

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

European, Canadian and United States Despatches Condensed.

EUROPEAN.

The Queen has knighted Hon. John McIntyre, formerly President of the Board of Land and Works in Victoria.

The dissolution of the Chamber at Rome has been postponed. The general elections will probably take place in April.

The Socialist leader T. G. and all of his comrades were sentenced to-day or to a term of five months' imprisonment each. Their friends in the courtroom shouted the judges and shouted: "Down with the Government." Several arrests were made.

Michael Angelo Tasso, a patriotic son of Italy, as the clock struck the hour of twelve, lit one of the biggest fire-crackers he could buy. The fuse burned slowly, and apparently went out. He took it up to relight it, when it exploded and blew off his hand.

The Paris Le Journal yesterday sent a telegram to M. De Lanessan, Governor-General of French Indo-China, asking him to explain the circumstances of his recall. M. De Lanessan replied that the pretext that he had permitted unauthorized persons to have access to official and confidential documents, which he was charged to have done, was simply ridiculous.

The Council of the Yacht Racing Association has decided that the complaint made by the owner of the yacht Carina against the Vigilant and Santata be referred to the Royal Dart Yacht Club with instructions to the secretary to reply that it was the Carina's duty to keep clear of the competitors. The decision concerns the interference of the yachts in the Royal Dart regatta last season.

CANADIAN.

A fund for the relief of the sufferers through the loss of Explorer Peary's steamer has been opened at St. John's, Nfld. The families of the crew of the Falcon are in a state of great desolation.

Mr. Frank Howard, of Sheddin, who was kicked and trampled on by a horse on Saturday died from his injuries Sunday evening. Drs. Guest, of Sheddin, and Lawrence, of St. Thomas, performed an operation, taking fourteen pieces of bone out of the skull, but the unfortunate man never regained consciousness. He was married, and leaves a wife and two children.

Mr. Justice Rose has given judgment at Toronto formally dismissing Mrs. Agnes Hartford's \$25,000 suit against the Bell Telephone Company, the Toronto Electric Light Company, the Homes Electric Protection Company and Silas H. Wheeler for injuries she received in the live wire accident of Oct. 6. It is on appeal the judgment is reversed, the judge assesses her damages at \$8,000.

Some time ago Miss Donahue, of North Yarmouth, was thrown from her buggy on the towline between Southwold and Yarmouth, her horse having been frightened at a pile of lying on the road. The young lady was severely hurt about the face, but a lady companion with her was uninjured. The liability of the townships for the damages incurred was likely to be tested in a court of law, but a satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at, the townships paying \$300 and costs.

AMERICAN.

Col. William L. Strong, the new Mayor of New York, was inducted into the office yesterday.

About sixty shoeworkers at L. N. Reynolds & Co.'s factory struck at Brockton, Mass., yesterday because of a reduction of about 5 per cent. in wages.

The Homatite and Lake shaft mines of the Lake Superior Iron Company at Ishpeming, Mich., have been closed for the remainder of the winter, throwing 250 out of work.

Hamilton Fish, of Albany, N. Y., last night defeated ex-Speaker Malby in the Republican legislative caucus for the Speakership of the Assembly, receiving 73 votes to Malby's 22.

W. A. Shull, engineer, was killed and Joshua Walsh, fireman, was fatally injured by a collision of freight trains on the Big Four Railway yesterday at Muncie, Ind. Charles Sutton, engineer, and Henry Hurst, a train hand, were badly hurt.

The hand-picked billiard match between Edward Fournil and Thomas Gallagher was continued at New York last night. Gallagher again beat Fournil on the night's play, making 800 points, while the Frenchman only rolled up 125. The total score: Gallagher, 400; Fournil, 600.

Seven hundred Slav laborers struck at the Edgar Thompson steel works of the Carnegie Steel Company at Braddock, Pa., last night, on account of a reduction in wages. The nine furnaces were banked, and if the places of the strikers cannot be filled by to-morrow 3,000 men will be thrown out of employment.

Senator Wilcott, of Colorado, has a rival in W. S. Stratton, of Cripple Creek, owner of the Independence and other mines in that district. Mr. Stratton was three years ago a poor carpenter. He is reported to have come to Denver determined to get the senatorship. His candidacy has created considerable surprise among the Republicans.

The Evening Telegraph, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Monday turned over their entire printing establishment and rooms to the ladies of the Colorado Springs Aid Society. They issued a mammoth New Year's edition that night. The paper was issued by the Evening Telegraph entirely free of cost to the society, and the amount cleared will be large. Mr. A. E. Touselean acted as editor-in-chief.

