

# DOUBLE SKATING FATALITY ON OTTAWA RIVER HEROIC DEEDS OF A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Miss Bessie Blair, Daughter of the Minister of Railways and Canals, Goes Thru the Ice—A. H. Harper, Associate Editor of The Labor Gazette, Gallantly Plunges In to Save Her and Both are Drowned—Bank Clerk Creelman of Toronto Had a Narrow Escape, But is Rescued by Engineer Treadgold—Gloom Cast Over the Capital.

## HARROWING DETAILS OF ACCIDENT TO THE VICE-REGAL SKATING PARTY

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—A shocking drowning accident occurred on the Ottawa River this afternoon, and to-night there are searchers out for the bodies of two members of a vice-regal skating party—Miss Bessie Blair, daughter of the Minister of Railways and Canals, and Albert H. Harper, Assistant Deputy Minister of Labor.

A lovely winter afternoon tempted a considerable number out to make up a skating party, organized at Government House. The ice appeared to be in splendid condition, smooth and solid; indeed, between New Edinburgh and Gatineau Point, horses and sleighs have been crossing for a couple of days. No danger was apprehended, therefore, by the skaters, who sped away down the river in little groups.

One of them consisted of the Misses May and Bessie Blair and Miss Snowball, daughter of Senator Snowball, who were their guests. They were accompanied by Mr. Treadgold, an English mining engineer, of Dawson City, and Mr. Harper and Mr. Creelman of the Imperial Bank. Miss Bessie Blair and Mr. Creelman were skating in advance of the others, when, suddenly, as the party neared Kettle Island, both were seen by Mr. Harper and Miss Snowball, who were a short distance behind, to disappear into the water.

Mr. Harper, with the determination of saving Miss Blair, rushed forward. Miss Snowball skated back, screaming frantically to those following to hurry to the rescue. When, with Miss May Blair and Mr. Treadgold, she arrived at the fatal spot only one was seen on the surface—Mr. Creelman—and he was drawn out of the water in an unconscious condition. No sign of Miss Bessie Blair or the gallant Mr. Harper, who gave his life to save her, was to be seen. The bodies had evidently been carried down by the swift current beneath the ice.

The accident happened about dusk, in the main channel of the Ottawa River, where the current is swift and the water about 35 feet deep. They were returning, Miss Bessie Blair and Mr. Creelman skating hand-in-hand ahead; Mr. Harper and Miss Snowball about 40 yards behind, Mr. Treadgold and Miss Blair some distance farther away. The ice was thin near the head of Kettle Island, where the party were; Miss Bessie Blair and Mr. Creelman suddenly pitched head first into an air-hole. Both could swim, and did make a few strokes toward the ice.

Mr. Creelman shouted to Mr. Harper to keep away from the water, but the latter threw off his coat and gloves and made for them. He dived into the water to help Miss Blair, and that is the last Mr. Creelman saw of him.

Mr. Creelman tried to lift Miss Blair out upon the ice, and in doing so, sank himself. When he came up his head struck the ice, and he broke his way thru to clear air. Miss Blair had disappeared, and Mr. Creelman was alone in the icy water. He clung to the ice and shouted for help.

Meanwhile, Miss Snowball was skating to Gatineau Point to summon aid. She had time to arouse the men in the hotel, and they took whiskey skates in the direction of the thin ice, when Mr. A. N. C. Treadgold shouted to her to look out for danger.

He saw a dark object and made for it, while Mr. Creelman's cries for help could be heard more and more plainly.

The dark object was brave Harper's hat, and then Creelman warned

## A FEARLESS PERFORMER.



POLITICAL ACROBAT ROSS: Why, there isn't a particle of danger. The boys have padded the floor.

## MAJOR VAN TETS DEAD DID PRINCE KILL HIM?

Aftermath of the Recent Duel Between Queen Wilhelmina's Husband and One of Her Bodyguard Will Bring More Trouble to the Consort.

London, Dec. 6.—A despatch to The Central News from Amsterdam says that Major Van Tets died last Thursday evening. This is the aftermath of the duel recently held between Prince Henry and the deceased.

Major "the German" Van Tets is one of the noble youths who formed the bodyguard of the young Queen when she landed in February, and who have since been at their Royal Mistress' beck and call on every occasion. They pride themselves on their servitude, and in this matter of fact twentieth century their chivalrous devotion to Queen Wilhelmina is a pretty thing to see. It is whispered that every man of the ten handsome youths who surround Her Majesty's car

stage when she drives abroad, skate with her, and dance attendance on her generally has been at one time or another over head and ears in love with the dainty little lady in whom Holland's hopes are centred.

