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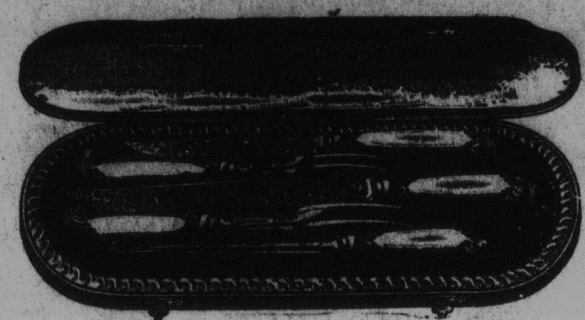
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BRITAIN AND BALUCHISTAN.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—A British punitive expedition has razed Nodis Fort, in South Baluchistan, which had long been the stronghold of a fierce band of outlaws. These held out until the fort was demolished by guns. About a dozen men were buried in the ruins, five others were killed, fourteen were wounded and sixty-three were captured. The British casualties were three men killed and eight wounded.

Baluchistan, the state lying along the Indian Ocean, between Persia and India, is feudatory to India, the Khan of Khelat being subsidized by the Indian government at Simla. During the last few years this government, in strengthening its northwest frontier, has assumed more definite control over the wild tribes of the border. There are

numerous forts scattered about Baluchistan, and the uprisings of local chieftains steadily going on have given occasion for a number of small expeditions of the British and native troops stationed along the line of the Indus, with headquarters at Peshawar. Britain has lately been developing the ancient trade route from Southern Persia to India, passing through Baluchistan.

DANCED OT 80; DIED AT 97.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Sarah Osgood Tracy, the oldest woman in Syracuse, died today. She was born at North Andover, Mass., April 30, 1804. When 80 years old she took part in amateur theatricals and danced a minuet.

TERRIFIC STORM.

Great Damage Done in the Pacific and Mountain States.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 27.—Thursday night's storm did much damage and endangered many lives in this city. Along the north end of the water front the breakers washed away eight houses. Floating drift wood battered these to matchwood. The occupants barely escaped. Wires are down all over the city. The highest velocity of the wind was 35 miles an hour.

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

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 27.—The storm which has been raging throughout the northern inter-mountain country, struck Salt Lake last night with a suddenness and fury that was startling. From a dead calm the wind increased with remarkable rapidity and attained a velocity of fully 30-miles an hour, bringing with it a blinding snow storm, which raged with the fury of a blizzard for more than two hours. The storm came from the northwest and although of comparatively short duration, was one of the severest known in this section for years.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

Car May Attend Coronation—Miss Stone's Captors—General Notes.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—It is said that the car has accepted an invitation to attend the coronation of King Edward, provided that the carina is in good health at the time the ceremony occurs.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—Despatches from Salonica report that W. W. Pete, of the missionary society, has established communication with the brigands who hold Miss Ellen M. Stone captive and insist that the release of Miss Stone will be accomplished within a fortnight.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—United States minister to Turkey, John G. A. Leishman, who was visiting the U. S. on leave of absence, is expected to arrive here on Monday tomorrow.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Fire last night destroyed the grain elevator of A. F. Mueller at 55th street and the Pittsburg Port Wayne and Chicago railroad tracks. The loss on machinery and grain is \$200,000.

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 27.—The violence of snow storms which have prevailed during the past week is almost unprecedented. A number of railway trains remain embedded in the snow in the southeastern districts of Norway, and most of the telegraph wires are down. Traffic in Christiania and its vicinity has been greatly interfered with.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—Dr. Longyear, who is one of the attending surgeons on Gen. R. A. Alger, said tonight that the critical period in the general's illness had passed and that his recovery was practically certain, so far as he could determine at present.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—Three children lost their lives in a fire in the two story frame building at 27 Lombard street shortly before four o'clock this morning. They were three sons of Mary Grzela, who occupied the second floor of the building. They were Joseph, 10 years old; Frank, 7 years old; and Adam, a twin, three years old. Their features were slightly burned, but not unrecognizable. The other members of the family had a miraculous escape, and the mother and baby, two days old, had to be carried out on a mattress. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an overheated stove in a saloon on the first floor.

BOSS CROKER MAY BE SUED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The fractional disagreement among the Democrats of the seventh congressional district over the nomination of a candidate for the seat in congress made vacant by the resignation of Nicholas Muller, reached the election bureau today. The friends of Joseph O'Grady, represented by Asa Blye E. Gardiner, filed protests against the nomination of Perry Belmont and John E. Bennett. The main objections set forth were of a technical nature and questioned the legality of the nominating conventions. An incident of the contest is a personal quarrel between Richard Croker and Perry Belmont, and the latter has threatened to sue the Tammany leader for libel.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—Captain Schoeffel, with a detachment of 18 men, of Company "E" 9th Infantry at Dap-Dap Island of Samar, was attacked by a large force of bolomen. A severe hand-to-hand fight ensued, in which a sergeant, a corporal and five privates were killed. Captain Schoeffel was wounded, but not dangerously. Five privates were dangerously and one slightly wounded. No property was lost. The enemy was finally repulsed with heavy loss.

GROUND TO DEATH.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—John W. Taylor, chief engineer of the Terminal Railroad Association, and William Austin Kent, whose home is in Louisville, Ky., were ground to death beneath the wheels of a Wabash switch engine in North St. Louis last night, after jumping, panic stricken from a swiftly moving motor car which threatened to collide with the switch engine at the May street crossing.

FREDERICTON.

It is Hoped Logs May Be Saved—Little Ice in the River.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 27.—Lumber operators are now more hopeful of saving a large part of the logs which came down river in the recent thaw and rise of water than they have been any time since last fall. The water is at high pitch and the river is likely to freeze over in that condition, and the logs are now jammed in a comparatively small area and many of them are likely to be above the surface when the ice makes, and it is hoped that a large proportion of the lumber can be hauled out and banked during the winter. Banking operations will not begin until about the first of March, when the weather conditions are expected to be favorable to work. About a million feet of lumber ran into the Douglas boom last week.

The river from Grand Falls to some distance below Woodstock is entirely free of ice, and below Woodstock there is but little ice, and even opposite Fredericton the ice is only about six inches thick, and it would not take much of a thaw to take the present ice out, when the logs not in the boom would go out to sea and be lost.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Didn't Know It Was Loaded—Another Carnegie Gift.

