

All Forty Safe.

Arrival of Explorer Wiggins and Party at Archangel.

The Blenheim With Sir John's Remains to Reach Halifax Dec. 31.

Still Further Successes by the Japanese Movements of Queen Victoria.

The Queen's Movements.
London, Dec. 19.—The Queen left Windsor for Osborne today.

All Forty Safe!
St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Capt. Wiggins, the Arctic explorer, and his party, who were lost to the world for several weeks last fall, arrived at Archangel on Dec. 13. Five had been severely frost-bitten and are in a hospital. All 40 had suffered great hardships during their overland journey of 32 days from Chabulova to Petzorsk.

The Czar's Coronation.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—It is believed here that the coronation of Czar Nicholas II. will take place in April. After the coronation the Czar and Czarina will proceed to Nijni Novgorod, where they will open the national exhibition. It is understood that extensive changes in the Government offices will be made at the beginning of the Russian new year.

Flowers Instead of Frost.
London, Dec. 19.—Predictions of an exceptionally severe winter, based on an abundance of holly berries and the early appearance of those old friends the deer in the Carpathians, were made this year more confidently than usual. Today, with December more than half gone, the record is of only one slight frost in England, and the fields are not only of summer greenness, but the wallflowers, hollyhocks and campanulas are still in bloom in the gardens.

The Blenheim's Sad Mission.
London, Dec. 19.—The Blenheim will sail on Saturday morning, and may be expected at Halifax on the morning of Monday, the 31st. A special train will convey the body to Portsmouth on Sunday morning. The captain's large cabin will be converted into a temporary mortuary chamber. It is probable that the State funeral will take place at Halifax on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Before her Majesty left Windsor for the Isle of Wight she sent another magnificent wreath to accompany the dead body to Canada.

The Jap-Chinese War.
London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from Tokio says that a Japanese cruiser off Wei Hai Wei has captured a sailing vessel loaded with arms, ammunition and provisions consigned to Admiral Ting, of the Chinese fleet. The vessel was towed to Tientsin.

The Japanese Legation at Washington received a cablegram from the Japanese headquarters at Hiroshima, which reads as follows: "The third division of the first army took Hai Mo Ching on Dec. 12 and occupied Hai Ching on Dec. 13. Both places are on the route to New Chwang and Liao Yang. The legation regards these victories as very important ones, indicating the nearing of the second and third divisions of the first army."

England and Her Colonies.
London, Dec. 19.—The Daily News will have a leader tomorrow on the relations of England to her colonies. After discussing Canadian affairs at some length, the writer says: "We have not a colonial party like the French and Germans, because there is no anti-colonial party. It is very remarkable that, although the autonomous colonies unhesitatingly have used their commercial freedom against the mother country, no resentment is expressed here. Young nations must learn wisdom from experience. Protection never in the long run succeeds, and free trade never in the long run fails. Sentiment is the real link between the colonies and England. The Liberals under Laurier, as under Blake, are equally loyal with the Conservatives, and are anxious for practical method of further uniting the empire and quickening and cheapening communication between London and the new world. The telegraph has done wonders, but steam has not yet done nearly all it can."

THE BOODLE INVESTIGATION

Unrestrained Attempt to Bury Aid. Bell.

Demurrer to the Charges of Corruption Against the Mayor of Hull.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—There was little interest at this morning's session of the court for the investigating of municipal contracts. The examination was confined to the letting of the telephone franchise for five years in 1891, when it will be remembered, the Toronto Telephone Company endeavored to secure the franchise.

Mr. Sise, president of the Bell Telephone Company, swore most emphatically that in no way whatever, either directly or indirectly, had any corrupt practices been used to secure the franchise.

L. G. Harris, director and chief agent of the opposing company, swore that when the telephone franchise fight was on Mr. Sise had, in the course of an interview with him, slipped his pocket and said Harris' company did not spend enough of this, producing a wad of bills.

