

SUICIDE IN A CHURCHYARD PITIABLE DEATH OF MAUD HILLS

Swallowed a Dose of Carbolic Acid—Died in Home of a Neighbor—Is Said To Have Been Mentally Deranged.

A very sad suicide occurred at noon today when Miss Maud Hills, of 904 Elias street, deliberately drank a bottle of carbolic acid in the churchyard of the Centennial Methodist Church.

Purchased Drug.
Miss Hills left her home about 11 o'clock, and went to a drug store not far away and purchased the acid, stating that she wanted it as a disinfectant.

It appears that she then walked along Dundas street until she came to the Centennial churchyard, where she turned in the lane and went to the yard in the rear of the church.

Saw Her Do It.
Mrs. Walker, who lives at 425 Ont-

tario street, happened to be out in her yard, and saw the girl unwrap a little parcel and place something to her lips. A moment later the girl screamed, and staggered.

Mrs. Walker at once went over to the churchyard and carried the girl into her own house.

Dr. Seaborn was hurriedly called, but the girl died shortly after.

Mentally Deranged.

Miss Hills is believed to have been mentally deranged, as she has been ill for some time. She was 21 years of age, and lived with her mother at 904 Elias street.

Coroner Ferguson is investigating the affair, and it is unlikely that any inquest will be held.

Salvation Army Doing Noble Work Providing Food and Clothing for Poor

Donations This Year Almost Equal To Those of Last.

Donations received by the Salvation Army toward its praiseworthy efforts to give the poor of London a Christmas dinner are nearly up to last year's mark.

Including contributions received by mail, by street pots and by collecting boxes in stores, the amount now at hand is \$266 95, against \$294 60 last Christmas.

Big Run On Teddy Bears and Drums Merchant Speaks of Christmas Trade

The Weather Was Not Inviting Today, But Business Was Fair.

With the exception of the shoe man the weather handed out today pleased no one.

Many persons, who would otherwise have come down town to put the finishing touches on their Christmas shopping stayed at home, preferring the comforts of the house to slipping and sliding about on the slushy sidewalks.

Not all that the merchants could do in the way of sprinkling sand and sawdust in front of their stores, or even cleaning away the ice could tempt people to come out to buy.

Are Optimistic.
The merchants, however, are optimistic, and whether the weather improves or not they expect big crowds of shoppers down town tonight and tomorrow.

"So far business has been very good," said one merchant this morning who deals in toys and fancy goods.

"Saturday was a splendid day, and people bought well. The farmers practically completed their Christmas purchases, and in many lines of children's toys I am nearly sold out."

"Two lines of toys seem to be unusually popular this year—teddy bears

and drums. We have handed hundreds of each and our stock is pretty well depleted."

Trade Good.
Dealers in fruit and confectionery state that trade has been good right along. Oranges are considerably cheaper than previous years, owing to the large quantity in the market.

The postoffice and the express offices presented a busy scene all day. "We won't be sorry when this is over," said an express agent this morning, as he surveyed a pile of parcels about twelve feet high, which covered nearly half the room. "Tomorrow will finish it, although today will be probably our heaviest day."

"Every messenger going through here has all he can do to find room in his car for the parcels. Business is fully as heavy as ever, and in the matter of small parcels is considerably heavier."

Many Parcels.
"We have received hundreds of parcels for people in the west. They are coming from people here and throughout the country who have friends and relatives in the west. People in the west are also sending home many little Christmas gifts."

The postmen this morning were loaded down with letters and parcels. The mail from England is particularly heavy, and parcels of all sorts and sizes, including everything from a handkerchief to a Christmas pudding are being handled.

THE LAST TRIBUTE TO LORD KELVIN

London, Dec. 23.—Under the shadow of the monument of Sir Isaac Newton and close to the choir in Westminster Abbey, the body of Lord Kelvin, the noted British scientist, who died Dec. 17, was buried at noon today in the presence of a great gathering of scientists representing American and continental as well as British societies.

Many of those present were clad in their academic robes and wore their decorations. King Edward and the Prince of Wales and other members

of the royal family sent representatives, while among the twelve pallbearers were men eminent in various walks in life, John Morley, Lord Rayleigh, Admiral Sir Edward Hobart Seymour, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and others. Almost all the foreign embassies in London were represented.

The scene at the abbey was solemn and impressive. No fewer than one dozen clergymen were associated in reading the service, which was of the simplest character.

Christmas Cheer for the Needy

"Today and tomorrow are busy days with us in distributing Christmas cheer among the poor," said Inspector Sanders, of the Charity Organization, this morning. "There are quite a lot of people in the city who have sent in all sorts of clothes, provisions and other things for us to give the needy."

"We can find places for everything sent us. Although there are no cases of extreme poverty in the city, still

there are a number of instances in which help is gladly received, and thankfully accepted. A number of English people who came here late in the season have very little money, and being not yet familiar with the ways of the country, find some hardship."

"However, Londoners are ever ready to assist, and we have only to mention to people that we are in need of or can place certain things, and they send them to us at once."

GAINS BY REVISION.
Windsor, Dec. 23.—The Conservatives of Essex County claim to have made big gains in both the north and south ridings by the revision of the voters' list, which has just been completed for the year. Little interest was taken by the Liberal workers

In the revision of the lists, while the Conservatives looked after their affairs closely in every municipality. In the north riding it is estimated there is a total Conservative gain of nearly 200, while in the south riding Dr. Anson, the candidate of the Conservative party for the Legislature claims a gain of about 150.



"DISCOVERED"

Recruited Men for Custer's Last Fight Dr. Hutchinson Speaks of Massacre

London's Medical Health Officer Remembers the Incident Well.

"Custer's Last Fight," the melodrama put on at the Grand Opera House last Saturday, recalled the famous fight in June, 1876, when Gen. Custer and his brave band of American soldiers were ambushed, and all slain, by wily Sitting Bull and his Sioux warriors.

Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, of this city, recalls the incident, as he had a considerable part to play in the organization of the troops to which Gen. Custer belonged.

"I was with the United States army in Kentucky at the time, and enlisted

the Seventh Cavalry," said Dr. Hutchinson. "They were a fine body of men, and they were a fine body of men. They all went west in a day or two to join Custer, and that was the last I ever saw of them. Some of them escaped, of course, but they were not with Custer at the time. When he got into the territory of the Indians he divided his soldiers into two forces for the purpose of capturing Sitting Bull and his warriors. He was in charge of one section, and a subaltern in charge of the other. Sitting Bull led Gen. Custer into an ambush at the Little Big Horn, and butchered the whole force."

"Gen. Custer and every single one of his men were slain, and were horribly mutilated. Of course, I never saw the men after I enlisted them and sent them west. I remember the time very well."

Fifteen Employees Had Narrow Escape On New C.P.R. Bridge at Thamesford

The Crane Turned Turtle as a Section Was Being Lowered.

Fifteen employees of the Hamilton Bridge Company had a very narrow escape at Thamesford, on the C. P. R., on Saturday afternoon about 1 o'clock. That no one was injured is little short of miraculous.

The bridge company is building a new bridge over the river at Thamesford for the C. P. R. Saturday the men were busy putting in one of the large steel sections, 30 feet long, and weighing about 30 tons, and were working with the large steel crane.

When the section was hoisted, the crane and car turned turtle, and all rolled down a 20 or 30 foot embankment.

The men who usually are on the car were off of it at the time of the accident, and so escaped injury.

Several other men employed about the bridge were nearly struck by the rolling car, but all escaped as by a miracle.

A Temporary Bridge.
The construction car in the London yards was sent for, and a large amount of timber was taken down to Thamesford. A temporary wooden structure was built over the span in order to allow trains to pass over. This took several hours, and traffic was delayed considerably. The evening express was delayed about an hour and a half.

The crane and section are still in the ditch, although an effort is being made to get them up.

It is expected that they will be raised in a day or two, and that the last section of the bridge will be placed in position.

MUST BAR FLEXIBLE CORD SAY THE FIRE UNDERWRITERS

When spoken to about the following article, which appeared in a Toronto paper, the London Electric Company stated that it was in the dark regarding the matter:

"Electrical contractors and others interested have received advice that the fire underwriters wish to prohibit the use of ordinary flexible cord at an early date. The records of authenticated electric fires show that many thousands of dollars' damage has been caused through fires which originated from a misuse of what is known as ordinary flexible lamp cord. It is proposed to prohibit this cord some time about next March, everywhere except in offices, substituting therefor what is known as reinforced cord. Reinforced cord is calculated to withstand the mechanical injury to which it is subjected by being hung over nails and other rough usage. This will cause a big change in electric work, as it will also necessitate the use of an entirely different socket

than that which is used at the present time. Mr. Hunt, of the London Electric Company, stated that if such an action was contemplated in this vicinity it was news to him. At all events the electrical companies were entitled to six months' notice according to law in order to allow them to get rid of old stock.

"Somebody either dreamed that, or someone with a new-fangled style of wire has approached the Toronto underwriters," continued Mr. Hunt. "Cranks with new schemes are always bobbing up and giving electrical companies trouble, and the underwriters seem to encourage that sort of thing. The flexible cord is as good as anything they can invent."

Fire Chief Clark said that if such a notice had been issued here he would have known of it. He could not state whether the flexible cord was responsible for fires or not.

A prominent fire insurance company of this city when spoken to denied knowledge of such a movement.

Wilcox Company Is To Be Wound Up

A meeting re the Wilcox Manufacturing Company was held this morning in Judge Macbeth's chambers.

The London and Western Trusts Company was appointed liquidator, and Messrs. J. B. McKillop, Thomas Baker,

G. N. Weekes, and C. G. Jarvis were appointed inspectors.

The liquidators will proceed to realize on the assets of the company as soon as possible, and the affairs of the company will be wound up.

The liabilities are said to amount to approximately \$110,000. The assets have not yet been determined.

THE DRUCE EXAMINATION

Opening of Grave Will Prove Truth or Falsity of Caldwell's Story.

London, Dec. 21.—The opening of the vault containing the body of T. C. Druce has been provisionally fixed for Dec. 27.

One of the results of examining the coffin will be to prove immediately the truth or the falsity of one of the main points in Caldwell's evidence, and probably settle the question of his extradition. Should the statement about there being lead in the coffin prove to be true, it is not believed that the British Government would care particularly to pursue the question whether or not Caldwell or his alleged brother are one and the same persons.

FIFTEEN EMPLOYEES HAD CLOSE CALL

While at Work on the New Bridge at Thamesford, Ontario.

Fifteen employees of the Hamilton Bridge Company had a very narrow escape from serious injury at the new bridge, Thamesford, when a car on which they were all working left the track and rolled into a ditch.

The men were about to place a section of steel, weighing about 30 tons, in position when the accident happened.

Fortunately all were able to jump, and no one was injured.

The heavy steel section also fell with the car, but neither the car nor the steel were damaged, and will be lifted safely and placed in use again.

Traffic was delayed for a short time only, as the bridge men worked hard and made a temporary structure of wood, over which all the trains were able to pass.

This temporary span will be replaced in a day or two with the steel span, which is at present lying at the side of the track, and the new bridge will then be complete.

ST. THOMAS MERCHANT UNDER ARREST

Bank Charges Forging the Name of His Partner.

St. Thomas, Dec. 22.—James A. Moore, a prominent citizen, who conducts a hide business, and has been identified with several industrial enterprises, was placed under arrest on complaint of the manager of the Dominion Bank, who charges Moore with forging the name of his brother, H. C. Moore, of Toronto, to a guaranteed bond in October last. Moore is said to have borrowed heavily from the bank, and the bond was given as a guarantee of these amounts. Other charges, it is said, will also be laid.

LOOKS LIKE CARON

Liberal Candidate Favorite in the Ottawa By-Election.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Ottawa by-election to fill the vacancy made by elevation of Mr. Belcourt to the senate, takes place. It is generally conceded that Mr. Caron, the Liberal candidate, will be elected.

CENTER YORK ELECTION

Liberals Wind Up Campaign by Rousing Meeting at Mimico.

Mimico, Dec. 21.—The battle for Center York closed at Mimico amid a scene of enthusiasm which, considering this part of the riding, was strikingly significant, ringing cheers for Dr. McLean being the last note of a meeting that was roused to a high pitch by the robust eloquence of Hon. William Paterson, the minister of customs, and the convincing words of Mr. P. H. Mackenzie, M. P. for South Bruce.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecast.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—8 a.m.
Today—Strong winds and rains, gradually shifting to westerly; snow and rain.
Tuesday—Mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 20 20 Clear
Winnipeg..... 12 10 Clear
Port Arthur..... 20 18 Fair
Parry Sound..... 30 28 Cloudy
Toronto..... 34 30 Rain
Montreal..... 32 26 Cloudy
Quebec..... 28 24 Cloudy
Father Point..... 30 26 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperature during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
A disturbance of importance which has traveled quickly from the Gulf of Mexico now covers the Ohio Valley, causing heavy rain in the lower lake region. It promises stormy conditions in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys, as well as in the Maritime Provinces. The weather continues unusually mild in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Atlin, 16-22; Victoria, 44-50; Vancouver, 38-46; Edmonton, 26-34; Prince Albert, 18-30; Calgary, 18-44; Regina, 18-30; Winnipeg, 23-34; Port Arthur, 16-40; Parry Sound, 32-34; Toronto, 30-34; Ottawa, 21-34; Montreal, 22-32; Quebec, 14-32; Halifax, 16-40.

Local temperatures: Saturday—Highest, 22; lowest, 20.5° above. Sunday—Highest, 28; lowest, 22° above.

FIRE GUTS CHATHAM BLOCK FIRE CHIEF BADLY INJURED

Many Narrow Escapes and Great Damage in an Early Morning Conflagration.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Chatham, Dec. 23.—A spectacular fire broke out in the Alexandra Block, a large three-story apartment house on King street, at 3:40 this morning. The sleeping occupants were awakened by Thomas Algenham, and it is owing to him that the occupants got away with their lives, most of them being compelled to leave in their night garments, and all of them lost valuables that had to be left behind. While attempting to find a fire escape on the back of the building that was factored

to the roof of a side structure, Fire Chief Pritchard fell off the latter structure to the ground, a distance of about twenty-five feet, landing on his hands and knees. He was found a moment later by comrades, and a hasty examination revealed that his two wrists and left ankle were dislocated, his left leg severely bruised, the right leg severely fractured and his face mangled from coming in contact with the ground. The fire was a very stubborn one, and it was not until daylight that it was under control.

The loss has not yet been computed, but it will run up into the thousands, and the fine building entirely gutted.

N. End Family Had Narrow Escape From Asphyxiation Saturday Night

Check Damper in Coal Stove Had Not Been Properly Regulated.

The family of Mr. George Brown, of 910 Wellington street, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation on Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their eldest daughter were very ill from the effects of escaping coal gas, but are now out of danger.

When the family retired on Saturday night there was no odor of escaping gas, and everything seemed all right.

Early Sunday morning one of the family awoke, and detected a strong odor of gas. The family was awakened, and all complained of feeling unwell.

Dr. Bateson was called, and prescribed for them. "Although suffering from headaches and nausea all day, no further ill-effects were detected, and today they are much improved."

It is thought that the gas escaped, owing to the check damper not being properly adjusted.

A little baby about 6 weeks old did not suffer from the effects of the gas, it being the only member of the family to escape.

President McGuire Dined Executive Travelers Had a Pleasant Time

Splendid Banquet Held at the Club on Saturday Night.

The banquet tendered by Mr. C. W. McGuire, president of the Travelers' Club, to his fellow-members on the executive, on Saturday night, was one of the most splendid affairs yet given in the club. There were about thirty guests present, and all had a most delightful evening. The affair broke up at midnight.

The dinner itself was a very fine one and reflected great credit on the club steward, Mr. W. H. Strange.

After the spread had been done justice to President McGuire introduced the toast list.

There were some very clever speeches made during the evening.

"Canada,"
After the toast to the King, Mr. Frank Lawson was called on to respond to the toast "Canada," which he did in a very able speech. He drew a vivid picture of Canada's progress during the past ten years, and called attention to the enormous possibilities of this country. The eyes of the world are upon Canada, and to her belongs this century.

Mr. John T. Green, the new president of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association, responded to the toast to that organization, and traced the growth and progress of that

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Club Simply Adjourn for Month No Action Taken Re Mayoralty

The Conservatives Have Not Indorsed Ald. Matthew's Candidature.

Election matters have assumed a second place to Christmas festivities, and today there is little doing in the municipal arena. Every candidate seems to be saying, "After you," and the result is that there are a few candidates appearing for the different offices.

The mayoralty contest is the only certainty so far. Ald. Matthews has assumed the role of Ajax defying the lightning, the latter being the Conservative managers, who don't want him and can't lose him. He is pursuing the "glad hand" campaign, and claims that the people will fall in behind him with an enthusiasm unheard of in recent years. The Conservative party is taking no part in the affair, and figures it out that it is merely Ald. Matthews' business.

Adjourned for a Week.
The Conservative Club held a meeting on Saturday evening, and incidentally touched on the mayoralty contest. It was thought best not to take any part in the campaign this year, and consequently there will be nothing doing so far as the organization is concerned.

Niagara Power.
There will be a meeting in the East End Hall this evening for the purpose of discussing Niagara power. Hon. Adam Beck will be present, and will explain the power scheme. Ald. Fryer, of Guelph, president of the Western Ontario Municipalities' Power League, will also be present, and address the electors. Opponents of the power bylaw are invited to be present.

Three Years in Kingston for Wolseley Barracks Deserter

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Dec. 23.—Philip Manahan, alias Tom Reid, a deserter from Wolseley Barracks at London, was sentenced by Magistrate Bail this morning to three years in Kingston Penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to having attempted a criminal assault on Mrs. Clyde, a respectable resident of this city, a few days ago. Manahan's record is not the best. He is 20 years of age, and was born in Montreal.

