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COPPER BEAUTIFULLY NICKEL PLATED—Handsome in appearance.  
Won't chip or break. Small and largesizes at a great variety of prices.  
BAKE DISHES, LIQUOR MIXERS,  
Brass and Nickel CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS,  
HAIR CURLERS—Ordinary metal, wood handles, price 15 cents; Self heat-  
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cents; Hair Heaters, for making the beautiful and fashionable Marcel wave,  
Price 30 cents.

W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD,  
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"BOKER'S" SKATES

For Men, Women or Children.  
All Sizes—Many kinds.  
The name "BOKER" on a piece of Cutlery insures Quali-  
ty—so it does on a Skate. Then again all goods made by  
"BOKER" are sold at low prices.  
We are the St. John Selling Agents for those celebrated  
Skates, and notwithstanding the advanced prices of metal  
goods, we are selling at the same prices as last year.

Some Skates.....50c to \$1.65 Pair  
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EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd.,  
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Grey Squirrel.

JUST RECEIVED—another Lot of those Grey Squirrel  
Throwovers. Special Price \$9.50  
F. S. THOMAS, Dufferin Block,  
541 Main St., N. E.

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And so with OVERCOATS, unless they are good all through they are not  
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through.  
Large line of

Fine Overcoats

are ready here for men who like good clothes.

\$5.50 to \$15

American Clothing House,

Outfitters to Men Youths and Boys,  
11-15 Charlotte St.



New Xmas Gifts  
OPENED TODAY.

Thomas J. Flood,  
60 KING STREET,  
Opp. Macaulay Bros.

UMBRELLAS—In Gold, Silver and  
Pearl mountings, from \$2.50 to \$10.  
CUT GLASS—Vases, Bowls, Trays,  
Bon Bon Dishes.

LEATHER DRESSING CASES,  
Gent's and Lady's Hand Bags, Purses,  
Card Cases, Music Rolls, Writing  
Portfolios.

BOOKS—Padded Morocco, Poets,  
\$2.50 Edition at \$1.00.

PICTURE FRAMES and Engravings  
and Etchings. All the latest Colored  
Pictures.

Call at HARVEY'S Tonight

For Overcoat Bargains.

These Overcoats advertised yesterday at prices cut from \$2.50 to \$5.00 on  
each Overcoat are being picked up quickly. Better call tonight.  
Also, Mufflers, Caps, Gloves, Underwear, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Price, Overcoat description, Price, Overcoat description. Includes items like \$20.00 Overcoats, \$18.00 Overcoats, etc.

Boys' Overcoats reduced accordingly.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and  
Furnishings—  
199 to 207 Union St.

JUST LIKE THE STORIES  
THAT BOYS LOVE READ

Remarkable Experiences on  
Three British Steamers—  
Strange Diseases, Re-  
ligious Frenzy and Ship-  
wreck Cause Trouble.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Death from  
Berl Beri, suicide and shipwreck mark-  
ing the long journey of three steam-  
ships which came to their pier here  
yesterday, according to the Herald.  
Two of the vessels came from Oriental  
ports while the one which met the  
most serious disaster finally overcame  
her misfortunes on the west coast of  
South America and rounded Cape Horn  
with a valuable cargo of nitrate of  
soda, after having been practically re-  
built in the shadow of the Andes.  
A fight here this afternoon, Felix  
Belgois and a fanaticism  
brought trouble to the Foxley, flying  
the British flag from China, and the  
Den of Mainz, another British ship  
from Java, while the elements were re-  
sponsible for the disaster to the Abbey  
Holme, from Iquique, on the South  
American coast.  
Hardly had the Foxley left Algiers  
on her way home, when the Berl Beri  
appeared among the cooties in the crew.  
As the vessel passed Gibraltar half of  
the crew were in their bunks unable  
to move a limb.  
One member of the crew died. The  
next day another was dead and the day  
following a colic, caused by delirium  
committed suicide by throwing himself  
into the sea. For a few minutes all  
the other coolies seemed on the verge  
of following their comrade over the  
ship's side and were driven back to  
their bunks only by the sudden efforts  
of the white men aboard.  
It was while the Den of Mainz was  
off Mecca, in the Red Sea, when the  
troubles began. Mano Bin Sahib, with  
hands uplifted and a look of religious  
fervor on his face suddenly came his-  
singling the sea uttering a prayer to  
Mahammed. In a twinkling the other  
thirty-four Lancars of the crew pre-  
sented with difficulty. After leaving  
Algers the Den of Mainz ran into fear-  
ful Atlantic gales which retarded her  
progress and made an extremely  
slow passage.  
The Abbey Holme originally started  
on her voyage from Iquique on the  
South American coast for New York  
on August 16. A little over two weeks  
later she struck the ice and was driven  
from the coast and began to leak bad-  
ly. Captain Brown beached her at  
Martha Island, and as the ship lay  
there until a month ago, two thousand  
tons of her cargo were lost in the sea.  
She was consigned to W. R. Grace &  
Co., her American agents.

