

BLIZZARD SWEEPS EASTWARD FROM WESTERN STATES

Look Out for Squalls, Weather Mans Warning to Atlantic Coast Towns. No Let Up in Present Cold Snap in Sight—New England Cities Suffer.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Out of the west is coming a severe blizzard which by tomorrow night will hold the Atlantic coast in its icy grip. It is centered tonight over Missouri, with exceedingly heavy snows in the upper Mississippi Valley and snow and high winds over the lake region and the Ohio Valley.

According to reports received by the Weather Bureau, the fury of the storm may be somewhat broken in the southern Atlantic states by the time it has travelled over the broken ridges of the Appalachian Mountain chain, the snow probably turning to rain in those states. In the northern states, however, the outlook is for a severe cold snap by tomorrow night. The thermometer touched nine degrees above zero at ten o'clock tonight and was still "going down" according to the local weather bureau.

Ferryboats were delayed in both the Hudson and East Rivers tonight by ice floes and many commuters missed their regular trains. Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—The coldest day in two winters resulted today from the frost-laden air which swept down from the northwest. The minimum temperature for the day from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. was but three degrees, according to the official weather bureau report, which gave a maximum of six degrees and minimum of zero for these hours.

The mercury fell from 36 degrees at 1 a. m. to three below at ten p. m., a fall of 39 degrees in 21 hours. This was the temperature on Washington street in the heart of the city where the high buildings shut out the cold in a measure. Outside the bulbs showed from 4 to 10 degrees below. A bitter northwest wind added to the discomfort of the low temperature.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Chicago tonight was in the throes of a genuine blizzard, the wind blowing 40 miles an hour and driving before it sheets of blinding sleet. In the downtown quarter where the velocity of the wind was intensified in the tunnel-like streets formed by the walls of high buildings, traffic was seriously impeded, pedestrians were blown off their feet and plate glass windows were shattered. Sidewalks and streets were covered with icy snow within a few hours and the report late at night from the weather bureau was that the storm, which came from the west, would not abate until late tomorrow. The minimum temperature was one degree above zero early in the day, rising gradually to 18 degrees, but the worst of the season following three weeks of genuine winter.

Coal Famine. Iowa City, Iowa, Jan. 4.—With the worst storm of the winter blowing, a coal famine today forced Iowa State University to close until next week. Only enough coal is on hand in Iowa City to heat the State hospital for two days. Most families are short of fuel. Railroad traffic has been impeded by snow and cold.

PARIS MYSTERY IS SOLVED BY FINGER MARK

Clever Work Of French Detectives Leads To Confession In Gouin Murder—Finger Mark On Ticket Only Clue.

TWO SOLDIERS THE CULPRITS

Paris, Jan. 4.—The imprint of a bloody finger on a military ticket taken up on the train on which Mme. Gouin, widow of Jules Edouard Gouin, a former governor of the Bank of France, was travelling, December 16, has led to the solving of the mystery of her death. Mme. Gouin's body was found under a train near Paris on that date. The door of the compartment which she had occupied as a passenger was almost torn from its hinges, and there was a pool of blood on the floor. Subsequent investigation showed that she had been robbed. Two soldiers, named Graby and Mitchell today confessed to having murdered the woman. The police followed up the first clue of the finger mark and succeeded in locating a former comrade of the two soldiers, who declared that he saw them embark on this train at Melan, which is 27 miles from Paris. When confronted with this witness, the two suspects broke down and made a full confession. They had long meditated robbing a passenger, the soldiers said and took seats in the coach next to that in which Mme. Gouin was travelling. They passed into her compartment, closed the door, and as soon as the train started, sprang upon her and beat her on the head with the heel of a shoe. They then took her jewelry and money and finding no signs of life, decided to throw her on the tracks. Graby opened the door, but because of the further motion of the train, it closed suddenly, catching his hand. In order to release himself he broke down the doors and went to the lavatory to wash his injured finger, while his companion threw the body out of the compartment. The police found the missing jewelry in the possession of the men.

MAYOR BULLOCK AS AN ENVOY FROM J. D.

His Worship Asks Fredericton City Council For Permission To Erect Oil Tank—Congratulates Fathers.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 4.—Mayor Bullock appeared before the city council in the role of an envoy from John D. Rockefeller and asked permission for the Imperial Oil Company a branch of the Standard Oil Company to erect a storage tank for gasoline at a spur of the C. P. R. near their present refinery. The matter was referred to the road committee. Mayor Bullock also congratulated the council upon the statement submitted by Ald. Calder as chairman of the finance committee, showing over \$72,000 collected in taxes in 1909, the amount being for the first time in excess of the assessment which last year was \$71,000.