FIVE OUT FOR TORONTO MAYORALTY

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mayorality nominations today brought out five candidates: Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Ald. Geary, ex-Ald. Oliver, Miles Vokes and Jas. Nesbitt was not present.

DOWN THEY GO

White Malaga Grapes Down to 15c per Pound

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Oranges Never Were So Cheap

Fine Large Sweet Mexican Oranges. Regular 40c size for 25c
Regular 30c size for 20c
California Seedless Oranges, per dozen 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c
Florida Grape Fruit, large size, each 15c
Choice Eating Apples, peck, 25c

Holly Will Be Scarce

We have a limited supply of beautiful Holly, well berried, per pound 20c
Holly wreaths, each 25c
Red Bells, each 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c

Christmas Crackers

Fun-makers for the children; just the thing for the Christmas tree; one dozen in each box, 25c and 40c

Mince meat

Made by ourselves, of the very best goods, in the most cleanly manner. All ready for the Christmas pies. It will please the most particular; per pound 10c

New Nuts, Mixed

Three kinds, Walnuts, Almonds and Filberts, 15c
Grenoble Walnuts, pound 20c
Brazil Nuts, per pound 25c
Pecan Nuts, per pound 25c
Cranberries, quart, 13c and 15c
Layer Raisins, per pound 12c
Choice Eating Figs, pound, 12c
Golden Dates, 3 pounds 25c
Pure Maple Sugar, per cake, 5c and 10c
Section Honey, each 20c, 25c
Christie's Short Bread, package 25c
Olives, per bottle, 10, 15, 20, 40c
Select Oysters per quart 50c
Pure Coffee, best in the city 40c
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REACHED SUMMIT OF LOFTY PEAK

A Splendid Achievement By English Climbers in the Himalayas.

London, Dec. 21.—Dr Tom G. Longstaff, who has just returned to England on the conclusion of an interesting expedition in the Himalayas, has been interviewed. The chief feature of this journey, which lasted six months, was the ascent of Trisul (23,400 feet), this being the first occasion on which this mountain has been attempted. Dr. Longstaff said:

"The expedition consisted of Major the Hon. C. G. Bruce (Fifth Gurkha Rifles), A. L. Mumm (late secretary of the Alpine Club) and myself. We had with us two Italian guides, one Swiss guide, a native officer of the Fifth Gurkha and eight riflemen of the same regiment. Originally the object of our journey was to attempt the ascent of Mount Everest, from the Tibetan side; but for political reasons we found this to be impossible, the home government having forbidden any travelers to cross the frontier. Our plans were subsequently changed, and we decided to go to the central Himalayas, to Garwhal, and from that point to attempt Trisul, which I had reconnoitered in 1905.

On the 10th of the mountains. "We immediately started on our journey, marching through the foothills for a distance of 100 miles to the mouth of the Rishi Valley, the only possible route for reaching our objective, the giant mountain Trisul. We proceeded by the valley for four marches, which consisted of a series of steep ascents and descents across the various ravines. Camping at 11,600 feet, on the edge of the tree line, we there being no food whatever for them in the valley. After this we had to carry our own loads and provisions.

"We now began the actual ascent of the mountains. After two marches along the Trisul glacier we started up the snow slopes of the mountain on June 7, and that evening reached a height of 20,000 feet. Our tents were placed on an absolute desert of snow. Here we had to spend two nights, the wind and snow preventing any attempt to reach the summit. We remained huddled up in our tents, and it was impossible to melt snow for drinking purposes. The wind also was so high that the stoves would not work, and, of course, we could not light them in tents, which were only 3 feet 6 inches high.

A Terrible Experience.

"During this period I had by far the worst experience in my foreign travels. On the third day, there being no sign of improvement, we were forced to descend to the foot of the mountain, and again camped at 11,600 feet. Owing to the hardships and bad food Mr. Mumm became seriously ill, and, greatly to my disappointment, was unable to join me in a further attempt to reach the summit. "At 6:30 on the morning of June 11, with two Italian guides, Subadar Kaurib and myself left the camp and marched rapidly along our old track, camping the same afternoon on the snowfields of Trisul, this time at a height of 17,450 feet, for I had decided that our best chance of reaching the summit was to endeavor to rush the ascent from a comparatively low camp. On the following morning we tried to leave at 4 o'clock, but the intense cold drove us back to our sleeping-bags.

"We started at 5:30 a.m., and five hours later reached our highest camp of 20,000 feet in the height of a cool westerly gale. As dangerous crevasses half covered with snow and ice were ahead, we roped ourselves together and at noon reached 21,000 feet. At this time I felt the cold more severely than ever. The slopes, too, were very steep, and at times I was rendered almost breathless. My companions, however, showed no ill-effects from the altitude. Our beads and muscaches were masses of ice. We were now following the narrow north-northeast ridge of Trisul, which leads straight to the summit, and gradually as we approached the top all the neighboring mountains except Nanda Devi sank beneath us.

Fifteen Minutes on the Summit. "The magnificent southern cliffs of this mountain were almost bare of snow, owing to the steepness. At 4 p.m., after ten hours' continuous climbing, we reached the summit, but ahead was an overhanging cornice, and until I looked over this I could not be satisfied that we had actually attained the highest peak of the mountain. The cold was so bitter that we found it only possible to remain for fifteen minutes.

"The view from this point was to me quite indescribable. It seemed like looking into infinity. On the south, thousands of feet beneath, were the great masses of copper-colored haze, due to a dust-storm which was blowing from the plains. To the west the view was one of extraordinary vastness, as the horizon extended over the whole of the lower Garwhal and the snow peaks beyond. To the north lay the Tibetan frontier, obscured by rolling masses of black cloud. To the east were the frowning cliffs of Nanda Devi and its untrodden glaciers.

Plant a Flag.

"Having planted a small flag, hurried out of a piece of the tent, we hurriedly commenced the descent. This being a very little of what I remember very little of what immediately followed. As darkness was fast closing in we pushed on with all speed, and at 7:30 reached camp. The weather, however, was still so bad that, tired as we all were, we had to move our tents 700 feet farther down the mountain in order to find a little shelter. The next day we rejoined Mr. Mumm and Major Bruce, who had come in at the foot of the mountains.

A sweet pea show was given in Horticultural Hall, London, recently. There were 3,000 bunches on exhibition, including 150 novelties. The struggle for a yellow sweet pea is still unsuccessful. The nearest approach is a "creamy buff."

APACHES CAUGHT AT MONTREAL

Thugs Adopt Methods of Paris and Found Thieves' Army.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Importing the methods of the Parisian "Apaches," August Beaulieu and Emile Ardois, who are supposed to have belonged to one of the most dangerous gangs of hoodlums in Paris, established a thieves' army in a house on Champ de Mars street, to which they were traced by detectives after a daring robbery at a fur store in St. Paul street. Explosives sufficiently powerful to blow open the strongest bank safes, and drugging powders which would render an elephant unconscious, were found in the house, and were handed over to Mr. Milton S. Hersey, the city analyst, to examine.

In the enquete court today, Beaulieu and Ardois were charged with keeping dynamite on unlicensed premises, an offense, which renders them liable to fourteen years' imprisonment. Each made the same reply, "I know nothing about it."

Hersey then produced the explosives and drugs he had received. He had examined them and found four small detonators, containing an exceptionally powerful explosive. Three had fuses attached, and were ready to use. He also found a piece of nitro-glycerin, three inches long and three-quarters of an inch broad, and a portion of yellow paper, which had undoubtedly been used for wrapping dynamite. Another bottle contained eight ounces of cyanide of potassium.

Drugs commonly used by criminals, and known to them as "knock-out drops," were found in another bottle, the chemical name of the contents being chloral hydrate.

The analyst evidently did not relish the idea of having such dangerous articles near him, for when asked by the judge if he would keep them, he replied that he would rather give them back to the detective.

Beaulieu and Ardois, who are on remand on a charge of burglary, until their criminal records in Europe have been received, were sent back to jail till Monday, when they will be allowed to make a voluntary statement.

THE HARDEN TRIAL

The Kaiser Insists That Matter Be Threshed Out Without Compromise.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The trial of Maximilian Harden, still continues, with the probability that it will last until after Christmas, owing to the large number of witnesses yet to be heard. Rumors of a possible compromise, which were current throughout the day, were strengthened by mysterious references between the lawyers during various intervals. These, however, did not lead to anything positive.

Several witnesses underwent cross-examination today, and Frau Von Kuno, the divorced wife of Count Kuno Von Moltke, occupied the stand for several hours, but the nature of her evidence was not divulged.

Later it was stated that the searchlight examination somewhat affected the reliability of Frau Von Moltke's testimony. It also was reported that Herr Harden had offered to withdraw his charges against Count Von Moltke, which were founded to a great extent on the statements made by Von Moltke's former wife. The state's attorney, however, insists upon pushing the matter out, which course, it is asserted, is taken at the instance of the emperor.

FINAL DIVIDENDS IN ATLAS LOAN CO

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Master-in-Ordinary Hodgins made a final order this morning, declaring dividends in the Atlas Loan Liquidation of 43 per cent, amounting to \$32,000, making the total dividends of 43 per cent. Liquidation started June, 1903. The assets were mortgages, stocks and bonds, and a difference in favor of cotton in the six years of \$1,062,313.60.

There is much actual gold still to be discovered in the south, but the cotton grown annually by that section is silver produced in the world in the same time. Between 1901 and 1906, for instance, the total value of the world's gold and silver output was \$2,606,685,490, and the total value of the cotton crop of the same years was \$3,569,000,000, a difference in favor of cotton in the six years of \$1,062,313.60.

Beware of Medicines That Contain Mercury

A favorite method of administering this deleterious drug is in cathartic pills. Beware of "quick-result" articles, they may do more harm than good.

Drastic cathartics will weaken the strongest. With old people they are a positive menace to life. Merely to restore normal bowel action and gently stimulate the liver is all that the wise physician recommends.

To keep the system pure and clean, nothing is so efficacious as the vegetable pills of Dr. Hamilton, which are composed of such herbs as mandrake, butterbean, and dandelion; they contain not an atom of any substance that could injure even an infant.

ASSAULT CASE AT PORT STANLEY

F. R. Going Had Ribs Broken and Other Injuries—One Man Sent for Trial.

Port Stanley, Dec. 22.—Messrs. McCrimmon, K. C., and Barrister A. Grant, of St. Thomas, were here yesterday attending court, a case of assault, being tried before Squire Price in the town hall.

Evidence as sworn to in the courtroom, was that the assault took place last Tuesday night between 6 and 7 o'clock in the sitting-room of the Hotel Loney, over a dispute in shooting craps, which is a gambling game carried on with dice and reckons that it was feared might prove fatal. He was taken to his home in an unconscious state, where it was discovered that he was suffering from broken ribs, a severe gash in the head and his face almost beyond recognition. The doctor had to put ten stitches in the deep wound under the eye. He is still in a very precarious condition.

Messrs. J. R. Moor, S. McKenzie and Frank Pottier were charged with assault. Considerable evidence was taken, resulting in the acquittal of J. R. Moor and McKenzie, while F. Pottier was remanded for trial.

DECREASE IN IMPORTS

Returns for November Show Falling Off of \$362,146.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—During November a decrease of \$362,146 in imports is recorded, as compared with November, 1906, while exports decreased by \$2,455,769. Exports of domestic products decreased during the month by \$3,253,074, while exports of foreign goods increased by \$93,125. The duty collected during the month was \$4,940,225, a decrease of \$409,586 as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

However, the total imports show an increase of \$27,762,684, the total being \$229,496,134, as compared with \$231,732,509 for the corresponding month of last year. Exports, however, were sent back to the corresponding month of last year, totaling \$4,972,391, compared with the corresponding period of 1906. Exports of domestic products decreased by \$1,867,861.

LOSES RANK FOR LOVE

German Court Gives Up \$1,250,000 a Year Income.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Count Erasmus Erbach was on Saturday formally deprived of all rights of succession to the entitled family estates.

His offense is that he married Dora Fischer, the pretty daughter of a washer.

The count belongs to one of the most aristocratic houses, and therefore cannot appeal to the ordinary court. He must accept his disinheritation of an estate worth \$1,250,000 a year, without any hope of regaining his right to the succession.

The tribunal which tried his case at Frankfurt-on-Main. It consisted of the Stollberg-Wernigerode, Prince Herman Schöenberg-Waldenburg and Count Solms-Laubach. The court awarded the succession to the Erbach estates to Count Arthur Erbach, the uncle of Count Erasmus.

NEW GERMAN NAVAL POST

Govt. to Establish One at Brunsbüttel, Opposite Cuxhaven.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The German Government has decided to create a new naval post at Brunsbüttel, opposite Cuxhaven, in the mouth of the Elbe, and at the western end of the Baltic Canal.

The first step will be the construction of a drydock at a cost of \$7,500,000, which will be followed by the construction of other docks. Brunsbüttel will be more strongly fortified in proportion to its growing importance.

The decision to create a naval base at Brunsbüttel, following so closely on the resolve to transfer the headquarters of the German fleet from Kiel to Wilhelmshaven is extremely significant, inasmuch as it reveals the concentration of German naval power in the North Sea.

BORN AT SEA.

New York, Dec. 21.—The World today says: Born at sea, off the west coast of Africa, Ruth Lang, 13 days old, arrived here yesterday on the Mauritania. Her mother and father were missionaries at Nontun, Nigeria. A few days before the baby's birth Mrs. Lang sailed on the Palatka for Bristol, England, on her way to her parents' home in Canada. Half way did without seeing the child. Another woman missionary on board volunteered to bring the child home to America. Since landing she has notified the little one's grandparents in Toronto, and looks for them to come for her.

Weather
Probs:
SLEET
OR RAIN.

Smallman & Ingram
THE SATISFACTORY STORE—PHONE 655

Monday
Dec. 23

STORE NEWS TODAY.

OPEN TONIGHT FROM 7:30 TO 10 O'CLOCK
Store Closed From 6 to 7:30 p.m. Deliveries Today: 9 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m.

Do all the Christmas shopping possible tomorrow FORENOON.

Unclaimed Packages

Owners will receive these by asking for same at parcel office.

TOMORROW MORNING SHOPPING, will be WISE SHOPPING.

Today and Tomorrow Will Be Great Shopping Days

Everybody expects something, and everybody (who can) will give something. Christmas is a day of GREAT EXPECTATIONS, and our wish is that none will be disappointed, particularly those who, receiving nothing, might feel that they have been neglected.

If you have ever felt the burden of giving expensive things, try the giving of the more useful and less expensive articles, SOMETHING useful PERSONALLY or NECESSARY in the HOME.

They Have Arrived

Chamois Gloves

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Pair

Just in time for the Christmas-giving "Dent's" Elbow-length Ladies' Chamois Gloves, pique sewn, natural color and washable, in all sizes, 2-clasp, at pair \$1.25

In 1-clasp, prix seams, natural color, Ladies' Chamois Gloves, and washable, at per pair \$1.00

If you don't care to take the responsibility of choosing, buy a "Glove Coupon."

This is the way to give them and feel absolutely sure that the recipient will be pleased.

Gift Hints from

Notion Department

Dainty Fans, in light shades, each 50c to \$4.00

Pretty, Light Fans, in fancy silk case to match, each \$6.00 to \$8.00

Fancy Black Fans, each 75c to \$2.50

Dainty Gilt Chains for Fans, with pearls, amethyst and rose settings, each 35c, 50c, 75c

Black Ostrich Feather Boas, each \$7.50 to \$35.00

White Ostrich Feather Boas, each \$10.00 to \$20.00

Natural Coque Feather Boas, each \$3.00

Black Silk Ruffs, each \$1.75 to \$5.50

Ladies' Fancy Collars, each 25c to \$2.00

Ladies' Lace Ties, each 15c to \$6.00

Crepe Scarfs, 65c to \$4.00

Leather Pocket Books, Card Cases, Etc.

A great variety of Leather Strap Purses, 75c to \$3.50

Leather Hand Bags, each 75c to \$8.00

Leather Purses and Card Case combined, each 50c to \$3.00

Gentlemen's Leather Traveling Cases, \$1.35 to \$15

Ladies' \$7.00 to \$16.50

Fancy Silk Opera and Sewing Bags, with fancy gilt tops, each \$1.00 to \$1.75

Pearl Beads, with clasp, at per string 12½c to \$1.50

See our Triplet Mirrors, for each 35c

Hand Mirrors, in rose finish, for each 35c

Real Ebony Hand Mirrors, each \$1.75 to \$2.00

Christmas Gifts From Linen Department

Lunch Napkins (new designs), 15x15 inches square. Hand-embroidered designs in one corner, and scalloped edges. Entirely new, and very dainty. Three handsome designs. At, per dozen \$9.00

Similar style in hemstitched borders, per dozen \$8.50

Pure Linen Pillow Slips, 22½x36 inches, scalloped ends, wreath of embroidery in center of one end. Only a limited quantity. See these for gifts. Per pair, only \$3.00

New Huckabacks

Many have been waiting for these. The following have been received just in time. (For Christmas.)

Fancy, 25-inch, fleur de lis, shamrock and chrysanthemum design, at, per yard, 50c

Plain, 24 to 27-inch, at 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c and 50c.

All are pure linen and fully bleached.

A Black Dress, One of "Priestleys"

"Priestley's" Black Luster, per yard 50c to \$1.25

"Priestley's" Black Striped Luster, per yard 85c

"Priestley's" Black Striped "Resida," per yard \$1.25

"Priestley's" Black Wool Voile, per yard \$1.00 to \$1.25

Other makers' Wool Voile, yard 50c to \$1

"Priestley's" Silk Warp Henrietta, per yard \$1.00 to \$1.50

"Priestley's" Wool Tricot, per yard \$1.00

All-Wool Henriettas, per yard 50c to \$1.00

All-Wool Panama, per yard 50c to \$1.00

Silk and Wool Popin de Soie, per yard \$1.00 to \$2.00

Silk and Wool Crepe de Chine, per yard \$1.00 to \$2.00

These put in a Christmas Box, for the asking.

