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ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 3, 1905.

THE SURRENDER'S EFFECT.

While the fall of Port Arthur will be inspiring to the Japanese and will have a depressing influence upon the Russians, though probably not to a corresponding extent, it is improbable that it will have any immediate effect upon the general prosecution of the war or that it will bring peace visibly nearer.

The surrender will not come as a shock to Russia, for hope must have been given up months ago when Kuropatkin's attempt to release the garrison failed, and what moral effect the loss of a great fortress might have is balanced partially at least, by the memory of the splendid heroism of the defending general and his soldiers, who successfully resisted overwhelming odds until it became unmistakably evident that further resistence would be senseless suicide. Stoessel probably accomplished all the Russian strategists required of him when he held Nogi's army around Port Arthur and prevented it from reinforcing Oyama until winter had paralyzed the Japanese operations in Manchuria.

It is improbable that any further decisive development in the land fighting will take place until spring. The victorious Port Arthur army has done its share of work for a while and has earned and undoubtedly will get a good rest. Even if it were hurried at once to strengthen Oyama's forces lined up opposite Kuropatkin's winter quarters on the Shakhe river, little could be done. The Manchurian winter is prohibitive of any extended military operations. So, to an armchair strategist, it looks as if the two armies must be content to growl at each other until spring loosens the leash and lets them at each other's throats for the death grapple. Since the last fighting Kuropatkin has been strongly reinforced and professes supreme confidence in the outcome; Oyama will have nearly double the number at his back that he had at Liao Yang and Shakhe, so that the next battle will undoubtedly be the greatest of the war and if it goes decisively one way or the other, should bring the end of the terrible struggle within sight.

Interest will centre again for a while in the progress of Rojestvensky's fleet. According to his stated plans he expected to reach Port Arthur by the first of March. Whether or not he could have helped Stoessel, had he been able to hold out that long, is doubtful, but it is certain he can do no good now. He cannot reach Vladivostock for that port is, by this time, icebound. He is not strong enough to meet the combined fleets of Togo and Kamimura without the co-operation of the Port Arthur or Vladivostock squadrons—one destroyed and the other probably frozen up. There seems to be no sane course open to him save to turn on his tracks and go back to Russia, if indeed, it was ever intended he should do anything else.

WARD SYSTEM FOUND WANTING.

In view of the agitation for a return to the ward system, or something similar, in our civic elections, it is interesting to note that people in Ottawa, which elects its aldermen by wards, are clamoring for a trial of the at-large system, such as obtains in St. John. The Ottawa Citizen, discussing the matter, says:

"The election of aldermen by the cities at large is evidently productive of a larger, and presumably a better, class of candidates than the system of election by wards. In Ottawa there are only 37 candidates for 24 seats under the ward system. In Hamilton there are 47 candidates for 21 seats. In the same proportion Ottawa would have 54 candidates with a reasonable assurance that the 24 best men would be selected by vote of the city at large. In Ottawa under the ward system there are only four candidates in three out of eight wards which means that the choice or representation in nearly half the city narrows itself down to selecting three out of four aspirants. The very fact that in voting at large the ratepayers will select the best known and most representative men is an incentive for every section of a city to get out good candidates so that it may be represented at the top of the list on polling day. This is recognized and has the result of bringing out more men of ability and reputation than under the ward system. Under the latter it is not unusual for men to be elected by acclamation to the council simply because there is such indifference on the part of the ratepayers that not enough candidates are nominated to make a contest. Such a condition of affairs could not exist under the voting at large system."

A SERIOUS JEST.

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 2.—A special to the News from Shawnee, O. T., says the farmers surrounding the town of Asher, Pottawattomie county, have contributed their surplus cotton and several thousand dollars' worth of it has been piled in the streets and set afire. So large is the pile that two days will be required to consume it. The burning began as a jest, but soon was beyond the control of the jesters, as it was taken seriously by a large number of farmers.

SONG FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Let us, in the New Year,
The holiest robe of Truth for raiment wear;
Whatever crossing Life may give to bear,—
Whatever paths to tread—
Assume them though they lead
O'er graves that hide out dead!

Life hath more dark than light;
But let us dream a star shines in the Night!
That Love still riseth beautiful and far
O'er Hate, as God hath stationed star from star!
That Truth stands bright
In God's own sight,
Mailed in God's might!

Weary the world rolls on
But Darkness is but prophet of the Dawn!
And Love it is that ever strives to lead
The dreamer where the dream becomes the deed!
Light—light in all our tears!
Faith—that shines bright o'er fears,
And God to guard the years!

—Frank L. Stanton.

A CRITIC CRITICISED.

An Englishman Resents Dr. Hannay's Gibes at England and Things English

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 1, '05.

Editor of the Star:—

Sir:—In the December number of the New Brunswick Magazine appears an article by Dr. James Hannay, to which I think most Englishmen, and fair-minded Canadians will take exception. It is entitled Imperial Preference, but this subject appears to be merely a peg on which to hang gibes at all things English.

