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ONE-MAN CONTROL CAUSES

THRU DIVERTING OF THE FUNDS

TWO BANKS AND TRUST CO.

Financial Sensation in Chicago, Where Allied Banks Come to Rescue and Assure Depositors Full Payment—Railway Construction Cause of Smash and on Value of Bonds Depends Salvation.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Three of the largest financial institutions in the west, the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank and the Equitable Trust Company, all of them controlled by John R. Walsh of Chicago and in great measure owned by him, suspended operations to-day. Their affairs will be liquidated as rapidly as possible and they will go out of business. Walsh, who was president of the Chicago National Bank and of the Equitable Trust Company, and all the other officers and all of the directors of the Chicago National Bank have resigned. National Bank Examiner C. H. Bosworth has succeeded Mr. Walsh at the head of the Chicago National Bank and the places of the directors have been filled by men appointed by the Chicago clearing-house.

Back of the new management stand the allied banks of Chicago, which have pledged their resources that every depositor shall be paid to the last cent, and that no customer of any of the three institutions shall lose anything by reason of the suspension. This action prevented a disastrous financial panic. As it was, the only effect on the financial world of Chicago was a decline on stock exchange of 2 1-2 in the price of National Biscuit, common stock. The National Biscuit Company has employed the Equitable Trust as transfer agent and had besides dealings with the Chicago National Bank, but it is not affected by the failure.

The closing of the two banks had the effect also of shutting off all demand on the local exchange for bank stocks.

Where Money Went.

The immediate cause of the collapse of the Walsh institutions is said to be the large amount of money which they have lent to his private enterprises, notably the Southern Indiana Railway and the Bedford Quarries Company of Indiana. Mr. Walsh says that if he could have had a little more time and been left untrammeled in his operations he could have saved his banks and made enormous profits for himself and his associates. He bases this statement on his estimate of the value of the bonds of the Southern Indiana Railway Co.

The comptroller, the state auditor and the members of the Chicago clearing-house committee place the value of the bonds at one-half the valuation of Walsh, and it was their refusal to accept the valuation that caused the suspension. The total liabilities are estimated in the aggregate at $26,000,000. Against this amount the banks and trust company have resources that are, on a conservative estimate, worth $16,000,000. The bonds of the Southern Indiana Railway Co. are estimated by Walsh at $16,000,000. Their value is a matter to be determined in the future, and the presidents of the local banks admit that if the estimate of Walsh is found to be correct the two banks and the trust company will not only pay all of their debts, but leave a surplus besides.

The directors of the two banks, as well as Walsh, who has turned over all of his private property as well as that standing in the name of Mrs. Walsh, have pledged real estate and securities valued at $5,000,000, making a total in assets of $29,000,000, estimating the railroad bonds at $8,000,000 against $26,000,000 liabilities.

Comptroller Had Objected.

For some time there has been a difference of opinion between the officers of the Chicago National Bank and Comptroller Ridgeley, regarding the method of conducting the affairs of the bank. The comptroller took exception to the large loans made by the bank to private enterprises of Walsh and declared that a portion of them must be called in. Assurances were given, the comptroller declares, that this would be done, but the promises were not kept.

Finally the incentive to a close inquiry into the affairs of the Chicago National and the Home Savings Banks was given by a banker in New York, who had been requested to take part in a syndicate to furnish a loan of $6,000,000 to Walsh to further expend it upon securities of the Southern Indiana. The bonds of the company, however, did not sell as rapidly as was expected, and state and national bank examiners were apprised of the failure of the loan.

Up to this time, the banks had been examined separately which enabled them to transfer securities back and forth. It was decided that the state examiner and the national examiner should make a simultaneous investigation. This showed that the institutions had lent a large amount, estimated all the way from $10,000,000 to $15,000,000, on the securities of the railroads that were owned almost entirely by Mr. Walsh.

Asked for Time.

It is said that the paper for these loans was signed by clerks, and that they were substantiated by the bonds of Walsh's railroads, the Southern Indiana, the Chicago Southern, the latter extension of the Southern Indiana and the Wisconsin & Michigan.

When the examiners had concluded their report, Walsh asked for time, saying that he would raise the money to straighten out everything. He was not as successful in this as he hoped to be. When Comptroller Ridgeley was informed of the situation, he came here at once.

Comptroller Ridgeley called a meeting of the members of the Chicago Clearing house and informed them of the situation.

After the meeting, which continued from 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon until 5 this morning, it was announced by the comptroller in the published statement that the banks had suspended, and that all depositors would be paid in full by the other banks of the city.