OPEN TONIGHT FROM 7:30 UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK

SHOP IN THE FORENOON TUESDAY.

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FINE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Preparations by Host O'Neil, of the Tecumseh House.

Christmas dinner will be served at the Tecumseh House on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In that simple announcement a great delight will be furnished to many citizens of London who have been asking numerous questions regarding it, and who have been anticipating this event with not a little pleasure. Last year Mine

Host O'Neil established a great record, and the memories of that Christmas dinner are alive yet. London's most splendid hospitality is keeping up with its advance notices, and the citizens are well situated now in this regard.

Tables are being reserved in large numbers, and the wise ones will get in early, for there will not be many honored him. The stonemason, looking up from his work, frowned and shook his head, "I wish, sire," he said, "we'd knowed he was such a swell afore we run that drain pipe through him."

In Westminster Abbey a stonemason was at work in the little cloisters, cutting the name of Wilson, the great

tenor of Shakespeare's day. An antiquary visiting the abbey began to tell the stonemason about Wilson, how he had been Shakespeare's friend, and Ben Johnson's, and Kit Marlowe's, and how all these men had loved and honored him. The stonemason, looking up from his work, frowned and shook his head, "I wish, sire," he said, "we'd knowed he was such a swell afore we run that drain pipe through him."

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words.

Meetings.—When no admission is charged, one cent per word each insertion.

Articles For Sale, To Let, Help Wanted, Situations Wanted, Board and Lodging, Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and all similar condensed advertisements.—First insertion, one cent a word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen words.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DEATHS.

FESENDEEN.—At the family residence, 433 King street, on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1907, Christina, beloved wife of Walter R. Fesenenden, aged 54 years.

Funeral from above address on Tuesday, at 3 p.m.; service at 2:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

BUCCHANAN.—At his late residence, 490 Central avenue, on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1907, Leonard Buchanan, beloved husband of Elizabeth Buchanan, aged 49 years.

Funeral from above address on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.; service at 1 o'clock. Interment at Dorchester, Ont.

BOE.—On Dec. 21, 1907, Ann Boe, widow of the late Charles Boe, aged 77 years.

Funeral from the residence of her brother, Mr. Patrick Fallon, lot 9, con. 3, London Township, on Monday, Dec. 23, at 2 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral; Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

BENNETT'S

Twice Every Day This Week.

Elinore Sisters

In "The Actress and the Maid."

LUIGI ROSSI AND HIS WONDERFUL MUSICAL HORSE.

JUPITER BROS.

In a Mystifying and Burlesque Specialty.

HERBERT CYRIL.

"The London Johnnie."

—Other Metropolitan Acts.—

GRAND CHRISTMAS DAY

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

Matinee, 1.50, 25c, 50c, and 75c. Evening, 1.50, 25c, 50c, and 75c. Seats today.

THE BIJOU DREAM

INAUGURATING NEW ENTERTAINMENT.

Continuous vaudeville, moving pictures, vocal, instrumental, etc.

SHOW LASTS ONE HOUR.

Afternoon and Evening. Admission, 10c.

Empress Ships

Empress of Ireland sails St. John to Liverpool, Dec. 27. Rates and sailing folders, at F. B. Clarke's, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

SCOTLAND

Spend New Year's in Scotland. New steamship Grampian, 11,000 tons, sails, Boston to Glasgow, Dec. 24. F. B. Clarke, agent. Also Line, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

PRINCESS ICE PALACE—GRAND OPENING.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25. By permission of Lieut.-Col. Reid and officers, Seventh Regiment, Mass. General admission, 5c; children, 2c. Gentlemen's season books containing 50 coupons, 34c; ladies and children, 83c. Queen's avenue, and strings for rent. Doors open at 7:30. 27c.

POSTPONED.—OWING TO THE MILITARY weather, the Princess Ice Palace will not open till Christmas. Skating afternoon and evening.

ONE-DAY DOG SHOW—LONDON CANINE Association will hold a ribbon show on Friday, Dec. 27, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in the City Hall, Richmond street. Entries free. Open to all recognized breeds. Dogs to be in charge of owner or caretaker, and provided with collar and chain. Entries received by the secretary, Dr. Fred L. Wood, up to Thursday evening, 6 o'clock.

JAN. 5. NEW DANCING TERM—BEGINNERS' classes. Ladies, Monday; gentlemen, Tuesday evenings; children, Saturday afternoon. Call or phone. Dayton & McCormick.

LEARN TO DANCE—PRIVATE LESSONS by B. B. Miller, 545 Prince's avenue. Season open. Call and register. 29c.

OCEAN TICKETS—MONEY EXCHANGED for steamship passengers. Gold, drafts, etc. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street. 2

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES, balls, banquets. Phone 1255. Tony Villa's Italian Harpists, 122 Queen's avenue.

TONY CORTESE—ORIGINAL LONDON Harpists. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple, Phone 1570.

MEETINGS.

WESTMINSTER NOMINATION.—A MEETING of the electors of the Township of Westminster will be held in the City Hall, Lambeth, on Monday, 30th day of December, at noon, to nominate fit and proper persons for the office of reeve, deputy reeve and councillors for the coming year. George Riddell, clerk. 30c.

LAUREL CAMP, NO. 25, W. O. W. MEETS every second and fourth Monday, in Sherwood Hall, 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE. APPLY A. Cuthack, 672 Adelaide street. 25c.

TO LET—LARGE STORE, 25 FEET BY 150, nearly opposite City Hall, rent, \$100 a month. Apply B. A. Mitchell. 18c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WESTMINSTER TAX NOTICE—I WILL be at the Dominion Bank, London, on Saturday, the 21st and 22nd of December, to receive the unpaid taxes. By order of the council. E. S. HUNT, collector. 27c.

CHINESE LAUNDRIES.

JOHN TONG, WAH LEE LAUNDRY CO. Goods called for and delivered. Guaranteed work. 308 1/2 Dundas street. Phone 1809.

STOCK BROKERS.

WANTED—LONDON AND WESTERN Trust Company's shares. John Wright, stockbroker, London, Ont. Phone 65.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

TENNET & SHAW, VETERINARY SURGEONS—Office, 137 King; residence and infirmary, King and Wellington. Phones: Office, 688; residence, 278 and 1322.

TAMLIN & SCOTT—OFFICE AND HOSPITAL, 453 Talbot street. Phone 865; residence phone 768.

MALE HELP WANTED.

INTELLIGENT, ACTIVE YOUNG MAN wanted by wholesale house, as bookkeeper for branch office. Must be good penman, quick and reliable on books and figures, and possess practical knowledge of double entry bookkeeping; late experience and wages expected. Box 29, Advertiser. 30c.

BECOME A TELEGRAPHER WITH US, and we will secure you a good position immediately upon graduation. Send for particulars. Dominion School of Telegraphy, 9 Adelaide east, Toronto. 78c-1.

ORGANIZERS WANTED. APPLY ALFRED Tyler, 85 Clarence street. 25c.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT. Apply Mrs. M. G. Hueston, 289 King street. 25c.

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT—NO WASHING. Apply 551 Waterloo street. 25c.

EXPERIENCED CAP OPERATORS and Hing makers. Apply Tip Top Cap Company, 438 King street, Green's building. 25c.

WANTED AT ONCE—GOOD COOK. APPLY Hotel Cecil. 25c.

WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL AND HOUSE MAID. Apply to Housekeeper, Victoria Hospital. 25c.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED GENERAL servant, with good references. Apply 498 King street. 25c.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED COOK. Apply J. C. Dunfield, 515 Queen's avenue. 25c.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—OLD-FASHIONED GOLD LOCKET, heavy gold chain attached; initials "H. R. C." Return to Advertiser. 35c.

LOST SATURDAY NIGHT—LARGE BLUE FAIR robe, on York street, opposite station. Reward. Dr. Eccles, Queen's avenue. 30c.

LOST, ON SATURDAY, ON OR NEAR THE corner of Central avenue and Colborne street—girl's gray lynx rug. Reward for returning to 496 Wellington street. 30c.

LOST, ON OR NEAR THE CORNER of Oxford and Richmond streets—Large black comb, set with brilliants. Liberal reward on returning to this office. 30c.

BOARDING ROOMS, ETC.

TWO ROOMS, WITH BOARD. MODERN conveniences. Apply 643 Queen's avenue or Box 24, Advertiser. 30c.

200 BOARDERS WANTED—BIG BELL Restaurant. All new rooms and beds. \$3.50 per week. F. G. Myers, proprietor. 25c.

THE LEADER RESTAURANT—ACCOMMODATION for any number of boarders. New rooms and beds. Good meals, all hours. 20 cents. C. Myers, 143 King street. 25c.

WANTED.

WE BUY OLD GOLD AND SILVER. S. K. Milroy, Jeweler, 394 Richmond. 2

WANTED AT ONCE—TWO UNFURNISHED rooms, with board. Answer Box 27, Advertiser. 25c.

DENTAL CARDS.

WOOLVERTON & BROWN, DENTISTS, 218 Dundas street, over Craincross & Lawrence. Phone 822.

DR. S. M. KENNEDY, DENTIST—OFFICE, 215 Dundas street. Telephone No. 283.

DR. G. H. KENNEDY, DENTIST—SPECIALTY, preservation natural teeth. 162 1/2 Dundas. Phone 976.

DR. BENTLEY, DENTIST, OVER SOVEREIGN Bank, Dundas and Adelaide. Phone 2452.

LIVERIES AND HACKS.

POOLE'S LIVERY, TALBOT AND YORK—Rubber-tired rigs, good horses. Phone 1826.

FIRST-CLASS RUBBER-TIRED RIGS AND HACKS. Phone 538. Ross Bros., successors to Hugh Gillies, 447 Dundas street. 25c.

TEACHERS WANTED.

WANTED—TEACHER OF PHYSICS FOR the London Collegiate Institute; salary, \$1,400 to \$1,700, maximum reached by \$100 per annum. Applications to the undersigned received till Friday, 27th inst. Mr. McMillan, secretary of board of education. 29c.

HOTEL CARDS.

DOMINION HOUSE, ADJOINING GRAND Trunk Railway station, London. J. J. Cox, proprietor.

BRITANNIA HOUSE, YORK AND WELLINGTON. Rates, \$1 upwards. C. W. Morrow, proprietor.

DUKE OF YORK HOTEL, 625 DUNDAS street. Remodeled. Rates, \$1 and upwards. Frank McLean, proprietor.

HOTEL WINDSOR, OPPOSITE MARKET. London. Rates, \$1 to \$1.25. Charles James. 25c.

LONDON HOUSE—REMODELED and steam-heated throughout. Rates, \$1 and up. Now in position to guarantee satisfaction to old and new patrons. W. S. Lashbrook. 25c.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL—81 AND UPWARD, Dundas and Wellington. Wm. J. Wright, proprietor.

ARCHITECTS.

REMOVAL—GEORGE CRADDOCK, ARCHITECT, 461 Talbot.

WILLIAM G. MURRAY, ARCHITECT—114 (second floor) Masonic Temple, Phone 1537.

W. FLETCHER SHEPHERD, ARCHITECT—Dundelf block (late Toronto). Phone 966.

LEWIS THOMAS & NUTTER, M.I.A.C., architects and civil engineers, 374 Central avenue. Late Department Public Works, Canada. Phone 2220. London; 652, St. Thomas.

LAUREL CAMP, NO. 25, W. O. W. MEETS every second and fourth Monday, in Sherwood Hall, 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.

TWO MUSIC STUDIOS—DOWN TOWN, 211 Dundas, North End, 370 Wellington, for communications, and phone 2671. J. Lamont Galbraith, singing. Mrs. Ave Galbraith, pianoforte.

GEORGE C. PHELPS, ORGANIST FIRST Presbyterian Church. Telephone.

JAMES CRESSWELL, MUSICAL DIRECTOR Grand Opera House, Violin, cornet, trombone. 493 King.

J. PARNELL MORRIS—VOICE CULTURE and singing. 466 Queen's avenue. Telephone.

CYRIL DWIGHT-EDWARDS, BARITONE, late London. English instruction in art of absolute tone production, breathing and singing. Concert and other engagements. 356 Dundas.

CHARLES E. WHEELER—PIANO, ORGAN, harp and singing. Private studio, 429 Waterloo. Telephone.

V. L. HEWER, BARITONE SOLOIST and choir leader, Wellington Street Methodist Church. Absolute voice production and concert engagements.

J. W. PETHERSTON, 325 QUEEN'S AVENUE—Piano, voice and strings. Tuition to beginners. Phone 1432.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTON, 77 Dundas street.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

AT A BARGAIN—A MOVING PICTURE machine, with twelve subjects; this machine will take motion pictures as well as project them. Inquire at the Talbot Optical Company, 237 Dundas street. 25c.

SHIRT, CUFF AND COLLAR MACHINE, in perfect order. Apply 653 Adelaide street. 30c.

FOR SALE—GOOD, COMFORTABLE, SECOND-HAND CUTTER; cheap. 221 Talbot street. 30c.

KING EDWARD CUTTER—MUST BE sold; new. Apply Neil Cooper's auction rooms. 25c.

SPLENDID GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS—35 pictures of trains; 22c; bargain at \$1. 351 Colborne street. 25c.

CHRISTMAS TREES, ANY SIZE, IN Norway spruce, 2 feet, 10c each; 5 to 6 feet, 50c each; larger ones if required. Cedar, any size, 10c each. Inquire at 222 in orders to the nursery. Phone 222, or general delivery postoffice, city. For seafoam, pine and cedar, select trees from 10 to 50 feet, \$5 to \$1 each; cedar, hemlock and tamarack. Orders sent in before March can be supplied and delivered; after that date, too busy to handle same. Baker's Nursery, Ridout street south. 25c.

CASH PRIZES EACH WEEK TO THE readers of our weekly magazine, the White Lily, Dineen building, Toronto. 30c-xx.

\$85 WILL BUY THREE-HORSEPOWER gasoline engine. Apply D. McKenzie & Co., 296 Richmond. 25c.

A GOOD SOUND WORKING HORSE FOR sale, cheap. Apply 652 Piccadilly street. 25c.

FOR SALE—PORTLAND CEMENT, IN QUANTITY at City Weigh Scale. 25c.

GOOD DRY WOOD, \$2 PER LOAD; prompt delivery. Forest City Bent Goods Company, 585 Bathurst street. 25c.

COAL—THE BEST THAT MONEY CAN buy; also best coal, promptly delivered. South End Coal and Wood Yard. Phone 2700. E. Moule, manager.

FOR SALE—DRAY, PLATFORM WAGON, Lennox, rubber-tired top, heavy, bike, Smith's Maple street. 25c.

FOR SALE OR WILL EXCHANGE—OLD upright piano, for good square piano, or sell cheap for cash or time to responsible party. Box 9, Advertiser. 25c.

TWENTY PER CENT OFF HAIR BRUSHES, perfunies and all holiday goods. Shuff's, corner Dundas & Adelaide. 25c.

FILOUR AND FEED PROMPTLY DELIVERED to all parts of city. Phone 2369. W. T. Summers, 644 Dundas street.

CALENDAR PHOTO MOUNTS FOR Christmas, 5 cents each. McKenzie, photo supplies, opposite City Hall.

LARGE STOCK OF FRAMED PICTURES, 15c each and upwards—just the thing for Christmas presents. Barry's Art Store, 561 Richmond street.

SKATES HOLLOW GROUND AND ATTACHED to boots. Percy Hodgins, 729 Richmond street.

WEDDING STATIONERY IN ALL the latest styles for our amies. The Advertiser Job Department. 55c.

ONE DOLLAR—YOUR BICYCLE THOROUGHLY overhauled, cleaned, stored and insured against fire for the winter. J. H. Cunningham, East London.

High-Grade Rubber Boots

to fit anybody at the

ROWLAND HILL SHOE STORES

Our prices are always the lowest.

189 Dundas St. 429 Hamilton Road.

MEN'S FUR COATS—PRICES REDUCED, less than wholesale cost. Bargains in harness. A. W. Heighway, Masonic Temple.

FOR SALE—ONE NEOSTYLE, ONE CUPBOARD. Apply N. Mills, 1 Masonic Temple, London. 80c.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES IN HAND. Painted work. Postal cards on velvet, etc. Prices reasonable. Room 2, Greene-Swift building.

POOL TABLE—OR WILL EXCHANGE FOR a piano. J. Macdonald, 631 Dundas street. Phone 2223.

HOUSES FURNISHED COMPLETE AT Wilson's big store, 375 Clarence street. Furniture, stoves, carpets, etc. Cash or credit. Phone 3638.

STOVES RANGES AND REFRIGERATORS at F. McEneaney's Furniture Store, 141 King street.

NEW MILK COW FOR SALE. APPLY John Mohr, con. 9, London Township. 25c.

GLADSTONE CUTTER, CHATHAM MAKE, as good as new. Wm. Cater, 449 Talbot street. 25c.

GAS RANGE, GAS PLATE STOVE, GAR. DEN hose (new), white enamel bed, brass trimmings, armoire, mattress, quarter-cut, floor, combination lock, blinds, lawnmower. Party leaving city. 445 Piccadilly street. 25c.

LOPEZ CHESTNUT HARD COAL, \$6.50 per ton; no smoke, clinkers, free burning; burns entirely out; good for cooking ranges, self-feeders. Green & Co., 495 York. Phone 1391.

IF YOU WANT HELP, SITUATIONS, want to buy or sell real estate, etc., in the city, or want to advertise in the Hamilton Herald, the recognized want medium of the city, rate, in a word, or three consecutive insertions for 25 a word, cash with order. Subscription: Daily, 25c a month, 82c yearly; Saturday edition, 50c yearly. Sample copy sent on application.

FURS MADE OR REMODELED IN BEST style, at moderate cost. 500 1/2 Richmond street.

ONE HANDSOME CABINET ORGAN AT \$25; one Stoddard square piano, \$50, and one beautiful rosewood piano, full size, at \$100, payable \$35 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street, corner Clarence.