Official contraband notwithstanding, nobody at the Hague doubts for a moment that the Queen and her consort have been at loggerheads practically since the wedding. Wilhelmina is not a woman to allow herself to be neglected with impunity.

It is said that she stashed Van Tets' wound with her own hands, and indeed on her husband's begging pardon for the Jollikher, as well as of herself before she would forgive him.

## WHY THE BOERS FIGHT ON TO PROTECT THE REBELS

Loyalty of Cape Colonists to Cause Keeps the Enemy in the Field—War Will Be Ended Only by a Process of Attrition.

London, Dec. 6.—A correspondent of The Times, wiring from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says the Boer generals would probably have thrown up the sponge long ago but for the loyalty of the Cape rebels to the Boer cause.

The bulk of the enemy in Cape Colony consists of rebels. For the Boers to surrender without protecting the rebels would be regarded as the height of contemptible meanness by all the Afrikaners and Boer sympathizers, and would produce such a revulsion of feeling on the part of the colonial rebels against the republicans as would be the best safeguard against any future rising of the Dutch colonists.

The truth is, says the correspondent, that neither side can accept peace on any terms the other can grant, and, therefore, there is nothing left but to rely on the effects of attrition.

## BRITISH SCOUR WEST FOR HORSES.

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—The largest number of British transports ever in this port at any one time may now be seen at Port Chalmette. There are seven at the docks and one in midstream, each waiting for its turn to receive a cargo of horseflesh. Still another, the India, sailed last night.

This fleet of transports serves to bear out the idea that the British government is prosecuting more vigorously than ever the business of shipping horses and mules to the seat of war in the Transvaal, and that the end of hostilities is probably more remote than Great Britain is willing to admit. The transports will be loaded without delay, and as fast as the horses and mules arrive from the purchasing points. The eight vessels now in port represent 8000 head of horses and mules.

For the past 90 days, the shipments have broken all records, and agents of the British government are scouring the West with greatly increased energy for more horses and mules.

## FOG DESCENDS ON PARISIAN TRAFFIC

Gloom Hides Pains Bourbon Roster and Chamber's Wag Finds His Opportunity.

Paris, Dec. 6.—London's pea soup fog was waited over the Channel in the course of Wednesday night, so that when Parisian awoke this morning they found the atmosphere cloaked with a very respectable, though somewhat diluted, reproduction of the London "particular."

Several serious accidents occurred in and around Paris. A train bound for Argentan on the west line caught up to and crashed into an engine which was proceeding to the south. The train was going at a reduced speed, and the shock was, therefore, comparatively slight. Four passengers were, however, badly wounded about their limbs and head. The doctors ordered one of the patients to be taken to a hospital. He had a fracture of the right leg. The carriage in which the damage occurred was thrown off the rails, and the engine along the line had to be engaged for nearly three hours. Inquiry elicited the fact that the engine driver had mistaken the stopping signal for merely a warning one.

The Seine steamboats were compelled to stop running shortly after 8 o'clock, as badly fogged and grew denser. The steamer No. 37 could not find its way to the Grenelle landing stage, and had to be moved under the hand of a tugboat. The passengers, numbering about a hundred, were there landed with the aid of a squad of police.

Traffic in the streets was almost as badly affected as traffic on the river. On the boulevards, it was scarcely possible to distinguish the huge phantoms of passing omnibuses. The weirdness of the scene was heightened by the sickly glow of "Old Sol" making gallant efforts to pierce the gloom.

The mist found its way everywhere, even into the Chamber of Deputies. In London they order things better, and the House of Commons is saved from the encroachment of the fog by a multitude of ingenious devices, but at the Palais Bourbon these things are unknown. The result was that the deputies could scarcely distinguish the form of the Speaker at the rostrum.

Mr. Baudry d'Asson, the notorious wag, opened the proceedings by asking Mr. Deschamps to allow him to address the House on an important matter, and on being questioned as to the subject of discourse, replied that he wished to deal with the fog obscuring the Chamber. Mr. Deschamps mildly remarked that such matters could not be debated from the rostrum. Shortly after 1 o'clock there was considerable improvement. The sun began to glimmer, and the fog gradually made itself conspicuous, although the fog remained distinctly perceptible till the end of the day.

## CROSSED BAY ON ICE AN OLD MAN'S EXPLOIT

Miraculous Escape on Ice Half an Inch Thick and Full of Air Holes.

