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THE MARITIME PROVINCES... SHIPPING NEWS... EMINENT AUTHORITY

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By Explosion of Gasoline at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Sixteen of the Victims Are in a Serious Condition, and May Die—Particulars of the Accident.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas or gasoline this afternoon in the cellar of the Exchange, a club house and poolroom, operated by Chambers and Walker, the building was badly damaged and 30 people were injured, sixteen of whom are in a serious condition.

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Dr. E. M. Mills Says Twentieth Century Offering Will Reach That Sum.

Raised in Three Years—More Than \$19,000,000 Now Subscribed—Final Announcement on New Year's Eve.

(N. Y. Herald, Dec. 22.)

Three years ago the Methodist Episcopal Church set out to raise \$20,000,000 for a "twentieth century thank offering fund." The Rev. Dr. E. M. Mills, corresponding secretary for the fund and its executive head, said yesterday—

"The total amount in the fund is now more than \$19,000,000. At midnight of December 31, 1902, in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, Mass., the church from which the call for the movement was first issued, I am assured of the pleasure of announcing that the last dollar of the fund has been raised."

"The last public statement issued by Dr. Mills was to the effect that \$18,500,000 had been raised. When asked yesterday how much more than \$18,500,000 the fund now contains and on what he bases his assurance that the entire fund will be raised by New Year's eve, Dr. Mills declined to answer, but said something about not wanting to "take the edge off a delightful surprise."

"All I can say," said he, "is that in the language of the theologians, I have a lively hope."

A STORY IN FIGURES.

The figures with which Dr. Mills' report deals tell an interesting story. There has been raised for educational purposes, \$7,850,735 of this amount, Dr. Mills says, \$860,000 has come within forty-five days. More than eighty-six Methodist Episcopal universities, colleges, theological seminaries, schools and academies are beneficiaries. Syracuse University leads with gifts aggregating \$1,776,800, and next to it comes Ohio Wesleyan University, with new endowments of \$1,000,000.

Dr. Mills makes public today for the first time the apportionment of the major part of the \$600,000 recently contributed. It will raise the endowment of these schools as follows:

- Cornell College, Iowa, from \$281,000 to \$350,000.
University of Southern California, from \$100,000 to \$250,000.
Boston University, from \$130,000 to \$200,000.
Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, from \$92,000 to \$136,000.
Baker University, from \$60,000 to \$110,000.
University of the Pacific, from \$41,000 to \$100,000.
Dickson College, from \$51,000 to \$65,000.
Illinois Wesleyan University, from \$40,000 to \$50,000.
Williamette University, from \$16,100 to \$31,000.
Bishop Thoburn's Indian School, \$100,000.
These figures mean, says Dr. Mills, "that the Methodist Episcopal Church has gathered in three years more for its schools than it gathered for the same purposes during the first hundred years of its history."

PAYMENT OF CHURCH DEBTS.

The second great purpose to which the thank offering fund is devoted is the payment of debts on church property. "For his purpose," said Dr. Mills, "we have in three years given the sum of \$8,000,000. In the state of Wyoming not a cent of debt hangs over a Methodist Episcopal church or parsonage. In the United States sixteen presiding elders' districts show the same record."

METHODIST STANDS STILL.

Methodists of Manhattan and Brooklyn are chagrined over figures presented in the Methodist Year Book, just published. Local leaders have had in mind throughout the year a money-raising scheme, and have obtained in Manhattan \$900,000, in Brooklyn \$300,000, a total of \$1,200,000, aside from ordinary offerings, and have lost, in the two boroughs named and the Bronx, 2,182 members.

AT CLOSE RANGE.

MAON, G. A., Dec. 22.—Charles Hogg and Gen. Grantham, members of prominent families, quarreled while driving on a road near Cochran. Each drew a pistol and fired. Hogg is dead and Grantham is barely alive.

John Abbott, Britain street, received a letter yesterday announcing the death of his cousin, Rev. Michael Abbott, formerly of Springfield, Mass. He died in Illinois. The remains were interred in Springfield, where his parents reside.

