

It Will Pay Shoppers to Read Times Christmas Advertisements

THE U. S. SQUADRON SAIL FOR PACIFIC.

Sixteen Big Battleships Start on Long Cruise.

Rear Admiral Evans in Command of the Fleet.

Ships Reviewed by President Roosevelt.

Old Point Comfort, W. Va., Dec. 16.—The backbone of the United States navy, sixteen first class battleships, under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, sailed to-day for the Pacific Ocean, a 14,000 mile cruise, which has set all the world talking. Parading in review before the President of the United States and saluting as they went, the stately white vessels drew anchors from the rendezvous ground of Hampton Roads, steamed out of the famous old Virginia capes, and were lost to view on the southern horizon. At ten knots speed they went, headed for the eastern end of the West Indies. After threading their way among the reefs of those islands the fleet will wind up at Trinidad on Christmas eve, the first stage of its journey at an end. The belted sides of each armor clad were fairly strutted to-day with the press of heavy stores and ammunition, while the decks resounded with the footfalls of a thousand men in quartets. On a mission as pacific as the name of the waters covered, the Judge held that the company was liable under two bonds, one of \$5,000 for Banwell and one of \$6,000 for Mausell, the accountant.

WON A BRIDE.

But Found Himself in Court on Serious Charge.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Somewhat of a romance was revealed to-day when Walter Fitzgerald appeared before Judge McHugh. According to the story told in court he had a rival for the hand of the lady who became his wife. In order to vie with his wealthy suitor Fitzgerald, it is alleged, took money to buy gifts for his true love. A quantity of jewelry was produced in court, including two watches, three diamond rings and a bracelet, all of which were handed over to the company as partial restitution. Sentence will be given on Friday.

CROWN BANK

Wins Its Banwell Suit Against Guarantee Co.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Justice Britton gave judgment this morning, awarding the Crown Bank \$10,545, the full amount of its claim against the London Guarantee & Accident Co. for the amount expended in capturing Banwell, the bank's defaulting teller, and for the shortage between the amount stolen by Banwell and the amount recovered. The Judge held that the company was liable under two bonds, one of \$5,000 for Banwell and one of \$6,000 for Mausell, the accountant.

BUY XMAS GIFTS NOW

At the Right House a Store of Quality and Character.

Most likely you are one of the many thousands who, owing to the inclemency of the weather last week, did not get out to the Right House as much as you intended.

So now with just seven days left to make Christmas selections, all are urged to arrange to get right out to the Right House to-morrow and Wednesday morning, and buy all they can. Even the great stocks shown by the Right House last season are eclipsed by this season's showings. These great Christmas stocks, coupled with the wonderful value offered by this old reliable store are de-lighting everybody.

The Right House management report that, even with the bad weather of last week, their sales were considerably increased over the same week of a year ago. This shows the great demand for Right House gift goods. People like their gifts to come from the Right House—a store of quality and character.

AGAINST SOVEREIGN CO.

Thomas Baker, of London, has entered suit against the Sovereign Assurance Company, and its directors, to have set aside an alleged agreement, and for a return of all moneys paid thereunder, and for an accounting between the company and Hoover.

OTTAWA SEAT.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—J. B. T. Caron, Liberal, and W. D. Morris, Independent Conservative, were nominated to-day to contest Ottawa for seat made vacant through appointment of Belcourt to the Senate.

The Mendelssohn choir concert subscription list for Hamilton persons closed to-morrow, and will be sent to Toronto then.

Effie—Where do the mermaids sleep, papa? Papa—The little ones in the cradle of the deep, and the big ones in the bed of the ocean, my child.—Chicago Journal.

FOUR NEW CARDINALS CREATED BY THE VATICAN.

Pope Condemns the Modernists and Has Adopted Measures Against Them.

Rome, Dec. 16.—Pius X. to-day held a secret consistory in the Vatican in which he created four new cardinals and preconized several bishops. The new cardinals appointed are Monsignor Pietro Gasparri, Secretary of the Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs; Monsignor de Lai, Secretary of Congregation of the Council; Monsignor Ludovic Henry Lucon, Archbishop of Rheims and Monsignor Paul Pierre and Riv, Archbishop of Marseilles.

The Pope delivered an eulogium in which he made reference to the tenacious persecution of the Redeemer and said that his church had been attacked from all sides in a warfare, open or dissimulating. The rights and laws of the church had been trampled on even by those who should safeguard them, and the impious and vulgar press had fought her even to the extent of disturbing public quiet. The Pontiff cited the recent disorders in Italy. To this must be added, he continued, the disastrous propaganda in the bosom of Catholicism itself, which is being carried on by modernists who disdain the pontifical authority and desire themselves authoritatively to sanction a new faith and a new conscience. If the modernists would enlist themselves frankly among the enemies of the church this evil would be less. Fulfilling his apostolic duty the Pope said he had adopted against the modernists such measures as were necessary, striving particularly to save young clergymen from perversion.

