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A MURDER AT PARIS

One Tramp Deliberately Shot Another to Death.

BOYS SAW THE DEED DONE

Bullet Crashed Through the Brain, and Death Followed Quickly.

The Tragedy Took Place at the Grand Trunk Station—Two Men Are Under Arrest and Another is a Fugitive — Revolver Was Thrown Away After the Crime—Police Found it — Curly-Haired Man Wanted in Brantford for Burglary—An Inquest Opened.

Paris, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—This afternoon an unknown man rushed through the waiting room at the Grand Trunk station, cursing and swearing. He was apparently a tramp, and had been drinking. Saying he had been robbed, he accosted another of the wandering fraternity, a man with curly hair, who was on the platform, and asked regarding the whereabouts of a third party, who was a short distance up the track. He turned and rushed at the man between the rails, who had a revolver in readiness, and deliberately shot his assailant through the head, the ball entering the mouth and coming out behind the right ear. Death was almost instantaneous.

Two Boys Saw it.

Two boys, Norman Lamb and Ernie Stewart, witnessed the tragedy, and called to Baggageman Paterson, who, with Station Agent Hume gave chase after the murderer. Mr. Hume detained him at the station, while Chief Creen was sent for, and the body of the murdered man was brought into the same room, but Stevens (that is the name the shooter gave) made no reference to the crime, and he absolutely refused to talk about it.

When Chief Creen arrived at the station he arrested another tramp, James Walker, who was some distance down the track. Walker denied any knowledge of the tragedy, or that he had been one of a party of four tramps who had been in the vicinity all night. He said he had come from Niagara Falls, but that is not so, as he was identified by a reporter as having recently been in custody at Woodstock. He later admitted that such was the case, and that he had just been released from jail there, although he strenuously denied any connection with the case.

Threw the Revolver Away.

Walker conversed with Stevens in the cells. The latter was overheard to say that he had thrown the revolver into the closet at the station. The weapon was found there by the police. It is a 32-calibre, six-chamber British bulldog, and contained three cartridges, one of which had been discharged.

The police are wiring around the country for the curly-haired man, and learned tonight that he had been put off the train at St. George. He is wanted at Brantford for burglary.

The theory of Chief Creen is that Stevens, Walker, the dead man and the fugitive were a party of tramps who slept in O'Neal's barn at the station last night. Milton's hotel at the station was entered during the night and some bottles of whiskey stolen. This is thought to have been the liquor which possibly led to the tragedy.

Body at the Morgue.

The body of the murdered man lies in the town morgue. There was on his person nothing to lead to his identification. He had several shirts on, one of which was a fine bobbingnan, bearing the name H. A. Michie. He is about 30 years of age, and of dark complexion. His hands have the appearance of a man who has worked hard, and on his left arm is a mark that is possibly the result of a burn.

An Inquest Opened.

Coroner Sinclair opened an inquest tonight, and an adjournment was made till to-morrow night, no evidence being taken. Stevens was seen by The World in the cell to-night, but refused to say anything regarding the tragedy.

In the murdered man's pocket was a bottle from the drug store of C. M. Parrish, Palmerston, containing chloral hydrate, and also a portion of The Hanover Post.

VISITING SALISBURY.

Mr. White, U. S. Charge d'Affaires in London, Gone to Hatfield, on a "Purely Social" Mission.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. Henry White, the United States Charge d'Affaires, to-day went on a two-days' visit to Lord Salisbury, the British Premier, at the latter's country residence, Hatfield House, Hertfordshire.

While the visit is said to be of a purely social nature, there is reason to believe that Lord Salisbury and Mr. White will discuss the attitude of Great Britain towards the proposal that the United States build the Nicaragua Canal, and with the view of arriving at an understanding regarding the Bulwer-Clayton treaty.

SIX PEOPLE KILLED.

