

COMMITTEE IS PLEASED WITH NEW BUILDING

The members of the building committee of the board of school trustees met yesterday afternoon at the new King Edward school and made an inspection of the building with a view of taking it over from the contractor.

It is a three-story brick building with a large basement. There are ten class rooms, four on both the first and second floors, while the third floor is divided into two class rooms and a large exercise hall.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

The wedding of Miss Edna Barrett Bates, formerly of New Brunswick, to Rev. James Warren Leonard, pastor of the Easton street Christian church, Cleveland, took place on Friday at the residence of Frank Bates, brother of the bride, in Southbury, (Mass.)

Friends of Philip J. McGowan, who was for some time employed with the O. P. R. in this city, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at his home in North End, and not expected to recover.

Conductor W. H. Williams, of the I. C. R., who has been in the Public Hospital for the last week, is recovering rapidly and may be out again before the end of the week.

The organization of a brass band by members of the Sons of England, is proceeding with much success, and those interested are very encouraged with the results of their efforts thus far.

A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist, arrived in the city yesterday, having returned from the exhibits of New Brunswick apples which were shown here and afterwards at the Toronto fruit exhibition.

Registrar J. B. Jones has received a letter from W. F. Hightower, of Sweetwater, Texas, asking that an effort be made to locate some of the relatives of G. W. Campbell, who died recently leaving one real estate.

The Vernon news of Vernon (B. C.), contains an interesting account of a double presentation in which Colin C. MacRae, brother of K. J. MacRae, of this city, and Mrs. MacRae were the recipients.

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RICHESON IS NOW OUT OF DANGER

Gets a Bouquet from His Fiancee of Avis Linnell Held in Bonds as a Witness

Accused Clergyman Asked for a Sharp Knife in Vain, But He Got Bandages on Presence of Having a Sore Toe, Which He Used for Another Purpose.

Boston, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve found Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, who is awaiting trial charged with the poisoning of his sweetheart, Avis Linnell, somewhat recovered from the effects of his self-mutilation and the subsequent surgical operation last Wednesday.

Several bouquets of flowers, one of them the holiday gift of his fiancee, Miss Violet Edmonds, were placed beside the minister's cot as a reminder of the Christmas season. He will spend Christmas day in bed, but will have a specially prepared dinner which friends have received permission to provide for him.

The initiative in any step looking to the appointment of a commission to determine whether Richeson is insane will not be taken by District Attorney Pelletier, Mr. Pelletier says he does not consider that the minister's act on Wednesday warrants such a move.

It became known yesterday that Miss Lucille L. Zeigler, roommate of Miss Linnell at the Young Women's Christian Association and an intimate friend, was brought secretly before the Superior court several days ago and put under \$3000 bond for her appearance as a witness at the trial.

It was learned today that Richeson on several occasions recently had asked for the use of a sharp knife. Once he said he brought secretly before the Superior court a piece of leather from the sole of his shoe. Four days before he attempted to perform the surgical operation upon himself he asked for and received a quantity of linen which he said he wanted to use to tie up a sore toe due to an ingrowing nail.

MISSING DIGBY FISHERMAN SAFE

Two Men who Went Astray in Dory Landed on Seal Island.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 25—The two fishermen, John MacMinnie and Charles Taylor, of Digby, who went astray from the schooner Loran B. Snow, and were reported to have perished, have landed safely on Seal Island and were brought here yesterday afternoon on the tug Fish.

KID GLOVE BURGLARS MAKE A HAUL

Blow a New York Safe and Get Away With Nearly \$4,000 in Cash.

New York, Dec. 25—Graduates of the New York schools in burglary operated on a safe in a five and ten cent store, owned by S. S. Kresge, in Harlem today and got away with nearly \$4,000 in cash. The men entered by way of the skylight, drew electricity from a live wire to operate their drill and with nitro glycerine easily blew off the safe door.