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Dec. 27.—Fred Haynes, a young man, was handling a revolver, which he did not know was loaded, when it went off. The bullet passed through a book on the table and glanced lodged in the abdomen of Frank Jackson, a seven year old nephew of Haynes. The boy was taken to the hospital, where he died a few hours later. An inquest will be held.

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Dec. 27.—The public library board has received and accepted an offer of \$12000 from Andrew Carnegie. The conditions accompanying the offer are that the city provide a free site and expend annually one-tenth of the amount of the donation, or \$1200 for the maintenance of the library.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—An official of the interior department will go to England to investigate immigration matters.

COST 50,000 LIVES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Mail advices received at the Colombian legation speak of the deplorable financial condition of the country resulting from the strain of the rebellion. Paper money has depreciated so that \$45 in paper money is equivalent to \$1 in gold. Mr. Herrera, the charge at the legation said tonight:

"The rebellion is now practically over. There are only scattered marauding bands left, numbering probably not much more than 300 men. They are in the Llanos of Panama, and the state of Toulima, but they are being wiped out rapidly. The rebellion broke out in Oct. 1899, and has cost the country the lives of 50,000 able bodied men, the sinews of her population and \$250,000,000 in money and has left the country in a state of exhaustion."

LOST \$500,000 IN GAMBLING.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—Emperor Francis Joseph has ordered the expulsion from Austria of the principals in the bacarat game of Dec. 21, when at the Vienna Jockey Club Count Potocki lost \$500,000 during three hours playing. Count Pallavicini winning most of the money, Counts John and Joseph Potocki have retired to Russia. Gambling for large amounts of money is illegal in Austria.

A BORDER WEDDING.

(Bangor Commercial.)
Cyrus S. Winch, of Bangor, and Miss Ethel E. Christie, of Oak Hill, N. B., were married at four o'clock Christmas afternoon at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Goucher, of St. Stephen, and was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. Miss Lottie Baldwin, of Oak Hill, was bridesmaid, and George W. Christie, a brother of the bride, was groomsmen.

Miss Christie is an attractive young woman, who has a large circle of friends in Oak Hill, St. Stephen and Bangor. She was gown in a charming costume of cream albatross and carried white roses. Miss Baldwin wore white cashmere and carried pink roses. Mr. Winch is the manager of the Bangor taxidermy, a family with which the Chrises had frequent quarrels. A general fight resulted in the church and around it women and children shrieked and sought safety from revolvers and knives by jumping from the windows. Only the minister, Rev. Mr. Rowe, remained. At the close six men lay wounded, Orrin and Charles Day, Lewis Legg, Joseph Williams, John Durrant and Lebanon Williams. Physicians were called from Picketon and Idaho to attend the wounded men and the sheriff was notified. It is believed the six men will die. Many others were slightly injured.

FATAL FIGHT IN A CHURCH.

PICKETON, O., Dec. 26.—Six men were probably fatally wounded in a general fight at a small country church at Picketon postoffice Wednesday night, and a panic took place among the worshippers. During a religious meeting, Charles and Orrin Day appeared and announced that they had "come to clean out the Legs," a family with which the Days had frequent quarrels. A general fight resulted in the church and around it women and children shrieked and sought safety from revolvers and knives by jumping from the windows. Only the minister, Rev. Mr. Rowe, remained. At the close six men lay wounded, Orrin and Charles Day, Lewis Legg, Joseph Williams, John Durrant and Lebanon Williams. Physicians were called from Picketon and Idaho to attend the wounded men and the sheriff was notified. It is believed the six men will die. Many others were slightly injured.

WANT RECIPROCITY

In Automobiles Between United States and Canada.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Reciprocity with Canada in the matter of touring motor vehicles in passing the border free of duty is the chief topic being discussed by the law committee of the Automobile Club of America at its sessions now being held in this city.

G. F. Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, has called the attention of the members to customs regulations obtained in 1898 by the Canadian Wheelman's Association. Members upon presentation of their membership tickets and securing the permission of the collector of the port of export, could take their bicycles across the border duty free. Mr. Chamberlain urged that on effort be made to obtain for touring automobiles similar privileges through like customs regulations by the Canadian and United States treasury department.

At present not only touring automobiles, but motor vehicle users, at points as close to the Canadian border as Buffalo and Detroit are obliged to pay duty in full and take receipts therefor, redeemable on the return of the tourists with their vehicles. The expense and inconvenience thus entailed have greatly hampered automobile touring between the two countries. It has been decided to send a committee to Canada to try to induce the dominion customs officials to take the initiative in this matter.

A \$72,000,000 COMPANY.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—Details of a plan for the reorganization of the Erie Telegraph and Telephone company, with a capital of \$72,000,000, involving a transfer of control to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and given in a circular to the shareholders of the Erie company, were made public today. Kildner, Peabody & Co., bankers, will carry out the plan if it is accepted by the shareholders. That the step will be taken is thought to be assured, in view of the statement that the financial condition of the company is "critical," and the declaration that \$9,000,000 in notes with interest from June, 1901, at five per cent. per annum fall due Jan. 10, 1902, while "the company has on hand to meet these maturing notes no cash or securities upon which cash can be raised nor any other available resources, and it will therefore be unable to pay them."

STEAMSHIP ON FIRE.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 27.—The Nipine Uzeen Kaisha liner Shinono Maru is afire at Port Townsend. Meagre details of the conflagration which is raging in the hold, arrived last night by the steamer North Pacific. The Shinono Maru left this port for Yokohama a week ago last Wednesday, with several thousand tons of cotton and general freight. She put back from sea and yesterday arrived at Port Townsend flying signals of distress. The storm made it difficult for her to go out to her berth, until the British vice-consul chartered the tug Wildwood and went to her. He was told that she was afire and gave the news to the North Pacific, then on her way to Seattle. The Shinono took out the most valuable Oriental cargo ever sent from this port.

