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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1906.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM A WIN... Big Fight for Control of the Insurance Companies

ELECTIONS TODAY... Samuel Untermyer Says That in Any Case a Legislative Investigation Will be Made

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Early today both sides in the fight that has been going on to obtain control of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies and their vast assets, claimed a victory.

The New York Life claimed an administrative victory by anywhere from 150,000 to 200,000 votes, while the Mutual management predicted a victory by the administration by 100,000 votes.

The elections today will be held at the offices of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance companies under the supervision of a force of inspectors appointed by Superintendent of Insurance Kelly.

GRFATER THAN THE DREADNOUGHT... United States May Build Warship the Most Powerful in the World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The secretary of the navy has sent to Congress detailed specifications for a new 20,000-ton battleship, to be the most powerful fighting ship in the world.

WEALTHY PRELATE DEAD... ROME, Dec. 18.—The death was announced today of Mgr. Adami, one of the wealthiest Roman prelates.

A COLD WAVE... ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 17.—Since yesterday the temperature in St. Paul has dropped degrees.

BELGIUM TO TAKE CONTROL... King Leopold Will No Longer be the Landlord OF CONGO STATE

THE Deal Is to be Consummated at Once and the Belgian Government Will Assume Complete Sovereignty Over the Congo Free State and Its Immense Resources.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Herbert S. Johnson, a leader in the Congo Reform Association, received a telegram while attending a banquet last night, summoning him to Washington.

BANK OF GERMANY RAISES ITS RATES... Discount Rate Advanced From 6 to 7 per Cent.—A Preliminary Precaution Against Gold Shortage.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The Imperial Bank of Germany raised its rate of discount today from 6 to 7 per cent.

MILITIA APPOINTMENTS... OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 18 (Special).—Today's Canada Gazette has the following: Lieutenant Colonel and Honorary Colonel G. S. Ryerson is transferred to the reserve of officers.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER... FINANCIAL ITEM. The Times new reporter was reliably informed this morning by several citizens that the C. P. R.

DAINNY LULU TO WED... NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Miss Lulu Glasser acknowledged last night that she is to become the bride of Ralph C. Herz, an English actor, who was formerly leading comedian in her company.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Forecast: Eastern States and Northern New York, fair and colder tonight; Wednesday, fair, warmer in west portions; diminishing northerly winds.

ARGUMENT FOR NEW TRIAL FOR CLARK HEARD BEFORE SUPREME COURT TODAY

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—(Special).—The supreme court met here this morning pursuant to adjournment and took up the crown case of the King v. W. E. Clark, tried at the last circuit court at St. John and reserved by Justice Landry.

SHE CLAIMS THE THRONE OF CHINA... Manchu Wife of an English Officer in Victoria, Says She is Rightful Empress of China

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18 (Special).—A Manchu banner woman, married to an English officer of Gordon's army, announces that she has made claim to the throne of China.

EQUITY COURT... The regular monthly sitting of the equity court was held this morning, Mr. Justice Backler presiding.

HURT AT SAND POINT... The steamer Lake Erie, injured on board the steamer Lake Erie lying at No. 2 berth, Sand Point, this morning, and are now in the general public hospital.

ARE BURNING FENCE POSTS... HARTNEY, Man., Dec. 18.—(Special).—The shortage of fuel in this town and district has become really alarming.

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ST. JOHN LADIES FOR MONTREAL FOR MONTREAL... Rinks of Lady Curlers will Compete in Bonspiel Early in February.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—(Special).—The ladies' rinks of the St. John Curling Club, which are to compete in the Bonspiel tournament in Montreal, will be held on Feb. 5, 6, 7 and 8 next.

CHARGES AGAINST A JAIL GOVERNOR... Governor Van Zant of Ontario Jail Charged With Unbecomingly Conduct With Prisoners.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—(Special).—Additional charges of a startling nature have been laid against Governor Van Zant of Ontario jail, which are to be tried in Toronto.

THE FARMERS WANT TARIFF CHANGES... Delegation Called on Minister of Finance and Declared Against Iron Bounties.

GREATER CURSE THAN SLAVERY... WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special).—Mormonism is a greater curse to the country than was slavery.

DATE SET FOR HARRY'S TRIAL... NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Harry K. Thaw will be tried on January 21 on a charge of the murder of Stanford White.

POLICE COURT... In the police court this morning, Henry Rodgers was fined \$4 or ten days for drunkenness, but was allowed out on suspended sentence.

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