James King, who is upwards of 60 years of age and lives near the corner of Parliament street and Wilton avenue, had a most remarkable experience last evening. It was almost miraculous that he was not drowned in Toronto Bay, as he crossed to the island in the darkness on ice only from half an inch to two inches thick and full of air holes.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock he went down to the foot of Simcoe street to arrange for the shipment of some goods to Windsor, and while looking for the freight sheds wandered along the waterfront to John street, where he reached the Queen's wharf, where he left the boat, going direct to his home little the worse for his strange experience.

The public who value their lives are warned against skating or walking on the ice, as was done yesterday by a foolish young man and woman.

## GETS TERMINAL FACILITIES.

C.P.R. Makes Satisfactory Arrangement With Intercolonial.

St. John, Dec. 6.—It is announced today that negotiations reported a few days ago by the C.P.R. for the use of the I.C.R. terminal facilities at St. John have resulted in something. It has been agreed among the I.C.R., the C.P.R. and the Bridge and Railway Company that the C.P.R. may use the I.C.R. terminal for the shipment of any overflow of its business. The Bridge Company has given the C.P.R. the right to use the terminal facilities for the shipment of any overflow of its business. The C.P.R. may use the I.C.R. terminal for the shipment of any overflow of its business.

## Comfort Also.

You know the comfort you get out of a fur-lined cap? For any winter in cold weather, or for coming near, they have no equal. Here is a list of the fur-lined caps that the Olsen Company have on sale:

Ladies' Fur-lined Caps, choice of color, lined with Russian seal, and trimmed with black Thibet, \$40 and \$45.

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## About the Sale of Fine Furs.

The tremendous bargains actually given for the fur sale at Townsends' were sufficient to attract a large number of buyers. The sale will be continued this afternoon and evening. The whole must be actually cleared out today.

## Have supper at Thomas—music from 8 to 9 p.m.

The McIntosh (Cass & Marble Company, Limited, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street, Tel. 4249. Terminal Yonge-street car route.

## BIRTHS.

STEWART—At 59 Express-street, on Thursday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart, a daughter.

## DEATHS.

BELORE—At her residence, 202 "Back" street, on the 5th inst., Mrs. Anna, dearly beloved wife of Anthony Belore, aged 40 years.

Funeral Saturday, at 9 a.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

BURNS—At his residence, 308 Bathurst-st., on Dec. 5, Michael Burns, engineer, G.T. Railway, in his 50th year.

Funeral Saturday, at 2 p.m. to St. Mary's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances accept this intimation.

JAMES—On Thursday, 5th December, at his father's residence, 2500 Queen-st. West, Gertrude Josephine, second daughter of William and Agnes James, in the 17th year of her age.

Funeral from the above address on Monday, 9th inst., at 1 o'clock p.m., to Mount Pleasant.

SOMERVILLE—Passed away, Margaret Somerville, in her 88th year.

Funeral from 2 d'Arcy-street, Saturday at 2 p.m.

VERNON—At 160 Markham-st., on Thursday, December 5th, J. R. Vernon, aged 46.

Funeral from 673 Yonge-street, to Union Station, Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and thence to Prince Albert Cemetery.

## STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 6. At. From.

Quebec City, 10 below—New York

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## X-RAYS VALUABLE IN MODERN WARFARE

Experience of South African Campaign That Old Methods Should Be Forgotten.

London, Dec. 6.—"Military surgery must be rewritten in face of the new facts discovered by means of the X-rays," says John Hall Edwards, surgeon radiographer at the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital in South Africa. Dr. Edwards, who was in charge of the Roentgen apparatus during the campaign, made hundreds of examinations of wounded with many marvelous results. He is convinced that the South African war has demonstrated the necessity of adding to the Army Medical Corps a properly constituted X-ray department, and of training its members to use the apparatus with readiness in case of emergency. He said:

"Time-worn, useless and dangerous methods for the location of hidden bullets can be forgotten. The X-ray furnishes accurate and scientific and absolutely accurate method. The altered conditions of warfare have necessitated considerable alterations in surgical methods. The high velocity of the new firearms leaves fewer bullets to the issues, but these few are usually so far from the entrance of the wound that no probe is capable of reaching them, and apart from the X-rays there is no method of finding them.

"It is now possible to examine the whole body in a few minutes, and to find a bullet, no matter where situated, without inconvenience or risk to the patient. Actual experience has taught that, after the battle, the X-ray is superior to the old methods of diagnosis, there is little necessity for the use of the apparatus in such an advanced position. The whole of my work in South Africa was done in hospitals. If the work is to be well done it must be done under favorable conditions. Localization requires exactitude. It cannot be properly performed under rough and tumble circumstances."