The Rev. W. J. Walker's Prayer. Fancieuse, Jackson Co., Miss. Dear Sir: I wish to inform you of the benefit my wife has received from the use of your medicine. I must say that your "Favorite Prescription" is the best female regulator on earth; my wife has been cured by the timely use of it.

I have been using the "Golden Medical Discovery" and "Pleasant Pellets," and I am fully satisfied they are all you claim them to be, and, wishing you abundant success, and hoping that the Almighty God will continue His blessings toward you in your noble work, I am, Respectfully, W. J. WALKER.

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A DAUGHTER CAGED.

For Seven Months a Prisoner in Her Own Home - Desperate Means Used to Prevent a Marriage - A Boston Romance Almost Ends in Tragedy at Birchtown, Que.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 28. - A happier man than is H. N. Seelye is not to be found in the Eastern Townships. Miss Mandana M. Hodgman, his promised bride, whom he had despaired to ever again see alive, is found, and they will soon be wedded.

About seven months ago Miss Hodgman disappeared as mysteriously and as completely as if the earth had swallowed her up. The story of her disappearance as told by Mr. Seelye to a Herald correspondent is a strange one.

Early last June Miss Hodgman left Boston, where she was then residing, presumably to go to Birchtown, Que., to attend at the wedding of her eldest brother. Before leaving, however, she told Mr. Seelye that she would return in time for their own marriage, which was to take place about the middle of the same month.

"The date fixed for our marriage went by," says Mr. Seelye, "and she had not come back. I wrote to her at Birchtown, where her family is, but received no answer. Thinking she might be sick and unable to write, I went to Birchtown myself and called at her father's home. There I was told that Miss Hodgman had left for Boston the day following her brother's wedding. I hurried back to Boston and sent detectives to find out some clue as to her whereabouts. I despaired of ever seeing her again, when a letter I received last week informed me that she was a prisoner in her father's home."

"I arrived in Sherbrooke Monday morning, and at once drove out to Birchtown. I again asked her father where she was, and he again told me that she was in Boston, and that she was keeping herself in the dark because she no longer wished to marry me. When I accused him of keeping his daughter a prisoner in his own house and against her will, he and his sons went to me with clubs. They would have killed me had I not managed to reach my team. On my return here I consulted a lawyer, and engaged the services of a constable, who drove out to Birchtown. He forced his way into Hodgman's house, and into the room where Miss Hodgman was locked up."

"She told the constable that she had been under lock and key since June 9, because she refused to marry a young Birchtown farmer, whom her father preferred to her. She is of age and I will make it hot for David Hodgman, her father, if he does not produce her in Sherbrooke to-morrow. His plea that I cannot support a wife is of no use here. A girl of 26 years of age has a right to choose whom she pleases. I am not a millionaire, but have a good position in Boston. I am chief traveller for G. L. A. lan, the Lig boot and shoe manufacturer."

"Miss Hodgman has suffered very much during the imprisonment, and is much changed. It is said her diet was not always of the best. Her father, hoping to coerce her into marrying the man of his choice, used every means in his power, even going so far as to put her on bread and water. No one in Birchtown knew of her incarceration, her father having told that she returned to Boston."

The wedding of Miss Hodgman and Mr. Seelye will probably take place in Sherbrooke to-morrow.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Newago, Mich., Dec. 31. - Fire early this morning destroyed the house of Charles White, a farmer, living three miles from here, and Mr. White and a young son were burned to death.

Chicago, Dec. 31. - The Ohio flats on Wharton avenue were destroyed by fire last morning. Several families escaped in their night clothes. Loss, \$30,000.

St. Mary's, Dec. 30. - At about 11 o'clock to-night fire was discovered in J. F. McGarvey's grocery store, in Guest's old stone block. The building, which belonged to the T. B. Guest estate, was damaged to the extent of about \$200. The grocery stock was completely deluged with water, and is almost a total loss. Both losses are fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Wilmet, N. S., December 29. - A fine new house belonging to the Tarbrook and occupied by Mr. Pooley was totally destroyed by fire at 2 a. m. to-day. The fire was discovered in the kitchen by the night watchman at the mine. The family were almost smothered. Cause not known.

