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## CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE HOLIDAYS MAY HINDER IT

### Tie-up Summoned to Begin To-morrow Noon—Czar's Name-Day Observed With Martial Accompaniment—Rojestvensky Welcomed Home.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—A call for a general political strike thruout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was issued to-night. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants and General Railway Union, and the councils of workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A response received from the railroad men of Moscow is unanimously for a strike. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every railroad in Russia.

It is expected, tho, that there will be difficulty in enforcing a general walk out on the eve of the Christmas holidays, when Russian workmen, especially the railroad employes, are looking toward to the customary presents, which sometimes amount to as much as one or two months' wages.

The printers of Moscow will strike to-day.

The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law. Minister of the Interior Durnovo attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the railway union, and of the workmen's council, but the despatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

**The Final Struggle.**

Russia is thus apparently on the eve of a great, if not final, struggle for mastery between the government and the proletariat. Both sides have lined up for battle. There is an air of suppressed excitement thruout the city. The streets have a holiday appearance in honor of the emperor's name day, and are crowded.

Collisions between the Reds and the Loyalists momentarily are expected, but none have been reported. Batteries of machine guns are stationed at various points of vantage thruout the city and patrols of infantry and Cossacks are everywhere. A specially heavy guard is stationed near the Jewish market.

Services were held in all the churches to-day and in every barracks the emperor's order for an increase of pay and food was read. It increases the annual pay from $1.35 per year to $3 in case of the ordinary privates, and of from $3 to $6 for privates of the guard. The pay of the non-commissioned officers is increased in proportion; in the case of the highest of the sergeants-major amounting to $36.

**Rojestvensky Cheered.**

Admiral Rojestvensky and chief members of the staff arrived here to-night. The admiral, whose head was still swathed in bandages, gave evidence of the strain and mental suffering he had undergone. He was visibly pleased with the hearty welcome he received from the large crowd, which included many students and workmen, but he merely doffed his hat, and, without speaking, hurried to a carriage. The carriage was accompanied by the crowd, which continued to cheer until the vehicle turned into the Nevsky Prospect. The higher officers of the navy were represented only by Admiral Niederbuller.

**Witte But a Figurehead.**

Boston, Dec. 19.—A communication to Russian revolutionists branches in Boston has been received by the mail from Russia. The document is issued by the authority of the League of Leagues. It reads in part:

"Our suspicions of an inner and secret government superseding that of Count Witte have been confirmed. Witte is being kept in place by the czar, so as to allay the suspicions of other European powers, and to endeavor to blind the public to the actual conditions existing in the palace. A case has just happened that proved the truth of our assertions. The governor of Odessa, Neidgard, who organized the massacres in that city, and province, was dismissed by Witte for whom he had took in the work; he has been now appointed governor of Nijni Novgorod.

"Count Witte, on being asked how he could give a new and greater and higher appointment to such a notorious villain, replied that the appointment was made not only without his consent, but even without his knowledge."

**Manifesto Withheld.**

The communication relates that in several of the provinces the czar's manifesto of emancipation was withheld by order of the secret government. Had the manifesto been made public, the letter says, wholesale massacres would have been prevented.

The letter gives what is said to be a concrete instance of a plot hatched to kill certain classes of people at Kieff.

It says: "In the issue of the Kieff daily paper, Kiefskie Otogotskie, of Nov. 16, Prof. V. Tchagovatz published an open letter to the abbot of the famous local Savaraor monastery, accusing him of having issued from the printing works of the monastery, a most inflammatory appeal to the faithful orthodox, to rise in the defence of the faith and the throne, not sparing their lives even, in the attack against Jews and constitutionalists. The appeal was printed in the monastery on Sept. 11 and 12 last, in very large quantities, and bore beneath the official sanction, the words 'authorized by the censor.'

**Police Prepared Massacre**

"Another and more official exposure was made by Count Heiden, who was sent to Kieff by Count Witte to investigate the origin of the massacres there. Count Heiden succeeded in discovering the secret organizing committee of the 'Black Gang' and in seizing its correspondence and documents.

"According to these, the attack was to be made first upon all Jews, and after their extermination, the massacre of Christian political suspects was to follow. The list of the latter had been supplied to the committee by the secret police. This statement is made by The Nevayashim, the new organ edited by the Poet Minski and Maxim Gorky."