CONFESSED MURDERER  
DESCRIBES HIS CRIME

David Curtis Shows the Police How He  
Killed Dona Gilman.

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 7.—A formal  
charge of murder was placed against  
David Curtis today and the self-  
confessed murderer of Dona Gilman  
was committed to the county jail.  
Curtis, a native of Ohio, was charged  
with the murder of Dona Gilman, a  
woman who was killed by a bullet  
which was fired from a revolver. The  
bullet entered her chest and passed  
through her lungs, killing her.  
Curtis, who is now in the county jail,  
has confessed to the crime. He said  
that he had killed Dona Gilman be-  
cause she was interfering with his  
business. He said that he had shot  
her in the street, and that he had  
taken her body home and buried it.  
Curtis is now being held in the  
county jail, pending trial.

THE FISHING FLEET  
AT BAY OF ISLANDS

Many Newfoundlanders are Working on  
Foreign Vessels.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 7.—An official  
statement shows that there were  
forty three American, twenty-one  
Canadian and forty-nine Newfoundland  
herring vessels at Bay of Islands on  
December 1st. The American vessels  
had on board 476 men, the Canadian  
vessels, 529 men, and 529 men shipped  
outside the Newfoundland three mile limit,  
and 476 men on the Newfoundland  
vessels. In addition to the foregoing,  
there were 350 shore folk also engaged  
in the herring fishing.  
Thus far in the present season a total  
of twenty-two vessels, ten being  
American, have sailed from Bay of Is-  
lands with cargoes aggregating thirty  
thousand barrels of fish.

JEALOUSY LED LUMBER  
DEALER TO MURDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Dr. Benjamin  
Harris, a retired physician, who came  
to this city one year ago from Anigo,  
Wis., was today shot and fatally  
wounded by A. C. Campbell, a lumber  
dealer of that town. The shooting took  
place in the stock exchange building  
and created much excitement. Camp-  
bell made no effort to escape. The trag-  
edy was the outcome of domestic  
trouble.  
Campbell fired repeatedly, four bul-  
lets taking effect. Campbell told the  
police that Harris became acquainted  
with Mrs. Campbell while practicing  
as a physician and that he became very  
attentive to her afterwards. He said  
that he was so enraged at the sight of  
Harris that he lost control of himself.  
Another large crowd of westerners  
regular in the city on the Atlantic ex-  
press today. They leave for England  
on the Lake Champlain tomorrow.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

WANTED—A good general girl for  
help at cooking. ST. JOHN  
HOTEL, Reed's Point. 8-15

AN EARLY MORNING  
FIRE AT BEAR RIVER

Five Buildings Were Destroyed  
—Started in Meat Market

Schooner Rebecca W. Huddell Still Wait-  
ing for a Chance to Get to St.  
John—Schooners Lying in  
the Stream.