The writer, in speaking of English ignorance of Canada, makes statements which have some little truth in them. Englishmen are far too ignorant of Canada. In fact they are nearly as ignorant as Dr. Hannay's article would show an educated Canadian can be of England. But the doctor makes one statement which I challenge. After speaking generally, he says: "But what can we expect from a people the majority of people hardly know that Canada is under the British flag. It is humiliating to have to explain continually to the people in England that Canada is not a part of the United States and has no interest in the presidential election. Yet this I had to do many times, and the effect on one at least was not pleasing."

Now I would like to ask the doctor to what class of society his friends belong. The statement above must lead one to suppose that Dr. Hannay's English acquaintances are a most ignorant lot. The only other conclusion is that he fell into the hands of a band of humorists who found him a very gullible subject.

Dr. Hannay also indulges in a gibe at the expense of English statesmen, of the aristocratic class. The English house of commons, he informs his readers, "has become an incompetent body." He also has a little hit at the present English cabinet being composed principally of one family.

The English statesmen are by no means perfect, but that is a failing shared by those of other countries. The Hon. Mr. Emmerson, is, I believe, the example of the height to which statesmanship in New Brunswick at present soars. Mr. Emmerson may be a very nice man, but as a statesman, he would hardly find his way into an English cabinet, even if he were a Cecil.

There are several other statements of the same nature. Dr. Hannay admits that "'while in England I did not meet with any of the officials or governing classes, not even a member of parliament." And yet he has the presumption to write a long article of this kind, while admittedly knowing little of his subject. It is very easy to find something wrong if we look for it. If an Englishman wished to paint a black picture of Canada to his English friends he could find plenty of material. Our ministers may or may not be competent, but they have yet to be charged with interfering with a court of justice, as Hon. Mr. Prefontaine is reported to have done. Votes at a general election in England are not bought and sold on the streets. When I wish to speak of the harbor facilities of Canadian ports shall I tell of the many weary waits when I wished to cross the harbor of the winter port of Canada?

Would it be safe to judge of Canadian knowledge of the Old World by a map which appeared in two well known Canadian journals, which ran the Kiel Canal, 600 miles across Europe and the [illegible] alps?

Finding fault is an easy matter, but doing so, in the way Dr. Hannay has done will not tend for the good of that Imperial Reciprocity of which he writes.

Yours truly,
AN ENGLISHMAN.

BEAUTY WON A FORTUNE.

Louise Bonvalet Charmed Comte Joseph de Chabanes and Became His Heir.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—"La fortune vient en se promenant," says a happy Parisian girl, Mlle. Louise Bonvalet, who is now undisputed and sole heir to the large fortune of Comte Joseph de Chabanes, who died four years ago, and whose natural heirs should have been his brother, the Marquis de Chabanes, and his sister.

But five months before his death he met the pretty girl walking on the boulevards, took a great fancy to her, and fifteen days before his death annulled all his previous testaments and made her the sole heir.

A suit was brought by the brother and sister, and the case was fought out in the courts. Their plea was that the comte was unduly influenced. The court, after four years' wrangling, decided that the seductive beauty of a young girl is not undue influence, and gave definite judgment in favor of mademoiselle.

SOUR GRAPES.

"Yes," said the bride of a week, "Jack tells me everything he knows and I tell him everything I know."

"Indeed!" rejoined her ex-rival, who had been left at the post. "The silence when you are together must be oppressive."

WHAT ALIENIST SAYS.

Dr. Hamilton Dissects Mrs. Chadwick's Character.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 1.—New York's alienist, Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, F. R. S. E., has made a psychological study of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, and the Cleveland newspapers publish his article today. The salient points in it follow:

"An originally ignorant woman, who came to possess a highly developed knowledge of human nature.

"Her criminal career shows a logical evolution of method.

"She is not insane, but is instinctively criminal.

"Certain signs of degeneration bear more or less relation to her development.

"Her eyes suggest degeneration, the left being at a lower level than the right.

"The ocular weakness gives the eyes a peculiar shifty expression, common among neurotic individuals.

"She has a hard, cruel face, the jaw suggesting determination.

"She exercised the subtlest kind of intelligence and personal influence was secondary.

"She swindled for the gratification of vanity and to keep up a kind of appearance.

"Like Mme. Humbert, she appears to have been callous, sentimental at times and always cunning.

"Her methods need not imply the exercise of any occult power nor anything but the peculiar personality of a remarkable woman.

"She always exercised an unusually efficient power of suggestion.

"It is difficult to find in her conduct any suggestion of insanity or any mental state that would bring with it irresponsibility."

Attorneys today say Mrs. Chadwick will probably be bailed tomorrow. Arrangements are now being made to secure bail for her. In the event of her release she would be immediately arrested by the state authorities on the various charges of forgery against her.

TWO INCHES OF LAND, $1,225.

Man Buys Strip of Ground Enabling Him to Shut Out Light of Another's Building.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 1. — A new record of high prices for property in Baltimore street was made yesterday when $1,225 was paid for two inches of ground at the southwest corner of Baltimore and Light streets. The property fronts two inches in Baltimore street and thirty-one feet in Light street, and with it is the legal right, it is said, to shut out the light on the Light street front of a building to be erected by John C. Justis, a jeweller. Justis bid on the property, but it went to A. C. Schmidt.