Bliddeford, Me., December 30. - The city building was gutted by fire to-day down to the first story. The building contained two banks and police station, four stores, a law office, court room, city council chamber, municipal offices, city library, opera house and Masonic hall. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000; insured for \$20,000. Many of the municipal court documents were lost. The post office was burned out and some mail destroyed.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 31. - One side of Main street in Excelsior, Lake Minnetonka, was burned to-day. Loss, \$30,000; insurance one-half.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1. - Fire at Port Tampa city this morning destroyed twenty-five freight cars loaded with phosphate, two express cars, two passenger coaches, one mail, and the car she's of the South Florida R.R., operated by the Plant system. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Woodville, Ont., Jan. 1. - Fire took place in the Presbyterian Church here at 1 p. m. to-day, doing damage to the extent of \$15,000. Fully covered by insurance.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 1. - A fire which broke out last night at 10 o'clock in a 1 1/2 story building at West Winfield, Heikimer county, caused a loss of \$40,000. Eight buildings were destroyed, including the bank and post office.

Fergus, Ont., Jan. 1. - This evening fire was discovered in Henry Meek's dry goods store. The stock is badly damaged by fire, smoke and water, but is covered by insurance.

Mrs. H. Hall, Navarino, N. Y., writes: "For years I have been troubled with liver complaint. The doctors said my liver was hardened and enlarged. I was troubled with dizziness, pain in my shoulder, constipation, and gradually losing flesh all the time. I was under the care of three physicians, but did not get any relief. A friend sent me a bottle of Northrop & Evans' Vegetable Discovery, and the benefit I have received from it is far beyond my expectation. I feel better now than I have done for years."

Five children of Jacob K. Levan, of Oley, Pa., have died of diphtheria since Saturday, and two others are seriously ill.

ENTITLED TO THE BEST. Their money will buy; so every family should have at once a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when constive or bilious. For sale in 75c bottles by W. S. Barkwell and all leading druggists.

THE WARSHIP BLENHEIM.

the guests of her uncle, Mr. John Pugh. Pleasant street, saw the Blenheim coming up the harbor from the window of Lady Thompson's apartments. At four o'clock it had not been decided to open the casket for public view, discoloration having taken place. The doctors are of the opinion that Sir John Thompson's death was directly due to the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain, which, if so, would account for the discoloration.

To press representatives, Capt. Poe told the story of the voyage. Orders were given to the admiralty by the Canadian Government to time the vessel so as to reach Halifax at noon to-day. The Blenheim left Portsmouth at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, and encountered two days of very bad weather. On the second day out

A BIG GALE WAS ENCOUNTERED. The vessel was speeded till Friday, when she slowed down, so as to get here at the appointed time. Four days of very fine weather were experienced. On Saturday the steamer ran into a thick fog. Last night the ship was off Sambro at 12 and remained on-side all night.

"You could have made a much faster passage?" "Yes, we could have made the passage in less than five days. The Blenheim is a perfect vessel, and is capable of steaming 24 miles an hour."

THE QUEEN'S SYMPATHY. Sir John Thompson's remains were in an apartment on board 15x10 feet. It was entirely draped in black. In the centre of the cabin there is a dias in black nine inches high, on which rests the bier, ten inches high. The walls of the cabin are hung in black, relieved with thick white cords, hung with three large electric lamps, each covered with a black shade. At the head of the bier is a massive brass crucifix. In order to steady the coffin in crossing the Atlantic, white ropes were employed in tying it down to the bier. After this was done the Union Jack was spread and draped with crape. Six candles were arranged around the coffin, which is of polished oak, with solid silver handles. On the foot of the coffin rested a laurel wreath, bearing a card with the following in Queen Victoria's handwriting: "A mark of sincere respect from Victoria R. I." At the head of the coffin was a holly wreath, with a card attached bearing the words: "Simple tribute of respect to the memory of a true British patriot."

THE OTTAWA OFFICIAL TRAIN. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 1. - The official train which is timed to leave Ottawa at 10 o'clock to-night, is made up of the International sleepers, Halifax and Ruston, with the private cars Cambrian and Ottawa. It is timed to reach Montreal at

1.30 to-morrow morning. At Montreal two other sleepers will be attached. Of course only those to whom official invitations have been issued go by this train. All the ministers except Mr. Angers and Sir Adolph Caron will be at Halifax. None of the ministers' wives received to-day. There was no such calling as in past years.

Quebec, January 1. - Lieut.-Governor Chapeau and suite left to-day on the private car for Halifax to attend Sir John Thompson's funeral.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 1. - Four carloads of people left here on the afternoon train for Halifax. The mayor and common council delegation leave in the morning, while the Junior Liberal-Conservative Club go in the afternoon.