Ald. Farrell's resignation from justice, water and wharves committees was accepted and Ald. Burchill was appointed to succeed him on these committees. Ald. Hooper was elected chairman of the water committee. Ald. Calder strongly condemned Ald. Farrell for his action in resigning from the committees at a time so near the close of the council year.

The provincial government commenced the January session this evening and will be here all day tomorrow. This evening the business was chiefly routine. The Barker House is starting the new year with every evidence of prosperity and proprietor Monahan is having a number of new private bathrooms in stalled. Visitors at the Barker House include E. A. Morris, brother of the chief commissioner, who is here from Spokane, Washington. He is a successful railway contractor and this is his first visit to his native province in 30 years. He is accompanied by M. J. Mulhall of Vancouver, B. C.

OTTAWA HAS RECORD YEAR IN BUILDING

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—Ottawa made a splendid showing in building permits for last year, the amount being over four and a half million dollars nearly three times as much as for 1908. There were 507 permits issued in 1909, estimated values of buildings being \$1,794,075. Last year there were 187 permits, the estimated value being \$4,527,590.

GLADIATORS ARRAYED IN LAST GREAT STRUGGLE

Every Available Speaker Engaged in British Fight—Hot Words For The Press.

Lloyd George and Premier Asquith in Biting Utterances—Mr. Balfour Fears For Worst.

London, Jan. 4.—Every available prominent speaker of both parties, as well as a host of minor men, were engaged tonight in addressing political meetings in various parts of the country. Premier Asquith, at a meeting at Brighton, from which women were excluded and Chancellor Lloyd-George at two meetings in London, made a great play at the expense of the peers' oratorical campaign. The premier thought that if the peers could only be induced to prolong this campaign another fortnight at the same rate as to volume and venom, the Liberals might almost be content to hold their tongues altogether. The chancellor expressed the belief that the peers never worked so hard in their lives. They seemed to think that the House of Commons was an assembly of lunatics and that the peers were their keepers. The peers, he said, were glaring through the bars of humiliation in order to find work for the unemployed.

The chancellor also caused laughter by describing his budget as simply a revised and enlarged edition of Kipling's ballad "Sons, Dukes' Sons, Sons of the Belted Earl, Pay Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, speaking at Hanwell, said that 1910 would remain in the history of the empire as the year in which was fought the first round of the struggle which might last for years, perhaps generations, and become a dominant influence upon all that they, as citizens, held most dear. Never before had the ideals of the two great state parties been so widely divergent. This tone in Mr. Balfour's utterances on previous occasions has been commented upon as indication that he realized the hopelessness of a Unionist victory in the coming elections.

The Marquis of Londonderry, in an address to the Unionists, declared that the Unionists would retain the crack of doom that hold office for five minutes depending upon the Irish vote. The Rev. Robert Forman Horton, pastor of the Lyndhurst Road church, Hampstead, addressing a political gathering at that place tonight, made an interesting contribution to the controversy. He asked what would Germany or Russia give for a parliament controlled by such popular lines as the House of Commons. He believed that the real leaders in the present situation were not Lansdowne and Balfour, but Curzon, Milner and perhaps Cromer, all men trained in governing subject races, who had returned to England imbued with the idea of re-announcing the representative principles of government which they had learned to disregard elsewhere.

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FIRST FATALITY IN SUFFRAGE CAMPAIGN

Postman Hurt In Votes For Women Demonstration, Succumbs To Injuries—Riot Occurred Outside Coliseum.

Leeds, Jan. 4.—The first fatality in England to result from a suffrage disturbance, occurred tonight, when Alfred Hudson, a postman died from injuries received during a riot outside the Coliseum on August 10 last. Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, precipitated a riot, in which Hudson was addressing a mass meeting inside the building. An attempt on the part of a large force of suffragettes to break through the police lines, in which Hudson was injured internally.

ALBERT'S MARRIAGE IS QUESTIONED NOW

Brussels, Jan. 4.—Le Soir, asserts today that the marriage of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, who was the Princess of Bavaria, was sanctioned neither by the late King Leopold nor parliament, as is required by the constitution. The paper insists that sanction of the marriage by parliament is imperative. Since the confirmation of Leopold's religious marriage the Catholic papers seem disposed to raise a threat against future dynastic issue unless King Albert submits to Catholic influences.

To Establish More Wireless Stations



From left to right William Marconi, Mr. G. H. Vyvyan—Mr. Marconi is here sitting at the receiving table of the Glace Bay station recently destroyed by fire.

Marconi Company Planning to Complete System of Distribution by the Maintenance of Subsidiary Stations Throughout Dominion—More Than a Score To Be Constructed—Ready in Spring.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—It is learned here that the Marconi Company is planning to establish over a score of wireless stations at principal points throughout Canada to which messages from Great Britain can be transmitted by wireless telegraph and from thence to less important points. Messages may be transmitted by telephone. In various portions of Great Britain notably in the north of Scotland, the telephone has been used for the transmission of telegrams to distant points with great success. It is claimed that this new system which will be in operation by early spring will overcome existing difficulties with land companies.