THE DEATH ROLL.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 27.—United States Senator William J. Sewell died this morning.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Augustus L. Allen, one of the original trustees of Vassar college, is dead, aged 92. In 1859 he was chairman of the committee appointed to welcome home the late Prof. S. F. B. Morse, inventor of telegraph, after his first protracted trip abroad.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The navy department received the following from Admiral Mortimer Johnson, commanding the Boston navy yard, dated today:—Captain Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., died this morning at Marine hospital, Chelsea. Capt. Leary was the first governor of Guam after that island came into the possession of the U. S.

THREE MEN KILLED.

SHARPSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—An explosion at the old Sharpsville furnace, about seven o'clock this morning, wrecked the furnace plant and killed three men. Another workman was probably fatally injured. Dead—Martin Clary, Howard Dickson, James Bartlett; injured: James Donnelly. The men were working at the top of the furnace when the explosion occurred, and Clary, Dickson and Bartlett were burned to death. Their bodies were recovered at 9 o'clock. Donnelly was injured by jumping. The cause of the explosion is unknown. No estimate has been made as yet of the loss.

A RICH AMERICAN.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—W. Curtis Wakefield, of New York, is the name of the American who has leased Ditton park, near Windsor, for the coronation year. It is a magnificent mansion, surrounded by a broad, deep moat, which is crossed by a single bridge, through an embattled arched gatehouse. A park of three hundred acres surrounds the residence, which was the home of the late Duchess of Buccleuch. The agent of the estate hopes that Mr. Wakefield will ultimately purchase the property.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight in west portion; fresh northwest winds.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Maritime—Gales from east shifting to northwest and west, snow and sleet; Saturday, diminishing westerly winds, fair with nearly same temperature.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 27, 1901.

MR. A. C. SMITH.

St. John has lost one of its most worthy citizens, and the province one of its best men by the death of Mr. A. C. Smith, of Carleton. Mr. Smith was an upright and enterprising business man, a helpful and public spirited member of the community. His public service as a member of the city council and afterwards in the legislature was above reproach. Mr. Smith was a man who did not desire to be conspicuous, yet by his character and ability, and his desire to do good to those about him he gradually came to occupy an important place in the life of the town. The state of his health compelled him some years ago to withdraw from public life. This was felt to be a great loss to his party in this constituency, and to the province at large.

WIDELY PREVALENT.

The statement in another column of tonight's Star, coupled with those in last evening's issue, show that small-pox is widely prevalent. In most other localities the disease appears to have assumed a milder form than in St. John, where the first case that developed, and from which all the others appear to have resulted, was of a serious type. It is found that those who have been successfully vaccinated are much less liable to infection, and that nearly all the fatal cases have been those where there had been no vaccination. These two facts surely ought to convince every person that it is a universal duty to take the great precaution which science and experience point out as the most essential.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

(From Daily Sun.)

Next month five federal elections will be held in Ontario, five in Quebec and one in Prince Edward Island. The Ontario seats will all be contested. In that province we do not hear the argument that it is expedient in by-elections for a constituency to support the government, however bad the government may be. In Quebec the Laurier-Tarte combination appears to be as strong as ever. Yet the conservatives have already begun the fight for two of the vacant seats, and probably they will not allow the others to go by default. They feel that much has already been lost by helpless acquiescence in the situation. In West Queens, Prince Edward Island, there is a majority of over seven hundred to be overcome, and the present premier of the province, with the patronage of two governments at his back, is the Laurier candidate. Yet we shall be surprised if the conservatives lay down their arms. No one would greatly blame the conservative party in Quebec, or in two of the Quebec counties, if they should decline a contest. But if they adopt the more heroic course, nominate a good man and go vigorously to work to try and elect him, they will have the best wishes of their party throughout the country.

Those French papers in Montreal which are describing the Canadian soldiers who go to South Africa as men who should be assailed with rotten eggs are of the class of journals Canada could very well spare. The effect of their appeal, if there are any who heed it, cannot be other than to stir up a feeling of disloyalty among French-Canadians. The easy tolerance with which British people treat the ravings of demagogues and irresponsible writers is in striking contrast to the treatment such trouble breeders receive in other countries.

MacLay, the historian, whose writings led to the famous Schley enquiry, has fallen on evil times. President Roosevelt has discharged him from the naval service, and a brewing company has sued him for \$36 alleged to be due for beer supplied to him.

Chili and Argentina having signed a protocol or something, it will now be in order for Venezuela and Colombia to begin hostilities. The press correspondents must have a South American war looming up or lose their reputation.

The fighting editor of the Telegraph was apparently relegated to a cell in the basement last night, while the diplomatic editor tried to repair the damage done by the fighting editor's indiscriminate attacks upon members of the board of health and other persons.

BOARD OF WORKS.

At a meeting of the civic board of works yesterday a claim of Merritt Bros. & Co. for \$150 for damages to salt was referred to a committee. Application of Wm. Campbell and Fred J. Lewis, of the ferry service for sick pay were referred. Aldermen Christie, Milledge and McMullin were appointed to consider the

petition of the ferry employees for increased pay.

Upon the recommendation of Harbor Master Taylor the council was recommended to purchase an Excelsior life boat at a cost of \$250. This is required for the Red's Point station. Supt. Glasgow urged that the regulations for the government of the ferry should be looked into and some changes made. Teams went on the boats too heavily laden. The cabin set apart for men was in a disgraceful condition at an early hour every morning, despite the fact that it was thoroughly cleaned late at night. A stop should be put to smoking on the boat, as most men were unable to smoke without spitting, he said.

PROVINCIALISTS PERISHED.

With the Gloucester Schooner Ella Parkhurst in the Gulf.

GLoucester, Mass., Dec. 25.—The happiness of the Christmas season in this city was sadly marred by the news of the past week that two of the Gloucester fishing vessels and their crews will never more return to port.

The crew list of the schooner Iolanthe was given out last week, which meant the loss of that vessel and her crew of 14 men. Now, it is the schooner Ella H. Parkhurst and crew of seven. This vessel left the Bay of Islands, N. F., on Sunday, November 24, for this port with a full cargo of salt herring. The distance being usually covered in one week, and it is the belief that she foundered in the gale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence the day after her departure. The crew were as follows:

John D. McKinnon, captain, 49 years old, a native of Grand River, P. E. I., leaves wife and five children in this city.