Around the Chicago National Bank there was no disturbance during the day, altho there was a quiet run on the bank. Business men who called to enquire into the conditions of affairs were told that they could withdraw their money at any time they pleased. All cheques that were presented were promptly paid in cash.

Five hundred savings depositors of the Home Savings Bank were waiting when the doors were open to withdraw accounts. All accounts were liquidated promptly. Within an hour after the

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PREFERENCE IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT A TAX ON CORN

Balfour Addresses Big Audience at Leeds and Denies That He is Not a Free Trader Still.

A CONFERENCE BEFORE DECISION

Cannot Judge of Burden of Colonial Preference Until the Whole Claim is Set Forth.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 18.—In his speech at Leeds before 5000 people, A. J. Balfour, the late premier, expressed himself as still belonging to the free trade party. His views on dumping, on fiscal union and on commercial union with the colonies were all consistent, he said, with free trade.

"Protection may be right or it may be wrong," said Mr. Balfour, "but I belong to that section of the party which is for free trade, and which is not for protection."

Retaliation for "dumping," and a fiscal union with the colonies, he continued, were absolutely consistent with free trade, and were not less consistent with the views of those who would like to see the country return to the policy of the United States and other countries. If tariffs were to be settled by negotiation, the negotiators must have the power to make counter-proposals, and each case must be treated on its merits. A general tariff might be a good starting point, but a general tariff, constructed on protectionist lines, is altogether outside the scope of the fiscal reform which Mr. Balfour was proposing for acceptance by the Unionist leaders.

He said protection was essentially insular, and that nothing would endanger the imperialistic scheme more than the introduction of insular ideas.

Speaking on the colonial preference question, he said that what the country will ultimately have to consider is whether the sacrifices by which alone that can be bought are too great for the prize which is to be obtained. He pointed out that, "considering the colonies have never themselves put forward, so far as he knew, any plan; considering that a duty on corn, however capable it may be of solving part of that question, cannot solve the whole of it, inasmuch as we do not import corn from very important colonies, and inasmuch as our relations with our colonies are far more complex than simple consideration of the interchange of commodities would seem to show; considering that we give them practically for nothing the whole marine and most of their militia defence; considering that there are other methods by which we can greatly aid the interchange of commodities between the mother country and the colonies, it is not wise to talk as if a duty on corn was the one thing which this country ought to consider."

He did not agree with that method of approaching the subject for this reason: How can we judge of the burden which a colonial preference would lay upon us until we see the whole claim in its entirety? How can we judge of what we have to give unless we know first what the colonies have to ask? And, secondly, what are the colonies prepared to concede, and how can we know any of these things, until a free conference meets, in which that can be discussed round a table, without prejudice and with that mutual concession and that common understanding of difficult points which a free discussion round a table is only capable of giving?

GUARD AGAINST PERSONATOR MORAL REFORMERS WARNED

Third Ward Members Will Put Up Stiff Fight Against the Aldermen.

Steps were taken at a meeting of the Third Ward Municipal Reform Association last night in the Y.M.C.A., to thoroly organize within the next week. The ward was divided into seven sections, each of which was given a chairman. Scrutineers will be sworn for every booth.

"We have to guard against personation," said John M. Lake, the chairman of the meeting. "We are given to understand that the other party is prepared to go to that length to win. What we want to do is to beat a part of that gang representing our ward, which voted solidly in favor of the liquor interests. There were only two aldermen and two controllers in the city outside of our representatives who voted the same way. We have to work against strong interests. There are 200 licenses in the city. If every liquor man had the men in his shop act as canvassers, the city would be covered. They are working for their bread and butter, if not for the cake and pie."

Thomas Henry of 53 McGill-street said that it was useless to talk of a canvass because of the short time before the election.

"I have been an organizer for nearly thirty odd years," he said, "and I say it is practically impossible. The only thing that can be done is to have a circular printed and delivered. It must not be a tirade against the tavern-keeper, but something which touches men's hearts in the tenderest spot. I have seen tracts and statistics circulated in favor of the cause of temperance, but the people will not read them at this stage."

CANADIAN SHEEP BLUE-RIBBON.

Entries Make a Sweep at the Big Chicago Show.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—At the Live Stock Show to-day Canadian exhibitors secured the greater number of the prizes for sheep. John Campbell of Woodville, Ont., carried off all the blue ribbons in the fat Shropshire class. In the fat Southdown class, Sir George Drummond of Quebec secured first honors and in the fat Oxford class took three first awards. James West of Montpelier, Ind., and Telfer Bros. of Paris, Ont., shared most of the awards in the fat Hampshire class.