Dr. Edwards added that Massey and Letford bullets from a humanitarian point of view are superior to the old Martini-Henry and other bullets. "There are far fewer injuries to bones and a remarkable decrease in the number of deaths from gunshot wounds compared with former campaigns. This is due to the new weapons as well as to advanced surgical knowledge."

Smokers' presents—Briars—Messrs. Chalmers—fine assortment. Alive Ballard

## BEAUHARNOIS M.P. THREW UP THE SEAT

Acknowledged Illegal Practices By Agents, and There Will Be Another Contest.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—This morning, at the opening of the Election Court in Beauharnois, Mr. Georges Leroy, M.P., threw his seat up, acknowledging illegal practices by agents, and the election of the Liberal member was at once annulled. Mr. J. S. H. Bergeron, ex-M.P. for the county, was warmly congratulated, and he is said to stand a good chance of being returned.

## DECLINES NOMINATION.

Charles Henderson Will Not Oppose Hon. Mr. Haseout to Hon. Mr. Haseout, who two weeks ago was nominated by the Conservatives of Monck to contest the riding for the Legislative Assembly, has decided not to run. He was a strong man, and the Conservatives felt confident of his being able to defeat Haseout. Personal reasons are given for his refusal to accept the honor. H. J. Ross of Wellandport, whose name has also been mentioned at the convention, will probably now be tendered the nomination.

## GREAT BRITAIN PAYS.

Six Thousand Pounds Sterling Given to Americans re Boer War.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The State Department has received a draft for 2000 sterling from the government of Great Britain in full payment of the claims of certain American citizens, who said they had been improperly expelled from South Africa during the Boer war.

## While in Buffalo stop at the Manhattan, 610 Main Street. European.

Plates reasonable.

## NEAR CENTURY MARK.

Many happy returns of the day to the oldest man in point of age and length of service on the pay-roll of the Crown. Mr. Owen Roblin, grand uncle of Premier Roblin of Manitoba, born Dec. 7, 1806, in the Township of Southampton, Prince Edward County, appointed Postmaster of Roblin's Mills (Ameliasburg), by the Earl of Londonderry, Postmaster-General of her late Majesty's government, on Jan. 1, 1845.

## TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Knights of the Grip meet, Temple Building, 8 p.m.

Open studio exhibition, W.A.A. rooms, Confederation Life Building, 2 p.m.

Commercial Travellers meet, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.

Lecture at Canadian Institute, 8 p.m.

McMaster Ladies' Literary League, open meeting, College Chapel, 7:45 p.m.

R.C.Y.C. entertainment, Temple Building, 8 p.m.

Annual meeting O.H.A., Temple Building, 10 a.m.

Princess Theatre, "A Gentleman of France," 2 and 8 p.m.

Grand Opera House, "The Fatal Wedding," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Star Theatre, "Bohemian Burlesques," 2 and 8 p.m.

## CONTINGENT TO SAIL ON TWO TROOPSHIPS

War Office Sending Manhattan and Rance, and Force Will Be Ready January 1.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Two British troopships will be sent to South Africa to convey to South Africa the contingent of Mounted Infantry, so a cable from the War Office informed the Minister of Militia today. The ships are the Manhattan and the Rance. The Manhattan has accommodation for 17 officers, 400 men and 500 horses, while the Rance will accommodate 20 officers, 450 men and 500 horses. As the force will consist of 600 men and horses, there will be no crowding on the transports.

Col. Evans, C.B., in command of the contingent, has forwarded to the War Office for approval the complete list of officers selected by him.

A telegram has been received at Department of Militia and Defence asking that a number of men be allotted to the Yukon. The Minister replied that if a limited number reach here on time they will be taken on. They must be here by Jan. 1.

Col. Evans will go to Toronto tonight to say good-bye to his troops, and will proceed to Halifax next week to look after matters until embarkation. He expects that the contingent will be ready to sail about Jan. 1.

Col. Evans will command the detachment on one transport and Major Merritt on the other.

The report that it had been decided to recruit an additional 300 men, making the mounted contingent 900 strong, is denied in official circles. It is claimed that the mounted contingent will be 600 strong, and that the purpose of the War Office despatch naming the transports was to show the capacity of the ships to accommodate 900 men, but the Militia Department has no intention to the effect that it is expected the contingent will be increased to that number.