NOT TYPHOID SAYS MAYOR

Dreaded Disease Not Epidemic in Montreal Declares Executive Head While Admitting Situation To Be Grave.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Mayor Payette after consulting the Board of Health, declares today that typhoid is not epidemic at the present time in Montreal, and that the present disease which has caused such fits of hysteria to the evening newspapers is not typhoid fever. The city medical gentlemen state that the symptoms are much the same but as a matter of fact while an ordinary case of typhoid will keep a man in bed for eight or ten weeks the present malady can be successfully treated in a fortnight and in many cases in less time. However, his worship recognizes the gravity of the situation and as the civic finance committee has been practically placed hors de combat by the courts, he will take upon himself to see that sufficient money is voted for relief. On the other hand the hospital people declare that it is typhoid all right and that the civic health committee has displayed culpable negligence. Be this as it may, the temporary hospital is about ready and the first patient is now installed as was predicted last evening.

200 SALOONS WIPED OFF SLATE IN ONTARIO

Temperance Workers Secure Another Triumph In Appeal To People—61 Municipalities Added To No License.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—The crusade against the barroom in the Province of Ontario was crowned with further success yesterday, when, as the result of voting in 161 municipalities over 200 bars were wiped out. Of the 806 municipalities in the province 334 were last year under local option, or otherwise with licenses, yesterday's voting added to the no license column, so far as the returns received show, sixty-one more municipalities, with about thirty places still to hear from.

Only two villages went back to license, the repealed by-laws being defeated in all the others of the ten places where they were introduced. The three-fifths requirement prevented forty-eight municipalities from carrying local option, though in many cases large majorities were rolled up in its favor. The most notable of these was Brantford, where a majority of 810 was secured out of a total of 4610 votes. The feeling in that city on the part of the temperance workers is such that they think would be justified in demanding a recount. In any event the council elected is sympathetic with the temperance cause to such a degree that a majority of the members have pledged themselves very largely to reduce the number of licenses for the incoming year.

CHARLEY DOON SIGNED.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—President Foa of the Philadelphia League Baseball Club, announced tonight that he had signed Charley Doon, the catcher, to manage the club for the year in place of William Murray, who has been deposited.

FRENCH AVIATOR DASHED TO DEATH NEAR BORDEAUX

ARRANGING FOR CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

Majority Of Committee On Preliminary Arrangements Is Appointed—The New Representation.

SENATOR WOOD AND MR. W. H. THORNE IN LIST

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The majority of the committee on preliminary arrangements for the Conservative national convention which is to take place next September, have been appointed, though some nominations remain to be made. The committee will be convened at Ottawa on January 24 at 10 a. m. The members of the committee so far are: Alberta—R. B. Bennett, J. D. Hyndman, Senator J. A. Lougheed, C. A. Magrath, M. P.; British Columbia—R. F. Green, J. T. Robinson, Martin Burrell, M. P.; J. D. Taylor, M. P.; Manitoba—A. H. Carroll, George Lawrence, M. L. A.; Hugh John Macdonald, Hon. Robt. Rogers, Dr. Schaffner, M. P.; W. D. Staples, M. P.; New Brunswick—G. W. Ganong, W. H. Thorne, Senator Wood, O. S. Crockett, M. P.; Ontario—Hon. Frank Cochrane, H. Corby, Hon. J. W. Hannah, Dr. Keiser, A. E. Kemp, Hon. J. O. Beame, P. D. Ross, T. W. Crothers, M. P.; Col. Hughes, M. P.; A. C. Macdonnell, M. P.; Dr. J. D. Reid, M. P.; Nova Scotia—J. S. McLennan, W. B. A. Ritchie, C. E. Tanner, C. Jamieson, M. P.; John Stanfield, M. P.; Prince Edward Island—J. A. Mathison, A. L. Fraser, M. P.; Quebec—Chas. Beaulieu, J. U. Emard, Farquhar Robinson, P. E. Blondin, M. P.; F. D. Monk, M. P.; W. B. Nantel, M. P.; Geo. H. Perley, M. P., and three more from the province. Saskatchewan—R. S. Lake, M. P., and three others from the province.

EXPLORER COOK IS GIVEN ANOTHER JOLT

Doctor's Name Dropped From Membership List Of Brooklyn Institute Of Arts And Science—Still In Funds.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Dr. Fredrick A. Cook must strike off another item from the list of his scientific honors and this time the blow comes from the folks at home. The council of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, it was announced today, has voted that the discredited explorer be dropped from membership. The action was unanimous and the dismissal is summary.