ENGLISH VERSUS AMERICAN MACHINERY IN CHINA.

In the early part of the year an announcement under the above heading went the rounds of the English and colonial newspaper press bearing up on the unjustifiable practice of a section of the English press of constantly belauding, at every opportunity, the American manufacturer, and his methods, to the detriment of the British manufacturer, and an instance was then given to illustrate the ability of the Britisher in one branch of industry at least to hold his own and beat his American rivals. The instance was that of a large flour mill contract secured in China by an old firm of English millers, who were in competition with American makers, in which case the English firm was better both in price and time for delivery.

We now learn that the whole plant was delivered within the time specified, ten weeks; and that the proprietors were so pleased with the results obtained in working the mill that they placed the contract for another similar mill, also for North China, with the same English firm.

In the meantime the same firm has scored again in the same market over their American rivals, who have recently secured a complete flour mill contract for another firm of Chinese millers, in the competition for which the American was beaten on all counts.

In the face of examples such as the above perhaps some of our friends of the English press who have shown such readiness to advertise the excellence of our competitors, and to decry our own manufacturers, will begin to realize that there may be a reverse to their picture.

DEATH OF MRS. MOOREHOUSE.

Daughter of Rev. Mr. McKie of Fairville.

(Fredericton Gleaner.) The very sudden death occurred at Keswick, Sunday night of Mrs. Moorehouse, wife of Dr. O. E. Moorehouse, the well known physician of that place. Mrs. Moorehouse was recently taken ill with a severe cold, and a few days with child birth and death will come as a severe blow to her many friends in this province.

Mrs. Moorehouse was a daughter of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McKie of Fairville, who were present with their daughter when she died and who are naturally deeply grieved over her untimely death.

Mrs. Moorehouse, by her many virtues and kindly acts of hospitality had endeared herself to all the residents of Keswick and vicinity and will be deeply missed by a large circle of friends. Deceased was only 38 years of age and beside the sorrowing husband and parents leaves a little one-year-old girl deprived of a dutiful daughter, loving and devoted wife and mother.

Dr. Moorehouse has many friends in this city, and their heartfelt sympathy goes out to him in his deep bereavement.

Mrs. Moorehouse was an active member of the Church of England and had a deep interest in its welfare and aided materially in all its good work.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will be laid to rest in the Church of England cemetery at Keswick, and services will be conducted at the house and grave by Rev. Mr. Street.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE OF THE KIDNEYS.

Symptoms that Warn You of the Approach of this Malady so Dreadfully Painful and Fatal in Its Results.

DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS.

Bright's disease is in reality a chronic inflammation of the kidneys, and is the natural consequence of neglecting ordinary kidney derangements.

At first you may notice a slight swelling of the feet after the day's work is over, slow but unmistakable loss of flesh, pallor of face, and loss of flesh, shortness of breath when going upstairs rapidly, and dimness of sight.

Soon the digestive system becomes deranged, the appetite impaired, and in many there is a tendency to diarrhoea and formation of gas in the intestines. There are frequently recurring headaches, attacks of dizziness, and severe pains in the back and limbs.

The accumulation of watery fluid—dropsy—continues in the cavity of the chest, and may at any time cause death from heart failure or dropsy of the lungs. Sometimes uraemia, stupor, convulsions and death occur suddenly before the other symptoms have become prominent, and while the dropsy is still slight in quantity.

As Bright's disease causes a wasting away of the cells and tissues of the kidneys themselves, as well as of the whole body, it can only be permanently cured if treatment is begun in its early stages, when the first symptoms become noticeable. Because of their remarkably prompt and direct action on the kidneys, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have time and again proven their superiority as a preventative and cure for Bright's disease.

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Mark Badger, from Lisbon, who was moped at the Laxton wharf Monday had a disabled sailor on board. The man, whose name was Johnsson, fell into the hold on Friday and broke his thigh. He was taken to the hospital.

WHAT THEY WANT.

The Provincial Premier Demands Increased Subsidies.