**Endless Proof.**

The letter is brought to a close in the following language: "We could multiply endlessly these proofs of guilt of the Russian secular and church authorities in having fomented and directly and openly instigated animosity between creeds and classes, and organized fratricide in the hope of restoring the old regime, but we have no one to appeal to for justice to be meted to those people."

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## QUEER REAR END COLLISION WITH TRAINS IN MID-AIR

### Accident in New York City Causes One Death and the Injury of Forty.

New York, Dec. 19.—In one of the most extraordinary accidents known to American railroading, two heavily crowded passenger trains came together on the elevated tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad at 6.30 o'clock to-night, near 110th-street, in Harlem. J. W. Knapp of New Rochelle was killed and 40 other persons were more or less seriously injured.

Both trains were northbound, and had left the Grand Central station within a few minutes of each other. One was a Stamford local on the New York, New Haven and Hartford, which uses the Central tracks. The other was the Poughkeepsie express on the Central. Rushing along parallel tracks the trains came together. The local was switched from the third track on to the fourth, and in an instant the engine of the express had crashed into the day coach following the smoking car of the local.

The tracks at this point are about 30 feet in the air. This made the work of rescue difficult and hazardous, and lent materially to the terror of the passengers, most of whom were commuters, residing in nearby points, who had come to the city on holiday shopping tours. Fire apparatus from several stations were summoned and many persons were rescued. Serious injuries befell most of those in the car demolished by the engine of the express.

John D. Horn, engineer of the express train, was arrested to-night on the technical charge of manslaughter, and later was released on bail.

No one on the Poughkeepsie train was hurt.

Both engineers claim to have been given the proper signal lights. Hurrying ambulances and fire apparatus attracted thousands of persons to the scene of the wreck. Many persons climbed to the elevated structure to assist the wounded, whose cries could plainly be heard in the street.

Towerman Dwyer said Engineer Horn of the Poughkeepsie train had disregarded a signal which was set against him, and had come on at undiminished speed.

## SWIMMERS SAVE TWO MEN FORTY HOURS IN TUNNEL

### Daring Rescue of Laborers Imprisoned by a Cave In—Other Methods Too Slow.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three daring swimmers to-day rescued the two Italian laborers who for more than forty hours had been imprisoned in the East River tunnel of the Pennsylvania Railroad by a cave-in at the Long Island City end of the under-water bore.

Surrounded by water which threatened to engulf them the moment the compressed air should fail to hold it in check, the two entombed men had kept up constant communication with the surface by rapping on the pipes which brought them air. They were almost exhausted when the three men swam up to the platform on which they were huddled and induced the frightened men to plunge into the water. The two stronger swimmers of the three each took a man upon his back, while the third swam alongside, ready to lend assistance.

Ever since the cave-in which filled the shore end of the bore, where the men were working with water more than a hundred laborers had worked desperately to sink a shaft to the point where the imprisoned men were thought to be located. Late to-day they reached the concrete top of the tunnel. Then the work became so tedious and slow that it seemed the men could not be reached while alive.

In the meantime powerful pumps were working to overcome the inflow of water. At first they did not seem to gain, but finally there came a slight lowering of the level. A rowboat was sent for, but when it arrived it was seen that it must be hours before the water should be sufficiently reduced to permit it to enter. Finally some one suggested that the rescuers swim to the exhausted men.

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**Christmas Comes But Once a Year And When It Comes It Brings Good Cheer.**

The generous and open-hearted host, in planning his Christmas entertainment, often strains his resources by providing champagne for his guests. After all, there is no necessity of a man of moderate means going to this extravagance when he can produce a beverage quite equal to champagne by mixing radnor water with his Scotch or rye. In Montreal, at one fashionable club, little narrownecked glass jugs, in which there is a mixture of rye and radnor, are placed beside the diner, and he can pour from this receptacle into a thin wine glass and enjoy a beverage unsurpassed by any French wine. The wise housekeeper will have a good supply of radnor water for the merry Christmas season.

You're always sure of satisfaction if you leave your order for Christmas plants, Roses and Cut Flowers with Simmons, the leading Florist, No. 266 Yonge St. Phone M. 3159. 135

**Something You Should Know.**

Shopping in the crowds in Christmas weather is liable to make one hungry. Albert Williams' Cafe, on Yonge-street, just north of Queen, is in the heart of the shopping district. Everything is high-class at reasonable rates and you can get just what you want at any hour. Shea's orchestra plays every night 6 to 8 and 10 to 12.

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SILENT FOR NEARLY TWO WEEKS.

