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WEATHER--Westerly winds fair and moderately cold tomorrow.

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AUTO MADE TROUBLE.

Argentine Aristocrat Heavily Penalized in Paris Court

FOR AUTO ACCIDENT.

He Ran a Woman Down in a Paris Street Who Afterwards Died From Her Injuries.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Paris dispatch to the Herald says: Senior Avallaneda, son of a former president of the Argentine Republic, who resides in Paris, and who is an officer in the Argentine army, was sentenced today (Thursday) by a Paris tribunal to one month's imprisonment, a fine of 500 francs (\$100) and 13,000 francs (\$2,600) damages for an automobile accident in Paris, last June, when he ran down a woman who afterwards died from her injuries.

MAN SHOT ON THE BOWERY.

Gave Evidence in Murder Trial and Thinks Bullet Is His Reward.

New York, Dec. 29.—Standing almost in the very spot where Robert Brennan was shot to death by a bullet from the Mallon, last May, Wm. O'Brien, a homeless wanderer, who gave an important testimony in the trial which resulted in Mallon being sent to prison for twenty years, today, received a bullet wound which probably will end his life.

LIFE PRISONER FREE AT LAST.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Matthew Jones, a life prisoner just pardoned after serving seventeen years on a charge of arson, still protests his innocence. The crime on which Jones was convicted was committed near Saratoga, and at the time of his capture, about a mile from the burned barn. A band of Lambton farmers took Jones to a tree and were about to lynch him. Ever since his imprisonment his wife has kept up her cottage in Marino, city, which she expects every year her husband would be proved innocent.

NO BOOZE IN SACO.

Saco, Me., Dec. 28.—City Marshal John H. Bennett made plain today the stand he intends to take in the matter of the illegal sale of liquor and gambling. He personally visited a number of places and notified the proprietors that he would vigorously prosecute any infraction of the law.

A LIGHT SENTENCE.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 28.—Judge DeCoursey, in the Supreme Court today, sentenced John B. Blaney, the defaulting treasurer of the eastern division of the Wire, Wavers Benevolent and Protective Association to the state prison for not less than three nor more than five years. Blaney has been treasurer of the Association for 18 years and confessed to embezzling more than \$10,000 during that time. He disappeared from his home in Holyoke before the embezzlement was discovered and surrendered to the police in San Francisco.

BARGE TURNED TURTLE.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—The barge Monarch, with five hundred tons of coal on board, turned turtle today in the Willamette river and the six men on board were thrown into the river. Five of the men were rescued but one was carried down with the coal and drowned.

WILL NOT PRACTICE LAW.

London, Dec. 29.—Jos. H. Chateau, U. S. ambassador here does not intend to take up law practice when he returns to New York, as reported in the press. The ambassador considers he has been away too long from the bar to resume practice at his age.

THE JAPS SCORE BIG VICTORY.

They Captured Rihlung Mountain Forts Last Night After Months of Fighting--Lost 1,000 Men--Port Arthur's Fall Hastened--Fighting in Manchuria--Nation Will Welcome Togo.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Noon.—After months of fighting, seeping and trenching the Japanese forces finally occupied Rihlung mountain last night (Dec. 28).

A report received from headquarters of the Japanese third army before Port Arthur, reaching here at midnight, Dec. 28, says: On Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock in the morning the left center column of our army following some heavy explosions on the frontal range of Rihlung mountain charged and occupied the parapet under cover of fire from heavy guns and constructed defense works despite the enemy's fierce fire.

At four o'clock in the afternoon our occupation was practically assured, we charged and occupied the inner lines of heavy gun positions, subsequently dislodging a remnant of the enemy's force stubbornly holding the gorge fort, after which we occupied and captured the entire works. Headquarters of the Japanese army before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung fort was captured at 8 o'clock this morning with a blow and Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines, exploded at ten o'clock, made breaches in the front wall, through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 600 men, escaped.

THE DRUMELZIER IS STILL ASHORE.

The Crew are Still on Board—She is Coated With Ice.

New York, Dec. 29.—The British freight steamer Drumelzier is still ashore of Oak Island Beach where she struck Sunday. Three members of the crew can be seen standing upon the steamer's bridge.