That Christmas Gift.

Last year many lady customers called at G. W. Muller's cigar store, purchasing either pipes, cigars or cigarettes for "him." The ladies are buying again this year. There is nothing more appropriate for "the man"—be he either father, brother or husband (prospective or actual) or just plain friend. The man who smokes will appreciate a smoking gift.

Buy smokers' presents at Alive Bollard's.

THINKING IT OVER.

"HONEST TOM" CRAWFORD: In the West-end the very childer in the street cry out, and all be til have me as Santy Claus.

BAD RIOT AT SHANGHAI TWENTY CHINESE KILLED

Foreigners Attacked, But Not Seriously Hurt—Sailors and Soldiers Called Out.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—An incipient riot here yesterday was promoted by boycotters on account of an incident involving the mixed court. The German consul was stoned, and the American vice-consul and several other foreigners were injured. Twenty Chinese rowdies were killed. The Chinese closed their shops when the rioting began. The local volunteers were called out to restore order, and detachments of blue jackets were landed from the warships to assist in restoring peace.

The damage done was slight. Police, sailors and volunteers co-operated in suppressing the riots, in the courts of which one police station was partly burned, a barroom wrecked and a bicycle store looted.

The streets are now deserted, except for armed patrols, which are everywhere.

Under Martial Law.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The state department to-day had news from Shanghai that a serious situation existed there. Two cablegrams received at the department over night stated that the trouble arose thru a strike, and was increased by a dispute growing out of some cases being tried before the consular courts. Navy forces, supposedly from the British squadron, which is there, were guarding the streets.

A later despatch from Mr. Rodgers was to the effect that all parts of the City of Shanghai had been put under martial law and that the foreigners were all arming.

Chefoo is Undisturbed.

Chefo, Dec. 18.—(10 p.m.)—The news of the disturbances at Shanghai is producing no visible effect on the Chinese. The local foreign officials, however, are conferring in regard to taking suitable action to forestall a possible demonstration.

Well informed persons maintain that the Lienchau massacre and also the present disturbances are directly traceable to the boycott.

Coincident with the Shanghai riots the Yokohama Specie Bank quietly placed a large amount of money in the local market for the benefit of the Chinese.

BIG CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Automobiles Rushed Into Service by Large Departmental Stores.

There are many indications that business during Christmas week will eclipse anything heretofore recorded in Toronto's history.

The delivery departments of the large departmental stores have been taxed to their utmost and nearly every firm has been forced to seek assistance from the outside in the matter of horse-drawn vehicles.

In one case, that of the W. A. Murray Company, Limited, matters reached the climax yesterday when the company were forced to appeal to the automobile agents and liveries for assistance, the result being that some three fast motor delivery wagons were rushed promptly into service and relieved the situation considerably.

Campbell's English Chop House, 30 King-street West. Ladies' and Gents' Grill open 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. Sundays—8 a.m. 2 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8 p.m. ed

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APPEALING AGAINST ORDER PREFER THE ONTARIO ACT

Mr. Bicknell to Take Argument to Osgoode Hall—Events of Yesterday.

A. W. T. White, manager of the National Trust Company, said last night that his representatives were working day and night getting a knowledge of the insolvent company's affairs. R. Home Smith and five members of the National Trust Company staff are at the York Loan office and the entire office staff of the York Loan has been retained for the present. An immense amount of work is involved in the winding up. President Phillips is assisting. Preparations are being made for the reception of some 70,000 claims.

Contrary to expectation, there was not much of a rush of shareholders at the offices on Roncesvalles-avenue yesterday. Those who came were inclined to be quiet and reasonable and that attitude will be of great assistance to all.

Most of the callers were agents and collectors, who are now out of a job. For what is owing to them they stand as creditors. "This office will be closed till further notice," says a sign on the front door. The notice states, however, that creditors will be informed of the condition of affairs thru the daily press. The blinds of the office windows are partly drawn. The side-door is open. Inside the staff of over 100 clerks are busy at work different from what they have been accustomed to. The work of liquidating will be carried on there for some time before it is transferred to the offices of the National Trust.

The meeting of shareholders, which was announced for Jan. 11, is off. The status of each class of shareholders will be determined by the courts.

Examination of Phillips.

Joseph Phillips, president of the York Loan, will be examined before Official Referee Neil McLean to-morrow, commencing at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of ascertaining the assets of the York Loan & Savings Co. and their form.

