

## BIG FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH.

Over Million Dollars Damage to Army and Navy Stores — Corps Equipment Destroyed.

Portsmouth, Eng., Jan. 4.—The fire which broke out Wednesday night among the camp and equipment stores on the Gun wharf here caused damage, according to the official estimates, to the amount of \$1,250,000.

The entire equipment of an army corps was destroyed. Although the conflagration is under control, masses of smouldering blankets and other stores occasionally break out into fresh flames.

## MAN KILLED; FIREMEN HURT.

Property Loss in Montreal Fire \$700,000—Exciting Features.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—One life lost and property to the extent of more than \$700,000 destroyed was the result of a fire here yesterday.

The dead man is Hormidas Gagnon, who was crushed in his own home by a falling wall when trying to rescue his son, who escaped without injury.

Following is a list of estimated damage: Two buildings of G. W. Stephens estate, \$300,000; I. Mistaken Co., \$10,000; Cheesborough Manufacturing Co., \$80,000; Otis Tension Co., \$250,000; Smith Patterson Co., \$50,000; Graham Co., \$40,000; Gillette Safety Razor Co., \$35,000; Stewart McDonald, \$10,000; Woodburn Sons Co., \$30,000; Hudson Bay Smelting Co., \$50,000; Thos. O. Doyle, \$2,000; Montreal Cotton Co., \$2,000; Allan Duplicating Co., \$3,000; Telson Co., \$15,000; Standard Clothing Co., \$40,000; Beaver Rubber Co., \$5,000; Bargain Clothing \$10,000; Dodge Pulley Co., \$20,000.

The St. David's lane wall crashed down and many of the firemen were injured, and it was there that the fireman met his death. The injured firemen are John Dupuis, Patrick Hamel, John Livingstone, J. Brosseau, Michael McGrath, James Messett. None are very seriously injured.

Fully three-fourths of the firms affected have been burnt out, but it is understood that the majority of the losses are covered by insurance.

Brennan, the caretaker, told his wife to get a box containing \$500. In her excitement she picked up a clock, leaving the cash to burn. With his family, he had to run from his room, and before he could reach the street it was necessary to smash two doors.

The insurance covering the losses amounts to \$334,000, well divided, not including the Gorham Co. and the Smith-Patterson Co., whose insurance is carried in the United States and will come close to a total of a quarter of a million.

**Big Fire in New York.**  
New York, Jan. 4.—Fire destroyed the big furniture store of Coperthwaite & Sons at Third avenue and One hundred and twenty-first street last night, entailing a loss of half a million dollars or more and causing the injury of four firemen, none seriously.

**ROBBED A TRAIN.**  
Charge Against a Berlin, Ont., Youth At Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—The man arrested here Wednesday night charged with holding up and robbing a Seaboard train at La Crosse is named Charles Powley.

"My home is in Berlin, Ontario," he said. "My mother, Mrs. William Hillborn, lives there. I have three brothers, Norman, William and Benjamin Powley, who have been traveling with a circus. My father, William Powley, sr., lives in Ottawa."

Powley told three or four different stories.

**Skipped Out of Berlin.**  
Berlin, Jan. 4.—William Powley, jr., formerly of this town, is a son of William Powley, a well-known circus man. Young Powley was once in a shooting scrape here, but skipped out, evading arrest.

**Strange Shooting Affair.**  
Hamilton, Jan. 4.—There was a strange shooting affair last night about 10 o'clock. As Norman McCordie, 49 Cathcart street, was walking alone Kelly street, a man darted out of an alleyway exclaiming, "You're the man I want to see." With that he pulled a revolver and shot McCordie. The bullet entered McCordie's leg above the knee, and he was taken to the City Hospital, where the bullet was removed. McCordie says that he has not the slightest idea of who his assailant is, or the motive for shooting.

**Bishop Berry's Father Dead.**  
St. Thomas, Jan. 4.—Rev. Francis Berry, a veteran member of the Detroit Methodist conference, is dead here. Burial will be at Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Mr. Berry was the father of Bishop Berry of Buffalo and Dr. H. G. Berry of Mt. Clemens.

He was born in Canada in 1821 and went by transfer from the Methodist Church of Canada to the Detroit conference in 1880.

