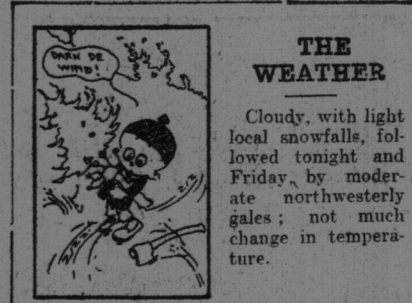


# The Evening Times



### THE WEATHER

Cloudy, with light local snowfalls, followed tonight and Friday by moderate northwesterly gales; not much change in temperature.

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## CZAR ON SENTRY GO; GUARD WILL

### Ruler of Russia Credited With Fine Manly Act—Two Hours As Infantry Soldier to Make Test of Equipment

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—(Special)—A Russian court bulletin recorded lately that the czar walked about Livadia for two hours wearing the uniform and carrying the accoutrements of an infantry soldier.



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in order to test the equipment. Another story has now reached St. Petersburg to the effect that, while the emperor was strolling in a park with his adjutant he noticed that one of the sentries had been attacked with hemorrhage. He sent the adjutant to tell the man to quit his post and report himself to the doctor. The man replied that he dare not and that he was under oath to the emperor.

The czar then approached and told the man that the same oath compelled him to obey his emperor, who was empowered by military code to relieve the sentry. The czar then ordered the sentry to surrender his rifle to him and instructed the adjutant to accompany the man to the barracks and explain.

## FIREMEN WIN IN HARD FIGHT

### Explosions, Falling Walls and \$250,000 Loss Features of Kansas City Fire

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—After a two hours' fight made hazardous by frequent explosions and falling walls, firemen here early today gained control of a blaze that consumed the Biello building at Ninth street and Grand avenue and caused a loss of \$250,000.

A few persons slept in the building but were believed to be the result of a total loss, not even the walls remaining.

## SILENT AS TO THEIR HUNT FOR TREASURE

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Several of a party of Americans who passed through here two months ago to explore Tiburon Island, in the Gulf of Lower California for hidden treasure and mineral deposits, are hidden yesterday on their way home. For weeks it had been rumored that they had been lost or killed by the cannibal Seri Indians.

## A FIRE IN MAINE VILLAGE

Munroe, Me., Dec. 23.—The fire-fighting force and apparatus from Brooks hurried seven miles over the country roads in the night and succeeded in saving this village from probable serious loss by fire last night. Although a number of buildings were burned, the store of L. F. Stimpson was the only one totally destroyed. The loss is about \$8,000.

## EXPLORER AMUNDSEN NOW BEGINS SEARCH FOR COOK

### Report of Committee Investigating Cook's Mt. McKinley Claim Will Be Delivered Tomorrow—It Will Discredit Cook's Declaration

New York, Dec. 23.—A Copenhagen cable despatch to the World this morning says that Capt. Ronald Amundsen, discoverer of the Northwest passage, who planned a four years' voyage in Fram to prove that a current runs from the Behring Strait to the North Pole, has begun a systematic search for Dr. Cook. The mysterious disappearance of Cook at the time when he was expected to keep in close touch with the University of Copenhagen, which was testing his claim, was the first cause of the doubt of his story which now the university regards as false. The despatch says that the captain, who was one of Dr. Cook's most ardent supporters, does not expect to start on his Arctic voyage until next July, and will devote the intervening months, if necessary, to finding Cook.

## MONTREAL FIRE CHIEFS SUSPENDED

### First Results of Judge Cannon's Investigation—A. A. Federation Disbanded—Bernier Before Can. Club

Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The first results of the recent investigation by Judge Cannon, were shown today when District Fire Chiefs Dubois and Math were suspended and may be dismissed later when the fire committee fully considers their cases.

The Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, at a meeting held last night, formally passed a resolution disbanding that body and recommending to the A. A. U. of Canada.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Captain Bernier was a guest of honor at a luncheon of the Quebec Canadian Club at the Chateau Frontenac yesterday. He related experiences of his recent trip to the Arctic regions. He received a hearty reception.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Lieut. Col. Moore, commanding officer of the 13th regiment, has received word that King Edward has consented to allow the regiment to be named the 13th Royal Regiment. The honor is conferred because of the regiment's efficiency in shooting and other matters.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The cases against moving picture houses for keeping open on Sunday have been postponed for further evidence.