Mr. Sise said, in regard to this, that the Toronto company did not have enough capital to compete with the Bell company; the former had but \$7,500, the latter had \$3,000,000. He meant that competition between the two under the circumstances was out of the question—he meant nothing of a corrupt nature.

ATTEMPT TO BURY AID. BELL.

This afternoon the most sensational point disclosed was that Mr. W. A. Bell, of the city clerk's office, who has been in the city's service from boyhood, had been used by Coleman, the street railway man of all work, in an attempt to bribe Aid. Wm. Bell to vote for a change of the street railway agreement in 1893. Clerk Bell actually received \$200 in cash and gave it to the alderman, who was badly pushed for money, but resisted the temptation and returned the

money. Afterwards, evidently in the belief that a higher price might secure him, Aid. Bell was approached, according to his sworn testimony, by Mr. C. A. Brown, an ex-chairman of the public school board, and present trustee, and generally a well known citizen and friend of Coleman, who said a vote in favor of the change that would have given the railway control over the track would be worth \$2,000 or \$3,000 to Bell if he voted to give it. Mr. Brown denies all mention of money. The inquiry will not be resumed till Saturday, and may be temporarily closed then to permit of a report to the council, but it is no longer a secret that the judge purposes to push it further and attempt to get at the inside history of the bribery that was done and attempted in 1891 and 1893.

Council Neshitt today gave some indication of what he meant when he asked Mr. Everett who were his wire tappers. It appears that when Mr. Grier went to New York, he desired to secure an interview with M. D. Barr, thinking that Barr would be likely to meet his old confederate Johnson. Mr. Grier assumed the name of the mine, and telegraphed from the train this winter "Be at Hotel Brunswick at 7:30 this evening, and ask for Mr. Johnson. The message was unsigned, and it never reached Barr. Shortly afterwards the real Johnson in Montreal got an unsigned telegram asking him to go and see Mr. James Ross. There is other evidence that goes to justify his question, Mr. Neshitt says, but that cannot be made public at present.

CHARGES AGAINST THE MAYOR OF HULL.
OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—A demurrer has been filed by Mr. C. B. Major, on behalf of the defense in the suit brought by ex-Chief Genest, of the Hull police force, against Mayor Aubrey and Ald. Bait, of Hull. The action is for penalties against Mayor Aubrey aggregating \$3,500 for alleged corruption in connection with the Hull Electric Company's charter, the jail and court house contracts and the Gatineau bridge contract. The penalties claimed against Ald. Bait aggregate \$1,500, and are for corruption in connection with the same contracts. Defense claim the provision in the statutes for corruption in municipal matters is ultra vires of the Local Legislature, and the only other plea is a general denial of the accusations, together with a "peremptory exception," setting up the same grounds as to the unconstitutionality of the statute. Gossip has it that the demurrer has been filed to delay proceedings till after the approaching election.

Late Canadian News.

A Chatham Milkman Convicted of Arson.

E. B. Eddy, the Hull Capitalist, Sues His Daughter for \$167,000.

The Lady Thompson testimonial fund now amounts to about \$20,000.

Owing to the death of Manitoba wheat Montreal dealers have raised the price of Manitoba flour 25 cents per barrel.

The last trip of the season between Amherstburg and Windsor will be made by the steamer Imperial on Saturday.

Hon. David McLellan, registrar of St. John, N. B., formerly Provincial Secretary, died on Wednesday morning, aged 56.

Two daughters, aged 16 and 14, of Abraham Lawrence, a farmer in Ameliasburg, have disappeared from their home.

Sir Donald Smith and his friends laugh at the idea that the purpose of his visit to England is to have a peerage conferred upon him.

Miss Annie Walbridge, niece of the late Chief Justice Walbridge, was married on Tuesday at Tacoma, Wash., to Mr. C. D. Rand, merchant.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union is being held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Dan Windell, a 16-year-old Brantford boy, was sentenced to a term of two years, and not to exceed five years in the reformatory for burglarizing a boat-house.

