Hamilton; (Alfred) River Land and Lumber Company, \$40,000, Sault Ste. Marie; Collier-Cunningham Company, \$40,000, Peterboro; Young-Winfield, \$40,000, Hamilton; Imperial Stove Works, \$100,000, Morrisburg; Business Systems, \$350,000, Toronto; Byron Telephone Company, Byron, Middlesex County, \$15,000; Loughborough Mica Company, \$40,000, Toronto; Harris Patents, Limited, \$40,000, Toronto; Soo Copper Company, Windsor, with

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### MASONIC SOCIAL EVENT

Thamesford Brethren's Successful "At Home"—Double Funeral.

Thamesford, Feb. 23.—The Masonic "at home" held on Wednesday night in their commodious rooms was a decided success, and one of those social evenings to which all are pleased to be invited or privileged to attend. The singing of Mrs. J. M. Bevis, Mr. Kester and Mr. Harry McCarty was greatly applauded. Mrs. Bevis being recalled for a second selection. After the varied programme and excellent supper had been disposed of, the lovers of dancing made the best use of the hours that remained. Good music was furnished by the Cortese Orchestra, of London.

Several sleighloads of the friends of Mr. Thomas Pettit took possession of his home on Thursday evening to bid him farewell and present him with a tangible proof of their good-will on his leaving the farm he now occupies, and from which he removes to the south of Ingersoll. Mr. Pettit is an energetic church worker, a good citizen and neighbor, and his friends grieve to see him and his family leave this community.

Mr. William Gerrie's funeral, which was to have taken place on Saturday, was postponed until Monday on account of his son David's death on Saturday morning, and a double cortege wended its way to the Ingersoll Cemetery on Monday. Mr. Gerrie, sen., leaves to mourn him two daughters and one son. Mr. David Gerrie leaves a sorrowing widow and six small children. Rev. T. A. Watson conducted the services for Mr. Gerrie, sen., at 1:30, and Rev. Mr. Bright, of Ingersoll, the services for Mr. David Gerrie at 2 o'clock, and the two funerals went together. The two men were close neighbors, and will be missed by many besides their near relatives.

The ice on the pond is now being harvested, and the demand is great, as a great many farmers are taking advantage of it. It is of extra quality, and the weather all that can be desired for storing it away.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dale have a little daughter. The mother and baby are getting along nicely, and all wish the parents joy in the advent of their first babe.

### THREATEN THE UNITED STATES.

New York, Feb. 23.—In a letter signed "Black Hand," and addressed to Commander Braunstrueter, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona Island, the threat has been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the marled men discharged from the employment on the island Jan. 1 be put back to work at once. There are 3,000,000 pounds of

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smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines. Between 30 and 40 men, civilians, who had been employed on the island, were discharged owing to the delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Italians and Sicilians.

Shoreditch has a larger number of unemployed than ever before, 749 having their names on the labor bureau register, as against 722 for the whole of last year.

An alarming outbreak of measles has occurred at Halstead. At the British school nearly 400 school children are attacked.

Merthyr citizens have rejected the corporation's water scheme, involving an expenditure of £350,000, by 4,250 votes to 1,701.

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A tramp was recently found in an East Ham Church. He had made his bed under the communion table, using the cushions from the seats.