SOME GOOD SECOND-HAND TOP DELIVERY wagons for sale. Abbott's Carriage Works.

FOR SALE—GOOD DELIVERY WAGON. Apply Purdon-Gillespie Hardware Company. 45c.

ENGLISH, IRISH, SCOTCH PAPERS, English tobacco, cigars, postcards, novels. Empire News Company, 245 Clarence street.

GO TO THE BIG WATCH SIGN, KING street, for jewelry. W. J. Gray & Co., wholesale and retail.

\$350 WILL BUY FORD TOURING CAR; double cylinder engine. Horton's, London.

WATCH REPAIRING—L. W. THOMAS, 120 Dundas street, in Emerson's drug store.

FRESH FISH NOW ON SALE—F. S. ONY. Fish Market. Phone 123.

GARMENT CUTTING.

OUR PUPILS ACQUIRE A THOROUGH knowledge of pattern drafting, and a skillful method of preparing designs. Can copy any style. Cutting School, 245 Dundas street.

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THE NEW INSURANCE BILL; IN- VESTMENT POWERS.

The powers of investment granted
to life assurance companies deter-
mine beforehand to a large extent
what profits can be realized from that
source. The bill proposed is too nar-
row and contracted.

Before a company can obtain a
license to carry on life assurance it
must deposit in specified securities \$50-
000, and section 15 provides that such
deposits shall be (a) in securities of
or guaranteed by the Dominion of
Canada, or in securities of or guaran-
teed by any of the provinces of Cana-
da or by the United Kingdom; (b) if
such company is incorporated in any
foreign country, in securities of or
guaranteed by the Government of such
country.

Section 16 provides that if any
other than the aforesaid securities are
offered as a deposit, they may be ac-
cepted at such valuation and on such
conditions as the treasury board di-
rects.

The effect of these clauses is that
Government securities must be put up
and if any other are offered the treas-
ury board will determine their suffi-
ciency. There should be more latitude
allowed. There are many classes of
securities now accepted which are
quite safe—bonds, stocks and debentures
of various kinds. The act should
specify fully the class of bonds, stocks,
and debentures which will be accepted
and not leave it to the discretion en-
tirely of the treasury board. Any of
the securities upon which a company
may loan or in which it may invest
should be accepted.

This brings us to a consideration of
the most important clauses, containing
the powers of investment. Section 60
authorizes life assurance companies to
invest in, and section 61 to loan on, the
Government securities mentioned as
sufficient for deposit, also municipal
and school debentures, and in bonds of
a company incorporated in Canada,
which bonds have been outstanding for
five years at least and upon which
there has been no default in payment
of the regular interest, and provided
they are secured by mortgage upon the
real estate and other assets of the
company, of the value at least of 25
per cent in excess of the amount of
the bonds. If such bonds or debentures
are not secured by mortgage
they must have been issued for seven
years, with no default in payment of
interest. Or investment may be made
in the preferred stock of such company
upon which regular dividends of 4 per
cent have been paid for seven years
without default, or in the common
stock upon which regular dividends of
5 per cent have been paid for ten years.
It is further provided that not more
than 20 per cent of the total issue of
such bonds, debentures, or stocks shall
be purchased.

In addition to these, they may in-
vest by mortgage on real estate to the
extent of 60 per cent of the value of
the security, and may lend on life
policies.

There is no objection to the provi-
sion that mortgages should only be
granted to the extent of 60 per cent
of the value, but it frequently occurs
that values appreciate and depreciate
and also that further securities are
given. The principal security would
be the land to the extent of say 70 or
80 per cent, and collateral or addition-
al security in stocks. There should
be provision made to take any security
of any kind as additional security.

The principal parts of these powers
of investment and loaning are, how-
ever, those relating to stocks, bonds
and debentures. It is by no means
clear what class of investments are
covered. Take, for example, loan com-
panies. Some loan companies have
bonds, debentures, preferred stock and
common stock, but very few of them
have bonds or debentures running for
a longer term than five years. That
is the usual term. Is it intended to
permit investment in these and, if so,
why make the limitation? There is
no safer class of investment, not even
Government securities, than the debentures
of a loan company. The
clauses should be amended, so as to
make it clear that investments may
be made in the stocks, common and
preferred, and in the debentures or
other securities of any loan company.

These companies have brought mil-
lions to Canada. Their credit is ex-
cellent in Great Britain and that credit
should not be injured by any doubt
being cast upon them by Canadian
legislation. It is quite inconsistent,
too, to permit investment in mort-
gages to the extent of 60 per cent, and
shut out the investment in the stock
and debentures of loan companies.

The stock should be quite as safe as
the mortgages. Sixty, and not exceed-
ing 65 per cent, is a rule with these
companies. The mortgages and stocks
are therefore on a par, with the pre-
ference in favor of the stock, while the
debentures are a much higher class of
security than either and rank in point
of safety with municipal and school
debentures. It should be borne in
mind that no loan company proper
ever failed to pay its debentures in
full. There should be power given
without reserve or condition to invest
in the stocks or bonds of loan com-
panies. There should be no limita-
tion regarding the amount or rate of
dividend paid. If a company pays
a low dividend it might only prove
that its management is cautious.

The power to invest in bank stocks
appears to have been cut out. This
power is in the existing act, and the
power suggested regarding loan com-
panies, and no harm has resulted.
Bank stocks are a high-class invest-
ment and with loan company and life
assurance company stocks form proba-
bly the safest and highest-class
stock investment in Canada. The
bank stocks appear to have
come to the ground between two stools.
They are allowed by the existing act,
and also a number of other stocks. The
commission seeks to strike out all
stocks except bank stocks. Compari-
sons are then called for, and the
minister of finance seeks to deal with
the whole question of stocks in a
manner different from the existing
act and different from the proposal of
the commission, and the bank stocks
appear not to be included, while it is
very doubtful if the debentures of
most loan companies will not also be
shut out. The principles upon which
the change is made are not clear. The
powers under the old act did not re-
sult in more losses than the powers of
the proposed act would likely result
in. It would be far better to keep the
existing powers of investment and en-
large them. The difficulty is that in
trying to avoid the suggestion of the
commission by laying down rules to
which companies must conform, some
of the best company investments will
be excluded. Banks, loan companies,
trust companies and insurance com-
panies are more, strictly speaking,
financial corporations than any other.
It would be better not to permit one
life company to invest in the stock
of another, but there is no reason for
restricting any life company from in-
vesting in the stocks, bonds, debentures
or securities of any bank, loan com-
pany or trust company. Then add to
that list all included by the exist-
ing act, and leave it to the judgment
of the directors to further widen the
class of investments which, in their
judgment, would be prudent.

It may be claimed that this last con-
tention is too free, but there is the
supervision of the department and
there is the desire of the directors to
do the best they can, and the further
fact that Canada has only recently
become aware of its possibilities. The
restrictions and conditions proposed
regarding companies will shut out all
new enterprises, however meritorious.
Age is not a sure proof of soundness.
The conditions in Canada suggest and
call for the exercise of freedom, and
much can be done by the life com-
panies' investments for the develop-
ment, progress and steady prosper-
ity of Canada. Loan companies, insurance
companies and trust companies all
make permanent investments not liable
to panic, but of the class least af-
fected by periods of depression and
therefore making for stability.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

It is unfair and unfounded to repre-
sent Ald. Stevely's candidature for
mayor as having a partisan com-
plexion. He entered the field without
consulting any party organization,
upon the strength of his municipal
record and his reputation as a pro-
gressive and level-headed man of af-
fairs. It is a reasonable inference that
a man who has handled a private busi-
ness on a large scale with success is
specially qualified to look after the
business of the ratepayers. This argu-
ment is reinforced by Ald. Stevely's
case by his years of public service. In
this respect his claim to the mayoralty
is superior to that of any other person
whose name has been put forward at
the present time. If ability and mu-
nicipal experience are not to be recog-
nized, or are to be set aside upon
merely partisan grounds, desirable men
will have no incentive to offer their
services to their fellow-citizens, and
the affairs of the city will continue to
suffer as they undoubtedly have in the
past from the same cause.

Everyone knows that certain indi-
viduals have foisted themselves upon
party tickets, and been elected, who
would have been left at home if party
considerations had been eliminated.
The present is propitious for getting
rid of these barnacles in all
branches of the city government. An
enormous amount of money may be
voted into the hands of the city rulers
next year, and the taxpayers should
scrutinize with special care the men
who offer to serve them. An organ-
ized effort should be made to get men
of large caliber into the field, and the
party hatchet should be buried out of
sight.

ONE LESS GRIT.

[Petersboro Examiner.]
Norval Wanless, a stores keeper at the
London asylum, has been guillotined.
Well, there's Wanless "Grit" occupying
the seats of the faithful.

HIS SENSIBLE WIFE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"My wife promised to be very sensible
about this Christmas present business.
She says she isn't going to give any more
this year than she thinks she can well
afford."
"Have you given her any statement as
to the amount you can afford?"
"No. She tells me she's too busy shop-
ping to consider the matter."

CONSULTATION.

[Sacred Heart Review.]
Friends—You've never been called in
consultation, have you?
Young Doctor—No, but I'd like to be.
It's nice to charge ten times as much as
the other doctor for saying you don't
know any more about the case than he
does.

RUBAIYAT OF THE COPY BOY.

[St. Louis Post-Dispatch.]
O double bliss and Edwist delite
I took her the theater last nite
one thing is certain And the rest is lies
that Way for me lies paradise.

strange is it not that from One so young
so Great and butiful a live has sprung
So ardent in my hart's true faith for her
I bought two parter seats at 50 Per

cent But the gratitudo in her soft eyes
had moved much older heads than me tew
sighs
it Beats all how a girl cold tew her how
will warm up when he takes her tew a
show

no doubt But woman dearly loves the play
and that the road tew her hart runs that
way
Which same makes bliss a luxury tew seek
when one's income is But 3 bucks tew week

but that for which man Has laid down his
life
I'll not begrudge But when she is my wife
If haply Fate shall theence my frale craft
steer

will see a show about Twice times a year
But what Fond thoughts are in my hart
2day
and what sweet nothings did she sweetly
say

Alas Tew poetry's external loss
here cums that fow tew literature The
bosa.

POWER OF MUSIC.

[Catholic Standard.]
"But she sings more than she plays; why
do you speak of her music as instrumen-
tal?"
"Well, it's instrumental in making the
neighbors move out."

HIS VIEWS ON CURRENCY.

[Washington Star.]
"What are your views on currency?"
asked the busy citizen.
"Mostly sad and reminiscent," answered
the man who had been to the races.

LORD KELVIN.

[New York Tribune.]
The contemporaries of great men are
notoriously at a disadvantage in attempt-
ing to estimate their genius. But in the
case of Lord Kelvin genius has registered
itself in so many achievements that the
entire world of science was agreed long
before his death that the venerable mathe-
matician, physicist and inventor had an
indisputable claim to immortality. Not

even a layman can read the list of the
Glasgow professor's theoretical and prac-
tical discoveries without recognizing that
they entitle him to membership in that
small galaxy of giants who have smoothed
the path of life for their fellowmen by
wresting secrets from an unwilling nature.

BORDENISM, NOT CONSERVATISM

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
There is really no excuse for referring
to the platform submitted, or fathered,
by Mr. Borden as the Conservative plat-
form. The Conservative party did not
originate it; the Conservative party has
not adopted it. Conservative politicians
will, no doubt, avail themselves of what-
ever services such a platform may be able
to render during a political campaign;
but the party itself is very slow to assume
responsibility in connection with it.

HE KNEW.

[Illustrated Bits.]
Lady Customer—I wish to tell you how
these shoes of mine are to be made.
Shoemaker—Oh, I know that well enough.
Large inside and small outside.

THE TRUSTY AXE.

[Toronto News.]
Thirty-eight dollars is the charge at the
Soo for cutting off a man's leg. But Dr.
J. P. Whitney, the celebrated surgeon,
has cut off many heads without charge.

CLEAR SPEECH.

[Harper's Bazar.]
Now how are people to break themselves
of faulty enunciation? Simply by taking
time. In this country we are encouraged
to do things in a hurry. Repose, quiet,
poise, the easy balance of one's mental
and physical qualities, must be recognized
as an ideal before, as people, we can
learn to arrange what is going on in our
minds, and to express it in clear speech.

A COMPROMISE.

[Transatlantic Tales.]
"My bride wanted to go on a week's
wedding tour, and I wanted to stay at
home. Well, we compromised by going
on a tour around the world."

VULGARISMS.

[Cleveland Leader.]
"Say an revoir, and not good-bye."
Some singer begs. We don't object.
The thing that bothers us is why
Do such a lot of folks elect
To substitute, not what the song
Suggests, but drive like "So long."

"Farewell!" — "Good-bye!" — "Auf wieder-
seh'n!"
Would seem to us to fill the bill;
But won't some cultured soul explain
"Fatale?" And it's a puzzle still
Unresolved, why many think it funny
To say, "Don't take no wooden money!"

"Be good's" had form enough. Got woot,
From which the mob is not exempt;
"Over the river's" simply rot,
And "Olive oils" beneath contempt.
But really, I grew faint and white
At one farewell I heard last night.

Two girls were parting. Lip touched lip
Briefly—twas an affecting thing;
And then the female said "Pipp-pip!"
To which her friend replied "Pung-pung!"
Oh, fudge. It makes me want to cry.
Dear reader, I must quit! By-bye!"

THE HEIRESS.

[Transatlantic Tales.]
He (tenderly)—When I was up this
morning you were my first thought.
She—Indeed? Were the creditors already
standing at your bed?

LATEST METHODS.

[New York Herald.]
Now that they are making engine driv-
ers by the correspondence method, next
move will be to teach the brethren how
to attend the furnace by mail.

They Want Better Accommodation Will Lay Matter Before Government

Annual Meeting of the Western Ontario Travelers' Associa- tion Held Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Western
Ontario Commercial Travelers' Associa-
tion was held on Saturday after-
noon, when the installation of the offi-
cers for the coming year took place.
Mr. W. C. Nichols, the retiring presi-
dent, occupied the chair.

One of the most pleasing features of
the afternoon was the presentation of
an address and gold-headed umbrella
and meerschaum pipe to Mr. William
Lind, one of the past presidents of the
association, and one of the oldest mem-
bers of the organization. Mr. Lind was
one of the moving spirits in organiz-
ing the association. Mr. Nichols read
the following address:

The Address.
To Wm. Lind, Esq.:
We, your brother past presidents,
take this opportunity of express-
ing our most cordial congratula-
tions and appreciation at the
pleasure of your company at this
our 21st annual meeting.

As one of its principal founders
and first president you have al-
ways promoted and extended its
influence and usefulness and take
a very prominent part in our coun-
cils and meetings for nearly a third
of a century.

We sincerely hope that we may
have the profit and pleasure of
your genial presence for many
years yet to come, and beg to ex-
press to yourself and Mrs. Lind
and family all best possible wishes
for your happiness and enjoyment
this festive season and for all
your future.

Mr. J. M. Dillon made the presenta-
tion. The address was signed by all
the past presidents of the association.
Mr. Lind made a brief reply, in
which he thanked the members of the
association for their many kindnesses
to him. Others spoke of the high re-
gard in which Mr. Lind is held by the
members of the Travelers' Association.

Hotel Accommodation.
There was an interesting discussion
on hotel accommodation, introduced by
Mr. Harry E. Buttrey. The grievances
of the commercial travelers might be
divided into two different and dis-
tinct classes. The first and possibly
the most urgent is, it was said,
licensed compulsory accommodation in
local option districts, as well as dis-
tricts in which a vote on local option
is about to be taken. The traveler
should be guaranteed accommodation
and protection.

If a community chooses by vote of
its electorate to do away with the
bar, whose evils are purely local, is it
unjust that they be held responsible for
the requirements of the transients?
In doing away with this local evil, the
community withdraws all protection
from the traveling man whatsoever,
and compels him to make his home
when traveling in places that are un-
der no restrictions whatever, and
where accommodation is totally inad-
equate to the needs of the traveling
man.

It is quite true, it was agreed, that
where local option is in force a travel-
ing man can obtain food and shelter,
but a traveling man requires more
than this. He wants a hotel, not a
boarding-house. It does not neces-
sarily follow that these hotels shall
have a license for these ale of liquor.
The enterprising traveling man of to-
day has no need for the bar. But he
needs a home during the ten or
twelve months of the year when he
he knows is superior to the board-
ing-house. The travelers want proper
sanitary conditions, and conveniences
necessary for a transient people. They
want to know where such places are;
they want to be able to go there with
admittance, and that they can under-
stand the special license which is asked for,
demand food and shelter at any hour
of the day or night when circum-
stances warrant it. Under present
conditions nothing of that sort ex-
ists. The traveling man can be taken
in or turned away, just as the whims
or moods of the unlicensed housekeep-
er dictate.

No Accommodation.
In many local option towns there
are neither sitting-rooms, writing-
rooms or sample-rooms. There is no
doubt that the Ontario Government
has the power to do what the travelers
ask. The liquor license act grants
privileges to an hotelkeeper under cer-
tain specified conditions and obliga-
tions. These he must assume in order
to secure a license. And these are for
the comfort and convenience of the
traveler.

The same act gives a municipality
the privilege of passing a bylaw which
withdraws such municipality from the
provisions of the license act, but im-
poses other conditions nor restric-
tions for the care of travelers.

Wiping Out Protection.
"Should the law privilege a com-
munity," declared Mr. Buttrey, "with
one fell swoop to obliterate every
single vestige of our former protec-
tion? Are we not within our rights
in asking city or town or any munici-
pality favoring local option to be com-

pelled to assume a responsibility
which by its own voting it has taken
away from the Government? I be-
lieve we must have public houses, and
such public houses must be placed
under proper restrictions.

The responsibility of these restric-
tions and the maintenance of such
public houses must be placed with the
municipality. We believe that the
license commissioners are the prop-
erly qualified persons to state where
these hotels shall be maintained, and
a license is necessary, and a board of
health certificate shall accompany each
application for a license.