A Toronto evening paper says the political science students of Toronto University have inaugurated a campaign of boycott against Prof. Mavor, the highest authority in the course.

The Canadian Pacific has practically agreed to accept the offer of the western lines for 20 per cent of the emigrant business coming through New York, and a committee has been appointed to arrange the details of the agreement.

On behalf of E. B. Eddy, a writ has been issued from the Superior Court in Hull to start a suit against his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Bessey. He claims \$167,000 in cash or the possession of property that is its equivalent.

It is reported that the Halifax street railway is in a bad plight, \$100,000 worth of its bonds having been repudiated. The city council threatens to ask the Legislature to cancel the charter because of the inefficiency of the railway service.

Edward Kahue, milkman, Chatham, was on Tuesday night convicted of arson, and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. There were five separate charges against him. He had a small farm in Chatham township, with the buildings well insured. He set fire to his own barn and his neighbor's too, in order to divert suspicion from himself.

The mill property belonging to the Norris estate, St. Catharines, and the steamer Persia were sold by auction at the Toronto Board of Trade Wednesday afternoon. The mill sold for \$34,000 to Mr. John Scully, who bought the property for a Canadian syndicate. The Persia was sold to Mr. Jas. Carruthers, grain merchant, of Toronto, for \$7,900.

IS STEVENSON DEAD?

His Relatives Do Not Think So—Is It His Wife?

EDINBURGH, Dec. 20.—Dr. Dalfoor, uncle of Robert Louis Stevenson, has written a letter to the Scotsman, in which he says that the relatives of the novelist believe that Robert Louis Stevenson is not dead, but that his wife is. Mrs. Stevenson, Dr. Dalfoor writes, had been attacked by an aneurism of the brain while in Scotland. Moreover, she said to relatives in Edinburgh last spring: "Do not believe any reports about Louis unless I write you." No message has been received from Mrs. Stevenson, although there has been ample time since Mr. Stevenson was reported to have died.

In Labor Circles.

John Burns in Wicked Chicago

Holmes Disclaims Antagonism to the Labor M.P.

Adverse Decision by Arbitration in the Massillon Coal Miners Contention.

John Burns, the London agitator, arrived in Chicago today. There was no demonstration at the depot and no delegation of labor representatives there to meet him. As to his characterization of Chicago as "a pocket edition of hell," he admitted having made the remark, but declared he qualified the statement with a complimentary reference to the art institute and the police and fire departments. "My remark about Chicago," he said, "was based on what I saw in different parts of the city, and the information given me by prominent labor agitators." In regard to his criticism in Denver of the American constitution, Mr. Burns said the reports sent out by certain papers on that subject were gross exaggerations of one of the most pleasant evenings he had ever spent in his life. As it stood now the American constitution was the best ever written, but that did not mean it could not be improved upon. "I like America," he said, and shall come here again some day. I think, one of these days, its municipal institutions, like most of the others, will be the greatest in the world." He characterized Judge Wood's finding in the Debs case as improper, and thought it was bound to bring about a revulsion of feeling both among the middle and higher classes.

DEFEAT FOR LABOR.
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 19.—The Massillon arbitration committee today decided in favor of the coal operators. The report concludes: "The rate, prices and size of screen, proposed by the operators in the agreement of submission has been proved to be just and reasonable and should be accepted by the men, and we so award." The Massillon miners to the number of about 3,000 were on a strike during the past year for nearly seven months. It was finally decided to settle the question by arbitration and the men returned to work pending the action of the arbitration committee.

NOTES.
A number of engineers, firemen and conductors have been laid off by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. The men say the action is equivalent to a discharge and that it was brought about because the men sympathized with the strikers.