(Special to the Star.)  
DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 8.—At 4 a. m. to-  
day fire broke out in Armstrong's meat  
hall at Bear River, West Side. Five  
buildings so far are destroyed. Those  
burnt out were W. A. Chute, general  
store; F. B. Miller, store and meat  
market, Chinese laundry and a ware-  
house. The thermometer stands four  
below zero and there is a blizzard on  
from the northwest. No definite infor-  
mation yet received as to insurance on  
destroyed property, but it will be  
about \$1,500, while the total loss is  
\$8,000.  
Schooners Edna M. Smith, Louis V.  
Chapels, Olivia, and a barkentine,  
name unknown, are in the stream wait-  
ing for a chance to get to St. John.  
Schooners Rebecca W. Huddell, Still Wait-  
ing for a Chance to Get to St.  
John—Schooners Lying in  
the Stream.

LET THE GRANDCHILDREN  
TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES

Mark Twain on an Author's Duty to  
His Family—His Speech on the  
Copyright Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Samuel L.  
Clemens (Mark Twain), brought to a  
close with laughter a day of argu-  
mentative strife over the terms of the  
copyright bill, now the subject of hear-  
ings before the senate and house com-  
mittees on patents.  
Mr. Clemens was attended in a suit  
of white flannel. He followed a brief  
statement by Rev. Edward Everett  
Chase, chaplain of the senate. Mr.  
Clemens commented on the impossi-  
bility of understanding the legal  
phrasology of the copyright bill and  
said he allowed all credit to "the trained  
legislators" who were wrestling  
with the bill.  
"I am particularly interested in the  
portion of the measure which concerns  
the life of the author and fifty years  
extension from the present limit of the  
life of copyright for forty-two years.  
I have no objection to the bill as it  
stands. I think that ought to be  
satisfactory to any reasonable author  
because it will take care of children—let  
the grandchildren take care of themselves.  
It will satisfy me because it will enable  
me to take care of my daughters. After  
that I don't care. I have long been out  
of the struggle, independent of it and  
indifferent to it.  
"It is not objectionable to me," he  
continued, "that all the trades and in-  
dustries of the United States are in the  
bill and protected by it. I should like  
to have the oyster culture added, and  
anything else that might need protec-  
tion. I have no ill-feeling. I think it is  
just and righteous measure and should  
like to see it passed."  
Mr. Clemens argued that there was  
really no legitimate ground for making  
any limitation to the life of a copy-  
right. "But," he said, "I understand  
must have a limit because that is re-  
quired by the constitution of the United  
States, which sets aside that prior con-  
stitution we call the decalogue. The  
decalogue says you shall not take away  
from any man his property—I will not  
use that harsher word. But the laws  
of England and America do take away  
the property from the author. They  
grant to him a limited term of years  
and then they turn around to  
crush and wipe it out of existence."  
The expiration of a copyright, he ex-  
plained, did not benefit the public but  
the publisher, "who lives forever and  
rears families in affluence to enjoy  
from generation to generation these il-  
l-gotten gains."  
Mr. Clemens added: "My copyrights  
produce me a good deal more money  
than I can spend. However, if I did  
not have that I should take care of my-  
self. I know half a dozen trades and  
if these run out I would invent a half  
dozen others. But, for my daughters,  
I hope congress will extend to them  
the charity which they have failed to  
get from me.  
"You cannot name twenty persons in  
the whole United States," he declared,  
"who in the past one hundred years  
have produced books which have out-  
lived the copyright limit."

FIVE TRAIN ROBBERS  
ARE UNDER ARREST.