"I believe local optionists are most
sincere in their efforts to do away
with the liquor evil, and while there is
no doubt of the great good they are
doing in this respect, still they should
be charitable towards the commer-
cial traveler, and assist him in secur-
ing the legislation he is seeking. There
are upwards of 30,000 traveling men in
Canada. Are their claims for prop-
erty controlled public houses so meager
as to be grossly ignored by the local
optionists and the legislative assem-
bly? If so, there can be only one re-
sult. It will compel us to depart from
the impartial course we have ever pur-
sued, and to work directly against
local option movements."

Against Hotels.
A grievance was also aired against
hotels under liquor licenses. This
grievance was growing. While many
hotelkeepers have made many im-
provements of late, it was noticeable
that most of the expenditure of money
on hotels was expended in improving
the bar. The traveler neither ate nor
slept in that part of the house. If
one-half the amount spent in fix-
ing up the bars had been expended in
necessary sanitation, comforts and con-
veniences, there would be little to
complain of. The greatest danger to
which the traveler is exposed is not
railroad accidents, but rather con-
tagious diseases, and especially tuber-
culosis. In 50 per cent of the small
towns of Canada, the bedrooms are

far from sanitary. A medical health
officer should inspect the bedrooms
and other rooms of hotels, and report
on them. Hotels should be put in an
absolutely sanitary condition for the
protection of the traveler. This was
very important.

Question of Charges.
Then there was the question of
charges. The rates had been advanced
in many localities. The excuses given
were the increased cost of foodstuffs,
help and all that. Then there was a
disposition in many hotels, account
of the fear of local option, to load on
all possible charges in order to make
a much as possible out of the hotel
in case local option did come. Hotel
rates had increased 100 per cent, al-
though it was certain that help, and
other necessities had not increased to
such a percentage. Several speakers
advocated a graded scale. That is, if
a hotel charged \$3 a day, the applica-
tion for license should state that. A
certain charge would mean a certain
grade of hotel, such as Grades A or B.
In this manner a traveler would know
exactly what it was going to cost him,
and there would be no danger of a
mistake in the charges or anything of
that nature. A hotel inspector might
be appointed, who would see to it that
the hotel was living up to the standard
of price set forth in the application
for licenses. This, it was thought,
would do away with many of the dif-
ficulties at present experienced by
traveling men.

Resolution Passed.

The following resolutions were unani-
mously passed by the meeting:
"Resolved, that the Provincial Gov-
ernment be requested to amend the
local option clause of the liquor
license act, requiring municipalities
adopting local option to provide suit-
able places for lodging, eating and
sample-rooms for the traveling public.
That such places be placed under
proper supervision and restriction, and
that the persons in charge of same
shall be held responsible for their
maintenance.
"That the license commissioners are
the qualified persons to select where
such public houses shall be main-
tained, and that all such lodging and
eating houses be placed under special
license, and a medical health certifi-
cate for cleanliness and sanitation
accompany each request for such
license; also that all hotels and pub-
lic houses should be subjected to much
more rigid inspection as to cleanliness
and sanitation, and that it would be
greatly to the public benefit if a pro-
vincial inspector were appointed for
this special work."

Committee Appointed.

A committee was appointed, composed of

President Green, Secretary Alf. Robinson,
J. M. Dillon, S. Frank Glass and H. E.
Buttrey, to amplify the requirements of
the travelers as laid down in the resolu-
tion, and present the matter to the Pro-
vincial authorities.

The annual report, as given in full in
last Monday's Advertiser, was submitted,
and it was passed unanimously. Special
features of the report were dwelt upon
by the members. The addition of nearly
\$18,000 to the permanent reserve fund
bringing it up to \$158,500, was favorably
commented upon.
On motion of Mr. Dillon and Mr. Lind,
\$165 was granted to the secretary and his
assistants as a bonus. A hearty vote of
thanks was also tendered the retiring
directors for their assistance during the
past year.

New President Installed.

President Nichols then installed MA
John T. Green, the newly-elected presi-
dent. In office, Mr. Green thanked the as-
sociation for doing him so great an honor. He
asked the same cordial support that had
been given his predecessors in office.
By a unanimous standing vote, a hearty
vote of thanks was tendered the retiring
president, Mr. C. W. Nichols, and on mo-
tion of Mr. S. Munro and Mr. W. Lind,
\$250 was voted out of the funds to provide
a suitable testimonial to Mr. Nichols, who
had so ably guided the association during
the past two years. The board of man-
agement was appointed a committee to carry
this resolution into effect.

\$300 for Charity.
The sum of \$300 was set aside for the
charity fund for relief purposes.
Mr. J. W. Little was appointed trustee,
and Mr. Alf. Robinson was again chosen
secretary.

Those present were: Messrs. C. W.
Nichols, John T. Green, R. E. Davis, Sam
Munro, Alf. Robinson, J. M. Dillon, Robert
Tait, W. E. Grant, Wm. Lind, Wesley Mod-
rison, R. H. Morrison, W. L. Underwood,
E. N. Hanna, A. S. Wallace, Wesley
Smithson, Donald Ferguson, S. Frank
Glass, H. W. Lind and H. E. Buttrey.

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Committee Appointed.
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Just wanted to tell you to give him
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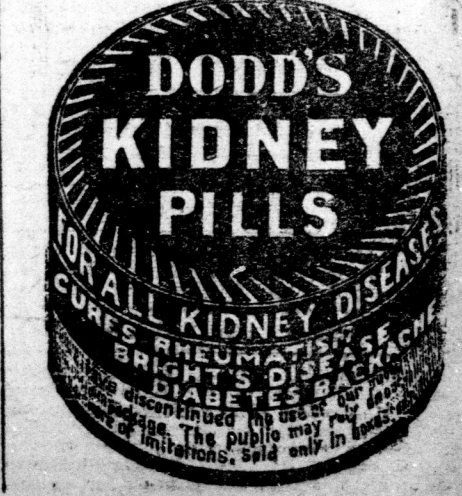
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BY AGNES C. MITCHELL

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He put down his cup and pushed back his chair with a jerk. His strong face had lines of pain etched deeply upon it, and these were unusually conspicuous now. Prosperity had been David Renton's portion, but his wealth had not kept him free from sorrow, and in moments when he was stirred the traces of his suffering were especially plain. The shadow darkened his wife's face again as she looked across at him.

"I wish you could forget what you have against him," she said, gently. "It would be better for yourself if you would."

There was a short silence. The minds of both husband and wife had leaped back into the past, but presently Mr. Renton roused himself and spoke again.

"Have you replied to Lady Aylsford's invitation?" he asked.

"Yes," Mrs. Renton shrank slightly. "I have declined it. I tried my best to make an exception this time and accept, but I could not bring my mind to it. Gwen Aylsford and Margherita were the same age, and had Margherita been—with us, we would have been doing for her now what Lady Aylsford is doing for Gwen. Day and night I keep contrasting the two girls' lives."

While Gwen is enjoying her coming out balls, Margherita may not be getting the necessities of life."

She turned away her head hastily in a vain attempt to hide her falling tears, which she knew it hurt him to see, and he walked across to one of the long windows, and stood with his back to her, looking out at the wide undulating park, with its giant oaks, bare and leafless just now, which formed one of the chief features of Conynghley, his brows drawn sharply

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together, the firm compression of his lips telling of inward pain.

Fourteen years before, one chill October evening, he and his wife had gone to dine with this same Lady Aylsford, whose daughter was making her entrance into society now, and on their return at midnight Mrs. Renton, as was her invariable custom before going to bed, had gone to the night nursery to see that their only child, a baby girl of four, was all right. But the little cot was empty when she went to it, and the nurse, roused by her startled cry, knew nothing of her charge.

Margherita was not in the house; a hurried search revealed that fact, and when the distracted father and mother realized that she must have been stolen, their suspicions instantly fell on a nurse, a woman named Elizabeth Green, who a week or two previously, had been dismissed. Green, who had nursed Margherita from her birth, had been passionately fond of the child, fiercely jealous also, and when Mrs. Renton dispensed with her services she had vowed she would not be separated from her. No one had paid any heed to her words at the time, but the police speedily discovered that she had meant every one of them, and had laid her plans accordingly.

She had not left the neighborhood after her dismissal, but had taken lodgings in a cottage on the outskirts of Fleetville, going out each day and gleaming what news she could of the household at Conynghley, the dinner party of Lady Aylsford's dinner party.

David Renton's servants, taking advantage of the absence of their master and mistress, had arranged a jollification on their own account, and both the head nurse and the under one had joined the company after Margherita was put to bed.

Neither had returned to the nursery; they were both in the servants' hall when the carriage with their master and mistress stopped outside, and the older woman just managed to run up the back staircase and get into bed, only half undressed, when Mrs. Renton appeared. She had not had time to look into Margherita's crib, and her mistress' cry was her first warning that anything was amiss.

Hours before then Elizabeth Green must have entered the house, lifted the sleeping child, and made off with her, for close on two o'clock a cabman, going homeward, met them struggling on foot along the high road to Arlington, a busy junction a few miles distant from Fleetville, and at the woman's request had turned his horse's head and driven them to the station. There they had caught the night mail and traveled to Carlisle, but beyond that no trace of them could be found.

High and low, long and strenuously, David Renton and his agents searched. Huge rewards were offered; advertisements, promising Elizabeth Green and any other person concerned that no prosecution would follow if they but declared themselves and gave up the child, were circulated broadcast over the length and breadth of Britain, but without result. Both woman and child had disappeared as completely as if the sea had swallowed them up.

Mrs. Renton had never recovered from the blow; society had seen no more of her since, and she rarely entertained. She clung resolutely to the belief that her daughter was alive, and her days were spent in searching and waiting. In the best position the house afforded, a suite of rooms perfect in every detail for a girl's occupation, was kept in readiness, and all through the night, summer and winter, in the big hall, lights were kept burning; Margherita would never come and find she was not expected, the mother said.

A second cousin of her husband, a young man named Jack Renton, lived with them at Conynghley. Mr. Renton, who had been his guardian, had taken him into his business when he left college, and later, finding him capable, energetic and all that he could desire, had given him a junior partnership. It was a generally accepted fact that he would be David Renton's heir, and it was of him the millionaire spoke when he quitted his position at the window and returned to the hearth.

"I wish Jack would marry," he said, abruptly. "If he got a nice wife, she would be a daughter to you. There is nothing to hinder him; he will step into my shoes some day, and if he would settle down now, should see that he did it comfortably."

"Jack does not appear to have any inclination that way, meantime."

"Who is taking my name in vain? What is it I am not inclined to do? Go to church three times on Sundays, or be a victim to my Lady Sutton's charms? Which?"

The interruption came in Jack Renton's gay, laughing voice; Jack himself, closing the door with more noise than he had opened it, sauntered across the floor.

He was a splendidly built, athletic-looking young giant of seven or eight feet, with a strong, clean-shaven face and honest eyes, in which a gleam of boyish humor lingered. To know Jack Renton was to trust him, and there was not a man in the employ of Renton & Bryce, not a servant at Conynghley, who did not feel they had a friend in him.

"I made up my mind I would make myself scarce till these blessed little Sutton buggers cleared out," he announced. "I nearly cuffed Bertie one the other day, and I wasn't sure I should be able to overcome temptation a second time. I deemed discretion the better part of valor. But that wasn't my sin of omission you were laying to my charge, Cousin Edith? What is it I don't appear to have any inclination for?"

"I was saying you ought to marry," David Renton said. "It's about time you were taking a wife."

"Getting tired of me?" Jack queried with a good-natured laugh. "I'll tell you when I am. At present my particular desire is to see you satisfied with as many children as I can, will insure your remaining in Fleetville. So long as you are single, there is always the chance that you may take it into your head any day to set off. With a home of your own, and a wife and children, matters would be different."

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"Kids like Dicky Sutton's," Jack commented, reflectively. "Yes—they'd make a study in original sin and provide me with occupation to go around apologizing for them, and paying for their breakages, if they did nothing else. That's why Dicky is in Africa, you know. He got sick of the job, and he and his wife couldn't hit it off about the little angels, so—"

"David is in earnest, Jack."

"So am I," Jack smiled down affectionately into Mrs. Renton's eyes. "I am so happy here that I am trying to show you what you may drive me into if you advocate matrimony too strongly. Don't do it. Cousin Edith—it will be safer not to. You are right when you say I am not inclined that way."

"But why?" David Renton asked.

"You are often enough with girls. You know dozens—"

"And there is safety in numbers," replied Jack, promptly.

"But I wish you would think of the matter seriously," the elder man persisted. "And when I say that I mean it, I can't live for ever, and I want to feel there is no likelihood of Rentons dropping out of the old firm. Make up your mind to it, Jack, and I shall take care the want of money does not hamper you. There is Ashdene in the market—I'll buy it and make you a wedding present of it if you marry a girl Edith and I like."

"Sorry I can't oblige you, sir. I would if I could, but I cannot."

"What is to prevent you?"

"Prevent me? A simple enough obstacle, but a pretty solid one all the same," Jack, leaning easily against the mantelpiece, thrust his hands into his pockets and laughed. "I can't fall in love to order and I am old-fashioned enough to want to be in love with my wife and have my wife in love with me. That's a doctrine you can't preach against," he added with a glance at Mrs. Renton's worn, sweet face. "No one knows better than you do how well it works out."

"But you mustn't go through the world expecting too much," the millionaire spoke impatiently, and moved forward his hand until it covered his wife's jewel-laden one as it rested on the arm of her chair. "If you stare too hard at the moon, you may land in a bog. There is Gwen Aylsford—as pretty a girl as you could meet in a day's march, and she would be more than content with Ashdene to start with."

Jack laughed again.

"What a snubbing I would get if I even suggested such a thing to her! But I haven't any desire—I couldn't fancy myself tied to Gwen. Let's drop the subject; we won't get any farther forward."

"Well, promise to consider it."

"Ten years hence? If I haven't found my ideal by then, I may be open to go into the question of convenience. Do you know I haven't had any tea, Cousin Edith, and I am positively choking with thirst."

To Be Continued.

BRITISH

Teddington district council propose the erection of a new bridge over the Thames near Teddington Lock.

Live cattle were first landed in England from America in 1861, but the regular traffic did not begin until 1876.

Paddington borough council has placed bailiffs in possession of the West London Central Baptist Church, because of the non-payment of school rates.

At the annual plowing matches at Brightlingsea, Essex, seven ladies competed. The Misses Sycamore and Winch steered their teams with great precision, and won a first and second prize respectively.

William Preet, said to be an unemployed schoolmaster, was charged on remand at the Sunderland police court with having stolen fish knives and forks, valued at \$7. He had previously pleaded guilty.

At Monkton, Jarro in the Tyndeside district, parish councilors are asking for subscriptions to help preserve an old well, dating from the time of Bede, born in 673.

Dr. Frank Holden, aged 33, a well-known practitioner in Preston, was found unconscious in his surgery and died in the early hours of the following day from morphia poisoning.

Fifty-five choirs, aggregating 850 voices, took part at St. Paul's Cathedral in the annual festival service of the London Choirs' Association.

The Shelburne hearse horse, in service since 1894, was crippled and had to be shot, but tried to turn in at the cemetery gate as usual, on its way to the scene of the shooting.

Westminster's Township is up in arms against a verdict for \$4,500 in favor of a man whose horse was frightened by an automobile and threw him down over an unguarded place in the road.

The master reported to the Meriden Guardians recently that a quantity of game, including pheasants, partridges, rabbits, and hares, had been sent to the workhouse, and that the inmates much preferred this to the usual fare.

A meeting of all the Mohammedans in England was held on Nov. 9, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, to protest against the laws passed by the Transvaal Government with regard to Mohammedans and British Indians generally.

The directors of the Zoological Gardens are about to start a scheme for having, at regular intervals—say every two years—an exhibition of animals from different parts of the empire. They are to start with Australia and New Zealand.

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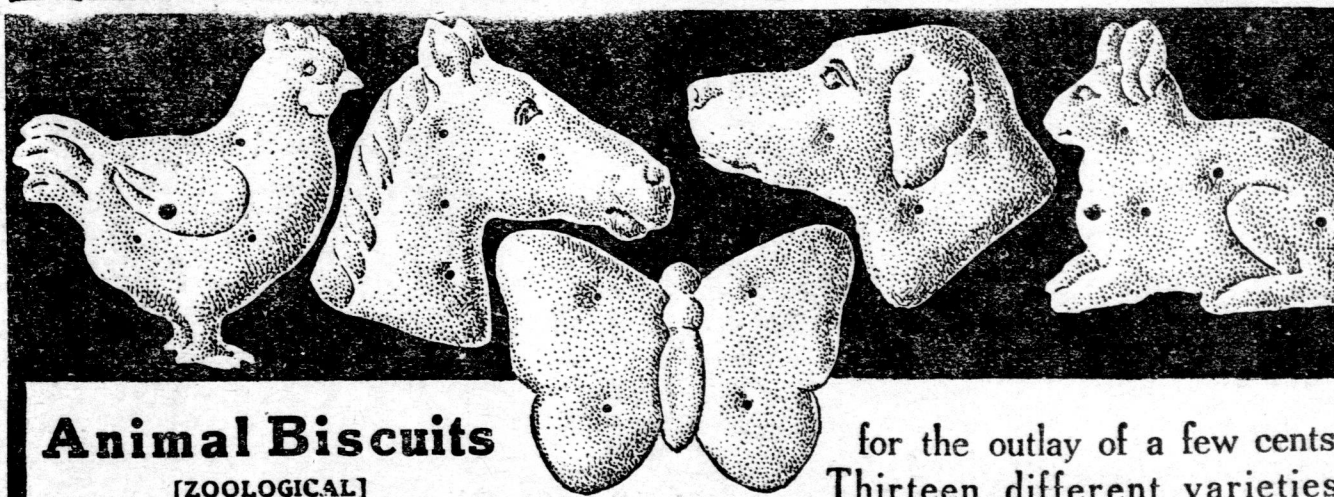
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Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, is being torn down to provide for a modern schoolhouse. In later years, the building, once a high-class academy, has been used as a truant school.