"WILLIE," OF GERMANY: Here, things are getting dull again. It's up to me to shake things loose.

## Effect Felt in Winnipeg Loan Co. There Assigns

### Canadian Co-Operative Investment Co. Couldn't Stand Strain of Sudden Withdrawals and Closes Up.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—It was announced to-day that the Canadian Co-operative Investment Company had turned over all its assets to the National Trust Company, in order to have its business wound up.

The revelations in connection with the York County Loan Company have been the immediate cause of the company's practical failure. The company had a peculiar system of operation. Contracts were issued by which each person paid in $2.50 a month to the company.

There was a clause in the contract allowing anyone who had over $100 invested to withdraw upon sixty days' notice. When the York County Loan trouble arose there was a rush for withdrawals.

The company's assets were principally in mortgages which could not be readily realized upon, and as the result the company could not meet the rush.

A loan of $24,000 was made from the Bank of Hamilton to tide over matters, which only made things worse.

Suits had been entered, and to save a winding-up order in the courts, the company has turned over all its assets to the National Trust.

Dr. A. Gordon of Carman, secretary-treasurer of the concern, says that the assets are $200,000, and the liabilities are $160,000.

There are some 1200 contract holders, most of them in Winnipeg, Brandon and Carman.

**CHICAGO PANIC OVER.**

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Practically normal conditions were restored in banking circles here to-day, and there was not the slightest surface indication of the disturbances caused yesterday by the suspension of the Walsh Banks. A large crowd of depositors gathered about the savings bank, and about 500 men were waiting when the bank opened.

**TO-DAY IN TORONTO.**

Church Union Committee, Metropolitan Church, 10.
Dufferin School closing, Sherbourne-street Methodist S. S., 2.
Daughters of the Empire, 141 College-street, 3.
Prisoners' Aid Society, Parkdale Methodist Church, 8.
"Christmas Carol" recital, Guild Hall, 8.
Parkdale L. O. L. banquet, West End Y. M. C. A., 8.
Princess, "The County Chairman," 2-8.
Grand, "Running for Office," 2-8.
Majestic, "The Lighthouse by the Sea," 2-8.
Star, Avenue Girls, burlesque, 2-8.
Alfred Mosely, C.M.G., at Empire Club, Webb's.

**Smoke Tayler's 'Maple Leaf' Cigar.**

**Buy From the Importers.**

When buying Havana Cigars, go direct to A. Clubb & Sons, 49 King West. They import every cigar direct from Cuba, and sell fine goods at rock bottom prices.

**Smokers' presents — Pipes. Alive Bollard.**

**East's Umbrellas.**

If you are at all particular what you give for Christmas, try one of East's Umbrellas. Nothing cheap or flimsy about them, but made to last and give good satisfaction. East & Co. are large manufacturers and sell the finest umbrellas at $1.50 to $25, according to the handle.

**Edwards, Morgan & Company, Chartered Accountants, 26 Wellington st. East. Phone Main 1163.**

**Coal.**

To-morrow (Thursday) is our bargain day. Five hundred tons of best furnace coal, egg size, will be placed on sale at $6 per ton. The Connell Anthracite Mining Company, Limited, head office Queen and Spadina-avenue.

## EMPLOYES ARE MISSING AFTER BAD CHICAGO FIRE

### One Fireman Killed and Indications Are That Several Other Persons Have Perished.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—One fireman was killed and several employes may have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the enamel sign factory of the Chas. W. Schonck Company, 7 to 15 Parkstreet, to-night.

Until the ruins have been searched it will not be known positively whether any of the employes were killed, either in the explosion which started the fire, or by the falling of the walls and floors, which followed soon after.

When the fire was at its height one of the walls collapsed and several firemen were precipitated in the debris. With the exception of one, who was crushed to death, all escaped with a severe shaking up. Many employes were injured in the panic soon after the fire broke out.

Forty girls and 130 men and boys were employed in the factory, and, according to the company, all but two persons have been accounted for.

The police and firemen, however, declare that several of the employes were unable to make their escape, and were in the building at the time the floors and walls collapsed.

The loss on the building is about $250,000.

**Newspaper Embarrassed**

For two hours last night the lights in one of the Toronto newspaper offices were out, because something was wrong with the electricity works. Fancy that! Such a thing never happens where there is Siche Gas, the surest scintillator. Siche is safe and sure. See the outfit at 81 York-street, or at Montreal and Winnipeg showrooms.