Bellefleur, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Next Monday will be municipal nomination day and there are no candidates for mayor and twenty-one aldermen.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Fritz Dehn, who was sentenced to ten years in prison for snatching a bank clerk's valise containing \$1,000, Dec. 22.—(Special)—The cases against moving picture houses for keeping open on Sunday have been postponed for further evidence.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Toronto is having a great post office rush. The largest mail ever known here is being handled.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Joe Tagherino has been acquitted of a charge of sending Black Timed letters.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Hon. Adam Beck was nominated for mayor of London, Ont., yesterday. There will be opposition.

E. R. O. Clarkson was yesterday appointed receiver for Scarborough, his Toronto assessment enterprise, run largely by the same interests which control Dominion Park, Montreal.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The railway board has decided that the telegraph companies should not put its five letter code limitations into effect until July 1.

The question was raised by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The telegraph companies in that case have allowed the letters to be put into an artificial world. A few months ago the companies announced a reduction to five letters. This was protested, on the ground that it would seriously increase telegraph rates.

## WESTERN FARMERS BUY 30 "AUTOS"

### Bumper Wheat Crop and Consequent Prosperity Make Things Go

Detroit, Dec. 23.—J. O. Coe, a Saskatchewan farmer, dropped into Detroit on Sunday, and by the time he had finished his errand yesterday, he had purchased thirty automobiles for his farmer friends of the far northwest.

He was not an agent. He told his neighbors he was going east, and they gave him their orders, accompanied by bank drafts. Bumper wheat crops in the northwest were the cause of so much prosperity.

## WIDOW GETS \$15,000,000

New York, Dec. 23.—The estate of John Stewart Kennedy, the multi-millionaire banker, who died here last October, is valued at more than \$100,000,000, according to the will which has just been admitted to probate. He left about \$30,000,000 to charity. His widow gets about \$15,000,000 by the will.

## FREE TRADE UNION SENDS 800 SPEAKERS OUT TO SMP GREAT BRITAIN

### HAPPY MORNING AT KINDERGARTENS Closing Exercises in Brussels and Waterloo Street Schools—Santa Claus There

After a very successful school term, the free kindergartens in Brussels and Waterloo streets, closed this morning for the Christmas holidays. The exercises were interesting and were enjoyed by a large number of people. In both kindergartens, the closing was practically the same. The programme consisted of Xmas songs and carols by the children, and of the playing of games.

In each room was a large tree, with gifts, the handiwork of the youngsters and comprising a variety of articles. Besides having made the presents on the trees the little tots also assisted in decorating the buildings, making long chains of pretty colors, rosettes and fancy paper designs. These were displayed in profusion about the rooms and made a very pleasing sight.

The attendance in each school has been very regular, the average being about forty-five, and no cases of sickness or death were reported.

Those in charge of the Brussels street kindergarten during the past term, were Miss Hattie Allan, Miss Lou Etie and Miss E. Baskley. The teachers in the Waterloo street kindergarten during the past term were Misses Belle Miller, S. Brown, B. East, M. McAlvay, H. Hiley and A. Bullock.

There were many visitors to the schools this morning among them being Mrs. H. H. Fickler, Mrs. John Bullock, Mrs. S. Scott and Mrs. Edward Sears. An interesting feature of the programme in each place was the stripping of the trees of the gifts and while the children were absent from the rooms, having them filled with more useful and costly presents by those in charge, who played the role of Santa Claus very cleverly. The gifts made by the children were given to their parents and friends and were very much appreciated, in turn, much to their surprise and joy, received many happy remembrances from "Santa Claus."

## OTTAWA HOCKEY TEAM MAY PLAY HERE NEXT MONTH

There is a likelihood that the hockey fans here will have an opportunity to see the local septette clash with the Ottawa City Club, the Ottawa team are to play the Amherst Ramblers the later part of this month, two games, and negotiations are being made for a tour to the States.