Mr. White, accompanied by C. D. Scott of Scott & Scott, attended at Mr. McLean's office yesterday morning and reported the proceedings which have been taken up to date in the way of taking possession of the assets of the company in various parts of the Dominion.

Mr. McLean fixed the bonds of the provisional liquidator at $30,000, under the provisions of the Dominion Winding-up Act.

The date for the appointment of a permanent liquidator is Jan. 22, 1906. Advertisements will appear in the newspapers of the principal centres of the Dominion, giving notice to parties interested as to the date when this appointment is to be made. There are so many people concerned that the press is the only means of getting at them all.

Many shareholders seeking information called at the National Trust Company offices on King-street, and Manager White received a deputation of the committee representing the Toronto shareholders, to whom he told of the progress already made.

Appeal Against Order.

An application will be made at Osgoode Hall to-day for leave to appeal against Mr. Justice Teetzel's order for the winding up of the York County Loan and Savings Co. James Bicknell,

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The Exhibition of Water Colors held by Mr. Chavignaud at the old Mathews Gallery, 95 Yonge st., will be opened until Saturday night.

The Friends of Days Gone By.

An appropriate gift to a gentleman who smokes is a box of Havana cigars. During the Christmas season G. W. Muller will prepay all express charges on purchases of 100 cigars or more. This may remind you of your out-of-town friends, some of whom may have invited you to "meet me at Muller's" in days gone by.

Hoskins & Westervelt, Chartered Accountants, 27 East Wellington St. Toronto. David Hoskins, F. C. A., J. W. Westervelt, C. A.

GERMAN SAFETY IN RUSSIA DRASTIC ACTION PERHAPS

Feeling That More Than Merchant Relief Steamers May Be Necessary.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The decision of Chancellor von Buelow, with the approval of the emperor, to send German steamers to ports of the Russian Baltic provinces, and bring away the Germans who are in danger of their lives, is regarded as a most important act and one that may be the first of a series of steps which the German government may deem necessary to safeguard the interests of German subjects whose estates are now being plundered or whose businesses are being ruined by the insurgents.

A strong feeling exists among unofficial people over the murders of Germans and the attacks on them even in large places, such as Riga, and the evident powerlessness of the Russian government to give them immediate protection. The newspaper stories of outrages on individual Germans who, on account of their nationality, appear to have been special objects of hatred, have caused greater loss of confidence in the stability of the Russian administration than any previous publications.

The optimistic feeling as to the outcome of the Russian disturbances seems to be shaken, and there is even talk, entirely outside of government circles, of the possibility that Germany may have to do more than send merchant ships to the relief of the beleaguered and spoliated Germans.

The government has informed Russia, in the ordinary diplomatic way, that vessels are being sent to Baltic ports. The greatest interest is felt here as to how the steamers will be received, and whther any obstacle will be placed in the way of their carrying out their benevolent mission.

A German steamer sails from Stettin to-day, for Riga, chartered by the government, to bring away German subjects, whose lives are endangered by the revolutionary disturbances there. Another steamship will leave Stettin Wednesday for Riga, on a similar errand.

The region between Riga and Wedden in Livonia is a wilderness. The buildings on all the estates have been burned and plundered, and many German barons and their families are held prisoners by the insurgents.

IN DYEING CHILD, KILL HER.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Violet Emmerson, a white child, has died of poison used by Indians in dyeing her body to conceal identification.

Babbit Metal, best made. The Canada Metal Co.

Can All Be Together.

There is special accommodation for shopping parties at Albert Williams' cafe on Yonge-street, just north of Queen. Private dining-rooms open at any hour, the best attention that can be given and reasonable charges, with everything thoroly first-class, are the characteristics of a meal at Williams'. Shea's Orchestra every evening, 6 to 8 and 10 to 12.

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Safer When You See It.

Nothing seems to be safe for the investor these days unless he sees what he has and gets the benefit of it. Smashing of loan companies and other interests like United States bank stock, which people had, but couldn't see, fade away when compared with Siche gas, which is an investment you can see, and it lets you see. It's safe. See Siche at 81 York-street or at Montreal or Winnipeg offices.

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On Thursday we put on sale five hundred tons of egg size furnace coal at $6 per ton. As this coal is from our new mines, we offer this bargain to induce you to try it. The Connell Anthracite Mining Company, Limited, head office Queen and Spadina.

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YET ANOTHER LOAN MERGER

TO BE RATIFIED IN JANUARY

TORONTO-CHATHAM COS.