**Mine May Burn a Year.**  
Sydney, N.S., Jan. 4.—The problem of flooding the Hub colliery at Glace Bay is more serious than was anticipated. In three weeks hundreds of thousands of gallons of water have been poured in, but the fire is not under control, and experienced miners say it will not be under control for a year.

**Steel Merchants Fail.**  
Glasgow, Jan. 4.—The suspension of Neilson Bros. & Co., iron and steel merchants, was announced yesterday. The trouble was due to the firm's inability to deliver steel plates sold for forward delivery. The concern had also been speculating in the iron and steel markets.

**970 Cases of Typhoid Fever.**  
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 4.—Scranton's typhoid fever epidemic yesterday showed a total of 970 cases since the outbreak six weeks ago. Thirty-one cases were reported for the 24 hours ending at noon. There have been 72 deaths. Bad water was the cause of the epidemic.

## ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Genuine  
**Carter's**  
Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of  
*Asa Carter*

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Very small and as easy to take as sugar.

**CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.**

FOR HEADACHE, FOR DIZZINESS, FOR BILIOUSNESS, FOR TORPID LIVER, FOR CONSTIPATION, FOR SALLOW SKIN, FOR THE COMPLEXION.

Cure Sick Headache.

Couldn't Find Him.

Sir Robert Ball, who is lecturing before the London Institution, is an Irishman with more than the usual amount of humor. Even when a joke tells against himself, he is quick to appreciate it. Not long ago he alighted at a country railway station in Ireland, intent on a lecture, and was surprised to find no vehicle awaiting him. After a time a servant approached and inquired if he were Sir Robert Ball.

"Yes," said the genial astronomer. Then the man apologized for the delay.

"I was told," he said, "to meet an intellectual looking gentleman."—Fall Mail Gazette.

**Desert Disappearing.**  
The worthless area of the Sahara desert is proving smaller than has been believed. Prof. E. F. Gautier, the first explorer since 1826 to cross from Algeria to the Niger, has lately found in the Adrai plateau, 360 miles from Kao on the Niger, a wide belt of steppe having from six to twelve inches of rain a year and covered with ponds and grass. Evidence of a large stone age population abounds, including weapons, grinding stones, rock drawings and graves. It appears that the region must have gradually dried up, but that the desert conditions are now disappearing, and the rainfall is extending more and more to the north.

**THE REASON.**  
When that girl fired at the target, why did the man standing behind her duck?

Because he was the man behind the gun, you stupid!

The price of popularity is a willingness to be bored.

**THE GROWTH OF CULTURE.**  
The day is past when culture and true social enjoyment were confined to the few—to the privileged classes. We live in a day of enlightenment and democracy. Equal educational advantages, equal opportunities for culture and enjoyment of those things in life that are best worth while.

The luxuries of yesterday are the necessities of to-day, and in the musical world nothing is more noticeable than the demand of all classes for the highest possible grade of piano. The piano manufacturer who meets this demand is never slack for want of orders.

**THE New Scale Williams PIANO.**  
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If you will fill in the coupon below, cut it out and take it to your dealer or send it to the Williams Piano Co., we will send you ABSOLUTE FREE SEVERAL BEAUTIFUL BOOKLETS, "The Making of a Great Piano," etc. We will also tell you of easy purchase plans that will interest you.

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## CHURCHES

## HOURS OF SERVICE

The services in all the churches in the city are held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., except the following:—  
Seventh Day Adventists—3 and 7.  
Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.  
St. Joseph's R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.  
First Baptist—11 and 7.30.  
Union A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.

## NOTICE TO PASTORS

Pastors and others who contribute news items to this department of Saturday's Planet will confer a favor by seeing to it that their "copy" reaches this office not later than Friday at 4 p. m. Matter received later than that hour cannot be guaranteed insertion.

## INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSON FOR TO-MORROW.

"God the Creator"—Gen. 1, 1-25.  
Read John 1, 1-5.

Golden Text—"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

The most mighty power in God's character, and in the whole universe is the will of God; we see its active energy in creation and preservation. Moses writes, inspired by God, the prophetic history—looking backward to the past events of creation which no human eye ever beheld, but were revealed to him by the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit revealing also events to come, which God brought to pass, proving Moses to be correct in foretelling them, and we are assured he is just as correct in describing creation, as the Spirit of God inspires him.