Convent's rateable value has increased by more than \$80,000 in the last twelve months, and plans have been approved for more than 1,400 new houses—a record in the history of the city. The rates have been lowered 2d. in the pound this year.

Two young daughters of Captain Rosenquist, a Swede, who was a passenger on the steamship Berlin, wrecked at the Hook of Holland in February last have been awarded \$15,000 damages in a suit against the Great Eastern Railway Company, controlling the Berlin.

At the annual dinner of the Ancient Corporation of Hanley new councilors, in accordance with custom, drank champagne from a glass a yard long, those who did not succeed in finishing the draught had the remainder poured down their shirt fronts by two stalwart cupbearers.

COUNTY ROADS OF MIDDLESEX

220 Miles Are To Be Improved—Engineer Talbot Describes the Plans.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The county council, at their December session, assumed some 220 miles of road to be improved under the act for improvement of highways, and, as this is a new departure for the council, I have been requested by several members of the council to write a letter for publication in your valued paper, setting forth the regulations under which the roads will be managed. These regulations are found on page 21 of "Report of Highway Improvement, 1907," and are as follows:

All county road improvement under the highway improvement act is to be done under the supervision of a capable superintendent appointed by the council.

Improvements are to be of a character suited to the requirements of the district, as regards the amount of travel, nature of the soil, quality of road material available, and other local conditions. A proper system of keeping road accounts is to be adopted, showing the extent and location of each work of improvement, and the cost of labor and materials used. Time sheets or time books are to be used for the payment of men. "Old" roads heretofore referred to include such highways as have been previously well graded and metalled with gravel or broken stone, and which have a solid and deep roadbed. Former toll roads of a similar character will usually fall within this class.

"New" roads in general include earth roads which may or may not have been previously graded, and which have little or no gravel or stone placed upon them. Work on old gravel or stone roads of the nature of reconstruction or repair may consist of:

(a) Grading by cutting away shoulders of earth or sod at the sides, and improvement of drainage.
(b) Grading, draining and re-surfacing with gravel or broken stone.
(c) Work on new roads may consist of:
(a) Grading and draining.
(b) Grading, draining and graveling.
(c) Grading, draining and metalling with broken stone.

It is essential that roads be properly graded and crowned before putting on gravel or broken stone. In this, see that old gravel and stone roadbeds are not ruined by being covered with earth and sod from the sides. In general the work should comply with the following requirements:

1. The steepness of hills should not exceed a rise of one foot in ten.
2. The roadway graded for traffic should be in the center of the road allowance, and should have a uniform width between the inside edges of the open ditches, and the width of the roadway on cuts and fills should not be less than 18 feet. Main roads should be graded to a width of 24 feet, and roads of least traffic should not be less than 12 feet.
3. Side slopes in cuts and fills should be 1½ feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical.
4. The crown of the road should have a rise of from one to two inches to the foot from the ditch to the center of the road, giving the metalled portion a crown of 1.12, and the earth sides a crown of 1.25. The crown of the road should have a sharper crown than the horizontal slope, otherwise water, instead of flowing to the side drains, will follow the wheel tracks, washing and deepening them to ruin.

5. When gravel or broken stone is used, it should be placed in the center of the grade, to a width and depth sufficient to form a serviceable road, having due regard to the character and extent of the traffic.

6. The gravel or broken stone used on the road should preferably be obtained in the vicinity of the road, but must be of good quality.

7. As a rule the gravel or stone should not be of a less width than 7 feet, nor of a less depth than 6 inches.

8. Where roads have heretofore had gravel or broken stone placed on them, they should be reconstructed or repaired by cutting off shoulders with a grader, and adding a sufficient amount of gravel or broken stone to fill rut, depression, properly crown and make a road sufficiently strong to accommodate the travel. The sod and soft material should be thrown outward, never drawn to the center.

9. The gravel or broken stone placed on any road should be thoroughly rolled, otherwise the grade should be maintained by raking or scraping until compacted by traffic. In applying gravel containing many large stones, have a man on the road to rake the large stones forward from the loose gravel, spreading them so as to be underneath the next load and in the bottom of the road.

10. Good drainage is of primary importance. Provide open drains at the sides of the road, with a constant fall to a free outlet, to carry away surface water.

11. Durable sluices and culverts should be built when necessary, preferably of concrete and steel, and built under a proper specification.

12. The under-drains should be laid, so as to carry away excessive sub-surface water, lower the water-line and secure a dry roadbed wherever a moist, damp or springy condition of the sub-soil exists.

13. Modern machinery and implements should be used as far as possible to secure the greatest results from the expenditure, and to provide the best work.

14. Where, owing to special local conditions, any radical departure from the foregoing regulations may be desired, upon application of the council, an examination of the road or roads in question will be made, free of charge, by the engineer of the highway department, for the purpose of deciding upon a suitable plan.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Government does not require excessive or unusual expenditure on the roads, but that the municipalities may participate in the grant of one-third of the cost of the work; neither do they require the purchase of any machinery, but recommend its use only where it will reduce the cost of the work and improve the quality.

Crushed stone is not required to be used, and is not desirable in localities where gravel is obtainable, unless the gravel costs nearly as much as the stone, in which case the department recommends the use of stone.

By publishing this letter you will place valued information in the hands of ratepayers of Middlesex County, and your action will be appreciated by the council, who requested its publication.

Thanking you in advance for your valued space, I am, yours truly,
CHARLES TALBOT,
County Engineer.

London, Dec. 21, 1907.

To make some men succeed fortune has to stop knocking at their doors and break in.

BRITAIN ASKED KAISER FOR AID

Serious Blow To British Prestige Amongst the East African Natives.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—A severe blow has been struck at British prestige among the native tribes of East Africa by an alarming incident concerning which absolute reliance may be placed on the following facts:

Some time ago soldiers forming the bodyguard of the Sultan of Zanzibar murdered, and for several days the Sultan's aid in the hour of need.

The Sultan, Ali Ben Hamud, in this predicament, appealed to the British consulate general for assistance. This appeal was natural and legitimate, since Zanzibar is not entirely an independent monarchy, but a British protectorate. The Sultan had, therefore, distinct right to claim British aid in the hour of need.

The British consul-general was absent, and the vice-consul in charge was obliged to inform the Sultan that there was no British warship within hundreds of miles, so that the prompt assistance required was impossible.

But, recognizing the urgency of the case, the vice-consul telegraphed to the captain of the German cruiser Buzzard then lying at Der-es-Salaam, the capital of German East Africa, asking him to hasten to Zanzibar to quell the palace disturbance.

The captain of the Buzzard hesitated to intervene in a British protectorate on his own responsibility, and telegraphed to Berlin for orders. The German admiralty referred the matter to the Emperor, who immediately ordered that any assistance required by the British authorities at Zanzibar should be given with the least possible delay.

Thereupon the Buzzard proceeded at full speed to Zanzibar to restore order on his own responsibility, and the captain of the Buzzard, who was a German admiral, referred the matter to the Emperor, who immediately ordered that any assistance required by the British authorities at Zanzibar should be given with the least possible delay.

It appears, however, that matters did not reach this pitch, but the mutineers were partly overpowered and partly persuaded to return to duty by their English and other European officers. The Sultan's troops are commanded by a British officer, Brigadier-General Raikes.

Subsequently the British Government sent a cordial message of thanks to the German Government for its friendly action at Zanzibar.

The incident made a deep impression not only on the natives of Zanzibar, but also all along the coast and far into the interior. It is hardly possible to explain how much of prestige Britain suffered in the estimation of the natives by an incident such as this.

SUIT FOR LOSS OF BEAUTY
Woman Whom Lover Refused to Marry Wants Damages.

Paris, Dec. 21.—A strange suit against a medical man has just been begun in the sixth chamber of the civil tribunal of the department of the Seine.

A young woman employed in the postoffice was engaged to be married, but her sweetheart became alarmed at the appearance of an incipient mustache. She consulted a medical man, who advised the use of X-rays as a depilatory, but the use was disastrous to her beauty, and the young man refused to marry her.

She is now suing the doctor for \$5,000 damages, and the court has appointed Dr. Beciere to make an inquiry.

THE SHAH MUST YIELD
Parliamentary Party Strong in Arms and May Dethrone Monarch.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The German official view of the Persian imbroglio, based upon dispatches received from Teheran, is that the situation still is very precarious, but that a decision one way or the other may be expected in a few days.

The new Ministry, which represents partial concessions on the part of the Shah to the wishes of Parliament, will be introduced to Parliament in a day or two. Parliament will then formulate its demands upon the Shah, but the precise nature of the decision is not known here. If the Shah yields to Parliament the crisis can be regarded as settled; on the other hand, if he refuses, the most serious consequences are likely to follow.

Parliament, it is believed here, will probably then declare the dethronement of the sovereign.

It is pointed out that the military strength of the parliamentary party is much greater than recent press dispatches have set forth; this party actually has more and better drilled troops than the sovereign.

LION ASSAILED ON STREET
Man Lassoed It, But Thirty Shots Failed to Kill It.

Antwerp, Dec. 22.—Two lions escaped from Bidel's menagerie in the Market Square today before the morning performance. One was captured within the inclosure, but the other ran into the square.

The 2,000 people gathered there scattered in a panic. A man tried to lasso the animal, but it closed with him. Two policemen fired, with the result that the man's hand was injured.

In spite of the wound and his mauling from the lion, he got the noose around its neck. The policeman then dragged it up to a tree and tied the rope around it. They fired thirty revolver shots, but failed to kill the beast.

Eventually it was dispatched with a Congo assegai. The injured man is in a hospital.

A LONE WOMAN KILLS ROBBERS

Horrible Drama in a Small Russian Village in Which Three Die.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Kieff papers describe a horrible drama which has just occurred in the district of Sosnits. Late one evening a strange man and woman knocked at the door of a farmhouse occupied by a land-owner and his wife.

They asked for shelter for the night, owing to the condition of the woman, which prevented her walking any further. They were made welcome, and were shown every hospitality.

The farmer agreed to drive the male visitor to the neighboring village, in order to bring the doctor.

They were hardly out of earshot of the farm before the stranger stopped the cart, and, presenting a revolver at the farmer's head, demanded his money and valuables. The farmer tried to escape, but was shot dead by his assailant.

In the meantime a similar scene, but with different results, was being enacted at the farmhouse. The pretended sick woman turned out to be a man in disguise, and, drawing a revolver, ordered the farmer's wife to hand over all the money and jewelry in the house.

In affected horror she opened a chest, and, while the robber, on his knees, was engaged in ransacking it, she seized an axe, and, creeping silently to within striking distance, dealt a crushing blow, which almost severed the brigand's head from his shoulders.

Some minutes later the second robber again knocked at the door of the house. The farmer's wife opened it, and, as the man passed her, felled him to the ground with a powerful swing of the axe, killing him instantly.

SARDOU SUES.
Paris, Dec. 21.—Victorien Sardou, the dramatist, and one of the theaters of this city, have brought suit for \$10,000 and \$20,000 respectively, against the Matin for publishing a criticism of a play before its first production.

A dress rehearsal was given the night before the first production for criticism, and journalists, dramatic critics, etc., but with the understanding that no criticism of the piece should be published until after the first night. It was this understanding that the Matin violated.

About twenty years ago Gil Blas failed to comply with the tradition in regard to another one of M. Sardou's plays. The author took the matter to court and was granted \$4,000, which he donated to the Authors' Association.

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Develop an Opponent for Ryan?Chicago Writer Thinks It Will—
Papke and Kelly Meet
Soon.

Hogan, in the Chicago Herald says: In just one week from tomorrow we may hope to have a boxer who stands out definitely as the man with the best claim to the middleweight title. Billy Papke and Hugo Kelly are to meet at Milwaukee in a ten-round bout, and it seems as if this contest should furnish a good line on the man with the right to honors in his division.

Of course, we will have to hear from the west on the subject. Stanley Ketchel, is now about the most prominent claimant for honors in that section of the country, and his arguments are solid enough to make him the logical opponent of the winner in the pending go of Dec. 20.

For both Kelly and Papke this bout is of great moment. Kelly has been in the limelight longer, but he has periods of idleness when there was a stoppage of boxing in some localities. For instance, he first attracted notice as a possible factor in his own division of the ring when he met Mike Schreck in their two bouts at St. Louis. This was about four years ago. The game was shut down shortly after in that city, and Hugo was unable to keep up a streak which promised to be a winning one.

Papke a Sensation.

Papke is the real sensation of his division this year, on account of his rapid rise to notice. When he started with his minor bouts, early in the year, comparatively little attention was paid to him. Now he has blossomed out as a man recognized as having a decisive punch, and he cannot be overlooked in any calculations which can be made on the title in the middleweight division.

If this match proves a really fast contest, wherein one man will stand out clearly in the light as being the better of the pair, it seems as if we

should have interest aroused in a class which has been in the background for several years. Ever since Bob Fitzsimmons moved up into the heavier divisions there has been argument as to who was the real middleweight champion. There is no lack of claimants at this day, but there would be a distinct difficulty in handing down any verdict which will place one man clearly above another as the holder of honors in his division.

Ketchel Will Be There.

Ketchel has sent word from the west that he will be on hand at the side to challenge the winner of the bout. These two contests should definitely decide who holds the title in that division. Ketchel's win over Joe Thomas was decisive enough to prove him the better man without a shadow of a doubt, and he has won the "rubber" in their battle twice out of three times. The Grand Rapids man looms up as a formidable candidate in his division, and if he can line up against the winner in good trim, it would seem that the coast clubs ought to offer tremendous purses for the bout. The match is really of as much importance as any of the "goes," in other divisions which have been held in the last eighteen months.

There is considerable doubt today as to who is the welterweight champion as well. Papke started in as a welter, but gradually worked up above that weight. Harry Lewis, who opened the year in the lightweight division has now moved up into the welter class. Lewis seems a dangerous enough man in that rank. Mike Sullivan has been advancing bids to a claim on the title, but he will have to do something definite before he can gain general recognition.

In the meantime Sam Langford is apt to put in a claim from the Pacific coast, both in middleweight and welterweight divisions. He defeated Jimmy Barry of Chicago, last Tuesday in a bout where there was some criticism of the judging. Criticism, however will not affect the public opinion, which is handed down in cases of bouts like this.

Longboat Not Permitted To Run
Sullivan of A. A. U. Issues Order

New York, Dec. 23.—All records for amateur athletic club carnivals promise to be overshadowed at an annual indoor meet of the Pastime Athletic Club, at Madison Square Garden on the evening of Monday, Jan. 27. Today President John P. Boyle and R. F. McKinnery, of the games council, visited E. Sullivan, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, to inquire as to the status of Longboat. The Pastime officials said it was believed that the Canadian Association would send over a batch of athletes, including Longboat, for the meeting.

Sullivan Bars Longboat.

Both President James E. Sullivan

and Secretary Thomas J. Hughes, of the registration committee of Metropolitan Association of Amateur Athletic Union, made vigorous protests against considering Longboat as a prospective starter in the games.

"Longboat," said Sullivan, "is a disqualified man in the Amateur Athletic Union. Don't for a moment think of advertising him as a competitor. He cannot take part in any games until the parent body reinstates him. If you violate these instructions I will ask the registration committee to withdraw its sanction for the meet." The Pastime officials left Sullivan's office with a determination to reject Longboat's entry, if made, but entries of all eligible Canadians will be gladly accepted.

Is the C. A. A. U. Losing Its Grip?
Ottawa Correspondent Says It Is

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—A petition asking that the O. A. A. C. break from the C. A. A. U. has been put in circulation, and was recently presented to the board of directors. The list bears about one hundred names. It was started by members of the Ottawa Intermediate Football Club, most of whom are members of the O. A. A. C.

As the meeting of the directors did not materialize last night on account of the absence of Messrs. May and Johnston, the petition was not considered. More names, however, will be secured between now and Tuesday next, when the meeting will be held.

The outlook of the governing body in this city is very gloomy indeed at the present time. It is practically certain the O. A. A. C. will sever its connection with the union. The C. A. A. U.

has depended too much on its representatives in the capital, and in so doing has lost prestige.

Ottawa is not the strictly professional town it is represented to be, and twelve months ago the C. A. A. U. had a foot firmly planted in local athletics.

Atrocious bungling in its overtures to the various athletic organizations has practically killed the union in Ottawa.

It can safely be said had the C. A. A. U. approached the paddlers of the city in a friendly, rather than a threatening way, the Canadian Canoe Association would now be enrolled as a member of the C. A. A. U.

Prior to the Canoe Association's annual meeting last spring the sentiment was strongly in favor of affiliation.

THE HISTORY OF ANGUS POINTER

The announcement of the death of Angus Pointer (2:01 3/4), the great pacing gelding, which occurred last week, came as a sudden and unwelcome surprise to the light harness world. What carried him off so unexpectedly has not been stated; presumably it was pneumonia, the scourge which has either caused the death or ended the turf career of so many racing stars.

And yet Angus was one of the last horses one would have thought liable to succumb to any such thing. He was one of the most rugged animals ever seen on the grand circuit. Both in conformation and constitution he was robust, hardy and enduring in a degree far above the ordinary and had come to be classed among the so-called "iron horses" of the racing world. Few pacing performers ever campaigned more strenuously, and none with less evidence of wear and tear.

Angus Pointer was a Canadian product, and, by the records, stands as the fastest light harness performer ever bred outside the United States. His pedigree in the top line warrants great things, as his sire, Sidney Pointer (2:07 3/4), belong to the famous Hal-trine of Tennessee, the most remarkable of all pacing families, and his grand sire was Star Pointer (1:58 3/4), the first two minute performer and

the most remarkable horse of the Hal-trine.