A Slide on the Chilkoot Pass Caused Death to Half a Dozen Persons on Dec. 9.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—News has just been received of a slide on the Chilkoot Pass, in which six people were killed. Five bodies have been recovered, as follows: Mrs. Darling and two sons of Lake Linderman; Bert Johns, Juneau; Harry Shaw, Skaguay. The slide occurred Dec. 9.

JEW BAITING IN ALGIERS

The Mayor Heads an Anti-Semitic Crusade of Intolerance.

London, Dec. 20.—A letter in The London Times to-day from an English resident of Algiers throws a vivid light on the Jew baiting that is going on in the French colony in Africa. Max Regis, who was recently elected Mayor of Algiers, has headed an anti-Semitic crusade, which he has conducted in regular mediaeval fashion. The police, under this regime, are not allowed to afford protection to the Jews, who hardly dare appear in the streets, so certain are they to be beaten or insulted. All Hebrew clerks have been dismissed from the employ of the municipality, while the Mayor at a recent public meeting accepted a bouquet in the centre of which was placed a poignard, with the legend: "For the Jews." According to this correspondent, a regular reign of terror has been inaugurated, and the French population evidently is determined to maintain it until the last Jew shall be driven out.

THERE WILL BE NO DISALLOWANCE

Reid Railway Contract in Newfoundland is a Measure of a Self-Governing Colony.

Senate Reg. Room
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SENATE P.O.

London, Dec. 20.—Sir Herbert Murray, governor of Newfoundland, received a despatch to-day from Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Imperial Secretary of State for the Colonies, in London, declining to disallow the Reid railway contract. Mr. Chamberlain acknowledged the receipt of petitions praying for disallowance, sent from the colony by opponents of the measure, but says he cannot interfere with the legislative acts of a self-governing colony.

A NEW SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

Lord Kitchener Proposes to Expel the Dervishes by Using Soudanese Friendlies.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cairo advices to-day say that Lord Kitchener is organizing a campaign for the recovery for Egypt of the Soudan provinces still held by the Mahdists. Soudanese levies will form a large part of the army of conquest. The Khalifa was last reported from Darfur, in the region of the oases in the heart of the African desert, 1000 miles west of the Nile. That province and Kordofan, a few hundred miles to the eastward, are still held by the Dervishes. Lord Kitchener realizes that the long desert marches and the impossibility of using water transportation will render the conquest an exceedingly difficult one. His plan is to make use of the Soudan tribes, after proper training, as they are more familiar with desert warfare than the British regulars. The Sirdar has, therefore, proposed to Lord Cromer that a force of 5000 Soudanese, drawn from the Shilook tribe, be utilized to assist in the campaign. Lord Cromer has given his approval, and the organization of the tribesmen into regiments will begin at once.

GERMANY CAN STAND ALONE.

Emperor William Writes to Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria Taking a Firm Stand.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The substance of Emperor William's autograph letter to Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is the subject of much speculation in Berlin court circles. From an authoritative source in His Majesty's entourage, it is learned that the letter contained a detailed statement of Austrians thus far expelled from Prussia together with the reasons for their ejectment. It also refers to the manner in which Count Thun, the Austrian Premier, publicly spoke of the expulsions, and sets forth the reasons why that utterance is calculated to disturb the hitherto good relations that have subsisted between Germany and Austria. The whole letter is worded with extreme caution, but through it all His Majesty speaks with firmness, making evident Germany's desire to be friendly with Austria, and on the other hand her ability if need be, to stand alone.

SACRED NATIONAL RELIC.

The Hand of Stephen I., First King of Hungary, Placed in the National Treasury.

Vienna, Dec. 20.—The hand of Stephen I., the first King of Hungary and the patron saint of the nation, was conveyed, with great pomp, yesterday from Sigismund Chapel, Budapest, which is undergoing repair, to the royal treasury. There it will be guarded until the completion of work on the chapel. Cardinal Archbishop Vaszary, Primate of Hungary, attended by numerous dignitaries of church and state and the guardians of the crown, all magnificently attired, in procession, carried this most sacred national relic to its new resting place.