Buy smokers' presents at Alive Bollard's. 346

**Ten Cents**

buys a sack of OTTO COKE at your grocer's. Will last a whole day. 135

## SAID SCHEME WAS ROTTEN COUNSEL QUITS THE CASE

### Drainage Referee at Ottawa Was Outspoken During Argument and Case Ends Abruptly.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The C. P.R. has submitted a route map of a line from Georgian Bay to Ottawa, and want, but the government is not likely to grant, an independent entrance to the central station.

The hearing in a drainage case before J. B. Rankin, K.C., referee, came to a sensational climax this afternoon, when George F. Henderson, in remonstrance to statements made by Mr. Rankin, threw up his brief. The case arose out of an application to quash a drainage bylaw in the Township of Osgoode. The original petition was drawn up five years ago, and was signed by seven men who owned, in all, 800 acres they wished drained. J. H. Moore, Smith's Falls, was engaged as engineer, and his report covered 23,000 acres, and proposed to assess 150 property owners. Two of these appealed.

During argument Mr. Rankin said the scheme was the rottenest that had ever come before him. Mr. Henderson, who was acting for the township, immediately announced that, in view of the strong expression of opinion, he would withdraw. The hearing was adjourned till to-morrow morning, to enable the township to secure new counsel, but the representatives attending decided to stand by their solicitor. The referee will probably give a decision to-morrow on the evidence before him.

**Great Art Sale To-Morrow at 11 o'Clock.**

Acting under instructions from Messrs. Ambrose Kent & Sons, who are making extensive alterations to their premises, Charles M. Henderson & Co., will offer by auction, without the least reserve, to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock at their rooms, Nos. 87-89 East King-street, a rare and valuable collection of art pieces, in genuine Italian marble, comprising modern and classical subjects, heads, busts, pedestal, statuary, fine French bronzes, electric fixtures (bronze), electric lamps, French china cabinet, grandfather's clocks, making in all a very large and valuable collection of art goods. No art lover should fail to attend.

Campbell's English Chop House, 30 King-street West. Ladies' and Gents' Grill open 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. Sundays—8 a.m. 2 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8 p.m. ed

## Gets Ambiguous Denial By Mackenzie and Mann

### Claim To Know Naught of Alleged Ownership of the Best French-Canadian Newspaper.

William Mackenzie, the railway magnate, doesn't seem to know anything about it, and if he does, he won't say so, and won't tell who does.

Don D. Mann, the co-magnate, reiterates the position taken by Mr. Mackenzie, but he comes out very plainly and says, "I don't know anything about it. That's all. Good night."

They were asked regarding their alleged ownership of La Presse, the big French-Canadian newspaper, because of this despatch from Montreal:

"A curious denouement to the manoeuvres regarding the proprietorship of La Presse, which marked Dave Russell's meteoric descent into politics just before the last Dominion elections, is gradually coming into view. Le Canada this morning states that Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, proprietors of La Presse, are negotiating for the sale of the great French afternoon daily to a syndicate of English capitalists at Toronto.

"When Russell, with Hugh Graham of The Star, and others, tried to swing things politically in Quebec by securing control of La Presse, he raised funds by getting Mackenzie and Mann to endorse his notes for $750,000. But he did not meet those notes, so that the famous railway magnates found themselves unwilling proprietors of the biggest French paper in Canada. Not relishing the idea of tying up three-quarters of a million in such a concern, they have been since trying to dispose of it, and it is now understood they have interested six or seven Toronto capitalists to form a syndicate to take the paper over. How English ownership will affect the prestige of La Presse is another matter."

## ONE MAN GIVES $500,000 TO COLONIZE IN ENGLAND

### George Herring Turns That Sum Over to Salvation Army, Who Will Repay to King's Hospital Fund.

London, Dec. 19.—Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army to-day wrote to King Edward, announcing that George Herring, chairman of the City of London Electric Lighting Company, had donated $500,000 to the Army to be used in a home colonization scheme, but that the Army had engaged to repay this sum in twenty-five annual instalments to the King's hospital fund.

The Army proposes to purchase tracts of land in England, giving five acres or thereabouts to each settler, building cottages, providing seed and implements and supporting the settlers until the lands become productive.

Each settler will repay the Army by a system of easy instalments. The entire colonization scheme is to be under the direction of the Army.