A game here with the All-Isle Johns would no doubt be a big drawing card. The All-Isle Johns, practicing every night now and are commencing to look like the real thing. Among those training out are: Pastorek, Kennedy, Clawson, Philips, Roberts, Gilbert, Macaulay, Carson Flood, Phelan the Montreal star and Erol Inchee. The team expect to have Cribbe, the Chatham led, and cracker goal tender out with them tonight, also Sam Gregory who some years ago was one of the fastest of the local team. Last season he was playing stellar hockey in Winnipeg.

## ESTRADA WILL NOW ASSUME OFFENSIVE

Bluffsides, Niagara, Dec. 23.—General Estrada, it is said, will immediately assume the offensive against the government of President Madrid. The insurgent leader holds that the Zelayan element was responsible for the capture of the city of Leon, and he is determined to liberate it.

The march on Managua is believed to be imminent. The prisoners captured at Rama have been well fed and all who now espouse the cause of Estrada, will be armed and enrolled in the ranks of the insurgents.

## THE GLEANER HAD TROUBLE

Fredricton, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The Gleaner newspaper was not published last evening as the new press lately installed could not be made to work properly. The men worked all night at the job and succeeded in getting the paper out at 7 o'clock this morning.

Byron Kinghorn, resident engineer of the Transcontinental at Edmundston, George E. Howie, who holds a similar position at Grand Falls, and Kenneth Chestnut, who is on the engineering staff at Lacaze are home to ride the Christmas holidays.

## CORINTHIAN FREED; WORK OF RELOADING BEGUN; LITTLE DAMAGE SUSTAINED

Halifax, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Amid the roar of machinery from six steamers, mingled with that of her own, the Allan liner Corinthian was again placed with deep water under her keel at high tide this morning. About 4 o'clock the whistle sounded for all the steamers to take the strain. The lighting of the cargo had its effect. The steamer slid into deep water, apparently unaffected by her four days' stay on the reef.

The Furness liner Shenandoah, the power of C. E. R. tug Cruiser, and the tug Goliath had ropes to the stern of the steamer. The Togo, Scoteman and F. W. Roobling were attached to the bow. A strong pull and a long pull and a pull all together did the trick.

The steamer proceeded to Furness, Wither & Co.'s pier, under her own steam. This morning the wharf presented a busy appearance. Lying in the docks on either side of the pier and in the shed was about 2,000 tons of the big liner's cargo. The lumber was on scows and in rafts, there being about seven of these. Alongside the steamer was a schooner from which the grain was being transferred back to the hold of the Corinthian.

The tug Pastime and Polin were lying in the same dock awaiting an opportunity to get rid of the bunker coal deposited in their holds. The steamer City of Ghent has the apples which were on the steamer. These had to be taken out in order to gain access to the heavier goods. Four

## Will Let Loose Flood of Oratory on Monday Next; Lull Now For Christmas Holiday

### Proposed Reforms in House of Lords Occupy Attention Now—Lord Curzon's Scheme to Reduce House to 400 and Have Certain Conditions Which Must First Be Met

London, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The Liberals are preparing to meet their opponents at every point in the campaign that will be resumed with unexampled vigor after Christmas. It is anticipated today that the Free Trade Union will despatch 800 speakers next Monday in an organized campaign throughout the country.

These will combat the vague tariff reform programme of the Conservatives and appeal to the people by means of the trade policy of the government. Their opponents are somewhat handicapped for lack of a definite tariff policy and speakers able to present it in attractive form.

The Daily Graphic (Conservative) makes the following noteworthy admission: "At the best of the world, the Unionists are lacking in men who appeal to the imagination of the electorate. There is also an uneasy feeling abroad that the methods of the Unionist associations are not so effective as they should be."

The Graphic hopes the Unionist whips will find a remedy for the disquieting situation during the Christmas lull.

## LORD CURZON'S REFORM PROPOSAL

Toronto, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The Globe cable from Stewart Lyon says: "A general truce has been declared in the war of the budget, as the people are too busy preparing for Christmas celebrations, and interest in the fight has for the moment given way to the holiday spirit."