STRONG AGAINST CHURCH UNION

Woodstock Presbyterian Church Members Almost a Unit

VOTE 153 TO 5

Other Congregations in Adjoining Districts Said to Be Almost as Solid in Their Determination to Stick to Present Status.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 25—The Presbyterians of this town voted on church union yesterday. The total vote cast was 153. Of these 153 voted nay and five, all of them being adherents, voted yea.

The elders and communicants voted unanimously against the proposal.

Several congregations in the vicinity of the town, which are now voting, will show figures practically similar to the above. The lack of any reference to prayer in the basis of union and other serious defects, such as the failure to designate the scriptures as "The Word of God," accounts largely for the strong opposition.

SUDDEN DEATH OF GEORGE MORROE

Found Dead in Newcastle Barn—Was a Scotchman—St. John Firm's Team Broke Through Ice, But Was Gotten Out Safely.

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 25 (Special)—The death occurred Saturday afternoon of George Morroe, deceased came to town late in the forenoon from Clement Ryan's camp, where for three weeks he had been staying.

Morroe was a native of Scotland, between forty and fifty years of age, unmarried. He had been a resident of Miramichi for three years and was without relatives in this province. He was employed with Arthur Robinson at Holmes Lake, but frequently came to Newcastle. The funeral was held today.

FRANK H. EVERETT, OF FREDERICTON, DEAD

Was County Master of L. O. A., Curling and Skating on River Yesterday.

Fredericton, Dec. 25—The death of Frank H. Everett took place at an early hour this morning at his home, Aberdeen street, from cancer. Deceased was thirty-five years of age and survived by a widow and six small children. He was a son of the late Shepard Everett and a member of the Knights of Pythias. The funeral will be at 2.30, Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the latter organization.

The weather today has been almost ideal. The heavy rain of Saturday was followed by fairly cold weather Sunday. The usual curling matches, president vs. vice-president, had to be abandoned and instead a match of two rinks a side was played on ice of the river. It has been many years since Fredericton curlers have played in the open air. The ice on the river was good and many enjoyed excellent skating.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR A GREAT MULTITUDE

Thousands Fed at New York

Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, "Big Tim" Sullivan, and Other Organizations Each Made an Army of Needy Happy.

Canadian Press. New York, Dec. 25—There was no snow to make it a white Christmas in New York this year, but there was a bright sun and a clear sky, which made the day more like the Canadian Thanksgiving than Christmas.

If there were dark places the bright weather failed to reach, the hand of charity did, and with more thoroughness, it is said, than ever before. The thousands of coins, some dropped carelessly and some at a sacrifice into the chimneys and pots, which the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America station at the street corners every year, provided dinners for thousands.

There was no indiscriminate distribution, however, for all those to whom things were given were persons sought out in a special Christmas canvass and selected as deserving.

The Salvation Army incidentally celebrated the birthday anniversary of Commander Eva Booth, who presided today at the distribution of thousands of toys from the giant Christmas trees erected in the large drill shed of the Ninth Regiment armory.

"Big Tim" Fed 7,000. It was estimated that 7,000 men shared in the annual feast which State Senator "Big Tim" Sullivan gives to the voters of the Third Madison district, and after being stuffed with a good dinner each man was given a package of tobacco, a pipe and a ticket which will provide him with a pair of shoes and woolen stockings.

With each organization, however, taken together, the total number of needy persons who were fed today is estimated to be about 100,000. The commission undertook the card indexing of all the needy children and distributed the list to the various agencies. The generosity of private citizens, taken collectively, also took care of multitudes.

The churches began with Christmas services to the night workers in the early morning hours and kept up their carols and masses all day. A dove flew into the great cathedral of St. John the Divine while Bishop Greer was preaching the first Christmas sermon in the edifice with international peace and good will as a topic. The dove sailed over the heads of the congregation to a pillar in the north choir and perched there quietly throughout the service.

The Day in Boston. Boston, Dec. 25—With a warm bright sun, very little ice or snow except in the northern portion, and early spring flowers in warm sheltered nooks, Christmas day in New England showed a considerable departure from the normal.