One Is Still Missing — Prisoners  
Identified by the Express  
Messenger.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 8.—A despatch from  
Palestine, Texas, says: "It has been  
learned from reliable sources that six  
men composed the band of train rob-  
bers who robbed the Pacific express car  
and murderously assaulted Messenger  
Grissett, and threw him from the rapidly  
moving train at Elyria siding, near  
Redwater last Saturday night, when  
the northbound Cotton Belt train, No.  
4 was held up. Of these, five are under  
arrest and are said to have been identi-  
fied by Messenger Grissett, when taken  
before him at the hospital. Notwith-  
standing the assertions of the Officials  
of the express company to the effect  
that not more than \$5,000, was secured,  
it has been learned from reliable au-  
thority that the amount was close to  
\$10,000.

RESERVED DECISION IN  
RATE CONTROVERSY

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8.—The Michigan  
Central Railroad was placed in a dif-  
ferential class by itself yesterday when  
Lucius Tuttle, President of the Boston  
and Maine, as referee, rendered a de-  
cision in the rate controversy. The  
terms of the decision of the Michigan  
Central is permitted to charge a rate  
to Boston, New York and Buffalo,  
which is between standard and the  
regular established differential rates.  
An exception is made in the case of  
the standard first class rate to Boston.  
Railroad men call the result a com-  
promise and declare that it will com-  
plicate the eastern rate situation.  
The statement was made that the ruling  
is not regarded as an arbitration, but  
simply as a decision, as there is grave  
question whether the railroads under  
the new law have the right to arbitrate  
rate questions.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA IS  
REPORTED TO BE DEAD.

WINTER STEAMERS TO  
P. E. ISLAND ARE RUNNING  
Summer Navigation Closed — Queens  
County Liberals Will Meet  
This Month

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 8.—  
Summer navigation between Pictou  
and Charlottetown closed today. The  
winter steamer Minto began the win-  
ter service on that route leaving this  
morning with mails and passengers.  
The Empress closed the summer ser-  
vice between Summerside and Point du  
Chene yesterday. On Monday the Stan-  
ley takes up the winter service be-  
tween Summerside and Cape Tormentine.  
The Liberal convention to nominate  
a candidate for the Federal House for  
Queens County as successor to the late  
Hon. George Simpson, will be held at  
Charlottetown on December 28th.

TO MAKE JAPAN ON  
GOOD TERMS WITH U. S.

President Roosevelt's Recommendation  
Will Likely Receive Favorable Action  
by Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Favorable  
action by congress on the recom-  
mendation of the president in his an-  
nual message that an act be passed  
specifically providing for the natural-  
ization of Japanese who come to the  
United States interfering to become citi-  
zens will go far to securing a contin-  
uance of traditional friendly relations  
between the United States and Japan.  
In the opinion of Viscount Aoki, the  
Japanese ambassador, "Of course,"  
said Viscount Aoki today, "no nation  
likes to see its subjects leave to take up  
a permanent abode in a foreign land  
and lose all relations with father-land  
but in many cases it cannot be helped."  
The ambassador expressed the belief  
that there were not so many Japanese  
in this country to take advantage of  
naturalization if it were granted, but  
he thought that such an opportunity  
should be afforded them along with the  
citizens of other countries. He said  
he did not think it probable that these  
Japanese who were emigrating in large  
numbers to Hawaii and the Pacific  
coast would avail themselves of  
naturalization because of the fact that  
they represented the poorer classes  
and most of them ultimately returned  
to Japan. Viscount Aoki said he had  
every confidence in the outcome of the  
act which will be brought in from the  
California coast.

PRINTING A NEWSPAPER  
BY AUTOMOBILE POWER

How a Staten Island Editor Overcame a  
Difficulty Without Missing  
an Issue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The electric  
motor which is used to drive the press  
in the office of the Staten Island Ad-  
vance in West Brighton, broke down  
yesterday and an expert found that it  
would have to be sent to Philadelphia  
for any part of these United States; Be it  
further  
John Crawford, Jr., the editor found  
that no other office in Staten Island  
could print his sixteen page paper last  
night so he took his 35 horse-power au-  
tomobile up alongside the building, had  
a hole knocked through the wall, and  
the shaft of his press run out. A pul-  
ley was then adjusted to the shaft of  
the automobile, and last night the pa-  
per was being run off successfully.

