

FATALITY ON A RAILWAY CROSSING

CLERGYMAN'S WIFE KILLED BY TRAIN

Man Drowned in St. Lawrence River—Two Youths Believed to Have Perished While Skating.

London, Ont., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Argo, wife of Rev. M. Argo, of Ivan, was instantly killed while crossing the railway track. She was in a sleigh with three others and noticed a fast train bearing down upon them. The driver whipped up his team, but Mrs. Argo apparently thought they would be caught, for she jumped immediately in front of the engine, and the whole train passed over her. The others escaped unhurt.

Man Drowned.

Three River, Dec. 20.—Edmond Toupin, of Champlain, was drowned while returning home from Three Rivers. He left the road to drive along the shore of the St. Lawrence River. The ice moved out from the shore and the man and horse were lost. His cries attracted attention, but it was impossible to render assistance. He was 45 years of age, married and well off.

Probably Drowned.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20.—It is feared that Norman Fauldner and Herbert Collins, two English youths employed as waiters at the Hamilton club, were drowned yesterday afternoon. They were skating on the bay where companies left them, understanding they were to follow immediately. When they left Fauldner and Collins started out towards the center of the bay, and have not been seen since.

Civic Ownership.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 20.—The light, heat and power department made a splendid showing in its first year under civic ownership. After reserving \$5,000 for contingent account, a surplus revenue of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 will be paid into the city treasury.

Rich Ore.

Combat, Ont., Dec. 20.—"Simply marvelous" is the way Milton Carr describes the ore now in sight at Green Mehan. Large bodies of calcite and silver are exposed along the 400 feet of No. 1 vein. This ore will run as high as 4,000 ounces of silver to the ton. Mining experts say \$25,000 worth of ore was taken out yesterday afternoon and over \$10,000 worth this morning.

Grain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The wheat marketed yesterday at the elevators on the C. P. R. lines amounted to 38,000 bushels, and other grains 16,000 bushels. The totals to date since September 1st are 40,418,000 and 4,555,000 bushels. Last week the totals were 187,000 and 18,000 bushels, and the totals to the same date were 42,204,000 and 2,312,000 bushels.

Liberal Organizer.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—It is understood that J. A. M. Stewart, general secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is severing his connection with that company to superintend the work of organization for the Liberal party in Toronto.

Calgary Clearings.

Calgary, Dec. 20.—The bank clearings for the week were \$1,452,469.

Government Telephones.

Edmonton, Alb., Dec. 21.—Arrangements for the construction of the first long link for the Alberta government telephone system have been practically completed. The public works department will be ready when the weather permits to actually endeavor to the construction of the line from Edmonton to Lloydminster.

THE SERBIAN THRONE.

Delegates Have Tried to Induce Prince Arthur of Connaught to Accept Crown.

London, Dec. 19.—In connection with the recent rumors of a plot to place Prince Arthur of Connaught on the Serbian throne, the British ex-Serbian minister to London, in a published interview, admits that twice within a year delegates from Belgrade have vainly endeavored to interest him in the proposal, asserting that King Peter would be induced to abdicate peacefully in favor of an English Prince. M. Mijatovich said he declined to have anything to do with such a project, and that he declares there is a definite political party in Serbia favoring a change in the dynasty.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Gen. Alcantaga Is Preparing to Fight for Presidency of Venezuela.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 20.—Latest Caracas advices indicate that President Castro cannot live more than a week longer. Should he die, the First Vice-President Gomez will assume the presidency and will be supported by a large section of the army. A large element of the counter-revolutionary forces, however, is in effectual efforts to secure peace in the country. General Alcantaga has accumulated a large army and considerable war material, and is determined not to recognize Gomez, but to raise a revolution and obtain the presidency.

CRATER COLLAPSES.

Naples, Dec. 20.—Another portion of the crater of Mount Vesuvius fell in to-day and caused a great eruption of ashes, cinders and sand. There were no indications of earth shocks. Later a rather heavy rain of some fell over Naples for 20 minutes, and another portion of the crater on the side toward Pompeii fell in, causing a great eruption of ashes, cinders and sand, and another portion of the city, but calm was soon restored over Pompeii, and the Vesuvius and Torre Annunziata.

STUDENTS EXPELLED.