V. 1.—In the beginning of time and earth's history: no beginning to God and eternity.

V. 2.—The world's condition: waste, void, dark, when the Spirit moves in active energy upon its waters. A sinner's condition the same, until the Spirit moves upon him.

V. 3.—"Let there be light": It is the first created requisite that God may work. "The entrance of Thy words giveth light"—Ps. 119, 130. "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all"—John 1, 5.

Vs. 4-5.—The Spirit divides the light from the darkness at creation, and in our souls at regeneration.

Vs. 6-7.—Clouds ascend from the steaming waters below and are separated by a firmament between them.

Vs. 9 to 13.—Describe the creative work of the third day, the subsiding of the waters and the uprising of land which God's word and will soon clothes with verdure, fruitfulness and beauty.

On the fourth day God arranges His time table and regulates earth's time by sun, moon and stars. No accidents when our lives are regulated according to His will.

On the fifth day comes life into the waters; they swarm with great monsters, living creatures, and all kinds of fish, while the firmament is filled with feathered flocks.

On the sixth day all animal life is created. His will and word without Him was not anything made that was made. The Great Loving Father has made ready for a son, a home, a paradise; and in our next lesson we shall have the first of our race placed in possession of it all, on one very simple condition.

## CHURCH NOTES

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, pastor. The pastor will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

## CHRIST CHURCH.

Epiphany Sunday.  
Rev. Robt. McCosh, rector, will conduct the services and occupy the pulpit on both occasions to-morrow. He will be assisted by Rev. W. H. Colles.

Sunday School will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.  
Holy Communion will be administered the first Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock a. m., and on the third Sunday early celebration at half-past eight.

## ST. ANDREW'S.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. J. R. Battisby, will conduct both services to-morrow.

First meeting of the week of prayer, Monday evening in St. Andrew's Church.  
Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

## HOLY TRINITY.

Epiphany Sunday.  
The rector, Rev. J. W. Hodgins, will preach on both occasions to-morrow. Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m. to-morrow.

Holy communion on the first Sunday in the month at 11 a. m. and the third Sunday at 4 p. m. when previous notice has been given.

## PARK ST. METHODIST.

Rev. W. L. Rutledge, pastor. Rev. Dr. Hanson will preach in the morning, and the pastor in the evening, taking as his subject "A Thousand Years from To-day."

Annual re-union of membership at 10 a. m.  
Christian fellowship meeting to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, in S. S. Hall.

Sunday School and Bible Class to-morrow at 3 p. m.  
Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at 8.

## WILLIAM ST. BAPTIST.

Mr. W. A. Cameron, Leader of Master Evangelistic Band, will conduct the services and preach in the morning and evening, taking as his subject "A Thousand Years from To-day."

CATARRH, A NATIONAL SCOURGE  
PE-RU-NA, A FAMILY NEED.

"Over half of the population of Canada suffer from some form of catarrh during the course of the year. This demonstrates the great need of Peruna in every home to protect the family against all catarrhal diseases."—S. B. HARTMAN, M. D.

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR FREE PERUNA ALMANAC FOR 1907.

duct the services and preach in the Wm. St. Baptist Church to-morrow morning and evening, and take charge of the Young People's Bible Class at three o'clock.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.  
Prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 10.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
VICTORIA AVE. METHODIST.

Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. D., pastor. Classes meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and 12 noon.

The pastor will preach in the morning on "Looking Backward and Looking Forward," and in the evening on "Starting Right."

Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m.  
LATTER DAY SAINTS.

Services will be conducted to-morrow as usual.  
Religious Society every Sunday evening at 8.15.

**Bad Stomach Makes Bad Blood.**  
You can not make sweet butter in a foul, unclean churn. The stomach serves as a churn in which to agitate, work up and disintegrate our food as it is being digested. If the stomach is not healthy, the food will be torpid, sluggish and bad, impure blood.