Captain George Moddy, mate, 26 years of age, single, belonging in Liverpool, N. S.; Angus McLean, cook, 42 years of age, native of Cape Breton; Alexander McKean, belonged in Malagawatch, C. B.; George D. Strahan, 43 years old, belonged in Hall's Cove, N. S.; Simpson Keeping, 23 years old, a native of Britain; Lawrence McDonald, a resident for many years, who went to the Bay of Isles in company with a Mr. Davis to catch herring and took passage on the Parkhurst, his companion coming home overland. He was married.

MARINE MATTERS.

Str. Kentigern, from St. John to Cape Town with hay, arrived at Sydney Wednesday to bunker.

The Battle line steamers Pydna and Mantinea, from this port for South Africa, with hay, reached Norfolk Wednesday to take in bunker coals. Str. Manhattan, one of the boats chartered to take the Second C. M. R. from Halifax to Cape Town, left St. Vincent for Halifax Tuesday.

Sch. Wm. L. Elkins arrived yesterday afternoon from Vineyard Haven with the cargo of coal which was in the sch. Viola when she went ashore there.

Sch. Genesta, from Boston, which arrived off the Island Tuesday, mistayd off Shag Rocks and went ashore, sustaining considerable damage. She has gone on Rankin's blocks for repairs.

The Furness liner Evangeline reached port yesterday morning and docked at the Pettigall wharf. She will move over to Sand Point to take in a lot of western goods, and will probably sail Sunday.

Sch. Alph B. Parker, Capt. Out-house, has made a record passage across the bay. The run from Boar's Head light, Tiverton, to Partridge Island light was made in the quick time of four hours and twenty-four minutes.

MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A mysterious robbery of a diamond chain valued at \$3,500, of which either the Adams Express Co. or Shaw & Berry, a local jewelry firm, which shipped the chain to New York, are probably the victims, occurred some time between Sunday afternoon and this forenoon. The jewelry was despatched from here to Joseph Frankel & Sons, New York. When delivered there was no evidence that the seal had been tampered with and the package was not opened in New York until today, when the chain was found missing. The stolen gem numbered 200, and were set in a platinum torquoise chain 54 inches long. The package was made up by the local firm under the personal supervision of the proprietors and duly registered. Detectives of the express company, as well as detectives here and in New York, are working on the case.

BIG DEER YEAR.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The state forest, fish and game commission reports that the express companies which operate in the Adirondack region, carried 1,586 deer during the past season. This was 28 more than was handled by the express companies during the season last year, and means that about 6,150 deer were killed during the past season, as for every deer killed, about four are eaten in the camps or are taken out of the woods by means other than the express companies.

CANADIAN FLOUR FOR AFRICA.

The Dominion department of agriculture has received an order from the war office for 1,000 tons of Canadian flour for shipment to South Africa. This is equal to 10,000 barrels. The official trade returns state that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, Canada exported 314,167 barrels to South Africa, while during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, only 5,000 barrels were sent.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. Sec. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Before the circuit court of inquiry today Henry B. Taylor, junior for the chemical and bacteriological divisions of the health department, admitted under oath that he hoped for public use the toxic anti-diphtheria serum which caused the recent deaths of 13 children from tetanus. He distributed the virus, properly labelled, he stated, because the supply of diphtheria anti-toxin had been exhausted early in October and he didn't believe the serum was "bad enough to kill children." Taylor is a negro. He has held city positions for many years.

SIX POLAR PARTIES.

They Have Not Been Heard From in Months.

Somewhere in the frozen confines of the Arctic and the Antarctic regions six separate expeditions are pushing forward across fields of ice and over treacherous seas, some to the north and some toward the South Pole. No reports have been received from any of these expeditions for months, and from most of them it is not expected that anything will be heard for a year or more. Peary, Capt. Bausandahl and the Baldwin-Ziegler parties are in the Arctic seas or slogging over the snow in North Greenland. Commander R. F. Scott, in the discovery of the national Antarctic expedition; Prof. Erich von Drygalski in the Gauss and Prof. Otto Nordenskjöld are in the Antarctic seas.

This winter will be spent by the Peary party in the ship Windward at Payer Harbor, where the ship is ice-bound. No serious mishap or accident has befallen any member of the Peary party, and the explorer is confident of ultimate success.

Peary concisely states the work of the expedition thus far, as follows: The rounding of the northern limit of the Greenland archipelago, the most northerly known land in the world; probably the most northerly land; the highest latitude yet attained in the western hemisphere; 83 degrees, 50 minutes north; the determination of the so-called paleocystic ice or floeberg.

Capt. Bausandahl wintered at Dane's Island, Spitzbergen, in 1900-1901. He has abandoned his plan of pushing toward the North Pole by the Franz Josef Land route. When last heard from he was said to be building a two-masted vessel, twenty-six feet long by four feet deep, in which, with two men and provisions for two years, he proposed to drift along the east coast of Greenland and press as far north as possible. This, if true, is one of the most perilous undertakings, and one besides which the crossing of the Atlantic in a small boat is mere play.

The Baldwin-Ziegler expedition left Franz Josef Land the last week in July and has not been heard from since late in August. The party has 400 dogs, fifteen Siberian ponies and the most complete outfit ever carried on an Arctic expedition. Mr. Baldwin said he did not think it would be necessary to establish his base of supplies at the northernmost extremity of Franz Josef Land before March 22, 1902, a month after the return of the sun in that latitude. In order to reach the pole in season, this would leave the expedition some 550 miles to travel from its base to the pole. The return will be made by way of the polar current along the east coast of Greenland.

Of the Antarctic expeditions Commander Scott, in the Discovery, is expected to be far advanced in his southern trip. The party will winter aboard ship in the ice of the Antarctic Sea. It is expected that Commander Scott will report on his return trip from Melbourne in the spring of 1903. The German Antarctic expedition, in the Gauss under the leadership of Prof. Erich von Drygalski, of Berlin, is expected to report from Kerguelen within a few weeks. The expedition will try to make a landing on the Antarctic continent west of Victoria Land. After establishing winter quarters, the expedition will be dispatched toward the South Pole and also toward the magnetic pole, which latter is supposed to be in Victoria Land. In the spring the expedition will proceed to Weddell Sea and return home via South Georgia and Thistland De Cunha. The Swedish expedition, which was the latest to start, left Gothenburg under command of Prof. Otto Nordenskjöld on October 16. By agreement with the German and British expeditions, the Swedes are to explore the region of the Antarctic south of the Atlantic ocean. Prof. Nordenskjöld intended proceeding to Buenos Ayres and Terra del Fuego, thence south. On the arrival of winter a party of six will be put ashore and a substantial hut erected, from which meteorological, magnetic, hydrographic and other scientific observations will be made. On the landing of this party the ship will return to Terra del Fuego, where researches will be made in that little explored country.—Mail and Express.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets ten cents per box. All druggists.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF FICERS.