Paris Seminary Has Been Closed—The Vatican and New Law.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The teachers and students of the famous St. Sulpice seminary here were expelled to-day. Their superior formally insisted that a policeman stand on his shoulder as proof that violence had been used. A number of English, Irish and Scotch students also announced their intention of calling the attention of their embassy to the action of the authorities.

No Improvement.

Rome, Dec. 20.—A semi-official note issued by the Vatican to-day says that the bill amending the church and state separation bill of 1905 is as bad as the former regulations. "It is a maximum of oppression with a minimum appearance," and aggravates the position of the church in everything, this being apparent to the general public.

Officer Degraded.

Lille, France, Dec. 20.—A court martial to-day tried and degraded Capt. Magnese, for refusing to obey orders in connection with taking the inventory of the Chapel of St. John. Magnese before the court said: "I am a Christian and I prefer to be shot here rather than commit a sacrilege. No man has the right to make me renounce the vows I took at my first communion."

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Prof. Koch Reports That Disease Has Killed Thousands of People.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Prof. Koch, reporting from the Sese Islands, Victoria Nyamnesia, on his investigation of the so-called "sleeping sickness," the mortality from which has been so great that in many cases all the men in native villages have died, says he has found that atoxyl, a preparation of arsenic, is efficacious in treatment of the ailment. Prof. Koch has 800 packets in an abandoned mission house, loaned by the British government.

An Idea of the ravages of the disease is given by the fact that the population of the Sese Islands has decreased from 20,000 in 1902 to 12,000.

NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL AND LYNCHED

Anapolis, Md., Dec. 21.—Henry Davis, alias Henry Chambers, colored, who committed a felonious assault on Mrs. John Reid, of Brownsville, five miles from Anapolis last Friday, and who had confessed his crime, was taken from the jail here this morning by a mob of about 60 masked men and lynched. He was strung up and his body riddled with bullets.

Body of the Victim Was Riddled With Bullets—Man Confessed His Crime.

PRISON OFFICIALS OVERPOWERED BY MOB

Edmonton, Dec. 21.—A mob of about 60 men appeared outside the jail and demanded the release of a prisoner. The prison officials were overpowered and the prisoner was released. The mob then proceeded to the warden's room, where they entered and quickly broke a hole in the door, through which one of the men crawled and opened the doors. Then five or six men followed and proceeded to the warden's room, where they entered and quickly broke a hole in the door, through which one of the men crawled and opened the doors. Then five or six men followed and proceeded to the warden's room, where they entered and quickly broke a hole in the door, through which one of the men crawled and opened the doors.

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ELECTION LAW TO BE AMENDED

CHANGES WILL INCLUDE COMPULSORY VOTING

Representation Made Regarding the Tariff Being Considered—Trans-continental Ry. Shops.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—A bill to amend the election law is under consideration of the government. All the changes have not yet been decided upon, but compulsory voting will be one of them.

Ministers have advised tariff delegations that they must end now. There has to be some finality to it. When the Commons reassemble Hon. Mr. Fielding will tell the House the result. During the recess the right to make representations made to the government will be fully considered.

For Railway Shops.

The transcontinental railway commission has purchased a block of land a mile long and half a mile wide for \$225,000, for yards and shops, about four miles and a half east of Winnipeg.

TO-NIGHT'S FIGHT.

Al. Kaufmann Will Meet Geo. Gardner in Los Angeles—The Former Is Favorite.

New York, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the World from Los Angeles says: "Al. Kaufmann will go into the ring to-night a 10 to 7 favorite over Geo. Gardner. The men are scheduled to battle 20 rounds, but it will surprise the 'unwise' sporting men if the fight lasts more than 10. The opinion among those who ought to know is that Gardner will be easy for the Californian."

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Since his fight with Berger, Kaufmann has kept himself in the pink of condition in the hope that he would be able to get another fight with Jack O'Brien. With the exception of his last two fights, Kaufmann has won all of his battles in short order by knock-outs. On his record he has five knock-outs in one round each, one defeat by O'Brien in 17 rounds and one win over Berger.

Gardner has a much longer and more awe-inspiring record. The Irishman has wins over Max Baer and Jack Root, his credit, and he fought 20 hard rounds with Bob Fitzsimmons in 1902."

