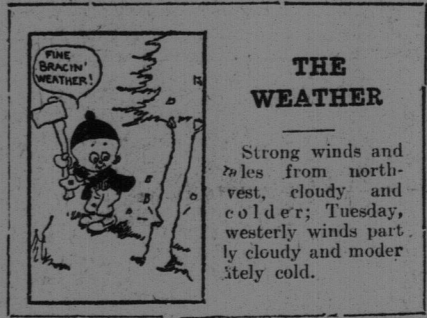


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THE WEATHER

Strong winds and heavy snow...

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT XMAS GATHERING

Church Entertainment Changed to Panic—Brutal Case for Montreal Police to Handle, in Death of Women

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special)—While a Christmas entertainment, under auspices of the Methodist church was in progress here on Saturday evening, fire broke out on the stage, and the crowded town hall was soon in a state of panic.

ALMOST RECORD OPEN SEASON ON MIRAMICHI

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The Miramichi River was frozen over on Friday night after one of the longest periods of open navigation in the past century.

RAILWAYS RECOVERING TODAY AFTER STORM

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—After being without railroad communication with any point east of Harrisburg (Pa.), and Cumberland (Md.) for fourteen hours yesterday, traffic conditions of this district are slowly re-adjusting themselves.

EX. M. P. P. DROPS DEAD IN SUDBURY

Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Charles LaMarche, ex M.P.P., dropped dead on Saturday evening, aged fifty-nine years.

NO NEW BATTLESHIPS, DECLARES THE DUMA

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The national defence committee of the Duma has rejected, by a large majority, the credit for new battleships.

PLAYFUL KAISER'S STINGING BLOW PUTS FERDINAND IN HUFF

German Ruler Fails to Resist a Temptation and Czar of Bulgaria Gets Cross—Salling's Will is Published—Sensational Arrests in Nicaragua

Berlin, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The story circulating in court circles to the effect that during the ceremonies in connection with the duke regent's wedding last week, the Kaiser, happening to see Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria leaning out of a window, brought down a stinging blow on the exposed portion of the duke's forehead.

HURRICANE ADDS TO HARD LOT OF COLONISTS

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The conditions of the Canadian colony at Ocean Beach, Cuba, is reported by Canadian commissioner Kirkpatrick, of Havana, to be as bad as possible, as the colonists have been ground between two municipalities, both of which insisted upon the right to collect taxes, and both imprisoned for failure to pay.

CAME TO ST. JOHN ON HONEYMOON

Fredericton, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Charles Cox, a popular dry goods clerk, and Miss Cora Hewison, daughter of the late Col. Hewison, were married in St. Ann's Church at 3 o'clock this morning by Rev. Canon Cowie in the presence of a few relatives.

PAYS \$40,000 FOR TWO SOUP TUREENS

New York, Dec. 26.—Including commissions and other incidental expenses, J. Pierpont Morgan recently paid \$40,000 for two soup tureens which he obtained in Paris.

JEWELS VALUED AT \$5,000 STOLEN

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Show windows of two downtown jewelry stores were robbed of watches, silverware and jewels yesterday by a man who broke the plate glass windows with a paper covered brick.

NEARLY A LYNCHING

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 26.—Jesse Fuller, charged with murdering J. E. Liddell, a real estate dealer, was rushed to the State penitentiary at Columbia this afternoon only after a lynching was narrowly averted.

LITTLE TIM DIES AT BIRTH A MILLION

New York Politician, Superstitious, Left No Will But Wife and Son, are Well Provided For

New York, Dec. 27.—"Little Tim" Sullivan died a millionaire. He leaves half a million dollars in all-edge stocks and bonds in the vault of the Commercial Trust Company, Broadway, and Forty-first street and interests in other stocks.

CORBETT SAYS HE DOES IT JUST AS A FRIEND

Chicago, Dec. 27.—James J. Corbett protests against being added to a list of Jeffries in the latter's championship fight with Jack Johnson. He says: "I have gone too far in theatrical work to step back into active pugilism connected with the prize ring."

CHRISTMAS DAY FEATURES IN CITY

Christmas Day was quietly but pleasantly spent throughout the city. Large crowds attended the rinks, the Opera House and moving picture houses in the afternoon and evening. The city was decorated with lights and flags.