The Day at Ottawa. Ottawa, Dec. 25 (Special)—The people of Ottawa made the best of very un-Christmasy weather conditions today and apart from the inconvenience of slushy underfoot conditions there was nothing to mar the enjoyment of the festive season.

At Rideau Hall the Duke of Connaught spent the season in the English style. Every effort was personally given to the best wishes of the day by the duke, who added something substantial to the handshakes of the laborers, get turkeys and wine, and higher officials stockings with the Connaught monogram surmounted by the crest in precious stones.

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SEVENTY-SEVEN CHICAGO MURDERERS MADE HAPPY

Two of the Condemned Men Turn Preachers and Lecture Their Fellow Convicts on the Evils of Whiskey—Mrs. Vermelyea and Mrs. Quinn, Both Alleged Murderesses, Were Cheerful Over Their Christmas Dinner.

Chicago, Dec. 25—Seventy-seven murderers, with 600 other prisoners, partook of Christmas dinner and exchanged holiday greetings at the Cook County jail today.

In many respects the holiday was the most unusual in the tragical history of the institution. Edward Subitlik, one of the four murderers sentenced to hang for the murder of Clarence Hiller in the suburb of Washington Heights, has turned preacher and today had fifteen negro prisoners praying on their knees.

Two of the condemned men, Mrs. Vermelyea and Mrs. Quinn, both alleged murderesses, were cheerful over their Christmas dinner. Mrs. Vermelyea, who is charged with shooting her husband, John Quinn, the two talked and laughed over their dinner of turkey and pudding and apparently enjoyed themselves.

Sixteen hundred prisoners at an elaborate dinner at the Bridewell and all prisoners were served 120 boys imprisoned at the John Worley School.

TWELVE MEN LEFT BLEDGE IN MUCK OF TIME

Mud Digger Went Down Off Carolina Coast Shortly After Crew Took to Small Boats.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 25—Menaced by death from violent seas that pounded and wrecked his crew and his ship, Captain F. J. Davis with his crew of eleven men abandoned a dredge in tow off the South Carolina coast Saturday night.

Colonel Watterson Says if ex-President is Elected "We Will Never Get Him Out Except Feet First."

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25—If Roosevelt is put in the White House in 1921, we will never get him out again except feet first. This was the statement of Colonel Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, in commenting on the Republican situation throughout the country.

Colonel Watterson expressed the belief that the long looked for change of parties was at hand, but he was not sure of his choice for the Democratic nomination.

Colonel Watterson declared that in his opinion the Republicans could not elect either Roosevelt or Taft, and said the election of the former president, abrogating the third term tradition would be a step toward absolutism.

NEW YORK MAGAZINE WRITER ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING FORMER WIFE

Andrew McConnell Was Typewriting a Confession of His Crime When Taken Into Custody.

New York, Dec. 25—Andrew McConnell, magazine writer and lecturer, was arrested at a reporter's desk in a morning newspaper office tonight while it is alleged he was writing a confession of shooting and seriously wounding his divorced wife, Mrs. Marion D. McConnell.

Mrs. McConnell lies at her home in Orchard Grove (N. J.), with a serious bullet wound in her head. The shooting is said to have occurred late Saturday night.

RUSSIAN MASSACRE OF 500 PERSIANS

CHINA'S NEW HOPE NOW AT SHANGHAI

Dr. Sun Yat Escorted by Two Warships Into the Harbor

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

Meeting of Elder Statesmen Said to Have Agreed in Supporting Chinese Rebels in Their Stand for a Republic.

Shanghai, Dec. 25—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, one of the leading promoters of the revolution, who may be named as president of the proposed republic, boarded the launch soon after his arrival here this morning and was escorted down the river by two warships. After landing he proceeded by automobile to the residence of Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary, in the suburb of the Bund.



DR. SUN YAT SEN

The revolutionary provincial cabinet, to discuss the situation in China, met in the morning at the residence of Yuan Shi Kai, the imperial premier.

So far as known no reply has as yet been received from Yuan Shi Kai, the imperial premier.