In the Federation of Labor convention President McBride offered a resolution favoring unity or action of trades unions, but declining to affiliate in any way with the Knights of Labor. It was adopted. A rumor has been prevalent that prior to the departure of John Burns from Denver an estrangement had arisen between him and David Holmes, and that their relations were exceedingly formal. Mr. Holmes emphatically denies any estrangement, and says his feelings towards Mr. Burns are perfectly amicable.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

The Harvard catalogue shows that the institution has 3,290 students.

Banker Kelly, of New York, at the time of his death was rated at being worth about \$15,000,000.

The British Colonial Office has been informed that labor riots have broken out in Belize, British Honduras.

Meek & Co., wholesale clothiers, Milwaukee, were closed Wednesday afternoon by mortgages aggregating over \$90,000.

Advices tell of ten deaths from cholera in a single day in the State of Rio Janeiro, and say that yellow fever is increasing in the capital.

At Janesville, Wis., a scaffolding at the new high school building fell Wednesday morning and injured five men, one, and probably two, of whom will die.

A Seattle (Wash.) dispatch says the Newcastle coal mine is burning, and the whole property, valued at \$500,000, is threatened with destruction.

Wm. D. S. Anderson, who has been assistant treasurer of Cook county, Ill., for twenty years, is missing from Chicago. He was last seen on Dec. 15. Mr. Anderson has long been the active head of the department and is the most expert tax authority in the city.

It is proposed to make surveys and soundings around Watlings Island in the Bahamas group, which modern authorities agree was the first land seen by Columbus, in order to ascertain the spot where he landed on the island. It is proposed by taking soundings to verify the spot from the details given in Columbus' journal.

It is understood that Emperor Francis Joseph will choose a Liberal Cabinet for Hungary.

The town of Cravitz, Hungary, was visited by a violent shock of earthquake on Wednesday, which wrecked a large number of houses and reduced several streets to ruins. Many were injured, but no fatalities are reported.

POLITICAL PREFERENCES.

Muskoka Patrons Nominate a Candidate.

Mr. R. N. Hill, of Hillsdale, was chosen as the Patron candidate in the coming Dominion election for Muskoka at a convention held in Emerald on Wednesday.

\$40,000 Short.

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The further investigation of the defalcation of John E. Reilly, the cashier of the Central Bank of Rome, and of Samuel Gillett, the teller, discloses a total shortage of nearly \$40,000, of which \$3,000 is traced to the teller. Mayor Gillett, who was the teller of the bank, has not been seen since Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Through the Straits.

MACKINAW CITY, Mich., Dec. 19.—The City of Glasgow, Buffalo and Aurora passed down through the Straits from Chicago in company yesterday. They are having remarkably fine weather—quiet and mild. This time last year the Straits had been full of ice for two weeks, sleighing good a month, and snow was three feet deep in the woods. Now there is little ice, no snow, and sunshine.

AN EX-POLICEMAN'S CRIMES.

Pleads Guilty to Three Separate Charges of Stealing.

A Family Row Ventilated at the Police Court—Committed as Insane—Sent Out of Town.

The police magistrate had a busy time for about an hour this morning. A grey-headed and bearded patriarchal looking man with the marks of a common everyday blow under the eye sat in the box. He was Jacob Steinburg and was charged by his wife and son with assault. Mrs. Steinburg and her son Abraham de Biscay were present to press the charge. A pile of harness on the floor explained the presence of Charles Frampton. Armed with a search warrant the police went to his place in London township yesterday and brought away a lot more harness. As a result, while Frampton was sitting in the cage, charged with stealing from Henry Sampson, Mr. Thos. Jeffrey and Mr. John McMartin were swearing out additional information charging him with stealing from them. Leonard Anderson, who was found with the two Duncan girls, Maggie and Georgie, in the Mechanics' Institute building last night, was the other occupant of the cage. On the bench in front sat the girls and with them Mrs. Eliza Jane Burke, who is charged with insanity. Mr. Burke and his little daughter were in court.