CONFERENCE WITH THE MINISTER TODAY

Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, will meet the mayor and President Estabrook of the board of trade this afternoon to discuss a number of matters of interest to the city.

WOMAN DOCTOR DEAD

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Dr. Sarah Dudley, aged 81 years, the second woman to take a medical degree from an American college, died at her residence here this morning.

RESCUED BY MEANS OF BREACHES BUOY

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 26.—By means of the breach buoy the crew of the freight steamer Thurman, seriously reported as numbering twenty-seven and twenty-two were rescued by life savers early this morning during the height of the storm which was sweeping the Jersey coast.

SEVEN THOUSAND BATTLE ALL NIGHT WITH SNOW HEAPS

New York Hard Hit by Worst Decemer Downfall in Years—Railways in States Suffer Loss of Time and Business and Several Lives Go Out

New York, Dec. 27.—Hard work all night by thousands of men on the city's streets broke the tie-up caused by the greatest December storm in years in this vicinity. While delayed incoming trains were still reported on some of the railroads and surface car traffic was by no means normal, the acute phase of the congestion caused by the ten-inch fall of snow was a thing of the past this morning.

THEIR VISIT TO THE CITY PROVES EXPENSIVE ONE

Loch Lomond Men Get into Trouble With Syrian Merchants and the Police

SAYS MCGOLDRICK ABUSED HER AGAIN

Edward and Percy Moor, two brothers belonging to Loch Lomond, were in the police court this morning, the former charged with assaulting a woman, the latter with breaking windows in his store in Brussels street, and his brother, Percy, with resisting the police while arresting Edward. They each pleaded guilty.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

The weekly meeting of the Baptist ministers of the city was held this morning. The reports of churches on Xmas services were submitted and showed that the attendance had been very encouraging.

NOTED BANKER DEAD

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Ernest Mendelssohn Bartholdy, head of the banking house of Mendelssohn & Co., died yesterday in Dresden.

NEWSPAPER MAN'S GIFT

Toronto, Dec. 27.—(Special)—J. Ross Robertson, publisher of the Telegram, has given \$10,000 to the children's hospital here.

THE ENGLISH SCHOOLBOY IN CANADA

Headmasters of England's Public Schools Take Up His Defence—Assist School Lads Sent to Colonies

London, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The headmasters of England's public schools held their annual conference recently and discussed such topics as how much time should be devoted to Greek or whether English should be taught. This year, however, for the first time, subjects of imperial interest were taken up, and the conference voted to assist public schoolboys who emigrate to the colonies.

WIFE'S RUSE LEADS TO CAPTURE OF HER HUSBAND'S SLAYER

Harley, Va., Dec. 27.—Following the killing here, on Christmas eve, of Samuel Baker, and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the former's enemy, Harry Pennington, a sum of \$10,000 citizens late Saturday night took Pennington from jail and hanged him to a steam pipe.

MUTILATED BODY OF FOURTEEN YEAR OLD LAD FOUND IN ABANDONED HOUSE IN PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—Practically the entire detective force of Greater Pittsburg is today attempting a solution of the death of James Lawrence Friel, a 14 year old boy, whose body was found yesterday in an abandoned house, partially buried, frozen stiff, and the throat terribly lacerated with a knife.

G. J. STREET TO BE STATION MASTER AT FREDERICTON

It is understood that G. J. Street of the C. P. R. freight department travelling staff in this division will exchange positions with Station Agent Howard at Fredericton, the latter going on the road.

THIRTY-FIVE MILE STREET CAR RIDE FOR FIVE CENTS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A 35-mile ride for five cents will be made possible by the \$750,000 merger of all the surface railway lines of the south side. According to figures given out by President Thomas P. Mitten of the Chicago City Railways Company, the average total number of passengers carried annually on the lines involved in the merger is 407,000,000.

THE VATICAN, SPAIN, AND THE CONCORDAT

Madrid, Dec. 27.—Recently it was announced that the government intended to re-open negotiations with the Vatican for the reform of the concordat of 1881 and that the modifications sought principally affected the clauses relating to liberty of conscience and education and limitation of religious orders.

WHOLE VILLAGES WERE DESTROYED BY FLOODS

San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 27.—Details of the damage caused by the disastrous floods last week are pouring into this city. Only three houses were left standing in the village of Santa Cristina and at La Vieilla, a church was the only building able to withstand the storm.