ROSSLAND NOTES.

British America Corporation Still Branching Out—Work Resumed on the Iron Horse.

Rossland, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—It is understood that the B.A.C. has arranged for the purchase of the Novelty at six cents a share.

The new plant on the Iron Horse is completed, and work was resumed to-day.

A better feeling is growing in the Virginia. The shaft is down 455 feet, and will cross-cut the ledge from the 500-foot level.

The tunnel on the Juliet is nearing the ledge. The face is in heavily mineralized rock.

A. R. M.

BALLOON CROSSED THE CHANNEL

Andree's Idea of Steering a Balloon Said to Have Been Tested.

London, Dec. 21.—Yesterday a balloon, which ascended at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, London, crossed the English Channel to Fecamp, about 27 miles northeast of Havre.

The Daily Chronicle, which had a man on board, claims to have successfully tested Prof. Andree's idea of steering a balloon.

DANGEROUSLY NEAR INDIA

The Czar's Railway Reaches Almost to the Afghan Border.

London, Dec. 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times says that the first train from Merv, Russian Turkestan, 300 miles southeast of Khiva, arrived on Friday last, at Kushk, in the Jamshidd Province of Afghanistan, the line thus being completed to within 95 miles of Herat.

Try Thos. Taylor's old rye whiskey at 60c per qt. and up, 174 Queen W. Phone 106.

Ladies' Fur Jacket Prices at Dineens'.

Choice Alaska seal jackets, $150 up; mink, $125 up; Persian lamb, $100 up; Bokhara, $55 up; grey Krimmer lamb, $50 up; Greenland seal, astrachan, Russian lamb, $30 up; muskrat, $37.50; raccoon, $35 up—and ladies' jackets in the new imperial electric seal quality—perfect resemblance in appearance to the choicest Alaska seal, and very stylish, at $45 and $50, at Dineens', and Dineens' remains open until 10 every night this week.

First Class Xmas Trees for sale at Lightfoot's, 8 and 10 St. Lawrence Market.

Australia Will Join Us.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail this morning says it credits the report that Australia will join with Canada in defraying the cost of a Pacific cable.

Did you ever try the Top Barrel?

A New Gold Strike in Toronto.

At McConnell's new wholesale, corner Colborne and Leader-lane. Our choice imported Havana cigars are worth their weight in gold, and we are having a big strike on this week.

Cannot be excelled—Taylor's Valley Violet Perfume.

LOSS OF A MILLION.

Heart of Montreal Attacked by the Fire Fiend.

GREENSHIELDS' WAREHOUSE

And Other Large Business Establishments Are in Ruins.

The Blaze Was First Discovered in the Greenshields Warehouse, and Spread, Despite the Firemen's Efforts, to Adjoining Business House—A Spot Historic for Fires and as the Locality Where Hackett Was Shot During the Orange Riots.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—One of the heaviest fires for years took place to-night on Victoria-square, the result being that the large dry goods warehouse of S. Greenshields & Co. and adjoining building, occupied by McIntyre, French & Co., are nothing but ruins. In fact, Greenshields' premises have been levelled to the ground, entailing a loss, including stock, of $300,000, pretty well covered by insurance. The Greenshields' building is on the corner formerly occupied by the old St. Patrick's Hall, which also suffered from fire more than once. It was at this corner where Hackett was shot during the Orange riots. Three of the firemen were badly hurt, but as far as known no lives are lost. When the wall facing Craig-street fell outward, it smashed the water tower, and it looks as if the fire department had suffered heavy loss.

The total loss of the fire, it is estimated will amount to nearly $1,000,000.

Nobody Was Hurt.

Later—Dec. 21.— Nobody was hurt in last night's fire. It was at first thought that several people had been buried beneath the falling walls, but enquiry at the hospital shows that this is not the case.