Japan Favors a Republic. Tokyo, Dec. 25—A conference of members of the Japanese cabinet at which many of the elder statesmen, including Prince Katsura, the ex-premier, were invited to assist, was held here Sunday.

The strictest secrecy has been maintained regarding the discussions at the conference, but it is generally believed that the latest developments of the situation in China were taken into serious consideration.

Most of the powers are apparently reconciled to the inevitable tendency of the prevailing situation. Neither Japan nor Great Britain has any intention whatever of intervening in any way in China, much less of imposing any form of government on that country.

The general feeling here is that the only alternative for the present situation is for the representatives of the imperial government in Peking to yield.

ROYAL COMMISSION TO MEET TOMORROW

Will Organize for Their Delving Into Departmental Affairs at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 25—The civil service commission, which will conduct an inquiry into all branches of the service under the direction of Hon. A. B. Morne, K. C., Toronto, chairman, will meet in the capital on Wednesday for organization purposes.

The question of appointing counsel and a secretary will be considered as well as plans of procedure.

It is expected that some of the meetings of the commission will be behind closed doors, while others will be open.

Washington, Dec. 25—Miss Clara Barton, founder and first president of the American National Red Cross Society, was shown today with greetings and good wishes upon the nineteenth anniversary of her birth.

Although feeble from her illness, early this year, Miss Barton was able to celebrate the day with her relatives and friends who are spending Christmas with her at her home, "Red Cross" in Glen Echo (Md.), a suburb of Washington.

Women and Children Among Victims

Shuster, American Adviser, Dismissed by Government

Indignation Meetings of Pro-

test Reported—British Indian Troops Reported Fired On by Persian Soldiers.

London, Dec. 25—A massacre has been going on in Rehest since Saturday according to official Persian telegrams received in London today. These state that on Sunday 500 Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation but the massacre still continues.

Rehest is the capital of the province of Ghilan and has 40,000 inhabitants.

The government house has been bombarded and many government officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished.

According to other dispatches the Russians killed four unarmed Mohammedans in the Armenian quarter of Tabriz, during the fighting in that city.

"The people of Persia," says the dispatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately on acceptance by Persia of the second Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25—Advices received here today from Tabriz in Persia say that the Russian troops have been forced to surrender the Russo-Persian bank which is situated in the Armenian quarter, and which they have hitherto been protecting.

There is a sum of about \$150,000 in specie lying in the bank which is now entirely without a guard.

Fighting in Tabriz. Julia, Persia, Dec. 25—According to information received here fighting continues in the streets of Tabriz between the Persian guard and the Persian constitutionals.

The Russian reinforcements consisting of a regiment of rifles and a battalion of Cossacks, with a mountain battery, which left here on Dec. 23 for that city, arrived there today, having encountered very little opposition from the Persians.

Shuster Dismissed. Tehran, Dec. 25—The cabinet today notified Mr. Morgan Shuster, treasurer general of Persia, of his dismissal from that office. This follows the decision of the national council and the ministry to submit to the demands that they would communicate to him later their plan concerning the turning over of his accounts to an successor.

An indignation meeting was held after the announcement of Mr. Shuster's dismissal to protest against it, but the crowds were dispersed by the police without disorder. Further demonstrations are expected.

All the opposition newspapers have been suppressed and martial law has been proclaimed. The Russian consul, who has assumed the government of Rehest, reports the town quiet at the present time but looks for further outbreaks.

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Parents of Lad Severely Injured in Trying to Beat Out the Flames.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 25—Playing Santa Claus in flannel attire and towed lamp on hair, George H. Sawyer, aged fourteen years, went too close to the lighted candles on a Christmas tree in his home in Cliffdale today and suffered serious burns expected to prove fatal. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seward Sawyer were burned severely in an attempt to beat out the flames and save the life of their boy.

Lynchings of Negro Marked Christmas at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 25—King Davis, a negro, aged 28 years, who had Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab (white), of Fairfield, Arundel County, was taken from the lockup at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore, on an early train this morning and shot to death by a small party of unknown men.