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PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

Members of Houses of Lords and Commons Will Reassemble on February 2nd.

London, Dec. 21.—The King's message proroguing parliament was read in the House of Lords this afternoon before the members of both houses. It was a colorful recitation detailing the principal international agreements to which Great Britain has subscribed during the past two months, from the Algeiras convention to the treaty for the restriction of the liquor traffic in Africa. It mentioned the Transvaal and Orange River constitutions, expressing the hope that they will secure peace and prosperity in both colonies and contribute to the federation of South Africa.

With the legislative enactments of the House of Commons the message expressed regret at the unsettled difficulties surrounding the education question.

After the reading of the King's message in both houses of parliament separated until February 2nd.

SCHMITZ READY FOR TRIAL

Announcement by Mayor of 'Frisco Came as Surprise to Abraham Ruef

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Starting testimony was given by Rudolph Spreckels in the proceedings before Superior Judge Dunne, in which Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz announced that he would seek to set aside five indictments found against each of them for felony extortion.

Spreckels testified that Abraham Ruef had called upon him at the time of the big municipal bond issue and asked him to form a syndicate to take all the bonds thus authorized. Spreckels was unable to see what guarantee there was that, if a syndicate were formed, it could obtain the bonds, as under the law they must be put up at public auction and sold to the highest bidder.

Ruef informed Spreckels, according to his testimony on the stand, that this could be easily arranged, for he would have a general strike declared on the street railways and stop their different lines. With San Francisco in this condition, relative to its passenger transportation, Spreckels would bid on the city's bonds and the syndicate would have a clear field.

Spreckels also testified that Ruef called on him and made a demand that he be retained as the attorney of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company.

Mayor Schmitz announced that he was through with delays and was ready for trial. This statement came apparently as a surprise to Mr. Ruef, who promptly consulted with his attorneys.

The trials of Ruef and Schmitz will be held separately.

DECIDED TO STRIKE.

Post Office Employees of Austria Will Quit Work.

Vienna, Dec. 21.—The post office employees of Austria, numbering 25,000 men and women, have voted to strike against the government. The conditions under which they are forced to labor by the government. The government has attempted to increase the wages, but this offer has been declined.

Unrest Spreading.

Chinese Opium Dealers Are Discontented as Result of Reforms—Arms Discovered.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Tientsin published to-day describes the situation as critical owing to the agitation of the South Chinese opium dealers and owners of gambling houses who are discontented as a result of reforms and the suppression of the opium traffic. Several depots of arms have been discovered. The Japanese, it is added, have strengthened the guard of their legation at Peking.

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A. BIRRELL MAY TAKE NEW OFFICE

LIKELY TO BE SELECTED AS IRISH SECRETARY

Nationalist Members in Commons Not in Favor of Appointment of Winston Churchill.

London, Dec. 21.—In well-informed parliamentary circles, Augustine Birrell, president of the board of education, is now regarded as chief favorite for the position of chief secretary for Ireland, which will become vacant when James Bryce is transferred to the British embassy at Washington. In this event Dr. C. McNamara probably will be the new minister of education.

It appears that the contemplated appointment of Winston Spencer Churchill to the Irish secretaryship is getting but a lukewarm reception from the Nationalist members of the House, who desire a man with a longer parliamentary record.

Furthermore, there is some doubt about the safety of Mr. Churchill's seat in the House from Manchester, where he would have a formidable opponent in A. J. Balfour. It is believed that the Nationalists will warmly welcome Mr. Birrell as a successor to Mr. Bryce.

It was noticed during yesterday's debate in the House of Commons that the references of John Redmond, the Irish leader, to Mr. Birrell were particularly abusive.

Cabinet Changes.

London, Dec. 21.—The cabinet held a special session to-day preliminary to the prorogation of parliament for the holidays, which will occur this afternoon when the King's prorogation message is read.

Unusual bitterness exists in parliamentary circles over the defeat of the education bill.

The announcement of the appointment of James Bryce to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington is imminent, and it will be followed by a considerable reshuffling of the cabinet with the view of presenting an aggressive front when the parliamentary session is resumed in February.

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Admiral Fears Attacks on Naval Commanders and Orders Sentries to Shoot Suspects.