The fire is still burning at 1.30 a.m.

TERRE HAUTE LOST A MILLION

Monday Night's Fire Was Serious—Some Lives Lost.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 20.—The losses in last night's fire aggregate $1,000,000. Claude Herbert, who was acting as Santa Claus in the Havens & Geddes' building, is missing, and is supposed to have perished in the flames. Kate Maloney and Lulu Ferguson jumped from the second storey window, and were internally injured. Three firemen, John Osteitoo, John Welch and William O'Connell, fell into the cellar of the Ford & Overstreet store, and were seriously injured. Three other firemen were severely burned. Louis Kramer, the window trimmer, who was in the show window when the fire started, was badly burned. J. G. Button, manager of the book department of the Haven & Geddes' store, and M. Albert Weinbricht, bookkeeper, were burned. Insurance in all lines covers about 80 per cent. of the losses.

FIRES REPORTED.

At Regina, N. W. T., yesterday the premises of Millar Bros., flour and feed merchants, were destroyed, with contents. The second floor, occupied by the Crown Prosecutor, Johnston P. McAra, insurance agent, and William Grant were also destroyed. Insurance not stated.

At Tamworth, Ont., the fine residence of Mr. W. D. Mace was burned yesterday morning. Nothing was saved, and the family had to flee in their night clothes. Mr. Mace lost over $300, which was in his trousers pocket, and some of Mrs. Mace's money was also burned. John Mowbray's house next door was also burned; contents saved. Mr. Mace's property insured for $8000; Mowbray's property, very little insurance.

The Music Hall on Dundas-street, in London, the celebrated headquarters of the Conservatives, and owned by Mr. Alex. Harvey, was damaged $10,000 by fire on Monday night. R. R. Burnd's stock of cabinet work was damaged about $500 by water. The Music Hall opened for the season that night under the management of Mr. W. C. Arthurs of Ottawa, who recently secured a lease of the premises until May 1. The dressing rooms and the stage were entirely consumed, and the actors lost everything. Mr. Arthurs' loss will be $200. Mr. Arthurs recently leased a theatre in Ottawa, and was just about to open for the season, when the building was destroyed by fire, involving a loss of several hundred dollars to himself and the company he had engaged. An ill-fate has followed this hall, on the stage of which James Tuttle of Brantford met his death by a pistol shot from the hands of W. D. Emerson, the actor, on April 1 last.

Hard to Get.

Night shirts and flannel shirts big enough for large men are scarce. We received one case to-day direct from makers in London, England, of flannel shirts and flannelette night shirts. These goods are superior to anything made in Canada. Sword, 55 King-street east, only.

Coal and Wood.

The People's Coal Company are still selling their high grades of coal at the old prices, and they would like to call your attention to the fact that they are selling the very best hardwood at $4.50 per cord, which is 50c per cord less than other dealers. When wanting your next wood give your order to the People's, the firm that is not under the thumb of the combine or their dictation.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

The Queen and Crete.

Athens, Dec. 20.—Queen Victoria has sent to Prince George an autograph letter, congratulating him on his nomination as Governor of Crete.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and Bed $1.00. 204 King St. W.

Taylor's Valley Violet Perfume—a beautiful odor.

Oh! What a Snap.

Before buying your Christmas gifts step into McConnell's new wholesale, corner Colborne and Leader-lane, and see our big variety of choice imported Havana cigars. Boxes at wholesale prices, with cash discounts. Ten-cent straights at $1.50 per box; 15c straights at $2 per box.

Xmas Cab. Phone 82; Dame's, 338½ Yonge.

Costly, but the best—Taylor's Valley Violet Perfume.

HER FELICITATIONS.

MISS CANADA: Permit me to congratulate you, Sir Wilfrid, upon the treaty you have NOT made.

SIR WILLIAM C. M'DONALD.

Canada's Millionaire Tobacco King Knighted for His Beneficence to Education.