SOUTH PIER AND LIGHTHOUSE AT BEACH WASHED AWAY.

Hamilton in Grip of Storm That Completely Tied Up Traffic—Damage in City Not Great.

Not since the great snow storm of Sunday and Monday, Dec. 4 and 5, 1898, has Hamilton been visited by such a picturesque and at the same time troublesome storm as that of Saturday. This city and vicinity were held in the grip of the storm king as firmly as could be for about 36 hours, and it was not until this morning that things began to resume their normal condition. Unlike the great storm of nine years ago, the one of Saturday and yesterday was not destructive of the pole lines of the telephone, telegraph and power companies, which were the greatest of all sufferers in 1898. The vast quantities of snow which fell did not stick to the wires, although it loaded trees down to the ground and clung to the fronts and sides of buildings where the wind struck them, making all sorts of grotesque forms and creating scenes that were the admiration of all who were on the streets during the day.

It was about noon on Saturday that the storm completely mastered the street railway system. Up to that time the company had been able to give some sort of a service, but about 12 o'clock the snow came down in great quantities, and packed hard as fast as it fell. Electric snow sweepers failed to move it, and when a car would back off and then take a little run at a snow bank the result was generally the derailing of the car, and many small mishaps were the result, besides badly damaged cars. All day long the company had all the men it could get out with bars, picks and shovels, but all they could do had very little effect. The service was completely tied up. All the suburban electrical railways were in the same condition.

By noon to-day the Cataract Company had re-established a fairly good service all over the city except "around the horn" and on York street. On the East Hamilton and Barton street lines, which carry the heaviest traffic, cars were running on the regular schedule, both tracks being clear. On James street south and on Herkimer street as far west as Queen one track was in operation, and a gang of men was pushing the work on Herkimer street. The King street west service, and James street north to the bay had not been started again, but the company had a large number of men at work on them this afternoon. York street was open half way to the cemetery this afternoon.

By turning all its car men into the relief service and employing able-bodied men at fancy prices, the Street Railway Company goes its lines pretty well opened yesterday. The street car rescue work was begun early, and the tracks were cleared off and the blocked cars taken home to the barns. The Burlington street switch was in a terrible state, and no effort was made yesterday to dig the cars out, as the snow had drifted all around them till there was little but the roofs showing. The main streets were all cleared off by last evening, but the outside streets were opened on one side only, and stub cars were put on them. A large crowd gathered at the corner of James and Gore streets, and cheered the street car men on with words and snowballs till the police dispersed them.

Around the bay front the damage was not heavy. The Modjeska and the Massena were both pretty well battered on Saturday, but were not seriously damaged. The Modjeska was in the outer slip, and all her paint was scraped on the south side. The bay was smooth as glass last evening and this morning, and the snow on top was starting to freeze. Manager Bishop kept the crews of the boats and other help at work all day to prevent the vessels from pounding on the docks. They were thus saved from serious damage. The other vessels tied up along the bay front are all safe.

not opened to-day, but residents could reach the city by the Radial. All the suburban roads are open, and the cars are not far from their schedules. The Beamsville line was cleared and traffic resumed this morning, and the Radial cars got through to Oakville. The Hamilton and Dundas service was restored this morning.

CAB SERVICE.

Strathearn Thomson Takes Over Napier St. Business.

The many friends of Mr. Strathearn B. Thomson, of this city, will be delighted to know that he has taken over the business of the Hamilton Cab and Bus Company, Napier street, and will manage it in person hereafter. Mr. Thomson, who is a well-known athlete and was the amateur boxing champion of Canada a few years ago, is a young man of wide business experience. He has the knowledge and energy necessary to make a success of the popular business which he has taken charge of and Hamilton people will find him courteous and attentive—qualities which he will insist upon, also, on the part of every person connected with the business.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

Public attention will naturally be arrested on opening the pages of the magnificent Christmas number just issued by the Farmers' Advocate and Home Magazine, of London, Ont., with the article on "Electrical Development in Ontario," by Prof. W. H. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, who has given an exhaustive and illuminating study of this vital subject, which concerns farmers as well as captains of industry in the town. Besides this there are articles on the "National Live Stock Records," by Jas. B. Spencer, B. S. A.; the "English Dairy Short-horn," by Prof. H. S. Arkell, B. S. A.; the course of trade in Canadian dairy products, by Geo. H. Barr; the reviews of Canadian live stock and farm industries; "Milkline types," by A. E. Burke; the beautification of rural homes and highways, by J. R. L. Forster; and the official report and awards in the split log drag competition, for which (early in the year) two sets of cash prizes were offered by the Farmers' Advocate. The supervision of this unique contest was assumed by the Public Works Department of Ontario. W. A. McLean, C. E., of the highways branch, writes a comprehensive report, including the awards of the competition, which will give the cause of road "improvement" a tremendous impetus. There are masterly articles on every branch of agriculture, from fast horses and fruit transportation to a "taking" poem by "The Khan."