Riga, Dec. 21.—Ten terrorists were executed here at sunrise to-day. They belonged to a band guilty of a series of robberies, kidnappings and murders extending for months, and were also concerned in a plot to kill the governor-general of the Baltic provinces, which was frustrated by the arrest of two of the leaders.

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ATTEMPT TO KILL CHICAGO JUDGE

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HIGH GRADE ORE.

Diamond Drill Does Good Work on Skylark in Phoenix Camp.

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CASE OF LAWYER PATRICK.

Death Sentence Has Been Commuted to Imprisonment For Life.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Governor Higgins to-day commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death under which Albert E. Patrick has remained nearly five years since his conviction of the murder of William Marsh Rice, the aged and eccentric millionaire in New York city.

In announcing the commutation, Governor Higgins issued the following memorandum:

"Albert T. Patrick has been convicted to the murder of Wm. M. Rice and the judgment of conviction has been affirmed by a divided court. It is not claimed that Patrick committed the murder in person, but that he procured the act to be done. He has been convicted principally upon the testimony of Charles F. Jones, who confessed that he murdered his master while he lay asleep, instigated thereto by Patrick, and Jones, by this testimony, has purchased his own immunity from trial or punishment. Neither this fact alone, nor the review of any question of fact already passed upon by the courts at some stage of these proceedings, would seem to me to warrant interference with the judgment of death pronounced against Patrick, but three of the seven judges of the court of appeals were so strongly of the opinion that errors were committed at the trial, which are substantially judicial to the rights of Patrick that I feel that the death penalty ought not under all circumstances to be inflicted. In view of these facts I am satisfied that I ought to relieve the defendant from the extreme penalty of the law and commute his sentence to imprisonment for life."

Later in the day the governor strongly intimated a doubt of Patrick's sanity, attributing his mental state to the strain under which the condemned lawyer has labored all these years in the death cell at Sing Sing.

Patrick announced to-night that he was not satisfied with commutation, and would at once begin a fight for freedom. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for, it is said, in the United States court, making Warden Johnson the defendant.

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Increase of Over Fifty Per Cent. in Last Year—Rioters Imprisoned.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 20.—During the season of navigation just closed \$36 vessels arrived at and 84 departed from the port of Fort William. An increase of more than 2,000,000 tons of freight of all kinds was received during the season and about 2,135,000 tons forwarded. The amount of freight received during 1906 was 11,137,000 tons; 672 vessels arrived last year. The Fort William harbor to-day is free of ice. Tugs and pleasure craft are running up and down the Kaministiquia river and out to the bay. The volume of freight handled in Fort William during the season exceeds by far that of any previous year in the history of the port, and a thoughtful official statement has not been given out. It is conservatively estimated that the tonnage received was between 60 per cent and 60 per cent greater than that of 1905, the former year. During the last six months of navigation about 280,000 tons of packages freight and flour were unloaded in Fort William, as compared with 181,000 tons for the corresponding period of 1905. Of the barges which arrived here since the opening of navigation, fully 15,000 tons, or enough to build a two strand fence around the entire world. Enough soap was handled at the docks during the month of November to keep the average city of 150,000 inhabitants clean for a year. A least four trainloads of farm implements were received. From October 1st to December 1st, 165 cargoes were taken from vessels to land. During the latter part of the season about 1,200 freight handlers and fifty clerks were employed at the wharves, and while some were not employed constantly, there was paid out in wages approximately \$65,000 per month.

Sent to Prison.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20.—Judge Snyder to-day passed sentence on prisoners convicted of rioting during the recent street car strike. Judson Byerson for assaulting a police officer and rioting was given eighteen months in the Central prison. James Moran was sentenced to jail for one year for being a member of an unlawful assembly after the Riot Act was read. Alex. Thomson for rioting was given one year and John Seaman a Green will serve two months on a charge of assaulting a soldier.

Three Years For Arson.

Windsor, Man., Dec. 20.—James C. Mansford was sentenced to three years' confinement in the penitentiary to-day for arson.

Charged With Bigamy.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—An extraordinary case of bigamy is to be tried before Magistrate O'Keefe. Matilda Hayward, a prosecuting officer of it, deposed to leave the Home of Friends Women. The matron told her she must remain a year unless she was about to be married. According to a German laborer named August Wank, 60 years of age, under