M'GILL'S MINING BUILDING OPEN.

The Governor-General Officiated and Lord Strathcona Present—Thanks From Mr. Chamberlain.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—This afternoon the McGill Mining building was opened with great eclat in the presence of His Excellency and Lady Minto, Lord Strathcona and all the dignitaries of the University world. When His Excellency announced that Her Majesty had been pleased to confer the honor of knighthood upon Mr. W. C. McDonald, the great benefactor, there was great cheering, which was renewed when Lord Minto stated he had received a telegram from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, thanking Sir William McDonald for what he had done for the cause of higher education in Canada.

The degree of LL.D. was conferred on Lord Minto, Lord Herschell and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The Governor-General also had a reception at the City Hall at noon, which was largely attended. In the evening Their Excellencies attended the Charity ball in Her Majesty's Theatre, which was a brilliant affair.

Edwards and Hart Smith, C.A. Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building George Edwards, F.C.A., A. Hart-Smith.

A Cheap But "Costly" Present.

Is a box of McConnell's fine imported Havana cigars. Cheap, because you are buying them at a wholesale house at strictly wholesale prices, and costly, because you are getting them at retailer's cost. You are invited to step in and inspect our big variety of imported and domestic goods. Whether you buy or not you are always welcome. We sell a 10c straight for $1.50 per box. Come early and avoid the rush. M. McConnell & Co., corner Colborne and Leader-lane.

Pember's Turkish and Vapor Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge. Bath and bed $1.00.

'What Parents Buy at Dineens'.

The children's department is one of the central attractions for visitors at Dineens'. There are fur sets for young daughters, fur sets for babies, little fur caps in toque, turban, Tam-o'-Shanter and wedge shapes for the children, and fancy novelties in furs, suitable for Christmas gifts.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Open all night. 202 and 204 King St. W.

Too Warm for the Carbon.

The carbon in connection with the electric light in front of Sword's window, on King-street east, caught fire last evening, caused from the heat produced by his red tie window. This is a fact.

Irish and Scotch whiskey, also Sherries and Ports, at Thos. Taylor's, 174 Queen W. Phone 106.

The attention of users is invited to the merits of E. B. Eddy's indurated fibre ware tubs, pails, etc., which are for sale at all first-class grocery stores. Housekeepers readily recognize their superiority over the ordinary wooden tubs, etc. 135

Armeda Tea has the Flavor.

At Xmas time and all time—Taylor's Valley Violet Perfume.

IT MAY GO BACK TO MR. HAYS

Grand Chief Powell Thinks the General Superintendent, Mr. McGuigan, Will Do Little.

TO SQUARE IT WITH THE OPERATORS

The Opinion is Gaining Ground That There Will be Trouble Very Soon.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The conference of telegraphers was resumed to-day, when the case of the men was more fully gone into. This embraces wages, hours of work, overtime, treatment of the men, the law as to dismissals, the usage as to the employment of boys, and, in fact, every feature affecting the duties of the telegraphers.

Mr. Powell intimated to-night that Mr. McGuigan would do very little, and the committee would most likely take their grievances back again to Mr. Hays.

The opinion gains ground that there will be trouble very soon.

GRIP IS A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

New York Board of Health Issues a Proclamation to That Effect—Cases to be Isolated.

New York, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Board of Health to-day, it was decided to issue a bulletin to the effect that grip is a contagious disease and should be treated accordingly. This means that physicians must report all cases to the department, with a view to isolating the patients and preventing a spread of the disease. There are estimated to be 100,000 cases within the boundaries of Greater New York.

John H. Young, Chartered Accountant, Specialist in the Formation, Incorporation and Accounts of Joint Stock Companies. 90 Yonge street. Phone 1237. 3

What Ladies Buy at Dineens'.

For the menfolk in the family, who deserve Christmas gifts, there are fur wedge and peak caps and fur gauntlets, in the various fashionable furs, at Dineens', and fur caps for boys, in all the new boyish patterns. And Dineens' prices are uniformly low.