FREDERICTON BRIDGE.

The Government May Buy It From the Company. J. E. Price, I. O. E. general superintendent and T. G. Burpee, engineer of maintenance, who arrived in the city last night from Fredericton left for Moncton by the noon train. It is reported that the visit to Fredericton was on business connected with the Fredericton Railway bridge, which it is understood will shortly be taken over by the government, and made free for intercolonial trains.

PREFERRED DEATH TO LONELY LIFE.

Medicine Hat, N. W. T., Dec. 29.—(Special)—A ranchman here yesterday committed suicide here yesterday afternoon by shooting himself while suffering from melancholia, the result of a lonely life.

A "QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE"

How Far Can a Bishop Go in His Private Correspondence?

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—"Can a Bishop or ought the Bishop write defamatory letters, in secret, in order to injure any member of the ministry?" This is the question which will be decided at the meeting of the Board of Inquiry in the case of Irving V. Talbot said the Rev. Dr. J. S. Irving, the plaintiff in the celebrated case, today, in discussing the charges, which have been made against him.

WHO IS SHE?

The woman who lodged at the police station last night was sent to the C. N. R. station today. Officer Byers found the woman about two o'clock this morning wandering in the street. She told the officer she had no place of residence, and she came from St. John, two weeks since in search of her husband, who she said had been in a factory operative. When she could not locate him and her money became exhausted, she came to St. John.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Hawkesbury, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The C. N. R. station was destroyed by fire at about 11:30 last night. D. D. Campbell, station agent, and his family, who occupied the upper flat, were, with great difficulty, saved, but it was impossible to rescue Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Campbell's mother, who perished in the flames. The origin of the fire is at present unknown.

A POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—(Special)—E. H. McGuigan, General Superintendent of Grand Trunk Railway has been appointed Port Vice President of the company in charge of the departments of transportation and maintenance. The position was created for him.

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LEASING SANCTIONED.

Railway Commission Decides on Properties Taken Over by C. P. R.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The railway commission have passed orders which have sanctioned the approval of the governor in council, sanctioning the lease of the "Huron, Lake Erie and Pacific to the Canadian Pacific, the Guelph and Goderich, to the C. P. R., and the northern colonization railway of Quebec, to the C. P. R.

ELECTIONS PROTESTED.

Petitions Filed Against A. C. Bell, Pictou, and T. S. Rogers, Cumberland. Halifax, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Cross petitions were filed here today against the election of A. C. Bell, of Pictou and T. S. Rogers, of Cumberland. The one against Bell is by E. H. Macdonald for disqualification for seven years for corrupt practices and the one against Rogers is by Hance Logan on similar grounds.

JOHN A. HUMBLE SUES OZONE COMPANY BECAUSE THEIR MEDICINE FAILED TO CURE.

Because Ozone failed to cure him John A. Humble is suing the Ozone Company of Montreal. Some time ago Mr. Humble purchased certain medicines from the Ozone Company, on their guarantee that they would cure him of an illness from which he was suffering at the time.

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HUNTING IN NEW ONTARIO.

During the hunting season, in the district reached by the Grand Trunk Railway system in the 'Highlands of Ontario,' hunters were most successful in their quest for big game. Records received by the Grand Trunk give a total of 2,552 deer as having been shipped in the fifteen days' open season, by the Canadian Express Company; the largest numbers being forwarded from Burk's Falls, the gateway to the Magnetawan river region; Huntsville, the gateway to the Lake of Bays region; Powassan, South River, Scotia Junction, and Trout creek. Other localities from which large numbers were shipped were the Haliburton district, the southern portion of the Tenagami region, and that portion of the line running along the south shore of the Georgian Bay, in the neighborhood of Wabushane. In addition to these deer, about fifty magnificent moose were secured in the Tenagami region. This comparatively vast district in 'New Ontario' was exploited by the Grand Trunk for the first time last autumn.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 29.—Renewed interest in the great cotton mill strike which has been in existence here since July 25, was created today by an announcement from the textile council that it had called mass meeting of the various unions for tomorrow afternoon, when they will be asked to vote by ballot on the question of ending or continuing the struggle.

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