## LABOR MEN USE A BOMB WRECK OFFICE IN GOTHAM

### Big Explosion, But No One Hurt—Evident Act of Revenge.

New York, Dec. 19.—A bomb was hurled to-night thru one of the front windows of the Allied Iron Association, at No. 7 East Fourteenth-street. It landed in a room, used for telephone purposes, and exploding, wrecked the place. Several employes in an adjoining room were only stunned by the explosion. Fourteenth-street was crowded, and for a time a panic was threatened.

Only fragments of the missile were picked up in the wrecked room, and no one could be found who saw the person who had thrown it.

The Allied Iron Association was formed recently when the Structural Iron Workers declared a strike against the contracting firm of Post and McCord. Its offices have been used as a bureau for the employment of non-union men to take the place of the strikers.

Post and McCord are the contractors for the Allman building, where a premature explosion of dynamite early to-day killed three men.

## SHOOTS AT HIS BROTHER GANG ATTEMPTS A RESCUE

### Exciting Encounter in East Toronto Town Ends in Arrest of Lloyd Simpson.

East Toronto, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—That Lloyd Simpson of Toronto is not charged with murder is due to accident rather than his own conduct. On Monday night Simpson came ostensibly to visit his brother, Wilfrid, who occupies apartments at the home of John Booth on Gerrard-street. After a short stay the two brothers proceeded to the Ontario House, where they each had a cigar. Leaving the Ontario House they proceeded along the Kingston-road until, when opposite the head of Beech-avenue, Lloyd Simpson made a threatening remark and proceeded to draw a revolver, when the brother ran away. Simpson fired two shots in rapid succession, both of which in the darkness went wide of the mark.

Constable Tidsberry was summoned, and after a short search ran across his man, whom, altho he had never met before, he arrested him on suspicion, took him to his brother's house, where he was identified, and landed in the town lock up, but not before the constable had fought his way thru a gang of toughs, who endeavored unsuccessfully to rescue the prisoner.

Simpson was this morning brought before Magistrate C. T. Lyon, charged with attempted shooting, and remanded until Friday morning.

**DUNNING'S CHRISTMAS CHEER.**

There is no finer display of Christmas cheer in Toronto than is now on view in the window of Charles A. Dunning, 469 North Yonge-street. To supply the needs of the citizens at this festive season he has drawn delicacies from Canada, and the motherland as well, and it is safe to say that all palates can be gratified from the splendid list he has provided.

Among the lighter offerings will be found English pheasants—not, however, for sale. Wild duck, guinea fowl, pigeons, chickens, ducks, rabbits and squirrels. Turkeys of all sizes, and in the best of condition, dressed, and with weathers, load his shelves side by side with geese also in fine order. Nor is the good, old-fashioned, substantial fare neglected. Innumerable quarters of prime beef and carcases of sheep and lambs of the most appetizing character line Mr. Dunning's store.

Among the special cuts are saddles of mutton, fillets of beef and crowns of lamb, all of the choicest description. As accompaniments Mr. Dunning has laid in ample store of hot house tomatoes, mushrooms, cucumbers, cauliflowers, lettuce, spinach and green onions.

Mr. Dunning manufacturers all his own sausages; cures his own hams and bacon, and prepares all the cooked meats he sells. Of these there is ample variety—his spiced beef being with him a specialty. Customers will find it a pleasure to visit Mr. Dunning's store, where they will meet with the prompt-est and most courteous attention.

**BIRTHS.**

GILBERT—At 175 West Main-street, Hamilton, on Tuesday, Dec. 19, to Ald. H. J. and Mrs. Gilbert, a son.

**DEATHS.**

BULL—At her late residence, Downsview, Julia M., widow of the late Walter J. Bull, in her 54th year.

Funeral (private) Thursday, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CULLITON—At his father's residence, 130 Waverley-road, north of Queen-street, on Tuesday, Dec. 19th, Vincent Driscoll Collins, eldest son of Thomas J. and Ettie Culliton.

Funeral notice hereafter.

MILLS—After a short illness, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 19th, 1905, at his late residence, 20 Seaton-street, Alfred J. Mills, watchmaker and jeweler.

Funeral Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

SCOTT—Suddenly, on Monday, the 18th inst., at her late residence, 338 Spadina-avenue, Sarah M., beloved wife of Walter W. Scott, and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Smith, Don, East York.

Funeral (private) from "Easterdawn," 32 Carlton-street. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WALES—On Monday, Dec. 18th, 1905, at his late residence, "Maple Villa," Markham, Henry Robert Wales, Esq., J.P., in his 83rd year.

Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 2 p.m.

Oscar Hudson & Co., Chartered Accountants, 57 King West. M 1332.