Port Wine at 50c per quart up, at Thos. Taylor's, 174 Queen st. W. Phone 106.

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Tay Wilson's Hygienic Brown Bread. 739 Yonge street. Phone 3610. 135

Acceptable Xmas Gifts.

Flowers are always an evidence of refinement, and as Christmas gifts in cultured circles are most acceptable, in Dunlop's salesrooms a very fine stock of plants is displayed and all marked in plain figures. Inspection invited.

Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. ed

SULTANA ISLAND DISPUTE

Commissioner of Crown Lands Has Settled it After Two Years of Fighting Over it.

HOW THE PROPERTY IS DIVIDED

Various Owners May Now Unite Their Forces to Develop These Valuable Claims.

Sultana Island, upon which is situated the celebrated Caldwell mine, has an area of about 500 acres. The Caldwell property comprises 47 acres. The ownership of the balance of the island, known as the Ophir property, has been in dispute since 1889. For two years and a half back Mr. W. H. Moyes has been fighting the claim of himself and his brother, J. W., for the ownership of the property. Other parties also filed claims, and the matter has been subject to a good deal of litigation before the Commissioner of Crown Lands. The latter gave final judgment in the case on Saturday, and decided that the Ontario Mining Company is entitled to an undivided third of the claim; Mrs. Margaret Johnston and associates to an undivided third, and the Canadian Pacific Mining and Prospecting Company and the Seybold Syndicate to the remaining third. The Messrs. Moyes, as assignees of the last-named claimants, are entitled to one-sixth of the property.

Years ago a shaft was sunk on the property, but, owing to the dispute, work was not proceeded with to any extent, further than to prove that the mine is a very valuable one. Extravagant offers have been made for the property. It is likely that the various parties interested in it will unite their claims and organize a company to develop the property on a big scale.

Mr. J. W. Moyes is manager of the Metropolitan Railway. He is personally acquainted with the property, and is satisfied it will turn out a much bigger thing than Mr. Caldwell's celebrated Sultana.

Confederation Life Association.

The Confederation Life Association publishes an interesting set of pamphlets, giving full particulars as to its different plans of insurance, and will be pleased to send them on application to the head office, Toronto, or to any of the association's agents. The unconditional accumulative policy issued by this association is absolutely free from conditions from date of issue and guarantees extended insurance or a paid-up policy, after two years, or a cash value after five years. 44

Pember's Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge-street

What Men Buy at Dineens'.

For mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, or other relative, there are ladies' fur-lined capes and circulars, handsome stylish creations, at Dineens', at $15, $20, $25, $40, $50, $60, $75, $100 to $125.

BIRTHS.

ALEXANDER — At "The Evergreens," Bowmanville, on the 18th inst., the wife of J. W. Alexander, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MAGEE—WEST—At Toronto, on the 20th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. W. J. West, cousin of the bride, William Hunter Knox Magee, son of the late Robert Magee of Winnipeg, to Ethel, daughter of the late S. E. West of Winnipeg.

DEATHS.

BELMORE—At 202 Sackville-street, on the 20th inst., Anthony Joseph, only son of Anthony Belmore, aged 25 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

THEY GIVE US NOTHING.

Free Coal Offered, Which Amounts to Very Little.

FREE LUMBER IS NOT IN IT

Uncle Sam Gets Right to Build and Keep Warships on the Lakes.

Canadian Proposition for Free Fish Rejected—Yankee Commissioners Showed a Disposition to Use the Whip—Questions for Canadians to Consider During Recess—Results at Washington as Outlined by a Government Organ in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Herald (Government) publishes the following special, dated Washington, Dec. 20:

Those of the Canadian members of the Joint High Commission who did not leave Washington early this morning for their homes, spent the morning in saying adieus to friends, and in preparing to depart this afternoon and to-night. There is a feeling among some of them that the negotiations thus far have not been altogether favorable to Canada, but the brief January session of the commissioners will be used to correct some of the matters which are least satisfactory.