At the regular meeting of the St. John Agricultural Society held in their rooms in Market building yesterday, the following officers were elected: T. Fred Johnston, president; 1st vice, Samuel Creighton; 2nd vice, S. T. Golding; 3rd, Robert McLean; 4th, Wm. Mullin; 5th, J. W. Currie; secretary, treasurer, R. B. Patchell; corresponding secretary, S. T. Golding.

The old board of directors was re-elected with the exception of B. V. Millidge, vice J. Fred Watson. Retiring president, Dr. J. H. Frink was elected an honorary director.

The president appointed the executive committee as follows: Dr. Thos. Walker, Samuel Creighton, B. V. Millidge, J. W. Currie, S. T. Golding, T. Fred Johnston and R. B. Patchell.

The stock and feed committee was appointed as follows: J. M. Donovan, S. Creighton, Wm. Mullin, R. McLean and W. A. McFate.

HAD A PRIVATE ZOO.

(New York Clipper.)

For several days he has been very busy "hooking upon the wine cup," until one morning about six o'clock found him leaning against a wall in Central Park.

The "sparrow" policeman who had been watching for some time at last approached him, saying:

"Here my good fellow, what are you loafing around here for?"

"I'm just watching the animals—that's all," answered the popular talker.

"Tut-tut man. The Zoo, where the animals are, is a couple of blocks away."

"Not mine," said Thornton, mournfully shaking his head.

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In your Advertising Contracts for 1902 remember the STAR. It has a large and steadily growing circulation among the people who are possible purchasers of the goods you have to sell. The more attractive your advertisements the better the returns will be. Every advertisement in this paper is next to reading matter and catches the eye.

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You must have them and its an awful bother to bake them, isn't it? They might spoil in the baking and ruin all. Just leave your order here and put trouble away. We can supply layer cakes, ornamental and fancy cakes, mince and pumpkin pies, the best ever made. Better leave your order early—first come, first served.

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FIRST VIEW OF DIS DE BAR.

Memories of Her and the "General" in a West Virginia Town.

"That Diss de Bar woman has no more right to the name than I have," said a visiting business man from Parkersburg, W. Va. "For that matter, I doubt if anybody has. I suspect that it was a fancy name invented by the General, who was about as much Diss de Bar as he was General."

"When I was a boy in Parkersburg, between twenty-five and thirty years ago, it was a little town and everybody knew everybody else—except the de Bars, as they were then known. Nobody knew the de Bars."

"They lived in a square brown house in the centre of a large garden, and Mr. de Bar was a conspicuous figure on the streets when he walked there. At that time he was a slender, pale-faced man, with a small, black mustache and melancholy eyes."

"He always wore a black slouch hat and an artificially draped military cape. He was a figure out of the French romantic period, although Parkersburg classified him differently."

"We children were told that he was an immigration agent, bringing laborers from Europe. There were two beautiful daughters and two boys. The elder of these disappeared and Florant, the younger, was our playmate, and the only one of the family who had any communication with the townspeople."

"Gen. Diss de Bar" came to this country as plain Charles Dickens in the ship which brought Charles Dickens here for the first time. Who he was or what he was nobody ever knew."

"He was a Frenchman, and he had been most carefully educated, speaking English, German and Italian with the same beauty that he spoke French. He was a musician and an artist in a conventional fashion. The paintings which the spook priestess produced were undoubtedly done by him."

"I have seen in Parkersburg albums sketches made by him of Dickens on the ship, and of various Parkersburg people. I think the owners virtuously destroyed them after it became a disgrace ever to have known him."

"There lived in Parkersburg at this time an old-fashioned French gentleman named Le Vasseur. He accepted Diss de Bar for what he said he was, introduced him to his friends, and when he became engaged to his daughter seemed delighted."

"Everything was seemingly happy when something happened and Diss de Bar was turned out of the house. Diss de Bar then lived with the daughter and her a life of torment for a year, when she died."

"He took the name of De Bar at this period. The mother of his children was his housekeeper. Nobody knew when they were married, and she was never seen."

"One summer night when I was playing with Florent de Bar a hack drew up at the De Bar gate and in the bright moonlight we saw a large lady alight and go to the house. Mr. De Bar came to the door."

"We saw him throw up his hands above his head and retreat backward when he saw the lady. She followed him until they entered a room. We couldn't hear much of what was said, but we saw a drama."

"The woman who was the famous Diss de Bar, spook priestess long after, was then about 25 with a good complexion and nice teeth. She was fat, but not unpleasantly so, and was well dressed."

"De Bar seemed to be begging her to go. He wept, threw up his hands to heaven, pleaded. Nothing moved her. She sat and fanned herself and smiled. She had on her wrist the first watch bracelet I ever saw, and I looked at it with great admiration."

"At last they seemed to come to terms and the woman entered the hack and departed. We heard her give an order for the hotel and we supposed that it had ended."

"But the next day she appeared at the De Bar house, and Florent informed us that she was a countess from France and his father's daughter by an early marriage there. That she

HELP WANTED, FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or five cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED—A young lady by the first of the year to take general care of a dental office in the south end. Answer, stating salary expected. Address DENTIST, care of Star office.

WANTED—Cookmaker wanted at once. Apply to N. A. SEELEY, 83 Germain street.

HELP WANTED, MALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or five cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED—A Bright Boy about 15 years old to learn the drug business. Apply between 4 and 6 p. m. at MOORE'S DRUG STORE, 109 Brussels street, corner Richmond.

GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each town for special, accident, sickness, identification policies and general insurance business. Liberal terms to reliable men. Write box 276, Montreal.

WANTED.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or five cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED—to Rent—Medium sized house in good locality, modern conveniences, also a barn or storehouse, preferably on same lot. Give all particulars of rent, heating, lighting, etc. Write W. C. R., Star Office.