The truce will last until Tuesday, when the fight will be renewed with eagerness and vigor. In the meantime the tariff reformers are rapidly taking a substitute plan to a committee over many proposals for reform of the House of Lords.

## FOR HARMONY ON THE DIAMOND

### Lynch Asks Umpires for Report on the Baseball Troublemakers

New York, Dec. 23.—Thomas J. Lynch, the new president of the National League, sent out a letter yesterday to his six veteran umpires—Hank O'Day, Bob Emalie, Steve Kane, James E. Johnston, William J. Klein and Chas. Rigler—asking them to communicate with him stating with whom most of their troubles with the players originated last season and whether coaches, managers or "bench-warmers" were primarily at fault.

President Lynch hopes to reduce the friction that has existed in the past between the referees and the players. But before he starts on any plans, he wants the umpires to furnish him with a full list of their grievances and to learn from them the best means of making the arbitrators and players work in harmony.

## MEDALS FOR GIRLS IN NEW YORK STRIKE

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—St. Paul passenger train No. 43, running north at thirty-five miles an hour, spread the rails one-half mile east of Good Thunder, Minn., Monday, and plunged into the ditch last night. Forty passengers were hurt, none fatally it is believed.

## THE ROSTREVOR SAFE

London, Dec. 23.—The railway companies' steamer Rostrevor, for which fears have been entertained, arrived at Holyhead, Wales, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The captain reported that he had been delayed by fog and also by stopping to assist a schooner which had been damped in the storm.

## STRIKE BREAKERS LET GO

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 23.—The Ludlow Manufacturing Associates discharged the 20 Greek and Italian strike-breakers brought from New York during recent strike in the mills which ended with the return of the Polish strikers to work this week.

## BANK OF ENGLAND RATE UNCHANGED

London, Dec. 23.—The directors of the Bank of England at their weekly meeting today made no change in the minimum discount rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

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## TARIFF DECISION BY MARCH 1

### Taft Ready Then to Announce What Countries Will Get Minimum Rate Benefit—President and Santa Claus

Washington, Dec. 23.—A long consultation at the White House between President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, the members of the tariff board and members of the trade relations staff of the state department, indicated that President Taft will be in a position on March 1 next to proclaim just which countries are to be given the benefit of the minimum American tariff in return for concessions on their part.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee of the senate, who framed the maximum and minimum clause of the tariff bill, was called into the conference. The tariff board, composed of Professor H. C. Emery, James B. Reynolds and Alvin H. Sanders, has been engaged for the last three months in seeking out tariff discriminations against the United States. It is said that these were not hard to find, and that many of them were entitled to the distinction of being termed "gross."

Efforts will be made to adjust matters with most of the countries through diplomatic channels within the next two months. The greatest difficulty of adjustment is expected with France, because of the heavy increases made by the Javal bill on wines and other imports from that country.

## TAFT AND SANTA CLAUS

When little Henry Gordon McMorran, the six-year-old grandson of Representative McMorran of Michigan, was introduced to President Taft, during the congressional calling hour at the White House, he blurted out the chief executive that he had begun to doubt the authenticity of "all this Santa Claus business."

At the suggestion of his parents he had decided to ignore the matter to President Taft for a while. The president was taken aback for a minute, but looking down on the little fellow and patting him on the head said:

"Well, young man, if you write a letter to Santa Claus and on Christmas morning find he has brought you all that you asked for, isn't that enough to show that he not only exists, but is a mighty fine fellow?" The boy admitted that that certainly would be a point in favor of Santa Claus and he agreed to reserve his judgment until Christmas morning. In the meantime he is going to be very busy with letter writing.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Bureau of Forestry of the Agricultural Department, called at the White House and talked with President Taft regarding participation by the United States in the international conservation congress proposed by former President Roosevelt, which it is planned will be held at The Hague next year. The object of the congress is to gather data as to the world's supply of natural resources and to devise the best means of conserving these resources. The president is deeply interested in the subject and assured Mr. Pinchot he would lend whatever assistance he could to the movement.