The fact has developed that at yesterday's meeting the American members took the initiative in every proposal, and these propositions were not always most generous. In fact, there was an evident tendency among the American members to use the whip hand, as if Canada's representatives were more eager than they for an international agreement, which certainly is not the case.

At the session yesterday some definite propositions were made in regard to the reciprocity schedule, which were to be taken into consideration by the Canadians during the holiday recess. It seems to be settled that Canada will be given free coal, but that is an item of least importance to the United States. Free lumber assuredly has not been granted. The United States commissioners agree to pay Canada about $500,000 for her claim in the Behring Sea. The Canadian proposition for free fish is rejected unjustifiably, and finally, probably, Canada grants the United States the right to build and maintain warships on the lakes, which was a concession, of course, on the part of the northern neighbors of the States.

A CROSS PETITION.

Improper Methods Said to Have Been Used in South Ontario.

Yesterday afternoon a cross-petition was filed in the Court of Appeal against Mr. Charles Calder, the defeated candidate in the bye-election in South Ontario. The charges are the usual ones of bribery and corruption by the candidate and his agents.

Mildness Continues.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 20.—(11 p.m.)—The low area which gave snow and rain over the lake district has completely dispersed.

The temperature is rising in the Eastern Provinces and continues comparatively high throughout the Northwest.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38—44; Medicine Hat, 22—36; Battleford, 28—30; Qu'Appelle, 26—32; Winnipeg, 18—34; Port Arthur, 26—32; Parry Sound, 18—38; Toronto, 30—41; Ottawa, 6—28; Montreal, 6—24; Quebec, zero—18; Halifax, 10—28.

Probabilities

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: mostly cloudy and mild; light local rain.

Ottawa Valley—Cloudy or partly cloudy and comparatively mild; light local falls of snow or rain.

Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Cloudy or partly cloudy and comparatively mild; light local falls of snow or rain.

Gulf—Fair to cloudy; higher temperatures; light local falls of snow.

Maritime—Unsettled, with snow or rain.

Lake Superior—Mostly cloudy; continued mild weather; light local snow or sleet.

Manitoba—Westerly winds; continued fair and comparatively mild.

Mr. Mulock's Quotation.

There has been no end of discussion among literary people in Toronto and elsewhere as to where the Postmaster-General got the quotation emblazoned on the new penny stamp. To set the point at rest, The World gives the following quotation from Mr. Lewis Morris' "Songs of Britain." It is to be found on pp. 181-2 of the volume entitled "Song of Empire":

We love not war, but only peace,
Yet never shall our England's power decrease!
Whoever guides our helm of state,
Let all men know it, England shall be great!
We hold a vaster Empire than has been!

All Jingoes.

[After Bystander in The Weekly Sun.]

In England the Imperialists are called jingoes,
In the United States expansionists,
And in Canada they favor "vastness" in postage stamps!

Oak Hall Clothiers, on King-street east, have two of the most artistically decorated Christmas windows ever shown in Toronto. Interspersed with the latest styles of men's and boys' clothing are immense natural pine needles, from 3½ feet to 5½ feet in length, giving a most graceful effect to the display. The pines were grown in Alabama and imported direct by Oak Hall. The electric light illumination at night is very effective. Take a look at the windows any night this week before 6 o'clock, or on Friday and Saturday nights, before 9 o'clock.

Steamship Movements.

Dec. 20.	At.	From.
Noordland	Antwerp	New York
Gena	Bremen	New York
Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse	New York	Bremen
Southwark	New York	Antwerp
Fuerst Bismarck	New York	Genoa
Ems	Genoa	New York
Waesland	Queenstown	Philadelphia
Saale	Southampton	New York
Rotterdam	Boulogne	New York

Smoke Union Blue Label Cigars.