The ingredients of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery are just such as best serve to correct and cure all such derangements. It is made up without a drop of alcohol in its composition; chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine being used instead of the commonly employed alcohol. Now this glycerine is of itself a valuable medicine, instead of a deleterious agent like alcohol, especially in the case of weak stomach, dyspepsia and the various forms of indigestion. Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says of it:

"In dyspepsia it serves an excellent purpose. It is one of the best manufactured products of the present time in its action upon feeble, disordered stomachs; especially if there is ulceration or catarrhal gastritis (catarrhal inflammation of stomach) it is a most efficient preparation. Glycerine will relieve many cases of pyrosis (heartburn) and excessive gastric acidity. It is useful in chronic intestinal dyspepsia, especially the flatulent variety, and in certain forms of chronic constipation, stimulating the secretory and excretory functions of the intestinal tract."

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Sunday School to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.  
Prayer service to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Regular weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening at eight. Question box at the door.

SALVATION ARMY.  
Knee drill at 7 a. m. meeting for promotion of holiness at 11 a. m. Christian fellowship meeting at 3 p. m. soul-winning service at 7.30 p. m. All services for citizens and soldiers.

CAMPBELL A. M. E.  
The pastor, Rev. Wm. Clark, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sunday school at 3 p. m.  
UNION A. M. E.

Services will be held as usual to-morrow.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.  
Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST.  
W. T. Nickerson, pastor.

Services will be held as usual to-morrow.

Sabbath School at 12.30.  
Regular weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

B. M. E.  
Services will be held to-morrow at the usual hours.

A. U. M. P.  
Services will be held as usual to-morrow.

Rev. W. T. Nickerson, pastor. Service at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30.

**DISTRICT**

**LYNCHING OR WEDDING.**  
At the next ration a furious mob was assembled.

The air was filled with missiles and many hoarse shouts.

"A lynching!" exclaimed in horror.

Either that, rejoined my companion, who, as I afterwards had learned, while not an American himself, closely observed the customs of the country, or else a justly married couple are about to depart on their bridal tour.

Pure salt is just as important as pure water or pure milk.

**WINDSOR TABLE SALT** is absolutely pure and never cakes.

Morris chair, and a purse of money from the Sunday school.

Quite a number from here attended the entertainment at Scotland last Wednesday night.

The ground is once more covered with earth's white mantle.

**A WOMAN'S BACK WAS NOT MADE TO ACHE**

Thousands of Women suffer Untold Misery Every Day with Aching Backs That Really have no Business to Ache.

Under ordinary conditions it ought to be strong and ready to bear the burdens of life. It is hard to do housework with an aching back. Backache comes from sick kidneys, and what a lot of trouble sick kidneys cause.

But they can't help it. If more work is put on them than they can stand it is not to be wondered that they get out of order. Backache is simply a warning from the kidneys and should be attended to immediately so as to avoid years of terrible suffering from kidney trouble.

**Doan's Kidney Pills** will cure you in the same way as they have cured thousands of others.

Mrs. Thos. Craig, Almonte, Ont., writes: "I was doctoring for six months for kidney trouble and my back was so lame I had to lie in bed. I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills. I did so and in one week I was able to walk with very little pain, and in five months my back was as strong as ever."

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WANTED—Two dining room girls. Apply at Hotel Merrill.

FURNISHED ROOMS WANTED.—Two or three rooms for light housekeeping. Address, G. R. Jordan, care of Planet Office.

AGENTS WANTED—Liberal pay and first class goods guaranteed. After you have thoroughly mastered the business we will start you on your own account. Write quick. Alfred Tyler, 355-7 Clarence St., London, Ont.

WANTED—A steady man, with a family, to occupy and take charge of a large tract of land in Township of Dover West. He must have team and implements to cultivate part, and the rest pastured by stock taken in. First class buildings in a nice locality. Apply to S. T. Martin, P. O. Box 643, Chatham.

WANTED—Man or woman manager in each district, to represent established Wholesale Mail Order House, to look after local advertising and appointing representatives and looking after their work generally. \$25 a week and expenses. This is no catch penny proposition. For full particulars write W. A. Jenkins Manufacturing Co., London, Ont.

ENERGETIC MEN WANTED.—We require a good live man in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, taking up show cards on trees, fences, along roads and all conspicuous places, also distributing small advertising matter. Commission or salary, \$53.33 per month and expenses. Steady employment. No experience required. Write for particulars. Wm. R. Warner Medicine Co., London, Ont.

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WANTED—Teacher for S. S. No. 1, Dover, male or female; duties to commence January 1st. Apply John B