(Montreal Witness.) There is no way of learning the business that was transacted by the Nova Scotia government, but much can be surmised from the present basis of dominion subsidies to provinces, and representation in parliament in accordance with the last census. The present basis in regard to dominion subsidies, to which exceptions have been taken for a number of years past, are as follows: First a specific grant of \$200,000 to Nova Scotia, \$60,000 to New Brunswick, and \$200,000 to the four provinces which originally received by provincial members was assumed by the Dominion.

The annual grant would be sufficient to meet all expenses of government in the provinces, but Ontario, at the very first meeting of its legislature, consumed nearly the whole of its grant. The Nova Scotia government, in 1881, eighty cents a head for the population of the province as it existed in 1881. This made no allowance for an increase in population, which has grown in Ontario from 1,026,000 in 1881 to 2,318,000 in 1901, an increase of eight hundred thousand. And notwithstanding this growth of population, Ontario is still drawing the Dominion grant on the basis of population in the year 1881. It is the same in Quebec, and to a degree the same in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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The man who drove Genies away retraced to Dartmouth again, but nothing could be learned from him. The detective on Sunday morning decided to start off, and the train led to Monday morning it would then be too late.

POWER ON THE TRAIL. He searched all Sunday evening and yesterday until late in the afternoon when he located the place where Genies was hiding, and then his arrest followed.

Genies is a young man of some education, but is a poor penman, and it is claimed that it would be impossible for him to copy Mr. Baile's signature so truly as the forged endorsements are done, and there must have been all accomplice.

The accused had dabbled in stocks and was seen in the vicinity of a stock dealer's office the day of his arrest. His father died a few years ago and left him a thriving grocery business and some thousands of dollars in cash.

ACCENT ON THE "RAH." "Flora," said Mrs. Stuyvesant, "I don't want you to call me 'Mum-mum' any more. I want you to call me 'Ma-mah.'"

"All right," said Flora cheerily. "I will call you 'Ma-mah.' You must call me 'Plo-rah.'"

"I hear your son is reading law." "No, sir, it's a mistake. My son is sitting in the back office, with his feet on a desk smoking cigarettes."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

The Keystone Fire Insurance Co. of St. John, A. Gordon Leavitt, secretary, has issued a handsome double calendar for 1903.

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The enclosed may interest some of your subscribers. These new fishing enterprises now being started in British Columbia will, no doubt, attract many of our Nova Scotia fishermen to the Pacific, who have been for many years employed out of Gloucester and other New England ports, who in fact, man your banks. It is British seamen, not United States seamen, your New England fishing industries are stimulating and fostering; in fact, your Nova Scotia seamen that have been built up by the enterprises of Gloucester, Western Nova Scotia in particular.

THOMAS S. WHITMAN. Note.—Mr. Whitman's inclosure is too long for complete reproduction in our columns, but it relates to the incorporation of the Western Canadian Fish Co., of Vancouver, to engage in the cod fisheries along the British Columbia coast and in the Behring sea. The company have bought the brig, Blakely of 144 tons, the first of the contemplated large fleet, and also for \$1500 a site of 74 acres, with a water front of 1,320 feet for a fish-drying plant in Vancouver. Construction will commence on the plant in February or March and will consist of a two-story building about 200 feet long. The first floor will contain apparatuses for washing the fish, and storage purposes. The drying apparatus will be installed on the upper floor. The latter consists of a boiler and hot water pipes, distributed through a succession of trays, on which the fish are spread. The company proposes not only to operate vessels on their own account, but to purchase fish delivered at the establishment. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the Whitman patent drying process will be installed by the new company.

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The man who drove Genies away retraced to Dartmouth again, but nothing could be learned from him. The detective on Sunday morning decided to start off, and the train led to Monday morning it would then be too late.

POWER ON THE TRAIL. He searched all Sunday evening and yesterday until late in the afternoon when he located the place where Genies was hiding, and then his arrest followed.

Genies is a young man of some education, but is a poor penman, and it is claimed that it would be impossible for him to copy Mr. Baile's signature so truly as the forged endorsements are done, and there must have been all accomplice.