WANTED—Chauvassers, male or female, through the city to handle a rapid selling book on the war. Good commissions. Address "M," Star Office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL KINDS

SEWING MACHINES

REPAIRED.

Needles and parts for all makes at W. H. BELLS, 28 Duke Street.

MONEY TO LOAN

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or five cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

MONEY—Advanced on mortgage in large or small sums. Apply to Chas Macdonald, barrister, Walker Building, Canterbury St.

On Freehold and Leasehold property, repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

FOR SALE.

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CARDBOARD PLACARDS OF FLATS, ROOMS, SHOPS and HOUSES TO LET can be had at the Sun Counting Room.

FOR SALE—A chemist's balance with all necessary weights; good as new. Apply A. M., Star office.

was a countess nobody believed, and that she was De Bar's daughter nobody believed.

"Finally the whole family, countess and all, moved away, and were lost to us until the Luther Marsh scandal."

—N. Y. Sun.

ROYAL BLACK KNIGHTS.

The regular annual convocation of Queen's Preceptor, No. 62, Royal Black Knights of Ireland, was held in their hall, Market Building, last evening, when the following officers were duly elected, viz.: Sir Knight Charles W. Stockton, Worshipful Preceptor; Sir Knight Frederick M. Sproul, W. Deputy Preceptor; Sir Knight James Sproul, Cham.; Sir Knight John W. Curry, Registrar; Sir Knight James Elliot, Treas.; Sir Knight Fred H. Pitt and George Earle, Lecturers; Sir Knights P. McMullin and Wm. Grant, Thos. M. Corbett, Standard Bearers; Sir Knight Robert Carson, Pursuivant; Sir Knights Philip Palmer, Alex. W. Macrae, Chas. N. Skinner, Walter S. McFate and Chas. B. Ward, committee. The newly elected officers present were then duly installed by Past Junior Deputy Grand Master of the R. B. K's of B. A., John Kane, who then made suitable addresses.

To cure a Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powder.

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Our entire stock of trimmed and untrimmed Hats, Toques and Bonnets at greatly reduced prices.

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Who purchases a load of Reserve, Caledonia, Springhill, Sydney or Hard Coal from me (cash with order) previous to JANUARY 10th, 1902,

HAS A CHANCE

to get a load of Soft Coal FREE. Someone will get it. It may be you.

J. S. Frost, 11 Union Street.

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All the good things for the Holiday Season and have the house warm and comfortable, get a good supply of Coal, Wood and Kindling early at

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(Near N. Wharf), 6 1-2 Charlotte St.

TURKISH BATHS,
Union, Corner Hazen Street.

Among the many who have derived pleasure and benefit and permit the proprietor to use their names as references are:

Dr. J. E. March, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Dr. J. H. Cunningham, Boston; Dr. Geo. Hetherington, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. J. E. Stevens, R. Kettle Jones, John A. McAvity, Rev. G. P. Scovill, C. J. Coster, A. W. Macrae, John McMillan, W. C. Purves, E. L. Rising, Silas Alward, A. C. Fairweather, Wm. Pugsley, H. C. Page, W. Watson Allen, Percy W. Thomson, E. G. Evans, A. Geo. Blair, F. E. Williams, S. L. Kerr, D. Churchill, and many others.

JOHN W. ADDISON,
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House Furnishings, Sporting Goods and Toys. The cheapest store in the city to buy Wringers, Washtubs, Washboilers, Washing Machines, etc. We sell extra wringer rolls and repair wringers of all kinds.

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Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at short notice.
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Sold by bushel, barrel or ton at

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Tel. 1346. Foot of Clarence St.

H. L. COATES,
(Cor. Main and Harrison Streets, Opposite St. Luke's Church, N. E.)

CARPENTER, BUILDER
and GENERAL JOBBER.

Special attention given to the placing of plate glass windows.

AFTER THE FIRE.

As soon as we are through with the insurance people we will have a Sale of Damaged Goods at

F. E. HOLMAN'S Store,
King Street, opposite our old stand.

A. E. CLARKE.

"Patterson's,"
Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets.

Hosiery.

Let your mind turn now to Hosiery—and the place to buy is here.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING.

CASH ONLY.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in the Star are reminded that to ensure insertion their copy should be handed in not later than TEN O'CLOCK in the morning.

LOCAL NEWS.

See advertisement of furniture at auction on Monday.

A special meeting of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Before Judge Gregory this morning L. A. Curry, K. C., was arguing this morning on behalf of the defence in case of Mayes v. Connolly.

The common council is again considering the McLeod wharf purchase this afternoon. The matter has been in abeyance because of difficulty securing a clear title of the property.

The man who saw a large circle around the moon last night with no stars visible in it, and who therefore predicted a big storm for today, is thinking of setting himself up in business as weather bureau.

W. E. Tracey, head of the firm of W. E. Tracey & Co., plumbers, Winnipeg, dropped dead yesterday. He was aged 52, and a native of Halifax, and had resided in Winnipeg for 19 years.

C. Mansfield Lemont, the Union street confectioner, has purchased the confectionery stock of Taylor, Dockrill & Co., which he will likely job or retail at extraordinary low prices. The goods are the output of Robertson Bros., manufacturers of high class confectionery in Toronto, whom Taylor & Dockrill represented in St. John.

Between three and four o'clock this morning a horse owned by Stephen Golding and driven by Fred Cronin and John Gorman, fell on Charlotte street. The animal was taken to Golding's stable on Princess street and Dr. Simons called. He decided that the horse had been overdriven.

A staging in the building being erected by George McArthur, on the corner of Canterbury and Queen streets, gave way yesterday and a number of men who were on it, fell to the ground. They received some bruises, but none of them were seriously hurt.

PERSONAL

Miss Ida Close of Kennedy street has gone on a visit to friends in Boston.

Mrs. and Miss King left yesterday afternoon for New Brunswick. A number of their friends were at the station for a last good-bye and several floral tokens carried with them many good wishes.—Ottawa Citizen, Dec. 24th.

George Howard, son of the late Major "Gat" Howard, is in the city on a visit. He is accompanied by Mrs. Howard, nee Miss Mabel Pyke. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. George Pyke. Miss Howard, a sister of Mr. Howard, is also here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pyke. Pleasant street, Dartmouth.—Halifax Recorder.