W. Harper, Customs Broker, 7 Melinda

## FREE TRADE V. PROTECTION.

### Main Issue in British Elections, Says Asquith.

London, Dec. 19.—Herbert Henry Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking here to-night said that the main issue of the campaign would be free trade against protection.

With regard to home rule for Ireland, Mr. Asquith said the Liberals in the next parliament would be as opposed as he was himself to advancing along any path leading to separation and would resolutely maintain the paramount authority of the imperial parliament.

He believed the government would improve and liberalize the administration of Ireland, but in doing so no one could accuse its members of being enemies to the unity of the nation.

## WARSHIPS LAND MARINES.

### Renewal of Disturbances in Shanghai Greatly Feared.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—Armed guards and patrols are maintained here everywhere to cope with a possible renewal of the disturbances. The streets are filled with rowdies. The shops are open, but looting is greatly feared. The United States cruiser Baltimore will land a force to-day, and the British cruiser Diadem is sending 500 men ashore. Other warships are expected, and it is reported that German troops are coming here from Kiao Chau.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The American state department was informed by cable from Shanghai at the close of the day that there had been some further disturbances there and a few casualties.

London, Dec. 20.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Morning Post says that the American authorities have ordered the American residents into the foreign settlements, and the German authorities are bringing their countrymen and countrywomen from the outlying districts to the German consulate.

**BIG IMPORT OF IMPLEMENTS.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The biggest shipment of agricultural implements that ever yet entered Canada was hauled in from the south to-day. It consisted of 58 cars to the order of Fairchilds and Company, Winnipeg, from Deere & Company, and the Moline Wagon Company, of Moline, Ill.

**BELASCO LOSES.**

New York, Dec. 19.—Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald to-day handed down a decision adverse to David Belasco in the latter's suit to hold Klaw and Erlanger as his partners in a contract for the management of David Warfield.

## WHEN SHE SAYS "JUST BECAUSE."

### Ladies Can Give Reasons Which Have to Be Accepted.

When a woman says "just because," it's the answer.

It's an incontrovertible fact that couldn't be damaged even if a trolley car ran over it.

"Just because" is the reason one of the ladies in Dineen's fur department gives because there is so much stock there.

Mr. Dineen says the fur trade has this year been far in excess of previous years, but he anticipated it and bought about $50,000 worth or more of extra skins. The warm weather got a little ahead of his judgment then, but it won't now, and for about $30,000 worth of fine fur garments January sale prices are going to prevail, to-day and hereafter till the season is over. Dineen's at Yonge and Temperance-sts. are showing a fine line of furs at the closest prices they can be sold at by these big purchasers of raw skins, which they make up on the premises. Dineen's stuff is real and now is the time to remember that.

**FAIR AND MILD**

Meteorological office, Toronto, Dec. 19.—(8 p.m.)—Cloudy weather has been pretty general to-day thruout the Dominion. From Eastern Ontario to the maritime provinces it has been moderately cold, while in Western Ontario it has continued quite mild. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan the temperature this evening is nearly zero, but in Southern Alberta it is near the freezing point.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—46; Vancouver, 41—45; Kamloops, 32—44; Calgary, 10—28; Edmonton, 10—20; Qu'Appelle, 16—24; Winnipeg, 10—20; Port Arthur, 4—28; Parry Sound, 18—36; Toronto, 34—38; Ottawa, 14—18; Montreal, 14—16; Quebec, 6—18; St. John, 28—32; Halifax, 26—36.

**Probabilities.**

**Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate winds; fair and mild.**

**Smokers' Presents.**

We are the largest importers of high class smokers' goods in Canada. Havana cigars, briar pipes, tobacco jars, cigar cases, etc., everything for the smoker. At A. Clubb & Sons, 49 King West, "just east of Bay-street."

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| Bleicher | New York | Hamburg |
| Brunen | New York | Bremen |
| Kaiser W. der G. | New York | Bremen |
| Virginian | Liverpool | Halifax |
| Lake Champlain | Browhead | St. John |
| Astoria | New York | Glasgow |
| Oceanic | Montreal | Liverpool |
| Pomeranian | Halifax | London |
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Clear Havana and domestic cigars. All the popular brands, well kept and in prime condition. Ladies can buy cigars for their husbands and brothers, and get goods that the most fastidious smoker will appreciate. For Christmas cigars go to A. Clubb & Sons' only store, 49 King west, "just east of Bay-street."