Industrial education, what it has accomplished and its present condition, in all probability will be made the subject of a general investigation under the supervision of the bureau of labor. Secretary Nagel and Commissioner Neill both favor the idea.

The secretary of the American Federation of Labor, made up of President Fombers, John Mitchell, James O'Connell and Frank Morrison who called to present the subject in obedience to instructions given them at the recent Toronto meeting of the organization where the question of industrial education came up for an interesting discussion. The secretary promised his callers to take up their request for serious consideration.

## NO EMBASSY AT VATICAN

The papal legation will send an official communication to Rome supplementing the little White House letter in which President Taft notifies the pope of his inability to recommend the establishment of an embassy to the Vatican. Mr. Diomedes Falconio, who will sign the communication, will set forth explanations showing that it is not feasible for this country to give diplomatic recognition to the church when there are so many principal religions besides the Catholic.

Further evidence of the terrific weather experienced on the Atlantic in the last few days, have been received here in a Marconigram from Captain French, of the steamer Chicago, which left New York on December 11 for Havre.

## MARCONI AIR LINES BRING MORE WORD OF HEAVY STORM

Terrific Weather Reported in Marconigram to Queenstown from Steamer Chicago—Is Short of Coal—Friesland Not Heard From Yet

Queenstown, Ire., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Further evidence of the terrific weather experienced on the Atlantic in the last few days, have been received here in a Marconigram from Captain French, of the steamer Chicago, which left New York on December 11 for Havre.

The message says he was making for Queenstown for a supply of coal and water to enable him to complete his voyage to Havre. The Chicago encountered a dreadful storm, but it is not yet known whether or not she suffered any damage. She has passengers and mail aboard.

The Friesland liner Friesland from Philadelphia, due here last Monday, has not been heard of yet.

## IS BOUNTY FROM QUEEN OF ENGLAND?

### Unknown Benefactor of Wretched Poor Distributes Christmas Gifts on Victoria Embankment

London, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Unknown men for the past two nights have collected the homeless destitute who frequent the Victoria embankment and have given to each man a knitted jacket, gloves, a scarf



QUEEN ALEXANDRA

and a shilling, and to each woman a shawl, gloves and a shilling. They refuse to give the names of the donor of the articles.

The Daily Mail today says that Queen Alexandra, stirred by newspaper stories of wanderers who seek refuge on the embankment, has taken this means of providing Christmas presents for them.

## LEAVE NO AVENUE FOR THEIR ESCAPE

### Prosecution Guarding Against Elderly Trio in Bath-tub Case Dropping the Issue

New York, Dec. 23.—Although Mrs. Corinne B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Oopsy Sned, has been indicted with her two sisters for the murder of the East Orange bath-tub victim, the New Jersey authorities have not yet obtained possession of Mrs. Martin, and the self-willed elderly woman is determined not to be taken from the New York state without a fight.

Alternative indictments have been found against Mrs. Martin, Miss Virginia Wardlaw and Mrs. Mary Sned, under which they may be tried either as having directly caused the death of Cory Sned, or lured her in suicide. This was held today to indicate that the prosecutor means to leave no avenue through which the elderly trio can escape the alleged responsibility of having been the instruments through which the tragedy was enacted.

## BIG COAL AND IRON PROPERTY SOLD

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the directors of the Georges Creek Coal & Iron Company yesterday, it was decided to recommend the acceptance of an offer by the Jamison Coal & Coke Company for the Georges Creek property. A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for January 15 to ratify the sale. Information as to the exact nature of the offer was withheld. The capital stock of the Georges Creek Company is \$2,200,000.

## BRILLIANT RUN BY POOL PLAYER

Boston, Dec. 23.—A brilliant opening run of 71, which set a new world record, held by Frank Eby, kept Tom Hueston of St. Louis, the winner's champion pool player, from Benjie Allen of Kansas City in the second block of 200 balls in their 63-point match in this city last night. Hueston finished the evening with 226 to 111 for Allen. With last night's score added, Hueston leads Allen 412 to 320.

## MORE VOTERS IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—A gain of 2,019 voters in Boston for the next municipal election in January was shown when registration closed last night. The figures showed 116,753 voters as against 110,656 last year.