MEASLES AT SAND POINT.

Dr. Kenney, of Carleton, reported today to the board of health that cases of measles were prevalent in the immigration quarters at Sand Point. According to Dr. Kenney the quarantine officer of the port declines to take charge of the cases and the board of health have their hands full looking after smallpox cases.

The city health officials say they think it peculiar that notwithstanding the accommodation which is lying idle at Partridge Island the health officer of the port should shirk the responsibility of the cases which are from foreign ports.

An official of the Elder Dempster line has communicated with the minister of agriculture relative to the immigrants.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE STAR.

The Star for the year 1902 will be brighter and better than ever. The staff has been strengthened and the Star will have the news. If you want the paper that has the most news of interest to St. John people, and that does not hide away the news you want among news you don't want—the Star is the paper. It will be delivered to any address in the city or suburbs for 25 cents per month. Call or send in your subscription for a month or a year. Have your name on the subscribers' list before New Year's.

DIED IN NEW YORK.

Word was received by Dr. J. N. Fuller today, says Thursday's Moncton Transcript, of the death of his son Arthur last Thursday in New York. The unfortunate young man, who was a graduate of the Mt. Allison class of '99, was much thought of here, and had only been working in New York for the last two weeks. His father was a passenger on the D. A. R. today for Boston to meet the body. His death was accidental, being caused by illuminating gas. Much sympathy is felt for his father and family.

SUICIDE FROM THE EVANGELINE

During the recent passage of the Furness liner Evangeline from London to Halifax, and when five days out, a fireman rushed up on the bridge deck and jumped into the sea. Immediately the cry "Man overboard" was given, and the ship stopped but though she sailed about the vicinity for over an hour, no traces of the man could be seen. The deceased was a Swede, and is believed to have been of unsound mind.

THE VIOLA IN PORT.

J. Willard Smith's schr. Viola, which was ashore at Vineyard Haven, arrived last night to be repaired here. Part of the vessel's keel is gone and she is otherwise badly damaged. The Viola when she ran ashore was bound to St. John with a cargo of coal, of which 50 tons are still in the vessel. Most of the cargo was previously brought here by the schr. Wm. G. Elkins.

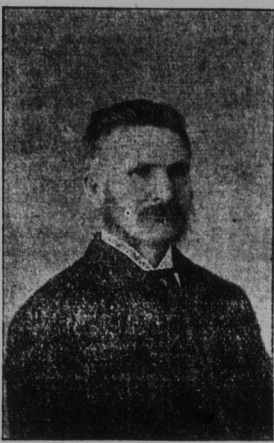
A. C. SMITH DEAD.

City and Province Have Lost a Good Citizen.

His Services in the City Council and in the Legislature.

Universal regret was expressed this morning when it was announced that A. C. Smith, the well-known wholesaler and retail produce dealer of Carleton had passed away at his home on the corner of Queen and Watson streets. Mr. Smith had been seriously ill for some five or six months and although death was not unexpected, it has caused profound sorrow.

Besides his wife, formerly Miss Sarah Boone, Mr. Smith leaves two children: H. Colby Smith, of the firm of A. C. Smith & Co., and Sadie, living at home.



LATE A. C. SMITH.

Albert Colby Smith was born at Blissville, Sunbury Co., N. B., 10th March, 1844. His parents (Benjamin Smith and his wife, Amelia Clark) were natives of New Brunswick, of United Empire Loyalist stock, their immediate ancestors having come from Connecticut. His paternal grandfather was an officer in the British army and fought in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Smith received his early education in Sunbury county schools, and graduating from the provincial normal school, taught school at different places in New Brunswick for seven years. In 1876 he began business in St. John as a commission and produce merchant and with his partner, Mr. Lockhart, built up a large and progressive trade with all parts of Canada as well as with the mother country.

Mr. Smith, apart from his business enterprises, took a great interest in municipal as well as provincial affairs, and served as alderman for Albert ward at the city council held in 1883 till 1889. At the union of St. John and Portland in 1889 Albert ward ceased to exist, but at the first election held in the united cities he was elected one of the aldermen for Brooks ward. In 1890 Mr. Smith, who did not offer for re-election, was succeeded by his business partner, C. B. Lockhart. In this year he was nominated a candidate to represent St. John in the provincial legislature and was returned by a large majority. He was again successful at the provincial election of 1892, but declined a re-nomination in 1895, in favor of Mr. Lockhart. In politics Mr. Smith was a staunch liberal conservative, a forcible exponent of the principles of the party. In religion he was a Free Baptist and as long as health permitted, took a deep personal interest in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the denomination, being one of its foremost officers.

Mr. Smith had the courage of his convictions, and on more than one occasion opposed himself to the surface currents of popular opinion; the most notable instance being his advocacy of the union of Portland and St. John, when that measure had very few supporters on the West Side of the harbor. Later on he was one of the most vigorous opponents of the Leary dock scheme. In the election of 1890 the Learyites sought to kill his candidature by raising the cry "Smith or One Million Dollars," the electors scorned the bribe and triumphantly sent Mr. Smith to the legislature.

Mr. Smith married, 2d April, 1866, Miss Sarah E. Boone, daughter of William H. Boone, of Fredericton, and a descendant from Loyalist stock.

MISS ETHEL J. SPRAGG.

Miss Ethel J. Spragg, only daughter of W. A. and the late Emma Spragg, died this morning at her father's residence, 90 Victoria street, North End. Miss Spragg, who was one of the best known and most popular young ladies of the North End, was twenty years of age, and had been ill but a short time. She had always been an active leader in church work, having held the position of organist in the Victoria Street Free Baptist church for a number of years. Her funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at half-past two o'clock from her late home. Services will be held in the church.

FIRE THIS MORNING.

An alarm was rung in between four and five o'clock from box 122 for a fire in an unoccupied house situated on the hill above the bedroom on Bridge street, Indian town. When discovered, the fire had gained considerable headway, but after some difficulty was got under control. The building which was a rickety affair was badly damaged. It belonged to Tapley Bros., and had been occupied until a short time ago by Louise Treadwell. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Some difficulty was experienced in sending in the first alarm, as the box refused to work properly. When the fire was over instead of the "all out" bell being sounded, a second alarm was rung, the effect of which was however counteracted by telephone.