COMMITTED AS INSANE.
The first case called was that of Mrs. Burke. The magistrate expressed surprise when he learned that she was only 44 years of age. She looked all of 70, and presented a pitiable sight as she sat on the bench apparently oblivious to her surroundings. Her husband is very ill and was assisted into the witness stand. He said that her hallucination was that she was already dead with the exception of her heart. She would take no food on this account. Her husband said that she had been acting queerly for four years. At one time she went about for three weeks night and day with a knife in her hand threatening to kill her children. She was adjudged insane in Hamilton about two years ago but the husband took her home because he had no one to look after the children. She had been in the hospital lately and since her discharge she has been in the habit of wandering into the country and hiding in the bushes. The magistrate committed her for trial.

A FAMILY ROW.
Jacob Steinburg evidently thought himself a much-abused man. The magistrate explained the charge to him and the prisoner commenced to sob and protest in broken and unintelligible English that he was not guilty. He excused his broken English and said that for twelve years he had been a good husband and had always been kind to his boy. He pointed dramatically to his gray hair and said he tried his best to get along peacefully and he never drank whisky. He would have talked all day if the magistrate had not silenced him to give the wife and boy a chance.

Mrs. Steinburg proved to be as voluble as her husband. The latter denied almost everything she said as such as it was uttered. She said that Steinburg wanted the savings of her boy, who is a bookkeeper at Goldstick's hat factory at the salary of \$3 weekly, with which to go to Detroit. The amount was \$40, and when she refused he threw her down and took it.

"I don't want to live with him any more," the woman said. "I want him to consent to a bill of divorce in the Jewish religion. Then he will have nothing to do with me or I with him."

The boy, Abraham de Biscay, said that when his mother was struck on the chest blood flowed freely from her mouth. The chief said that the woman was bleeding from the mouth when she laid the information.

The prisoner denied stealing the \$40, but \$30 was found on him when arrested.

"I think I can settle this trouble," said Mr. Parke to the prisoner, "You and your wife will have to separate."

Steinburg—Ah! Look at this poor old man!

Magistrate—You will have to give that money back to your wife.

"For why?" asked the prisoner, "Master, I keep the boy twelve years for nothing."

"But you can't keep that on account," added the magistrate.

The prisoner again burst forth into a torrent of broken English.

"Wait a moment, now," put in the magistrate, "you must give bail not to strike your wife again."

The old man raised his hands to his eyes as he sat down crying "Ach! I like better to die than this. Excuse such a poor old man."

FRAMPTON PLEADS GUILTY.

"You are charged with stealing a set of single harness from Thomas Jeffrey, of the Boswell House," said the magistrate to Frampton, the ex-policeman in the box. "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty," responded Frampton in a low voice.

"You are also charged," added Mr. Parke, "with stealing a pair of lines, a breast collar and traces, valued at \$12, from John McMartin, of the City Hotel. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty."

"Henry Sampson charges that you stole from him a set of single harness, valued at \$16. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty."

Before the magistrate proceeded to sentence the man Mr. Love interposed and asked for an extension of time in order to bring in proofs of the prisoner's former good conduct. "If I think," said Mr. Love, "that some argument can be introduced which will have weight with your honor when you hear the circumstances."

Mr. McKillop, for the crown, preferred an adjournment to immediate sentence, and the prisoner was remanded for a week.

Mr. Love thinks that the young man's mind has in some way become unbalanced. The case of the three persons arrested in the Mechanics' Institute building last night was then called. After a private conversation between the chief and the magistrate, the latter said: "Anderson, if I allow you to go will you leave today?"

Anderson—Yes, sir; I will leave Friday.

Mr. Parke—No; you must leave town.

Anderson—Can I have until 7 o'clock tonight?

The magistrate nodded assent. "And you girls," he continued, "must go back to Detroit."

The girls' faces fell. "We are here with grandma. She is sick and there is no one with her just now," one of them said.

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