The accused had dabbled in stocks and was seen in the vicinity of a stock dealer's office the day of his arrest. His father died a few years ago and left him a thriving grocery business and some thousands of dollars in cash.

ACCENT ON THE "RAH." "Flora," said Mrs. Stuyvesant, "I don't want you to call me 'Mum-mum' any more. I want you to call me 'Ma-mah.'"

"All right," said Flora cheerily. "I will call you 'Ma-mah.' You must call me 'Plo-rah.'"

"I hear your son is reading law." "No, sir, it's a mistake. My son is sitting in the back office, with his feet on a desk smoking cigarettes."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

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PROTECTION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The editor of an agricultural paper in Glasgow told the audience at one of the meetings connected with the Amherst stock fair that the Canadian farmers need never expect Great Britain to depart from her free trade policy.

ARCHBISHOP TEMPLE.

No finer example of "Strenuous Life," whereof President Roosevelt is a popular advocate can be found than in the career of Archbishop Temple.

KIPLING AND THE GERMAN ALLIANCE.

Rudyard Kipling is not an international peace-maker even at Christmas season. His "Tropic of the East" was an appeal to British respectability as well as to the British instinct of self-protection.

arms in Africa, that the words of the real laureate of England will be likely to sink deep into the heart of the nation.

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS.

It was not long ago that the Christmas era began with the birth of the Christ at Bethlehem. Only to men who in their self-conscious way compute time by the length of human life does the first Christmas seem far away.

THE ONTARIO CRISIS.

On the seventh of January the provincial by-elections will be held in Ontario. A great deal depends upon these elections. With four seats vacant the Ross government has a majority of two, which is not a working majority in a house of 82.

GRAND TRUNK SUBSIDIES.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company is capable of putting up a strong fight in the house of commons, and a still stronger one with the government.

A CALL FROM CHARLOTTE.

It is with unusual pleasure that we republish the appeal of the St. Stephen Courier in favor of greater activity in the organization of the opposition forces for the coming provincial election.

Mr. Hazen was criticised, ridiculed, and assailed with bitterness because he addressed public meetings in several counties, and recommended the nomination of candidates in these, and other constituencies, while as yet there was no sign of a dissolution.

BORDER VIEW OF LOCAL POLITICS.

The Sun is somewhat exercised concerning the interest displayed by the government organs in the movements of Mr. Hazen, and by the claim that he has not succeeded in organizing the opposition throughout the province.

VALUABLE ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

If your child comes in from play shouting or showing evidences of an approaching attack of Grippe, Sore Throat, or sickness of any kind, first thing get out your bottle of Nerviline.

HALF OUR ILLS ARE CATARRH.

[Letters From Two Prominent Men.]



CONGRESSMAN DUNGAN.

Everybody is subject to catarrh. It is a disease which is run down by catarrhal diseases. Peruna is a permanent and effective cure for catarrh. It would advise all who are afflicted with this disease to try this remarkable remedy.

BIG FIRE AT WOODSTOCK, ONT.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in a building formerly occupied by the Woodstock Times, and before extinguished damage to the extent of \$12,000 was done.

YORK THEATRE.

The Westminster Abbey coronation choir and concert party gave two delightful concerts at the York Theatre yesterday afternoon.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

It was Green in St. John, but Cold.

Winter Weather Without Snow—There was good ice in the Rink, while Dust filled the Streets—Everybody Enjoyed the Holiday.

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St. Jude's and St. George's churches, Carleton Place, were very handsomely decorated for Christmas yesterday.

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Little Gerald McCafferty, the call boy at the St. John round house of the I. C. R., was well remembered Christmas by the employees there. They presented him with a rubber coat, a pair of boots and overboots.

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MISS TWINGING

Known to a Number of St. John People.

Was Married Yesterday to the Oetogenarian Marquis of Donegal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A cable to the Herald from London says: Just five weeks ago the Marquis of Donegal, who all his life had been a beau of the old school...

The civil ceremony was performed this afternoon before the registrar of the same parish...