Kemptville, Ont., was his natal place. He was foaled there, in 1895, hence was not quite ten years old at the time of his death. His first appearance as a race horse was, typically enough, on the Canadian ice racing circuit in the winter of 1902-04. After a campaign there, which was a winning one, he was staked all along the Grand Circuit for the coming summer, as he had shown that he was of "big ring" caliber. To prepare him for his engagements there he was, however, first raced over the Canadian half-mile tracks.

He began there at New Hampton, Ont., June 7, and from that date until the season closed at Memphis, the last week in October, he was one of the busiest race horses in training. In fact, only an iron-sided one could have come through such an ordeal as he was subjected to without, metaphorically speaking, "leaving his hide on the fence."

But the rugged Angus emerged unscathed after having made his best record, 2:04 1/2, to wagon, in the very last week of the campaign. After starting in twenty-two races and being "sweated for the brass," as often as three times in one week, he went into winter quarters sound, fresh and faster than ever.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

THIS IS THE KIND OF WEATHER which causes the ice rink owners to say unprintable things. It will also put a crimp in the training of the local hockey teams, unless the weather assessor sends Jack Frost to the rescue.

THERE IS BUT LITTLE stirring in either Canadian or American sporting circles at present, but the coming Moral-Attell scrap and the big Papke-Kelly battle.

SPEAKING OF FIGHTERS reminds us that when it comes to getting the money easy, Tommy Burns, the heavy-weight champion, has it on all the pugilists of the present day. Not being satisfied in beating Bill Squires in one round on July 4, for which he received \$8,000, and also putting away the English champion, "Gunner" Moir, in ten rounds, which netted him close to \$10,000, and probably \$25,000 more out of the pictures taken of the battle, which are being shown in New York just now, Tommy has taken on another English heavy-weight, whom he will probably put away in about eight rounds at the most. This fighter is Jack Palmer, of Newcastle, England, whom he will meet in a 20-round bout at Wonderland, Whitechapel, London, on Feb. 10, for a side bet of \$2,500 and a purse of \$5,000. Palmer fought Jack "Twin" Sullivan at Los Angeles, Cal., March 26, this year, and was knocked out in ten rounds.

THE FOLLOWING TERSE NOTE was found lying on the desk this morning:

"Dominion Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Oddfellows, have a carpetball team that no other lodge can beat."

AMONG THE APPLICATIONS received by the O. H. A. executive at its meeting recently was one from Charles Woolson, a lifelong resident of Ingersoll, who has but recently returned home.

The case was a rather puzzling one, but the executive did the right thing and granted the application.

EXIT WILLIAM SQUIRES, champion heavy-weight of Australia, etc. For the third time since his arrival in America, Boshier Bill has been tried and found wanting. All Australia felt the shock when Squires hit the floor in the first round of his fight with Burns. Then Jack Sullivan polished him off in nineteen rounds, and finally Jim Flynn, an aspiring third-rater, laid him away in six. Verily William is no champion.

JUDGING FROM THE TALES of those who have seen the moving pictures of the battle (?) between Tommy Burns and Gunner Moir, the victory of the American was even more lopsided than one would infer from the first reports sent over from London. Eastern writers who have seen the films in action declare that the gunner had no more chance to win from Burns than Abe Attell from Jeffries—that the "champagne" simply stalled and held himself in check in order that the pictures might be made more interesting. Thomas, clever youth, has a half-interest in the pictures.

Burns could have won in the third round if he had half-tried. In that session he let himself out, and for a minute it looked as if the fight would go no further. Moir, frightened half to death, and slow as one of "his majesty's" battalions, just lumbered around the ring and stopped everything that came his way. Then the American's instinct asserted itself, and the horseplay was resumed. The blooming furriner actually had the nerve to pose for the picture machine.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

NO FRESH ARRIVALS from Ireland were registered at Tom Flanagan's yesterday, but if the weather keeps mild and freight rates remain steady, more activity in the Irish import trade may be looked for at any moment.—Toronto Telegram.

WE ARE IN RECEIPT of the Christmas number of the Horse World, and the annual review of the Cornell and Pennsylvania Universities. Both are beautiful books and are well worth having.

WITHOUT C. A. A. U. THERE WILL
BE NO ATHLETES FOR OLYMPIAD

Toronto, Dec. 23.—"What will be the outcome of your protest against Foran and O'Connell?" a prominent C. A. A. U. man was asked this morning.

"In my opinion," was the reply, "it looks like another fight. I do not think any of us on the board of governors will consent to sit with those gentlemen on the Olympic committee."

"Suppose it comes to a fight, what will be the result?"

"To speak candidly, I can't see anything to it but a complete C. A. A. U. split."

WHAT BASEBALL STARS DO IN WINTER

John Kling, in Kansas City—This wonderful man is now the hero of the stick instead of the mit. His billiard and pool room is so crowded daily that it begins to look like a \$1,000 boost in his bill playing salary. He plays eight nights a week with the best pool players from Joplin, Albany, Sedalia, Excelsior and other points. The grab at that game would make President Murphy wince, could be counted on.

Frank Chance, in California—Fresno, Cal., has been stung. For years its fame rested securely on raisins and Chance, but it has fallen back on raisins. It was a question with Chance whether he would prefer to stand around the depot at Fresno all winter with a bunch of raisins in his hand or enjoy the surf at Ocean Grove. The latter won, and Chance has substituted six plunges per day for a diet of raisins.

Nick Altrock, in Cincinnati—The social season with this lion of society is raging with fury. Following the turkey raffle on Thanksgiving Day, there has been round after round of society and other things. The Welcome Pleasure Club has led the procession with three hoe-downs, and the Mud Creek Exchange Club has conducted several successful poker tournaments. Nick is now organizing the Apollo Club for men that are eligible to a club of that name.

Johnny Evers, in Troy, N. Y.—The hero of this sketch spends most of his time at his hunting lodge on the Hudson. Business in shoes has gone to the dogs. In the first ten days following his triumphant return the Evers shoe emporium shod every man, woman and child in Troy. Albany, Schenectady and Cohoes. There is nothing left but sweep out in the morning and light the lamps at 4 p.m.

John McGraw, in New York, at all—One day is about the same as another with this hero, except that some days they run to form and some they don't.

Hughy Jennings, in Baltimore—Has retired to the shores of an unknown lake, where he spends his days chewing pebbles as a Demosthenes to prepare for another

victory.

"These fellows down east haven't got an athlete, except two men in the M. A. A., and both of them are anxious to leave the Montreal club. We have all the athletes; they apparently have all the pull, but pull won't win in England. The C. A. A. U. has a monopoly of all the athletes, and without our men there will be no team sent to the Olympic games."

"We do not wish to quarrel, but we will never submit to sitting on a committee with Mr. Foran and Mr. O'Connell."

STAYS WITH MONTREAL

Russell Is Not Joining the Tourney Hockey Players.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Ernie Russell authorizes the statement that he is going to stick to Montreal. His absence from the practice Friday night, he says, was arranged for with Dr. George Cameron beforehand, because he was not feeling well. It is also announced that Glass and Johnson have left for the west ahead of the Wanderer crowd, and went away by C. P. R. Friday night. They are supposed to be now in Toronto. Arthur Ross, it is said, has also gone, and the men will be picked up by the team later on. It is also announced that Walter Small will be taken to Winnipeg by the Wanderers. Dr. Cameron, when told that Johnson and Glass had gone away, said he regretted the fact, because he would like to have had them at the meeting Saturday afternoon, to defend themselves against the charges which Montreal would bring against them.

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MARK TWAIN ON
HARD BOWLINGHumorist Tells of a Game the
Like of Which Never
Was Seen.

In my experience, games played with a fiendish outfit furnish ecstasies of delight which games played with the other kind cannot match. Twenty-seven years ago my budding little family spent the summer at Bateman's Point, near Newport, Rhode Island. It was a comfortable boarding place, well stocked with sweet mothers and little children, but the male sex was scarce; however, there was another young fellow besides myself, and he and I had good times—Higgins was his name, but that was not his fault. He was a very pleasant and companionable person. On the premises there was what had once been a bowling alley. It was a single alley, and it was estimated that it had been out of repair for 60 years—but not the balls, the balls were in good condition; there were 41 of them and they ranged in size from a grapefruit up to a lignum-vitae sphere that you could hardly lift.

Higgins and I played on that alley day after day. At first, one of us located himself at the bottom end to set up the pins in case anything should happen to them, but nothing happened. The surface of that alley consisted of a rolling stretch of elevations and depressions, and neither of us could, by any art known to us, persuade a ball to stay on the alley until it should accomplish something. Little balls and big, the same thing always happened—the ball left the alley before it was half way home and went thundering down alongside of it the rest of the way and made the gamekeeper climb out and take care of himself. No matter, we persevered. Higgins, noted and located a lot of its peculiarities, and little by little we learned how to deliver a ball in such a way that it would travel home and knock down a pin or two. By and by we succeeded in improving our game to a point where we were able to get all of the pins with 35 balls—so we made it a 35-ball game. If the player did not succeed with 35, he had lost the game. I suppose that all the balls, taken together, weighed 500 pounds, or maybe a ton—or along there somewhere—but anyway it was not weather, and by the time that a player had sent 35 of them home he was in a drench of perspiration, and physically exhausted.

One blazing hot day, a modest and courteous officer of the regular army, appeared in our den and introduced himself. He was about 35 years old, straight, and a word, but he exuded a scaled up in the uniform of that ignorant old day—a uniform made of heavy material and much proper for January than July. When he saw the venerable alley, and glanced from that to the long procession of shining balls in the trough, his eye lit with desire, and we judged that he was our meat. We politely invited him to take a hand, and he could not conceal his gratitude; though his breeding, and the etiquette of his profession, made him try. We explained the game to him, and said that there were 41 balls, and that the player was privileged to extend his inning and keep on playing until he had used them all up—repeatedly—and that for every ten-strike he got a prize. We didn't name the prize—it wasn't necessary, as no prize would ever be needed or called for. He started a sarcastic smile but quenched it, according to the etiquette of his profession. He merely remarked that he would like to select a couple of medium balls and one small one, adding that he didn't think he would need the rest.

Then he began, and he was an astonished man. He couldn't get a ball to stay on the alley. When he had fired about 15 balls and hadn't yet reached the cluster of pins, his annoyance began to show out through his clothes. He wouldn't let it show in his face; but after another 15 balls he was not able to control his face; he didn't utter a word, but he exuded mute blasphemy from every pore. He asked permission to take off his coat, which was granted; then he turned himself loose, with bitter determination, and although he was only an infantry officer he could have been mis-

taken for a battery, he got up such a volleying thunder, with those balls. Presently he removed his cravat, after a little he took off his vest; and still he went bravely on. Higgins was suffocating. My condition was the same, but it would not be courteous to laugh; it would be better to burst, and we came near it. That officer was good pluck. He stood to his work without uttering a word, and kept the balls going until he had expended the outfit four times, making four times 41 shot; then he had to give it up, and he did; for he was no longer able to stand without wabbling. He put on his clothes, bade us a courteous goodbye, invited us to call at the fort, and started away. Then he came back and said:

"What is the prize for the ten-strike?"

We had to confess that we had not selected it yet.

He said, gravely, that he thought there was no occasion for hurry about it.—From an article in the North American Review.

Burns—Palmer

London, Dec. 23.—The date of the Burns-Palmer fight has been changed from Feb. 7 to Feb. 10.

The articles of agreement call for a purse of at least \$7,500, and a side bet of \$2,500. The Wonderland Club of London has offered the minimum amount asked, and the side bet was deposited when the articles were signed.

REGULATIONS FOR
O. H. A. TEAMS

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Officers of O. H. A. clubs, especially managers and secretaries, should take cognizance of the following official information:

Certificates are issued at the discretion of the executive, and are revocable without notice. All players must have certificates.

O. H. A. clubs are warned not to play with or against professionals or teams suspended by the association.

Players eligible to play in the junior O. H. A. this season must be under 20 years of age on Jan. 1, 1908.

Any club convicted of having in its membership professionals of any kind shall forfeit its membership in the association.

Any club using players not qualified under the residence rule will be sum-

marily suspended. The date this year is Aug. 1.

No player can play in an exhibition match with any club but his own, without first receiving a permit from the O. H. A. executive.

No player is eligible to play in the intermediate series who has played in a senior match, or in more than one intermediate match this season.

Club secretaries should see that the players have their certificates on hand early to show to the referee, so that there will be no delay in starting the game.

No player can play in an O. H. A. schedule game who is or has been, in the current season, a member of, or has played with, in the same association year, any other club in a recognized hockey association—city and town leagues excepted—without special permission of the executive.

Each club shall pay half of the expenses of the referee. It shall be \$5 for all distances up to 50 miles, and he shall be allowed at the rate of 10 cents per mile. When a referee is away from home over night, and the mileage is below 80 miles, he shall be allowed mileage for 80 miles at 10 cents per mile.

The expense of the traveling club are at the rate of 10 cents per mile for one way for eight men, which expenditure must be guaranteed and paid by the home club.

When the home-and-home matches are played in the same city or town, the home club is to take the net proceeds of the gate.

Any club intending to default a match must send to the secretary of the opposing club, and also to the secretary of the association, at least three days' clear notice, exclusive of the day on which the match was to have been played. Unless the executive club otherwise order, any club failing to send such notice, shall be subject to a penalty of \$25, together with all legitimate expenses incurred by the competing club in connection with such match. The penalty is expulsion.

MILITIA PROMOTIONS

Lieut.-Col. Denison Gazetted Commander of Cavalry Brigade.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Lieut.-Col. C. A. K. Denison, R. O., has been made commanding officer of the First Cavalry Brigade of Western Ontario.

In the Twenty-sixth Middlesex Battalion, Provisional Lieutenant J. F. Fox is taken into establishment, vice A. R. Routledge, retired. To be lieutenant (signaling), Lieut. A. L. Johnson.

A beautiful Celtic cross, 20 feet high has been erected at Ranghousa, Bay of Islands, where 93 years ago Samuel Marsden, the "Apostle of New Zealand," landed to hold the first Christian service in that section.



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Berlin's Little Ones Starving 12,000 Children Are Foodless

Keiser's Capital Face To Face With a Serious Problem.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The municipality is face to face with a very serious problem in connection with the supply of food to thousands of virtually starving children attending the primary schools in Berlin, whose numbers have been greatly augmented this year in consequence of the industrial inactivity. Hitherto the Children's Canteen Society has been able to cope with the task in a fairly satisfactory way, by means of subscriptions from private sources, but the call on its funds for this year so great that it will be unable to supply many children. In the first week of December, according to official statistics, from 245 out of the 285 primary schools, no fewer than 11,947 children attended school in most cases without breakfast, and in all

cases without the prospect of obtaining a midday meal at home. Of these 4,498 receive a single daily meal from the fourteen canteens belonging to the above-mentioned society; the other 7,449 are totally unprovided for.

The question of the city's responsibility for the children has now been raised by the Socialists in the municipal council, who propose that the council should in future undertake the task. The society will be able this winter to dispose of the sum of \$8,421 50, altogether for the feeding of the 12,000 starving little ones. During the winter \$37,500 will be necessary, and the council is to be asked to vote \$30,000 to make up the amount required and place it at the disposal of the society for administration. This course is suggested in order to obviate the loss of civil rights entailed by the children's parents should their offspring be directly fed by the authorities. Parents who do not send their children to school are fined unless they can give medical authority for keeping them home. Therefore poor parents send children to school even though foodless and miserably clad.

Travelers Home for Christmas Holiday

A majority of the McClary Manufacturing Company's travelers are in this city for the holidays, and will stay here two weeks at least.

Today will be spent in going through the factory, after which a banquet may be held at the Tecumseh Grill.

The travelers in the city at present are: G. W. G. Ritchie, Montreal; J. W. Anderson and Scott Murray, Winnipeg; W. E. Thorpe and J. Arthur, St. John; G. W. Lawson, Vancouver; W. T. Thompson, Hamilton; G. E. Baxter, W. B. Searson and William Jeffrey, Toronto; C. H. Greenfield, Chalmers; G. H. Smith, G. B. Johnson, A. Ward and J. McKellar, city travelers.

Trade is dull for the travelers about the holiday time, and the majority of them spend Christmas and New Year's at home.

IMPOSED ONLY MINIMUM FINE

On Farmer Who It Is Alleged Put Water in His Milk.

William O'Brien, of London Township, was fined \$10 and \$3.85 costs by Magistrate Love this morning, on a charge of selling milk containing a large percentage of water.

In imposing the fine, his worship said, that in his opinion, anyone selling adulterated milk was guilty of an act of the greatest contempt. Children, especially, suffered, as they depended largely upon milk for their food. It was an imposition on the public, also, as they were paying for milk and paying a good price for it, and were being supplied with water.

Under the Dominion act, such offenders were liable to a fine of not less than \$50, and as high as \$1,000. In this case he would be as lenient as possible, and prosecute under the Ontario act, which provided a penalty of not less than \$1 and not more than \$50.

The Defense.

Mr. William O'Brien stoutly maintained that he had no knowledge of the affair, and rather a sensation was caused in court when Mr. O'Brien, sen., rose and addressed the court. "I have been a resident of this vicinity for over 70 years," said Mr. O'Brien, and in that time my reputation has been spotless. For nine years my son has delivered milk in this city, and no one ever found anything wrong before. This whole thing is a bungle and some other dealer's milk has been used instead of ours. The summons says it was taken on the 29th of November, and our milk was taken on Nov. 26. Another man was hailed to court and they said he was the wrong man. This is not Canadian justice.

A Respected Citizen.

Mr. Magistrate Love told him that his reputation has always been spotless. He reminded him that his son, who supplied the milk to W. O'Brien, had stated that no water had been placed in the milk on the day in question, and would not swear regarding other days. Mr. O'Brien, sen., took the affair greatly to heart, and left the court apparently thinking that he was involved in it.

Robert Wark was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and was remanded until tomorrow. Another charge will be preferred against him by Chief Williams, as Wark is on the prohibited list.