"I have not made up my mind what will be done with the property," said Mr. Schmidt. "I have had an offer from a bootblack who will pay me $250 a year for a stand there. I know I cannot get a stand on two inches of ground, but I can certainly put a chair on my own pavement. I think, however, that I have a buyer for the property."

Mr. Justis said that he would not buy the property and that the sale would result in his erecting an ordinary building in place of the structure he had planned.

The city solicitor said that the building laws would prevent Schmidt from erecting a fence or brick wall on his property.

OPERA HOUSE.

Two Good Shows and Large Houses Yesterday.

The S. R. O. sign was out at both performances at the Opera House yesterday. The attraction was the well known and very popular play, In Old Kentucky. The performance delighted all and was most creditable to the Dailey Company.

Miss Ray made in ideal Madge, and the whole interest of the piece centres on her. She was natural, bright, and her work was in every way first-class. Charles Booth made a manly Frank Layton, and Homer Mullaney gave much point and humor to the part of Col. Sandusky Doolittle, his scenes with Alathea Layton, well sustained by Miss Blake, affording much amusement to the audience. Charles Barringer put the necessary amount of villany into the part of Holton and G. C. Robinson, as the darky Neb, made fast friends with his audience, and treated them to some clever character work. Meredith Brown and Richard Taber were both effective in small parts and Miss Carr played the unsympathetic character of Barbera Holton, with her usual care.

The scenery was well designed, the race course, especially, pleasing the audiences with its realistic appearance. In Old Kentucky will be repeated tonight and twice on Wednesday.

HUTCH, A BODY BUILDER.

When one eats food the nutritive part goes to make up the different tissues of the body. If there is any flaw in the process it will result in disease of some one of the organs of the body. The digestion in this way plays a most important part in one's health. Hutch is a splendid digestion and stomach treatment. It is composed of ingredients which are chemically combined to keep the digestion in good working order. Hutch will not allow any clogging or derangement. Hutch is a doctor for ten cents.

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DEATHS.

MOURIER.—In this city on Jan. 2nd, 1905, Peter L. Mourier, aged 67 years, leaving a wife and one son to mourn their sad loss.
Funeral from his late residence, 71 Britain street on Wednesday morning, at 8.30 to Church of St. John the Baptist.
WEIR—In this city on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, James M. Weir, aged 68 years.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. S. Howard has decided to remain in the pastorate of Portland street Methodist church on the invitation of his congregation.

It is officially announced that the directors of the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada have appointed A. McN. Shaw of St. John, who has been the provincial manager of the company for New Brunswick, to the provincial managership of the company for the province of Quebec, with headquarters at Montreal; and W. A. Gibson of Fredericton, formerly inspector of agencies for New Brunswick, to the provincial managership of New Brunswick, with headquarters at St. John.

F. J. McCafferty, city editor of the Telegraph, was last night presented with a beautiful smoking case by the members of the writing staff.

The loss on M. V. Paddock's house in the recent fire has been fixed at $3,800. The furniture loss has not yet been adjusted. On G. E. Fairweather's house the loss is placed at $3,800, and furniture total loss. Both buildings were practically ruined.

Hon. James Holly, who has been ill for some little time, is improving nicely. He has had an attack of diphtheria. Saturday was the forty-second anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Holly's marriage, but as the house was in quarantine, no celebration of any kind was held. They, however, received many greetings from friends over the telephone.

About twelve o'clock last night the north end fire company were summoned to a fire which was discovered in the harness shop of Walter L. Bradshaw at 514 Main street. The building is a small one story structure, and was not very badly damaged. The fire started around the stove, and was extinguished before any great amount of damage was done. The harness stock was all removed in time to prevent injury.

W. A. Lockhart and R. S. Ritchie have entered into an insurance partnership. They will represent the Quebec Fire Insurance Co., Employers' Liability Insurance Co., Canadian Casualty and Boiler Inspection Co., and Howe Plate Glass Insurance Co.

The funeral of Major T. E. Arnold took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at Sussex. After the service the body was taken to Upper Sussex for interment. The funeral was largely attended, showing the high esteem and respect in which the major was held by all. The floral tributes were numerous, among them being an anchor, from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. McLeod, of St. John; wreath from Dr. McAllister, wreath from Arthur Kent Melick, of St. John, cut flowers from R. W. W. Frink, St. John.

CURE FOR SEASICKNESS.

Dr. Legrand Has an Abdominal Band Which He Says is Effective.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Dr. M. A. Legrand, one of the most eminent surgeons in the French navy, now retired, believes he had discovered the only sure preventive of seasickness. This is nothing more or less than a plaint band that will sufficiently compress the abdominal wall to prevent displacement of the viscera. Researches conducted by Dr. Legrand show that his method has been successful in sixty-seven per cent. of the cases.

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"Oh, perfectly," replied the college graduate, "but—er—do you think the firm can afford it?"—Philadelphia Press.

In a street in Marylebone, London, where there is quite a colony of chimney-sweeps, one of the fraternity has made an original use of his loyalty. In his window is the inscription, in bold characters:

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