SEVENTEEN WERE CREMATED.

Nothing Yet Done to Recover Remains of the Albany Victims - The Fire Chief's Opinion.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1. - Although seventeen persons, all attached to the house, are supposed to be in the ruins of the Delevan Hotel, no attempt has been made to search the ruins, for the whole mass is still so hot that work is impossible.

Chief Higgins, of the fire department, says: "I don't know how many perished in the fire, but of the remains not even a bone will be found, for, in my opinion, every victim must have been completely incinerated. I don't believe a scrap will be found, for the building for hours was a seething furnace, hotter than any crematory fire." Up to eleven o'clock none of the persons reported missing had been located.

No More U. S. Beef in Germany. Washington, Jan. 1. - It is asserted that the Agricultural Department that the agricultural and azarian party in the German Empire brought about the prohibition of importation to Germany of live cattle, dressed beef, canned beef and other meat products from the United States. Secretary Morton says that the landed proprietors in Germany are the protectionists who teach McKinleyism in "High Dutch." They desire, he says, to exclude all competition which may arise from the fertile lands of the United States.

SKIN DISEASES. - Skin Diseases are more or less occasioned by bad blood. Burdock Blood Bitters cures the following Skin Diseases: - Shingles, Erysipelas, Itching Rashes, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eruptions, Pimples and Blisters, by removing all impurities from the blood - from a common Pimple to the worst Scrofulous Sores.

Earthquake at Mexico. St. Louis, Mo., January 1. - A special from the City of Mexico says that Sunday night an oscillatory earthquake shock was felt in that city and other parts of the State of Mexico. The movement was of short duration, but of short duration. The disturbance caused great alarm.

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MID BOOMING OF CANNON.

Arrival of the Remains of the Late Premier.

THE BLENHEIM'S DUTY DONE.

Many Thousand People Stood in the Rain on the Wharf.

LYING IN STATE AT HALIFAX.

The Remains Unit for Public View - A Great Crowd Gathering for the Funeral - The Passage was Stormy - Interview with Senator Sanford.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 1. - H. M. S. Blenheim, with the late Premier's body, arrived at the mouth of the harbor at 10.30 this morning in a rainstorm, and ran until almost opposite York redoubt before the first minute gun announced her approach to the thousands who lined the water-front, where they had been standing under a steady torrent of rain from early morning. As she steamed up the harbor Fort York, Macnabb's and George's in turn saluted her with minute guns. The first gun was fired at eight minutes after eleven, and five minutes later ten thousand people filled every available spot of standing room on the wharves and roofs of the stores along the harbor front, where they patiently watched her approach. She flew the Canadian Jack, and the white ensign was hauled half way down the main peak.

BOARDED THE BLENHEIM. The Dominion customs steamer Argos, with Louis Coste, of the Public Works Department, superintendent of the funeral; Sir John Thompson's two sons and representatives of the Dominion Government and the Imperial Government; steamer Lily, with Colonel North, chief staff officer of the garrison, who takes charge of the military funeral; Rev. Dr. Murphy, secretary to Archbishop O'Brien, and Father Moriarty, of St. Mary's Cathedral, ran up

alongside the Blenheim and transferred their passengers. They were received on the quarter deck by Commander Poe, of the warship, and conducted to the captain's cabin, where the remains lay in state.

Senator Sanford, who had accompanied the remains from Portsmouth, was on the deck of the Blenheim when the steam launches bearing the relatives and officials came alongside. He advised securing the services of an embalmer to examine the body before it was taken ashore, and in compliance with this request, the staff officer commanding signalled to shore that the landing would not take place until 2 o'clock. The vast throngs,

DRENCHED BY THE POURING RAIN, were delighted to go home for dry clothes. Immediately after dinner the crowds again congregated in the vicinity of the gun wharf and waited for the coffin. The members of the crown, Sir Frank Smith, Sir O. H. Tupper and Hon. Messrs. Curran, Daly and Angers, and the two sons of the deceased Premier remained on board the Blenheim.