BIGAMIST SENTENCED.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—Ewart Tressider, a South African veteran, was sentenced by the police magistrate to-day to two years in the penitentiary for bigamy.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

The Man In Overalls

That was a nice visit Our Lady of the Snows paid us on Saturday. Hustle around and get those presents bought. Talk about Grit weather. Saturday's was a regular frost for poor Mr. Foster. I take off my hat to Miss Jeanette Lewis. My plan is to let the Knox Church people attend to their own affairs. They don't need any outside advice. The Times' great illustrated and colored Christmas number will be out on Wednesday. It looks to me as if the revised statutes of Ontario will have to be revised again. I thought Mr. Whitney was a lawyer. That blizzard made a pretty cool reception for Mr. Foster. Well, shovelling snow is good exercise. What with the wind outside and the wind inside at the Foster meeting on Saturday night, it was a sort of a hurricane night. But why should Whitney pass laws that are ultra vires? Doesn't he know any better? Are the mountain trolley promoters able to report progress yet? What's become of the barbers' strike? Is the war still on? The landlord should allow you a discount for cash during the "peace on earth and good will towards men" days. Owing to the inclemency of the weather a brass band met Mr. Foster at the railway station. Why should a man be elected as alderman because he belongs to a certain lodge? Neither the city nor the county is poverty stricken enough to need to keep innocent old men in the county jail. Who knows? Jake Sunfield may yet live to hear the New Year ushered in with tin-horn music and the booming of guns. The Magistrate ought to make a little money out of this snow-storm for the city. The new Tory organizer picked a fearful fight for Foster's visit. Did he do it intentionally? But then Mr. Foster is accustomed to being snowed under. Since the Canadian Club decided against a Canadian navy, suspicion has arisen as to its patriotism and loyalty. Don't waste another minute. Get out and buy them.

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SAILOR DROWNED.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 16.—Edward Brown, aged 24, of Corunna, Ont., a sailor, attempted to take off his overcoat in a rowboat while crossing the St. Clair River, seven miles below here, and was thrown into the river by a gust of wind and drowned.

VESSEL BLOWN UP.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.—Reports from the main land indicate that the Thompson liner Kildona, ashore at Brazil rocks, broke up in yesterday's storm.

Christmas Gifts for Men.

A French briar pipe with genuine amber mouthpiece and sterling silver mounting in a handsome case, makes a nice holiday gift for a smoker. See the large stock at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

Chaps, Cracks and Roughness.

Of the skin are caused by unusual exposure to winds and change of temperature. Marlborough's skin food relieves and cures all skin roughness, and is a food to the skin. This preparation is not greasy and is absorbed by the skin quickly. Sold in 50c jars. Parke & Parke, druggists.

STORM WILL COST THE CITY \$2,000

ON TRIAL FOR NEGLIGENCE.

Defendant Swore That He Tried Everything That Came to His Mind Before He Jumped.

Judge Monck presided over the sittings of the General Sessions to-day, in the absence of Judge Snider, who is in Toronto. The only case taken up was that of James McIlwraith, charged with criminal negligence, in the handling of a street car on King street, on the 12th of November, thereby endangering the lives of the traveling public. He pleaded not guilty. Crown Attorney Washington, in outlining the case, said that McIlwraith had not taken sufficient care in the handling of his car, and that it was the endeavor of the Crown to put a stop to such carelessness.

And Give Employment to 500 Men.

Will Have Clerk Check Charity Lists.

Radial Bill Introduced In Parliament.

Although Saturday's big snowstorm will probably cost the city between \$1,500 and \$2,000 and add that much to the overdraft, Mayor Stewart regards it as a great benefit to the unemployed of the city. It is expected that by this afternoon employment for five hundred men will have been found by the city and the Street Railway Company. Early this morning the city served the company with the usual notice, instructing it to begin getting the snow off the streets on which it has tracks by 1 o'clock. The company has consented to the same arrangement as former years, to pay two thirds of the cost. The company was only offering 15 cents an hour but by its arrangement with the Board of Works it will have to pay the city rate for labor of 20 cents an hour. There was a great scarcity of teams to-day and the company arranged for the use of a number of farmers' teams.