The marquis was introduced to Miss Twinging at a tea at the Isthmian Club, by Col. A. J. Gordon-Kane...

Miss Twinging and her mother are both well known in St. John, as well as in Fredericton and Halifax...

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C. P. R. PENSIONERS.

Outline of Scheme to Go Into Effect January 1.

The C. P. R. has recently issued a circular in which is outlined the plan of the pension system to come into effect at the beginning of the year.

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Over 600 varieties. At all grocers.

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TWENTY FIVE DEAD. As Result of The Railway Collision in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The death list of the railroad collision at Byron, Calif., yesterday night, was swelled to 25 tonight by the entry of the life of Miss Stella Howard of San Francisco...

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The death is announced of Mrs. Lewes, widow of George Henry Lewes, who in 1854 formed a union with George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans).

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Prelates and priests from several states today attended the funeral of Very Rev. Dr. A. I. Magnin, president of St. Mary's Seminary, who died on Sunday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Nathaniel Whipple, son of Col. Whipple, U. S. A., the chief paymaster in the Philippines, committed suicide here today by shooting.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 23.—District Judge Booth today refused a new trial in the case of James Lynch and R. L. King, under sentence of death for the murder of Col. Frowse nearly two years ago...

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The first session of the biennial convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was held here today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Norman Selby, the pugilist "Pinky" McCoy, has been exonerated from the charge of stealing a \$1,000 bill from David Lamar.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 23.—In a fight over a game of dice here today Walker Humphreys, a conductor on the Louisville & Nashville road, shot and instantly killed W. M. Barnett, a groceryman.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 23.—Louie M. Lillie was arrested tonight charged with the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, who was shot dead in his bed last October.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—An intensely interested and suggestive audience of 200 of the leading surgeons of Boston today met at the city hall...

His every action was closely watched, and at the close of the first demonstration, after the child's leg had been violently manipulated until the metal plates had been torn so that it slipped into the hip socket...

Dr. Lorenz will give another demonstration at the children's hospital tomorrow morning, which will be followed by a reception at the New Albany Club.

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

NOTICE.

The canvassers and collectors for the SEMI-WEEKLY SUN are now making their rounds as mentioned below.

Edgar Canning is in ALBERT COUNTY.

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CHRISTMAS SERMON

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Appropriate to the approaching celebration is the following sermon by Rev. W. W. Whitcomb, on the epochal event of the world's history, from the text Luke II, 12, "Lying in a manger."

How large is an average crib? Four feet long and two feet wide. It is as large perhaps as an average manger at the end of a horse's stall, at which the four-legged animals stanch their oats and hay after a long, tireless day's work.

But while we may try in this Christmas sermon to picture the manger of Christ, yet we must be careful not to weaken our picture by reciting too much the false legends and the fictitious stories that have been written about the Bethlehem manger.

THE DIVINE LOVE. The whole rendering of the verse of my text reads thus: "And she shall be for a sign unto you, re-embled the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

of the Father as a God of love and sympathy and mercy; a God who would seem to care for an individual human being, a God who would stoop to the human heart's affections, even as the sunbeams would steal into the heart and give new life to the plant.

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THEY FATHER CONSUMPTION. Bad coughs, colds and catarrh are responsible for more consumption than any other disease.

FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived. At Boston, Dec. 20, sch. Niramod, for Portland.

father. Then, in her sweet, girlish way, she said: "Papa, won't you pray to God for my baby brother night after night? I am only a wee little bit of a girl, and God might not be willing to hear me pray, but God would always have a great, big, strong man living, that the sobbing father took his little girl into his arms as he said: "Oh, my darling, God will have time to hear you pray for your baby brother."

SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Dec. 22—Sch. Oriole, 124, Shaaklin, from York and for St. John.

DEATHS. JOHNSON-TAYLOR.—At the home of the bride's parents, Susan, Dec. 22nd, by Rev. Frank Baird, Dr. P. H. Johnson of Boston, Fawn, to Lillian Breston, youngest daughter of Stephen P. Taylor.

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