The Reliance Has Made Such a Flattering Offer to the Chatham L. & S. That Shareholders Will Accept—Project Accidentally Revealed.

There is a loan company merger just about to be consummated, which involves the purchase of the Chatham Loan & Savings Co. by the Reliance Loan & Savings Co. of Toronto. It is a big deal, meaning a lot of money, and if the details of the sale, as far as could be ascertained during a lengthy and rather indistinct conversation over the phone last night, between a World man and President Archibald Bell of Chatham are right, it doesn't seem to be such a bad thing for the Chatham folks, particularly in view of the fact that loan companies were not by any means boosted owing to the turn of affairs in the York County Loan matters.

According to the statement issued to the Ontario government last year, the Chatham Loan & Savings Co. had an authorized capital stock of $1,000,000, with $367,300 subscribed and $298,457 actually paid up. Mr. Bell, in reply to The World last night, said the amount actually paid up now was about $308,000, the dividends were 6 per cent., and the stock was at a premium of 12 to 15 cents.

Will Pay the Premium.

The purchasing company will take over the Chatham business, paying in cash the premium on the stock. For the balance they will issue $175,000 debentures at 5 per cent., covering periods of from five to ten years, and will issue stock in the Reliance Company for the remaining $133,000 at par.

Mr. Bell frankly remarked that the only reason the Chatham company wanted to sell out was "because we got a good offer." He thought the shareholders would readily acquiesce. There are about 200 of them.

The deal has not been heralded or accompanied with drums and cymbals, but it is nevertheless almost completed.

Heard of in Galt.

A special despatch from Galt to The World last night said:

"With Galt upset over the York County Loan Company trouble, 400 citizens here being concerned to the extent of $40,000, another ripple was added to the excitement this afternoon by the news of a fresh proposition of the loan company merger. A Toronto letter addressed in type-writing to 'A. G. Elmslie, Esq., Galt,' a well-known citizen, was duly received. When it was opened it was found to contain typewritten intimation of a proposition on the part of the Reliance Loan & Savings Co. of Toronto to acquire the assets and business of the Chatham Loan & Savings Co., an undertaking which the buying company considered highly desirable and advantageous. The letter went on to state that it was the wish of the Reliance Company to have shareholders sing proxies in favor of either Hon. John Dryden, president, or Mr. Blacklock, manager, to the end that the proposed purchase be duly and promptly effected. Proxy blank was enclosed.

"Mr. Elmslie said, "I am very much puzzled over this communication. I haven't any stock in the Reliance Loan and Savings Company, and never had.

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ATTACK ON NATIONAL CREDIT SPURRED GOVERNMENT ACT

Sincerely Desirous to Achieve Reforms Without Harsh Measure, Financial Criticism Could Not Be Allowed.

MUST HAVE ORDER AT ALL COSTS

Holding of Douma Elections Demands It, But Involves Dilemma—Dark Reports From Livonia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—(Midnight.)—The following statement of the government's position was made to the Associated Press to-night and may be accepted as authoritative:

The government sincerely desired to introduce the new regime without having recourse to harsh measures, but it received no support from the constitutionalists or other moderates, while the proletarian organizations, under the leadership of Socialists, continued their mad campaign in favor of armed rebellion and openly incited the army and the navy to mutiny. The climax of this campaign was reached when efforts were made to attack the credit of the country in the midst of a considerable panic.

Had the government allowed such efforts to go unchallenged it would have precipitated complete financial and industrial ruin.

After all, self-preservation is the first law of nature, and besides, without the restoration of a semblance of order, it would be impossible to hold the elections for the Douma. The case was a desperate one, and it demanded a desperate remedy.

Between Two Fires.

The government believes that the radical aims of the Socialists have the sympathy of only a fraction of the population, and that if their leaders did succeed in overthrowing the monarchy and in placing their doctrines in practice, they would be swept out of existence by a counter revolution.

Nevertheless the government is on the horns of a dilemma, as no matter how honest its motives, in the present state of excitement they are bound to be misinterpreted; while, on the other hand, if enough order can be restored to hold the elections the cry will be set up that the government has adopted this expedient to control the elections, and to capture the Douma.

The war department is concentrating two army corps to suppress the revolt in the Baltic provinces. According to the government's information 60,000 Letts are under arms.

Three Hundred Killed.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A despatch to The Lokal Anzieger from Koenigsberg, dated to-day, says that during the street fighting at Mitau (the capital of Courland, 27 miles from Riga), three hundred persons were killed.