John Brazell, charged with vagrancy, could not pay a fine of \$1, and went down for two months.

Richard Ross, drunk, was fined \$10, and Alfred Smith, for the same offence, paid \$5.

BOUND OVER TO KEEP THE PEACE

Squire Chitlock Gives Judgment in the Hatch-Hetherington Case.

William Hetherington, a London Township farmer, was bound over this morning by Squire Chitlock to keep the peace.

Hetherington was arrested on complaint of George Hatch, the auctioneer, who stated that Hetherington had threatened his life.

The two men are parties to an agreement whereby the accused was to work a farm owned by the complainant on a one-third share.

County Constable Cousart testified that Hetherington had told him he was going to get a gun and shoot Hatch if the latter did not cease annoying him.

DOING NOBLE WORK

Continued From Page One.

It is much needed, good warm castoff clothing for small folks as well as adults.

Pots Have Done Well.

This year the donations have not come in as speedily as usual, though the pots have done well.

The Salvation Army makes a special appeal for more assistance in this noble work, and all checks should be payable to John D. Sharp, of Salvation Army Barracks, city.

Clothing should be sent to Col. Sharp, care of provincial headquarters, London.

The comparative statistics of 1906 and of 1907 are as follows:

1907.	
Street pots	\$200 00
Collecting boxes in stores	16 45
Letters	50 00
Total	\$266 45
1906.	
Donations by letter	\$116 00
Collecting boxes in stores	6 90
Streets pots	121 70
Value of food given	50 00
Total	\$294 60

QUESTIONS FOR MR. BECK TO ANSWER

Citizen Puts List of Queries to Supporters of Bylaw.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As a plain citizen who does not use power, and who is not interested in any concern which supplies power or any adjunct of supplying power, I should like to know, as I fancy many others in the like situation would like to know, a few plain facts about the power bylaw, as it affects such a citizen. If the bylaw means advantage to the city I desire to support it. It is purely a matter of business.

I would suggest that those urging citizens to support the bylaw would, at their Monday meeting, answer such of the appended questions as they think pertinent, and that your representative attend the meeting and formulate in brief, the answers given, and publish such answers in a subsequent issue of The Advertiser.

1. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of providing the generating station at Niagara, and what will it cost? Who will manage and control this?

2. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of the transmission line from Niagara to London, and what will it cost? Who will manage and control this?

3. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of the plant required at London to receive and prepare for distribution the current after it arrives here, and what will such plant cost? Who will manage and control this?

4. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of the plant required to distribute the electric power at the point of use thereof in London, and what will such plant cost? Who will manage and control this?

5. What proportion of the final cost of electric power at the point of use by the consumer is incurred for the generation of the power, what proportion is incurred for the transmission of the power to the distributing stations, and what proportion is incurred for distributing to the consumer in London, including all costs in each case, i.e., initial capital expense, management, sinking fund, interest, insurance, if any, etc.?

6. Has the city any bargain or contract with the Government or the

power commission, or any responsible entity, that power will be supplied to the city for distribution at any given price or less than any given maximum price?

7. How many horsepower would the city be committed to pay for annually if the bylaw carried and was implemented by the council?

8. How many years is the city expected to bind itself to pay for power to the commission or the Government, as the case may be?

9. Has the city any enforceable undertaking from the Government or the power commission or those who, from knowledge and investigation, are sure that powerusers will get cheaper power by this scheme, that power to London-users will not exceed a certain maximum cost per horsepower?

10. What is the total amount for which the city would be expected to obligate itself during the whole currency of the anticipated contract, not deducting the expected earnings?

11. What would be the total amount of the expected earnings during the whole currency of the contract?

12. Would the city be expected to pay each year for a prearranged number of horsepower, or would the city pay by meter, for exactly what it distributed to its customers, or would it pay for the peak load each day, or how?

13. Not counting, as a power-user, a citizen who merely pays taxes for street-lighting, what percentage of the people of London use power?

14. Excepting the taxpayer, as in question 13, and also the users of electric light, what percentage of the citizens are power-users?

15. What number of consumers of electric light are to be supplied under the bylaw being submitted?

16. Assuming that power will be cheapened, is there any provision in the scheme whereby the ordinary householder will reap any considerable advantage, or does the principal part of the advantage go to the power-users?

17. Has experience shown that it costs more to manage a municipally-operated undertaking of this kind, than it does to operate the same by a private corporation, and if it costs more to operate municipally, if there is data to determine the question, what is the percentage of extra cost?

18. How soon would the city be ready to distribute, if the bylaw is passed at this voting?

These questions are not framed in scientific language, but are, perhaps, plain enough to be intelligible to ordinary business people. If you will publish, and the supporters of the scheme will give frank answers to the questions, it will help me, and I think many others, to decide how to vote. It cannot be expected that every answer will be favorable to the scheme, but the answers will afford data upon which to proceed.

I ask the questions because everyone of them has been raised by some citizen in talking to me, and the subject questions have been given an answer which was acceptable to all parties to the discussion as the true answer.

CITIZEN.

London, Dec. 23, 1907.

Local Items

—The Canadian Club of Montreal has invited Hon. Adam Beck to speak there on Jan. 13.

—Dr. Watson, of Campbellford, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Braddon over Sunday.

—Mr. M. A. Millar, of Hanover, is spending Christmas with Rev. Mr. Routledge, of this city.

—Miss A. T. McCartney, of New York, is visiting her father, Mr. Jas. McCartney, of this city.

—Messrs. L. G. and Gordon Routledge, of Toronto University, are spending the holidays with their father, Rev. Mr. Routledge, of this city.

—Mr. D. A. Stewart is being mentioned as a candidate for aldermanic honors. Mr. Stewart has had six years' experience as councillor in Lobo council.

—Mr. Ned Wilson, of the Michigan State Telephone Company, Detroit, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, 510 Hamilton road.

—Mr. Edward Howard Griggs, who has the reputation of being the most popular lecturer on the Atlantic coast will lecture in London on the evenings of April 29 and May 6. He will be under the auspices of one of the educational societies of the city, probably the Teachers' Association.

Winter Assembles.

The winter assembles at London open on Monday, Jan. 6, before the chief justice of the common pleas.

Col. Denison Appointed.

A dispatch from Ottawa states that Lieut.-Col. Clarence A. K. Denison has been appointed from the reserve of officers to command the first cavalry brigade, Western Ontario. Lieut.-Col. Denison was formerly attached to Wolseley Barracks and the appointment is very popular. He is well-known in this city.

Open on Sunday.

Several moving picture shows opened for business in Hamilton on Sunday, but were promptly closed by the police, who took the names of the proprietors. The picture showmen take the ground that the temperance people at Bennett's Theater a few Sundays ago were not molested, and that they have similar rights.

Charged With Vagrancy.

John MacGregor and Herman Fracke were arrested yesterday in London Township, by Detectives Northgreaves and Mills, on charge of vagrancy. It is alleged that the two men have had no visible means of support, and that they have been sleeping in a barn and barns.

Squire S. F. Glass remanded the pair until the 26th of this month.

Stealing Trees.

Mr. Charles Baker, of the London nursery, reported to the county police this morning that a number of evergreens from his farm, the old Merrie estate, had been stolen. He also offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of the criminal. Every year about this time Mr. Baker has a great deal of trouble with tree thieves. He has a fine lot of evergreens on his farm, but there is always a large part of them stolen, and sold on the market at this time of the year. He is anxious

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to put a stop to this sort of thing, and will make an effort to capture the thieves.

Concert at Telfer.

A good concert was held on Friday at school session No. 7, Telfer, taught by Miss M. Foster, of Byron. It was a very successful one, as there was sleighing, and a large number of people were present. At 2 o'clock p.m. the choir was taken by Mr. Norman Scott, the opening piece was an interesting recitation by Mary F. Scott, which was followed by a number of other well-chosen recitations, readings and dialogues. Mr. Bert Charlton gave an excellent reading, which was much appreciated. There was also a good dialogue, the scene being laid in a backwoods school, and the characters well taken by a number of the schoolboys. The programme closed with a timely speech from Mr. Alex. Taylor, followed by God Save the King, in which everybody heartily joined.

**KING'S ABDICATION
TO BE DEMANDED**

Dictator Franco Is To Be Impeached By Portuguese Republicans.

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The result of the present political crisis here may not only determine whether a new and better order of public administration is to prevail in Portugal, but remote as such a change appears to the ordinary observer, whether the whole monarchical regime shall not give way to a republican form of government.

The Republicans, small as is the influence they exercise at present under the restricted suffrage which the people enjoy, sincerely believe that Franco by exposing the corrupt practices of the Monarchist parties, has administered a blow to the prestige of the King and the monarchy from which it can never recover, and made a republic, which is a year ago seemed a dream of the far-distant future, a probability.

Certainly Franco by his revelations has placed powerful weapons in the hands of the Republican leaders, which they intend to use to the best advantage. Their plan is to push the issue, to permit the corrupt practices of the Monarchist parties, to open a campaign, in the newspapers, to play their trump card. This will be nothing else than a motion to impeach Franco for his action in liquidating the King's share of the treasury, and as a logical corollary thereof to demand the abdication of King Carlos, which compels the abdication of the monarch when he is adjudged "morally incapable" of his office.

But here in Portugal, where the percentage of illiteracy is the largest in Europe and where the people are excluded from the ballot, it remains to be seen whether they can be aroused.

The fate of Joao Franco, the dictator, who, as a monarchist, professes to be seeking the political and financial regeneration of the country, will be well worth watching. Franco is a man of 55 years of age, and practically his whole life has been spent in politics.

When he began his present career against the old parties, as the leader of what he called a new "Liberal Progress" party, he made a public proclamation of his "confession and repentance" for his political past. His charges against the old parties and the hands of the dictatorship turned "made of opinion against him. The only thing his enemies do not reproach him with is a desire to line his own pockets. His wealth excludes such a motive, and as this motive seems to have been the aim of him of things political to the politicians is the most mystifying feature of the dictatorship.

For Republicans like Bernardino Machado the explanation is simple. They profess to see in him only a political charlatan, the tool of the king.

Undoubtedly the king's popularity has suffered at best a temporary eclipse as a result of this scandal and the establishment of the dictatorship, but if things work rapidly back to normal conditions there seems little prospect of an upheaval or a palace revolution might suddenly alter the situation.

Bankers and businessmen regard the situation from a financial standpoint as being much more critical than from a political point of view. Since the bankruptcy of 1890 there has been a constant succession of deficits, accompanied, the bankers say, by a most deplorable system of finance.

**ARMENIAN CHARGED
WITH PRIEST KILLING**

New York, Dec. 22.—Paul Sarkasian, in whose room in West Thirtieth street, the body of Father Kaepfer, a priest, was found on May 26 last, was arrested last night. Sarkasian returned to the United States five days ago from Marseille, to which city he fled after the murder.

Father Kaepfer was murdered presumably for the money he carried.

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though some found a connection between his death and the political ideas he had promulgated. The body was placed in a trunk and left in a furnished room occupied by Sarkasian and another Armenian.

Sarkasian, who is 23 years old, denies complicity in the murder. He says that he was employed in a restaurant at the time. On the night of May 22 he went to his room and there found the trunk containing the priest's body. It had been brought to the room after he had left that morning. He found a key and, opening the trunk, recognized the body of the priest. It was still warm. He remained in the room all night, but Moradian, his roommate, did not return. The next day, fearing that suspicion would be directed towards him, he left for Montreal. From there he sailed for Europe. While in Montreal, Sarkasian said he communicated with his brother-in-law, Manog Hazarian, at 40 Quai de la Providence, who sent him \$120.

FELL WITH LAMP

Grand Valley Woman Succumbs to Terrible Injuries.

Grand Valley, Dec. 22.—Mrs. McClelland, wife of Councilor James McClelland, died this morning at 2 o'clock from burns received from falling down the cellar steps with a lamp in her hands last evening. She apparently tripped on the top step, striking her head on the top step, which rendered her unconscious, the lamp crashed to pieces on the cement floor, the blazing oil enveloping the body, setting fire to her nightdress.

Her eldest daughter endeavored to quench the blaze with water, while the young daughter ran down the street to give the alarm. A neighbor smothered the flames with a mat, but the victim never regained full consciousness.

Mrs. McClelland was in her 60th year, and was much esteemed for her Christian character. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons and two daughters.

FAILED TO FLAG TRAIN

Section Man Blamed for Causing Fatal Wreck Near Schreiber.

Port Arthur, Dec. 22.—Coroner Dr. Brown and Crown-Attorney Langworthy, where they held an inquest into the death of William Small, the fireman who, with Engineer McAllen, was killed in the run-off of No. 96 last Monday.

After an investigation lasting five hours, a verdict was returned by the jury finding that the death was the result of the failure of the sectionman to properly flag the train, and the section foreman committed a grave error in opening the track to replace a rail without being assured of proper protection.

The evidence showed that the flagman sent out had been caught by the train coming suddenly around a curve while he was on a bridge, and the only way he could save himself was to lie down on the side of it, where he was not seen by the engineer, though he says he waved the flag. There will be no prosecution.

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beading and ornaments.
Pumps, with silk bow, and
Pumps with a strap.

\$2.00 Dancing Slippers in white,
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\$2.00 Warm Slippers for house
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75c Women's Warm Felt
65c House Slippers in black and
50c other colors.

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Women's Black Jersey Leggins,
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\$1.00
Misses' Brown Corduroy Leg-
gins, \$1.10.

Spats

Women's Black Spats, \$1.00, 85c,
75c, 65c and 50c.
Women's Brown Spats, \$1.00,
85c and 50c.

Women's Gray, Drab and Fawn
Spats, 85c.
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shades, \$1.00, 85c, 50c.
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City and District

—Miss La Vera Lewis, of 533 Eliza-
beth street, left this morning for
Guelph to spend Christmas holidays.

—Mr. James Kichham, of Chicago,
a popular traveler, is spending the
holidays at his home on King street
east.

—Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith have found
it necessary to open another studio, at
Dundas street, owing to the num-
ber of their students, who will find it
more convenient than the Wellington
street studio.

Gave Them Turkeys.

Hyatt Bros., builders, of Egerton
street, kindly presented their employes
with turkeys and presents on Satur-
day morning.

"At Home."

The sergeants of the Seventh Regi-
ment will be "at home" to their
friends on Christmas Eve from 8 to 11
o'clock.

Not the Man.

Henry Ellwood, of Alfred street,
wishes it understood that he is not the
man by that name who was arrested
for making a disturbance on the Ham-
ilton road on Friday night.

Passed Civil Service Exams.

An Ottawa dispatch gives the names
of the following Londoners as having
passed the civil service examinations
held in November: Ina Beatrice Black-
burn, M. H. Martin, Fred C. Stanley,
George E. Stephenson, Lillian H.
Strong, Norman Trebilcock, Janet M.
Tyler.

Arrested in Toronto.

Toronto Globe of Saturday: Albert
Nicholls, a boy of 14, left his home in
London, Ont., last September, and his
parents lost track of him. He came to
Toronto and got in touch with a tough
gang in the city. Yesterday he was ar-
rested for the theft of some linen from
a rig, and is now at the shelter.

Excellent Entertainer.

Mr. Fred Emerson Brooks, the Cal-
ifornia poet, was the attraction at the
Auditorium on Saturday night, and
entertained a large audience. Mr.
Brooks reads nothing but his own
poetry, which he does well. He is also
a splendid imitator. Every number
was appreciated.

Cards for Knights.

Provincial Prior C. W. McGuire, of
the Knights Templar, is sending very
fine Christmas cards to the mem-
bers of the Knights Templar of the London
district. The cards are very pretty and
are strictly informal. This district in-
cludes Stratford, Windsor, St. Thomas,
Chatham, Sarnia and London.

Old Resident Dead.

The death occurred at her residence
in Niles town on Saturday of Mrs.
Charlotte Court, relict of the late
William Court. Mrs. Court, who was
83 years old, had lived in the vicinity
for a great many years, and was widely
known and esteemed. She was a
native of Wiltshire, England. Several
weeks ago Mrs. Court was taken ill
with pneumonia from which her death
resulted.

Woodbine Lodge.

At the last meeting of Woodbine
Lodge, 231, A. O. U. W., the follow-
ing officers were elected for 1908:
Master workman, C. Johnston; fore-
man, W. Goodland; overseer, H. Ros-
siter; guide, E. Hickson; financier, A.
Carothers; recorder, W. Thompson;
recorder, J. Ward; I. W. A. J. Pryce;
O. W. A. Jacobs; medical examiner,
Dr. Teasdale; auditors, F. Rossiter and
George Finnegan.

Death of Mrs. Fessenden.

The death occurred Sunday morn-
ing of Mrs. Christina Fessenden, wife
of Mr. W. R. Fessenden, at the family
residence, 433 King street, after a
short illness. Mrs. Fessenden was
born in London, near Brussels,
but had lived in London for many
years. Deceased is survived by a hus-

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band, two daughters, Misses Cora and

Lillian, and one son, Charles, at home.
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day at 2:30 o'clock.

Strangers' Club.

About twenty strangers were the
guests of the Strangers' Club at the
Y. M. C. A. last evening. Lunch was
served from 5 to 6 o'clock by the
ladies' auxiliary. After the luncheon,
the stranger was asked his name and
other particulars, and was taken to
the church he preferred by the mem-
bers of the Strangers' Club. The ob-
ject of the club is to get in touch with
all the strangers in the city and get
them into the churches. The club is
meeting with considerable success.

Surprised Their Teachers.

In connection with the usual Christ-
mas tree and entertainment at Worl-
d school Friday afternoon, the pupils
sprang a surprise on their teach-
ers. After the programme in their
own room, Mr. Wyatt's class called
him into the kindergarten, where they
served refreshments and presented him
with a monogrammed ebony clothes
brush. Miss Johnstone's class re-
membered her with an ebony inkstand,
and Miss Whitaker received from her
primary class a dainty box of linen
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