## FUNDS FOR THE IRISH.

New York, Dec. 6.—In response to a call that was sent out Nov. 27 by a number of prominent Irishmen and sympathizers with Ireland, a conference was held tonight in this city. It was decided to appoint a committee of 25, which will proceed actively about the work of raising funds to aid the Irish Parliamentary party, of which John J. Redmond is the leader.

## SURRENDER IMPENDING.

London, Dec. 7.—A despatch to The Daily Telegraph says that the surrender of the Boers at Salomka is imminent. The Boers are said to be in a state of panic, and are expected to surrender within a few days.

## Smokers' presents. Cigars—10 in box—Havana. Alive Ballard, manufacturer.

Toronto Water Rates.

Water takers whose rates are still unpaid are reminded that payment may be made at 15 per cent discount up to the 15th inst., after which date gross rates will be charged.

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Fine Havana Cigars.

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## Out of town residents are often reluctant to order goods from away weather, but since Dunlop guarantees their delivery in perfect condition outside customers need hesitate no longer. Phone, Telegraph or write to Dunlop's salesrooms, 5 King-street west, and 425 Yonge-street, Toronto. ed

## CHARITIES ASSISTED BY LATE W. E. H. MASSEY

Will Filed for Probate Devotes One Thousand Shares in Company for These Objects.

The will of the late Mr. W. E. H. Massey has been filed for probate. The value of the estate, real and personal, was valued at \$700,131.71, and was made up chiefly of stock in the Massey-Harris Company, Sawyer & Massey Company and other various interests with which he was connected, and donations Park Farm. The residence on Jarvis-street belonged to Mrs. Massey, and the life insurance was payable to her and the children.

Charitable Legacies.

Mr. Massey bequeathed 1000 shares of stock in Massey-Harris Company to various charitable institutions and religious objects, as follows:

Five-twentieths to Victoria College, Toronto.

Four-twentieths to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada.

Two-twentieths to the trustees of Central Methodist Church, Toronto, for the improvement of the property.

Two-twentieths to the Deaconess Work of the Methodist Church.

One-twentieth to establish scholarships for worthy students in connection with Victoria College, to be known as "Walter Massey Scholarships."

One-twentieth to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, to aid farmers' sons and daughters attending the college, who are deemed worthy.

The residue of the estate, including Donations Park Farm, is bequeathed to the executors are his wife, Mrs. Susie D. Massey, his brother, Mr. Chester D. Massey, and Mr. John H. Housner.

The will was signed on the 8th day of August, 1900, and witnessed by Messrs. George H. Watson and J. Grayson Smith.

## HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER.

Dr. Graham and Miss Kilbourne Charged With Death of an Infant.

London, Dec. 6.—The preliminary examination of Dr. Alex. Graham and Emma Agnes Kilbourne, charged with the murder of the latter's infant child by the poisoning of an operation, was proceeded with at the Police Court this morning. The testimony of Mrs. Jessie Clark and also of Dr. Graham, was taken this afternoon and evening. Nothing new was added from either, and the court adjourned till to-morrow morning.

## ICE GAVE WAY

And Five Persons Were Drowned in Lake Winipeg.

Winipeg, Dec. 6.—A report was brought in tonight that five persons were drowned in the northern part of Lake Winipeg. The party was fishing, when the ice gave way. Two were Indians, two Indians and one an Englishman.

## DREW SLED AND FAMILY 4 MILES.

Goshen, N.Y., Dec. 6.—Eight Lamont MacLaren, a young Scotchman, in company with his wife and his children, Thomas and Agnes, started on Wednesday to drive from Southfields to Haverstraw over a wild and desolate road. He wandered into a wrong road, where his horse fell and broke its legs. With great effort, MacLaren drew the sleigh containing a family nearly four miles before Charles Carson saw and rescued them. All were badly frozen.

## TEST QUESTIONS READY.

A meeting of the executive of the West York Prohibition Executive Association was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the Ontario Alliance secretary. Test questions to the Federal and Provincial candidates were drawn up, which will be presented by a deputation to the candidates during next week. Mr. Moyle announced that prohibition mass meetings would be held next week at Eglington and Maple.

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See special accident and sickness contract. Accident and Guarantee Corporation. Walter H. Bigh, city agent. Phone 2770.

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The Dodge Car's New Foundry Successfully Started.

A four-ton heat was successfully run off at Dodge's new foundry at Toronto Junction yesterday afternoon, and with it a hitch.

## Cheap Light for December.

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