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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1909.

ONE CENT

Playing Cards. Congress Reduced price, 40c. Fancy Backs 50c. Plain Backs 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c. In Leather Cases 65c to \$1.45. Bridge Sets \$1 to 9.50. Whist Sets \$1.25 to \$4. Duplicate Whist Sets \$5.75. Drawbridge \$2.50 and \$3.80. Patience Sets 65c to \$1. Poker Sets \$2, \$2.85, \$3. 500 Sets \$1.25. Poker Chips, per 100 25c to \$2.40. Poker Chip Boxes \$4.80 and \$6.30. Bridge Scores 15c to 50c. Card Dominoes 15c to 25c. Domino Sets 50c. Checkers 20c, 15c, 40c. Crabble Boards 75c to \$4.50. Dice, Bone, each 5c. Dice, Ivory, each 25c.

The Ingersol Watch. A GUARANTEED TIME KEEPER. Sells everywhere in Canada at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Our Special Price... \$1.00. Stem wind. Stem Set. Full nickel case.

EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain Street.

WE INTEND CLEAR OUT THE BALANCE OF WINTER OVERCOATS and SUITS. would advise you to get our prices on garments before purchasing. Coats for Men \$4.50 to \$15.00. Overcoats for Men 5.00 to 15.00.

American Clothing House, 11-15 Charlotte St., St. John.

WE WISH OUR Many Friends and Customers A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

F. S. THOMAS SHIONABLE FURRIER 539 Main street. N. E.

Kayler's CHOCOLATES THE CORRECT NEW YEAR'S GIFT. Boxes 25c. and upwards.

THE DRUG STORE, 100 King St. CHAS. R. WASSON

Store closed today. St. John, Jan. 1st, 1909. A Good Resolution for You to Make for 1909.

A resolution that if you make and carry out will add much to your comfort, happiness and prosperity is Resolve to buy your clothing for 1909 at the HARVEY STORES.

Suppose you begin tomorrow. A little money will go a long way at the odd end and sale. J. N. HARVEY, Clothing & Tailoring Opera House Block

DESPERATE CONDITIONS PREVAIL AMONG DESITUTE SURVIVORS OF EARTHQUAKE

Supplies Cannot be Procured in Time to Prevent More Perishing from Hunger, Exposure and Lack of Attention---Thousands of Volunteer Helpers Needed---Tragedy Drives Many Mad

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—Maxim Gor'ky has telegraphed from the island of Capri in southern Italy, where he is spending the winter, appealing to the Russian people to give financial assistance to the earthquake sufferers. Gor'ky offers to receive subscriptions at Capri.

ROME, Jan. 1.—At Teormina, Sicily, where a number of Americans are spending the winter, it is said, that the towns escaped with slight damage. 20,000 DEAD AT REGGIO.

THE QUEEN EXHAUSTED. The queen looked far from well. She is exhausted and far from well. She has witnessed what she has witnessed her strongly.

MANY HOMELESS CHILDREN. One feature of the disaster at Reggio is the large number of homeless children. In some cases little babies were found creeping about in the ruins.

FAMILIES SEPARATED. In many cases survivors recovered consciousness to find themselves far away from the scene of the disaster. These poor wretches made desperate and pitiable efforts to go back and search for their loved ones.

FLAGS AT. PALERMO, Dec. 31.—Ludovico Fiala, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, who was at Messina, at the time of the earthquake, has arrived here. The account he gave of the death of his brother, Nicolo, who was also a deputy, and the efforts to save him, was absolutely harrowing.

SITUATION APPALLING. MONTBELLONE, Dec. 31.—More appalling reports of the destruction of the towns and villages themselves is the terror of the survivors.

ANSWERS CALL OF SEA AFTER 25 YEARS REST

Veteran Sailor Returns to His First Love When Tired of Ranch Life. SPOKANE, Jan. 1.—After a quarter century of struggle against the never ceasing call of the sea, during which he was a rancher at Gardner, in the heart of the Coeur d'Alene mining district in Northern Idaho, Captain John Hill, seventy-six years of age, has decided to pass the evening of his life on the salt water. He is going to Puget Sound and thence down the coast to southern California, back to San Francisco, sailing thence around the Horn to the North Atlantic coast, where he put out of Portland harbor for the gold camps on the Pacific coast fifty-seven years ago.

AUSTRALIA CHOOSES NATIONAL CAPITAL SITE

Will Erect Model City as Seat of the Commonwealth Government. MELBOURNE, Jan. 1.—Australia has at last definitely selected a site for the proposed federal capital of the commonwealth. A bill confirming the selection of the Yass-Canberra District as the site of the capital has passed both houses of national legislature.

POLICE CHIEF HEAD OF BAND OF THIEVES

Graft Among Officials of Moscow Steadily Becoming More Serious. MOSCOW, Jan. 1.—The Moscow police chiefs are becoming more and more serious. Not only is it asserted that the heads of the police were in close alliance with thieves and the owners of gambling dens and houses of disorder, but charges of an even more serious nature are now made.

GLERKS HAVE RAGING STABLE

Russian Officials Live High on Money Stolen from Government. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—Many of the employees involved in the great frauds in the Office of Control of Russian Finances have already escaped. It appears from the confessions of some of the accused, that the funds, which consisted largely in replacing in circulation bank notes sent in to be destroyed, had been continuously for two clerks who received a salary of \$25 per month were thus able to build themselves mansions in St. Petersburg. Others set up as bankers, and one possessed a racing stable. Surprise is expressed that such extravagance on the part of minor employees never attracted the notice of their superiors.

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SKOWHEGAN SUFFERS FROM BIG FIRE; LOSS \$400,000

Cause Unknown—Dynamite Used to Check Flames—Outside Apparatus Came to the Rescue—Firemen Injured

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Jan. 1.—A stubborn fire destroyed two and damaged three business blocks and burned 21 tenement houses on Water street, the heart of the town, early today. Two of the houses were blown up with dynamite in an effort to check the progress of the flames, and it was only after eight hours work that the local department, assisted by apparatus from Waterville and Fairfield, succeeded in bringing the fire under control. The loss is estimated at about \$400,000.

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