MEN DISLIKE WORKING  
IN THE COLD WEATHER

Considerable trouble is being experi-  
enced in securing men to work on the  
Union street, West End improvements,  
on account of the severe cold weather.  
This morning, the crew which was at  
work, was far below strength.  
The men who have been employed on  
the new wharf also dislike working  
in the cold, as they are often ankle deep  
in water. Up to the present, only a  
few, who are on this job, have refused  
to work.

MONCTON NEWS

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 8.—Last  
night was the coldest experienced  
here this winter. Thermometers show-  
ed six and eight below.  
Police last night paid a visit to sev-  
eral bars and found many of them  
closed. In others, however, evidence  
was found on which to lay charges  
which are to be prosecuted.  
Hon. A. G. Blair, president of the  
New Brunswick Telephone Co., has  
written the city council asking to have  
December eighteenth fixed as the date  
of the conference between the com-  
panies, directors and council.  
Morning express was five hours  
late this morning, the cause of  
the delay being a run-off at Moffats,  
north of Campbellton.

But if the Story is Not True  
Now, It Will Be So  
Germany's Policy in Persia  
Excites Other Nations.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A despatch re-  
ceived here today from Paris announced  
that it was reported there that the  
Shah of Persia was dead. Neither the  
Persian legation nor the Persian Bank  
here have received anything confirma-  
tory of the rumor. The British for-  
eign office, also discredits the report.  
BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Although the Ger-  
man foreign office does not believe that  
the Shah of Persia is so near to death  
as is generally reported from Teheran,  
it is well understood that his passing  
cannot long be delayed as his compli-  
cated liver and kidney maladies are in  
their final stages.  
Germany is popularly supposed, in  
Great Britain and France, especially,



to be pursuing mysterious political ob-  
jects with the ultimate design of ac-  
quiring territorial advantages in Persia.  
The German policy, the Associated  
Press is informed, is simply equal trade  
privileges in Persia for all nations. In  
Persia is identical in its broad out-  
lines with the Moroccan policy and will  
doubtless be upheld firmly if necessary.  
The principle of the German policy in  
Persia has been clearly explained to  
the foreign offices of Great Britain and  
Russia and misunderstandings such as  
those which made the Moroccan ques-  
tion serious are not likely to arise.  
BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Russia is more the  
rival of Germany for the trade of Per-  
sia than Britain, possessing as she does  
a treaty under which the customs duty  
on overland imports are lower than  
those imposed on seaborne imports.  
And both Great Britain and Germany  
have a community of interest in ob-  
taining an equalization of the seaport  
and land frontier duty.

SEAMEN OBJECT TO  
IMPORTING JAPANESE

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—At today's session  
of the Seamen's International Union  
resolutions were adopted opposing the  
admission of large numbers of Japa-  
nese to the United States. The resolu-  
tions in part are:  
"Resolved: That we are unalterably  
opposed to any large number of Japa-  
nese being admitted to the United  
States; we are equally opposed to the  
citizenship being conferred upon them,  
and in the interests of the preservation  
of our standard of morality in the  
growing children, we protest against  
any admission of Japanese youths or  
grown men to the public schools in  
any part of these United States; Be it  
further  
"Resolved: That we are equally op-  
posed to any method of action in  
which we shall appear to be encroach-  
ing upon the Japanese in their own  
territory."  
The convention objected to the  
granting of a separate international  
charter by the American Federation  
of Labor to the Great Lakes Marine  
Firemen's Union.  
The convention approved United  
States House Bill 17,734, as one which  
would improve sailors' conditions, and  
induce the American boy to go to sea  
as a vocation, and thus supply the  
present dearth of American sailors for  
a reserve supply for the navy.  
Resolutions were passed against the  
employment of Japanese and Chinese  
at Panama and requesting that in fu-  
ture treaties with foreign countries  
the seamen should not be made the  
property of the vessel, as they now  
are.