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LAND SALES ARE HEAVY

The Year's Business in the Northwest Breaks Record.

Ontario Methodists to Agitate for a Prohibitory Law.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 27.—The Tribune says tonight: "The C. P. R. land sales during the past year have been unprecedented in their volume. The employees of the land department are now busy with their annual statements. In an interview today Mr. E. T. Griffin, the land commissioner, when questioned as to the sales, said: "We estimate that the sales for 1901 will be about \$40,000,000 for the sum of \$2,750,000."

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Col. Neilson, director-general of the Canadian army medical service, who was here yesterday consulting Lieutenant Roberts in connection with the field hospital force for South Africa, expressed himself as being satisfied that the force would compare favorably with any in the service in South Africa, both in its personnel and its equipment.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—All of the Ontario and Montreal recruits to make up the additional 300 of the second Canadian Mounted Rifles left here on Monday for Halifax.

MARCONI'S PLANS. He May Erect a Permanent Station in Cape Breton.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—The steamer Bruce, with Signor Marconi on board, arrived at North Sydney yesterday. Marconi was met by Mr. Smith on behalf of the Canadian government, Premier Murray of the Nova Scotia government and Mayor McKenzie of North Sydney. Mr. Marconi thinks it possible that a spot in Cape Breton will be selected for the permanent station and he says that the point chosen must be from 100 to 200 feet above the sea level. Marconi will remain in Cape Breton a few days and then proceed to Ottawa. When asked as to the present stage of his experiments in telegraphing across the Atlantic, Marconi said that up to the present, only one letter, continuously repeated, had been received.

PARENTS ARE DIVORCED. And Each Insists on Holding the Funeral of the Child.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Two funerals and two burials will take place here in disposing of the body of six-year-old Alice Jojne. The child's parents are divorced. Mrs. Jojne remarried and the child was living with her father when she died. Both insisted on having possession of the body, and the matter was referred to the coroner, in whose presence the agreement was made. The funeral and burial under the direction of the father, Arthur Jojne, will take place first, after which the body will be disinterred and given to the mother.

THE WIND WAS HIGH BRITISH LOSS IN AMBUSH

SEVERE STORMS REPORTED FROM PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC COASTS.

DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS IN SEATTLE—GALES IN NEW-FOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 27.—Fierce gales swept the coast of Newfoundland last night and wrought much destruction among the shipping and fishing properties at Bay of Islands, where some American vessels were seeking cargoes of herring. At Placentia, on the west coast, the fishing boats suffered great damage and the wharves and water front buildings were destroyed. It is feared that the seas will inundate the entire hamlet. Both the breakwater and the railroad pier have been partly demolished.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 27.—The worst storm of the winter prevailed along the coast last night, doing much damage to property. During the storm two barges used by contractors broke from their moorings and were driven against the railroad trestle in East Astoria. One of the barges was completely destroyed and the other was badly damaged. The railroad track was also damaged.

AIR FULL OF SAND. A Nasty Storm That Visited Southern California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—A windstorm of unusual force and destructiveness has raged yesterday all over the southern part of California. The storm is what is locally known as a "Santa Ana," and carries with it fine dust from the desert to the east that fills the air and obscures the vision at distances of more than a few hundred yards. Reports from surrounding towns report much damage wrought by the wind to oranges and some damage to small buildings. Railroad traffic is delayed and in some instances entirely obstructed.

WRECKS FEARED. Vessels in Clallam Bay Exposed to the Storm.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—The grimest story of marine disaster in the history of the hungry north Pacific is expected by local marine men from Clallam bay. The fate of nine vessels, caught by the Christmas storm in the body of water which lies like a trap between the path of southwest gales, is not known. Old mariners fear that one or all may be lost.

A REAL TRAGEDY. Suicide of a Young Woman in a Washington Theatre.

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COLON, Colombia, Dec. 28.—The following dispatch has been received from Panama: General Alban says that he has conclusive proof that the president of Salvador has been assisting the revolutionists, and 1,500 of the latter from Tumaaco under Benjamin Herrera, landed on the peninsula of Tonosi, near Santiago de Veragua, a town of Colombia, 125 miles west southwest of Panama, near the coast.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—As the result of the conference between the legation, the Rev. Mr. Broekhuysen and the Japanese statesman had previously called on the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, who accompanied the marquis to Marlborough House and introduced him to the King.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The German government has decided to attach agricultural experts to the more important German consulates. The first of these experts will be sent to the United States, where agricultural developments are now being more carefully observed than formerly.

IN DEFENCE OF SCHLEY. A Reference to the Admiral's Work in the Arctic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—At the eighth annual dinner of the Arctic Club held at the Hotel Marlborough tonight, Amos Bonsal of Philadelphia, the only survivor of the Kane expedition in 1855-56, spoke in defence of Admiral Schley. He had been talking about the bravery of the various men who had visited the Arctic and Antarctic regions, and referred to the Schley matter in these terms: "There was a charge against our member (Admiral Schley) of being a coward, the meanest charge that could ever be brought against any man. No man who has the courage to enter the Arctic has ever been charged with such an offense, and I deny it and oppose it."

A VIRGINIA FIGHT. Quarrel Among Boys Leads to a Fitch-Battle.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—News of an exciting tragedy reached here from Russell county, in the far southwestern part of Virginia. On Christmas eve while out hunting, Wilson Ray, King Ray, Johnny Ray and Chas. Ball met Robert T. Ugle, Jason Osborne, two of the Taylor boys and others, who were also hunting. Bad blood had existed for some time between Ugle and some of the other party. A clash occurred, several shots were fired and two of the Ray crowd were slightly wounded. The members of both parties then retired to their respective homes to procure more effective arms and secure reinforcements. The next day there was another meeting and a regular battle ensued. One man was killed and two mortally wounded and a third was dangerously wounded. In the night between the Victoria hockey club and Montreal and New York A. C. teams, and resulted in the defeat of the New York team by a score of 3 to 2.

THE ISTHMUS A CONFESION IMPLICATING THREE YOUTHS IN A WANTED MURDER.

A FARMER IN NEW YORK STATE KILLED FOR EVICTING A FAMILY.

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A sensational sequel to one of the most sensational murders ever committed in this vicinity culminated this afternoon in the confession by Harvey Eruce, aged 21, in the form of a statement to his mother and aunt. The statement is witnessed by Mayor Charles S. Harvey and County Treasurer N. Macy, and tells how the murder of Peter A. Hallenbeck, the wealthy farmer of Greenport, was committed by himself and Willis, Burton and Fred Van Wormer, brothers, aged 20, 23 and 26, nephews of the murdered man.

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DANISH WEST INDIES. The Government Would Consult the People as to Their Sale.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28.—The agitation against the sale of the Danish West Indies has placed the government in an embarrassing position. There is considerable difference of opinion as to how far public sentiment against the sale is genuine and how far it is the work of speculators and promoters. At any rate, it has impressed the foreign minister, who has advised the government to refer the matter to a plebiscite like that of 1867.

CHURCH IN PHILIPPINES. Pope Leo to Issue a Statement Regarding His Policy.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 28.—The States prints an interview with Archbishop Chappelle, in which the archbishop declares as utterly without foundation, the assertions that he has been forced to withdraw from his position as apostolic delegate to the Philippines by the pope on account of inefficiency and antagonizing the American civil and military authorities and the Catholic clergy and friars in the archipelago. He says that so far from this being the truth, Pope Leo has published and privately approved of his work in the Philippines. He says that within the next month there will be issued a papal statement in which the policy of the vatican will be fully set forth, and in which his approval of the work in the Philippines by the pope will be reiterated.

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