The despatch further says that at Lennewarden, in Southern Livonia, the revolutionists liberated all the prisoners and shot Assistant District Governor Petersen and M. Maximowitch, his secretary, and threw their bodies into the river.

STILL CLOSE IS SASKATCHEWAN.

12 to 10 With Three in Doubt is the Present Score.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The latest returns indicate that the Scott government has twelve seats, the provincial rights party ten, and three are still in doubt. Dr. Shadd, a negro, is elected as the provincial rights member for Kinistino.

The recount and official scrutiny of the ballots in Regina, where Laird, provincial rights candidate, has nineteen majority, has been in progress since Saturday and will not be completed before to-morrow. Both sides profess confidence in ultimate victory. In Cannington constituency Stewart (Liberal) has 108 majority with one poll to hear from.

In Prince Albert City Lamartz majority has dropped to one and will likely be wiped out.

Bribery charges may also unseat Motherwell in due time.

BIRTHS.

McGREGOR—On Saturday, Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. O. P. McGregor, 175 Borden-street, a son.

POLSON—At 102 Pembroke-street, Toronto, on Monday, Dec. 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Polson, a son.

DEATHS.

BRANDEL—At Weston, on Dec. 18th, Esther Tapp, beloved wife of Charles Brandel, aged 51 years.

Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 2.30 p.m.

CRICHTON—Mrs. Allen Crichton (nee Florence McGrady), died Friday, Dec. 15th.

Funeral from St. Paul's Church at 8.30 a.m., thence to Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

FRAME—At the General Hospital, on Dec. 18th, Alexander Frame, in his 53rd year.

Funeral Wednesday at 2 o'clock from his brother's residence, Danforth-road, to St. Andrew's Cemetery.

MILLS—After a short illness, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 19th, 1905, at his late residence, 20 Seaton-street, Alfred J. Mills, watchmaker and jeweler.

Funeral announcement later.

MORAN—At Toronto General Hospital, on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1905, James E. Moran, son of Edward Moran.

Funeral from the family residence, Weston, Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, to Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

SCOTT—At her late residence, 565 Queen-street West, Ann Scott, relict of Peter A. Scott, in her 91st year.

Funeral notice later.

WILSON—On Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1905, at his residence, Lot 1, Con. 4, East York (townline), Joseph Wilson, in his 80th year.

Funeral on Tuesday at 2 o'clock to St. Jude's Cemetery, Wexford. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Smokers' presents — Pipes. Alive Bollard.

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GIRL "SANTA" BADLY BURNED.

Cotton in Costume Ignited by Candle.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Miss Corinne Walsh, Victoria, 18 years old, a student at Miss Head's seminary, received probably fatal injury by fire while impersonating Santa Claus, in robes and flowing beard, at a burlesque school closing entertainment.

Cotton used to give a realistic snow effect to the costume, ignited from the Christmas tree candles.

The panic-stricken audience stampeded and Miss Head was for some minutes unable to reach the burning figure and envelop it with a rug.

No Trouble About Crush.

Don't make the mistake that the downtown shopping crowds to take up all the real purchasing space.

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Shrewd purchasing by Dineen's at the right time makes prices easier now for customers at Dineen's and the big store at Yonge and Temperance-streets is headquarters for seasonable and sensible presents in furs of all kinds.

COLDER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 18.—(8 p.m.)—The weather has been comparatively mild everywhere except in Manitoba, where is continues moderately cold. There are now some indications that a disturbance will move towards the great lakes from the Gulf of Mexico.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 18—40; Edmonton, 14—30; Qu'Appelle, 6—28; Winnipeg, 6 below—12; Port Arthur, 8—34; Parry Sound, 28—36; Toronto, 28—36; Ottawa, 10—36; Montreal, 8—34; Quebec, 6—20; Halifax, 22—38; St. John, 18—36.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—North and northeast winds; light local snowfalls, but mostly fair and becoming colder.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 18	At	From
Finland	New York	Antwerp
Montezuma	Isle of Wight	Halifax
Oceanian	Portland	Glasgow
Corinthian	Halifax	Liverpool
Blucher	Nantucket	Hamburg
Algeria	New York	Marseilles
Bremen	Nantucket	Bremen
Kaiser W. der G.	Sable Island	Bremen
Lake Erie	St. John, N.B.	Liverpool
Hungarian	Glasgow	Boston
Kaiser W. II.	Cherbourg	New York
Friedrich der G.	Bremen	New York
Statendam	Rotterdam	New York
Algerian	Moville	New York

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