At 2 o'clock part of the after-deck of the warship was removed and the coffin was gently hoisted over the deck, passing over the side, and was lowered on board the steamer Lily. The coffin was covered with a Canadian flag draped with crape, and bore the wreath of laurel placed on the coffin by the Queen, and also Sir Mackenzie Bowell's wreath. On board the warship and on the steamer the coffin was handled by squads of blue jackets. On the Lily the coffin was placed under a tarpaulin in the bow, four blue jackets standing at full attention on each side, while around the entire rail of the steamer was a thick, black line of Royal Marines in gray coats and black helmets, making

A MOST IMPOSING PICTURE for those who watched the proceedings from the gun wharf. While the coffin was being lowered on the Lily the band of the warship played "The Dead March in Saul" and the ship's guns belched forth fifteen mournful salutes.

On the gun wharf assembled to receive the remains were the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, General Montgomery Moore and staff, Governor Daly and lady, Mayor Keefe and members of the City Council, Col. Humphrey and officers of the 66th Col. Egan and officers of the 63rd Col. Curran and officers of the Halifax garrison, and the colonels and officers of the King's Own Regiment and Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers. The coffin was taken from the Lily by eight sergeants of the Royal Engineers and placed upon a gun carriage, to which were attached four black horses, two hundred men from the King's Regiment forming a guard of honor to the right and left of the corpse. The funeral procession was headed by the magnificent band of the King's Regiment, and followed by the military and militia dignitaries and Chief Paul, and a delegation of braves of the Micmac tribe of Indians, proceeded along Water street and through Granville street to the Parliament Buildings, where the body is now

LYING IN STATE in the Legislative Council Chamber. All along the line of procession, despite the tremendous rainstorm, the streets were lined ten and twelve deep with a rubber-tired crowd of anxious sightseers. The men and daughters, who are

WILL NOT BE EXPOSED TO PUBLIC VIEW. The remains will not be exposed to public view, not being in fit condition. The watchers to-morrow will be: - Eight o'clock, J. J. Curran, N. H. White, M. P.; 9 o'clock, Sir Frank Smith, J. F. Stairs, M. P.; 10 o'clock, Hon. Mr. Daly, T. E. Kenney, M. P.; 11 o'clock, Hon. Mr. Ives, H. F. McDougall, M. P.; 12 o'clock, Sir Herbert Tupper, Dr. Cameron, M. P. Among floral tributes: - Governor Dewdney, Executive Council, British Columbia, floral cross; J. F. Stairs, roll of honor; inscriptions for North-west Territories, "In Memory of My Friend"; Royal Military College, wreath, laurels and ribbons; Bar Society, scales, and many others of beautiful and costly design.

INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR SANFORD. After the body of the late Premier had been placed in the Legislative Council Chamber, the lid of the outer casket was removed in the presence of the relations for the purpose of identification. The lid was then replaced and fastened, and the casket will remain closed. Senator Sanford soon after returned to the Blenheim where, for a few days, he will remain the guest of Captain Poe.

"Our visit in Italy," said Mr. Sanford to a newspaper man, "were simply those of tourists. We presented no letters of introduction and made no visits of any kind, feeling that our time was fully occupied with the objects we were interested in seeing. On our return to London and shortly after our return, I would say Sir John had a bad day of it and Dr. Travis was called in. He thoroughly examined Sir John. He was of the opinion that while the heart's action was very weak, that perfect quiet and rest, and the avoidance of all excitement were the matters of prime importance. In consequence of this advice Sir John remained in his hotel three or four days, and he improved so much, and his condition became so satisfactory to himself and friends that he continued his daily visits to the members of the Imperial Government and others for the consideration of business affairs. The Monday preceding his death he was rather fatigued, and complained somewhat in the evening, but on Tuesday morning, when his daughter bid him good-bye, when she was returning under my care to her school-life in Paris, he was bright and cheerful, and also remarked in the morning of the day of his death that he had not felt better for some months than he did just then. I have brought out with me the Southampton papers, giving an account of the ceremonies there. Something in them the people of Canada may find interesting, as I have no doubt they find all the additional information that can be supplied regarding the demonstration of British sympathy with the family of the late Premier and with the Dominion, from the Queen down." Mr. Sanford here spoke with genuine feeling in the presence of Capt. Poe of the hundreds of kindly acts of sympathy and respect towards this country which he had witnessed after Sir John's death in England. He said the effect on both sides of the ocean cannot yet be measured, but appreciation, not only in the Mother Country and in Canada, but throughout the Empire, will not be wanting. Asked to give an account of the voyage out, Mr. Sanford said: "After the body was brought on board, the Blenheim Guards were stationed at the entrance to the mortuary, as you have seen it to-day. These guards were maintained continually, night and day, until



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