POLICE COURT.

Two Very Interesting Cases Dealt With Today.

Several cases which had been allowed to stand over on account of the rush of business during the earlier part of the week came before the magistrate today. The first was a charge of assault brought by Alfred Chisholm and wife of St. John street, Carleton, against George Best. The story of the affair was published in the Star a few days ago. Mrs. Chisholm stated that the baby which was the cause of the trouble was an obstacle in the way of Mrs. Best's marriage, and that a month before the marriage took place Mrs. Best had brought the baby to her to keep. The infant was then several months old; the marriage took place three years ago, and the age of the child is now just fourteen months. Mrs. Chisholm is a lightning calculator, but her method of obtaining results is somewhat hazy. She also stated that Best and his wife had come to their house on Monday night, while she was upstairs. Her husband called to her that the baby was gone, and she came running down to find the two men in a clinch. Best struck her and threw her against the door. The baby had been carried off by Mrs. Best before the struggle began.

Other witnesses corroborated this evidence, and the complete biography of the child was given. In defence Best claimed that he and his wife had only gone to see the child and that Chisholm started the row. The magistrate did not see the affair in this light and imposed a fine of twenty dollars on Best. Dr. Silas Alward appeared for the complainant and A. W. Macrae for the defendant.

Nicholas Barbier was arrested for stealing clothes and money from James Barbier in Mrs. Paterson's house, Carleton. It appears that the complainant owed a sum of money for board to Nicholas Barbier, who lives in the lower part of the house, and the latter went upstairs and took the clothes in payment. A sum of twelve dollars, left under the pillow by James, was also taken, but no trace of it has been discovered. After the clothes were removed from James' room a fight took place in the lower part of the building, and this was followed by the arrest of Nicholas. Several witnesses were examined and told how Nicholas had taken the clothes. As the evidence of Mr. Paterson was considered necessary the case was postponed until two o'clock.

Mary Murphy appeared in answer to a charge made against her by the prisoner Nicholas Barbier, who accused her of stealing three dollars. She said that she is employed in Barbier's store, and that he had given her three dollars in change with which to run the store. When the fight began after the clothes were stolen she softly sneaked away, being unwilling to become mixed up in the row. She returned the money to Nicholas today and was dismissed.

Robert Dixon, given in charge by William Lockhart for breaking glass in his grocery store on Tuesday night, had nothing to say for himself. He could not remember putting his fist through the window, but knew he had felt a pane. He was fined twenty dollars or two months.

Albert Myers, arrested for being drunk on Carmarthen street, and Hugh McBrearty, for the same offence on Main street, were fined four dollars or ten days each.

TODAY'S STORM.

The storm which set in with a north-east wind this morning, furnished one and three-quarter inches of snow before one o'clock. The weather bureau advises report that the storm developed off the Atlantic coast and the centre of the disturbance will pass along east of the Nova Scotia coast. A moderate wind accompanied the snow with the indications for north-west and west gales with sleet. At 11.30 a. m. cautionary signal No. 2 was hoisted on the custom house. Snow is falling at Montreal, Quebec, and at most parts of the Atlantic coast.

TONIGHT'S MEETING.

The purpose of the meeting of manufacturers and traders called for tonight at the board of trade rooms at 8 o'clock is to consider a suggestion to invite the Manufacturers Association of Canada to hold their next annual conference in St. John. The last meeting was held in October at Montreal. All interested are invited to attend tonight's meeting. The chair of the association will be between St. John, Halifax and Winnipeg.

WEDDED YESTERDAY.

Yesterday at the residence of the bride's father, Union street, Miss Minnie Irvin Drake and Walter Scott were united in marriage. Rev. T. J. Deinstadt officiating. The bride, who is a daughter of George G. Drake, of the fire department, was the recipient of many gifts, which included a gold chain for the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside on Pine street.

NORTH END AND MAYORALTY.

The north end may have a candidate in the forthcoming mayoralty campaign. No resident of that portion of the city has filled the office since the union of St. John and Portland. Now the electors there think a candidate backed by a solid vote of the district would be elected to the coveted office. Ald. Christie, the veteran of the civic board, is named as the probable selection of those interested in the matter.

RED ROSE TEA IN 1901.

The sales of Red Rose tea in 1901 have shown an enormous increase, and the territory wherein Red Rose is sold has been extended west to Calgary, with the same success that has attended the business in the maritime provinces. Are you drinking Red Rose tea? It was drunk by the royal party when they visited St. John in October.

KINCARDINE, Ont., Dec. 26.—Rev. Isaac Stringer, Anglican missionary stationed at Herschel Island, Arctic Ocean, the most northerly mission on the American continent, arrived here today, accompanied by Mrs. Stringer and two children. The latter were born hundreds of miles north of the Arctic circle.

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We have still some very desirable jackets left after the Christmas sale, and, as the season is getting along for these goods, they have been marked a little lower as an inducement. Jackets from \$1 up. Long box coats at \$12.50. Three-quarter coats in dark grey and black at \$7.40, 9.50 and 11.50. Fawn coats, three-quarter lengths, at \$7.50, 8.50, 9.00, 12.50. Short box coats from \$6 up, in black, dark grey and fawns.

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At 75c. In white only. Trimmed with pretty ruffles.

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WINNIPEG, Dec. 26.—Notice was published today of application to parliament next session for the Canada Central Railway Company. The promoters will give out no information beyond that contained in the advertisement, which intimates that a new transcontinental system will run from French River, on Lake Huron, to Vancouver, with branch lines in British Columbia.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 25.—The strike of the employees of the American Express Co. in Lynn was settled tonight and afterwards the company was cheered and in return the men received a Christmas present of five dollars in gold each.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The Ontario Beet Root Sugar Company today decided to locate at Berlin. There has been a big fight among several Ontario towns for the location of the industry.

Rev. Colin Sinclair, his wife and son of St. Thomas are dangerously ill from poisoning, caused by eating canned British Columbia salmon yesterday.

HER COMMENT.

(Washington Star.)
"I never gossip," said the woman with the uncompromising eyes. "I never say anything about anybody unless I am sure it can be shown to be true."
"Dear me," murmured Miss Cayenne, "how utterly relentless!"