It soon became apparent to Captain Lundy, the light keeper, and those around the piers that the east end of the south pier was being subjected to an awful strain. The waves would hurl tons of snow, welded into a solid mass against it with such force as to make it creak. Of course nothing could be done to prevent the destruction. By 10 o'clock the pier began to show signs of going to pieces and before long its timbers were being hurled about and the destruction of the structure was apparent. On the end of this pier was the new steel tower light house. The crib on which this was built was carried away. The wind was southeast at the time.

In the cross-examination by Mr. Geo. S. Kerr, counsel for Mr. McIlwraith, witness said that thirty cars were needed to run the system, but he could not say how many cars the company had that could be used. McIlwraith had had three days' training, one in the car shops and two on the cars, and after that went on the road and was competent to operate the car. Car 40, which was in the accident, was put on the road by 1892, but he could not say how many times it had been repaired. It was the duty of the motorman to notify the office when a car was out of repair.

It came out in the evidence that this car was formerly a horse car, but had been transformed into an electric car. Mr. Kerr asked Mr. Miller if the "bob-tailed" cars jumped up and down and were more liable to get out of repair. Miller replied that it was a matter of opinion, but he thought not.

Mr. Joseph Carroll, letter carrier, said he was on the car at the time of the accident. He could not say how fast it was going. The first he noticed of there being trouble was when he saw the conductor applying the brakes, and trying to pull the trolley pole off the wire. When the crash came those in the car were all dumped in a heap. The vestibule of the car was demolished, and if the motorman had remained on the car, he would likely have been killed.

Mr. R. B. Spera, King street east, said the car was going at the ordinary speed of a car that was going to stop at the crossing.

Samuel Ryser, conductor of the car, said he first noticed the motorman trying to put on the reverse and seemed to be excited. The car gained speed, instead of slowing. McIlwraith was not using the brake. He thought the motorman did not try to throw off the power before putting on the reverse.

Edwin Stratford, an inspector of the railway, said that car 40 was in good repair. Every car was examined by him. He was at the scene of the accident about 20 minutes after it occurred, and found the controller full speed ahead. He had inspected the car on the 25th of October.

This concluded the case for the Crown, and Mr. Kerr submitted that no case had been made against the defendant. Judge Monck, however, held that a prima facie case had been made out.

James McIlwraith, the defendant, said that after he had passed Walnut street, he turned the power off, but noticed that the car did not respond, but seemed to increase its speed. He applied the brakes, but without avail, so he tried the reverse, and it did not act. After he had tried all that came to his mind he was within 40 feet of the railway train, so he jumped.

The defence was concluded before court adjourned for luncheon, and the addresses to the jury came on this afternoon.

On Saturday afternoon Judge Snider non-suited the plaintiff in Porter vs. International Harvester Co., for damages for injuries received. Mr. James Ogilvie for the defendant company said that the plaintiff did not file the statement that he was injured until after the time provided—12 days. Mr. J. L. Scheiter appeared for the plaintiff.

The Finance Committee at a special meeting held at noon to-day decided to comply with the request of the associated charities of the city and place a clerk in Relief Officer McMenemy's office during the winter months to check over thoroughly the lists showing the distribution of charity by the various organizations so that there should be no overlapping. There was no objection from any of the members of the committee. The clerk will be engaged until March 31, and the Mayor and Relief Officer were authorized to engage one.

After the meeting Mayor Stewart conferred with the presidents of the three benevolent societies, and it was decided to appoint Relief Officer McMenemy's son, a bright boy of 16 or 17, to the position, it being thought he would be constantly in touch with the work.

Another case of smallpox has been discovered in the east end of the city, the victim being ten-year-old Sylvia Boothman, residing at 111 East avenue north. Dr. Roberts, the Medical Health Officer, had his attention called to this case on Saturday morning, the girl having appeared for the plaintiff.

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HAS CABINET THE POWER TO ORDER A NEW TRIAL?

If Mr. Counsell Can Discover Any Law, Minister Will Consider It.

Mr. J. L. Counsell, solicitor for Jake Tamillo, alias Sunfield, had an interview with the Minister of Justice, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, on Saturday afternoon. He made application for a new trial on the ground that new evidence had been discovered. The Minister told him that the Court of Appeal having refused a new trial, the only thing the Cabinet could do, so far as he knew, was to commute the sentence of death to life imprisonment. He told Mr. Counsell if he could discover any law whereby the Cabinet had power to order a new trial to cite it, and the application will be considered. Mr. Counsell will look up the law in the matter.

Unless the Minister intervenes Sunfield will be hanged on Friday, Dec. 27.