Dr. Cook was a member of the executive committee of the department of geography and until his polar claims were more or less shattered in Copenhagen, he had been held in high esteem by the members of the institute. He lectured to its members on his polar discovery soon after returning to America. While, so far as known, no particular effort is being made to discover Dr. Cook's whereabouts, it was learned today incidentally, that he has not yet drawn on the \$15,000 letter of credit, which he obtained in New York before disappearing from public view. The \$15,000 part of the money which he made out of his lecture tour remains in the vaults of a New York trust company.

MYSTERY CLEARED IN D.A.R. DEFALCATIONS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The mystery surrounding the defalcations recently discovered in the Washington office of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was explained today in a letter sent out by Mrs. Julia G. Scott, president-general of the society, to the regents of every chapter in the United States. Mrs. Scott states that the post office authorities made the discovery of thefts in the society's office of money post office money orders, checks and mail. The amount of the defalcation has been somewhat exaggerated, writes Mrs. Scott, the thefts scarcely running into many thousands.

Mrs. Scott states that the society's former curator, is accused by Mrs. Scott as responsible for the thefts and the president-general says she makes the name public in order to clear all other employees of suspicion.

Leon Delagrangé is Instantly Killed When Machine Plunges to Earth.

Dead Aviator Prominent in the Development of Aeronautics—Had Record of 53 miles an Hour

Bordeaux, Jan. 4.—Leon Delagrangé the French aviator, whose achievements during the past two years had won for him a high place among those who have set out to conquer the air, was instantly killed here today while making a flight in the presence of a great crowd of spectators.

A strong, uncertain wind prevailed, but with characteristic daring Delagrangé faced it in the same monoplane in which he made a record of 53 miles an hour at the Doncaster meeting last October. He circled the aerodrome, seeming to have his machine under good control, and yet at times it heeled dangerously to the wind. On the third round when at a height of between sixty and seventy feet, he increased his speed. He swung wide at the turn, but at the lower end of the aerodrome he attempted to describe a sharp curve. The machine was seen to sway. The left wing was broken and the right wing immediately collapsed. The aeroplane came plunging to the earth and turned half over as it fell with the aviator clinging to the seat. In this way it crashed to the ground with Delagrangé beneath, the heavy motor crushing out his life. The mechanician lost a leg to explain the exact cause of the accident. They are merely able to say that it resulted from manoeuvring too quickly in the puff wind. The monoplane, doubly braced at the essential points and had been given a careful examination before ascension.

RAILWAY EARNINGS BEFORE COMMISSION

Judge Mabee Hears a Score Of Applications With Respect To Railway Crossings—Dangerous Ones To Go.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The railway commission today heard a score of applications regarding railway crossings, some level, others by bridge. After a discussion of several cases Judge Mabee, finding that the rest involved the same principles, ordered that they be deferred until the February sittings when it is probable the whole question of railway crossings will be dealt with by the commission. The chief point to be considered is that of the dangerous crossings, the elimination of which an appropriation was made by Parliament last session and the task was referred to the board of deciding what crossings should be protected, what proportion the railways, the local authorities and the Government should pay.

The applications heard today included some by the Canadian Northern to cross public roads, to cross other railways, and overhead crossings over the C. P. R. by the Subury Soo trunk crossing road. Some notorious level crossings under consideration were those at Knigston over the G. T. R. at Brockville and at Smith's Falls. An important phase of the deliberations in February will be the consideration of the extent which the Government appropriation will go to the work of protecting those level crossings which have already been designated as dangerous. The question of the further Parliamentary appropriation this session will depend upon the deliberations of the board on this question.

MRS. MORSE VISITS HUSBAND AT ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Chas. W. Morse, wife of the financier now in the Federal Prison here, arrived at noon today. She was met at the station by her husband's friend, W. R. Reid.

The convicted banker met the pair with a smile and talked over with them the next steps to be taken in his behalf. It was not until the time for parting came that he showed emotion. Mrs. Morse will not be permitted to see him again for fifteen days. Reid, however, because of the business interests of his friend and the fact that others might suffer from neglect of them, will be permitted to see the prisoner oftener. Morse has not been assigned to any task yet.

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INDIANA AWAITS NOVEL BY CONVICT. LEADING THE LEADERS ON WEAR OF PLENTY.

Prepared by Indian Tribes of Brazil, and the Secret is Well Guarded -- It is Used on Arrow Tips. The Garden of the Province Enjoyed Much Prosperity During Past Year--Results in Agriculture.

WILL KILL OX IN TWENTY MINUTES. MORE POTATOS THAN EVER BEFORE. UNIONIST CHIEF STANDS PAT.

"Urari (or curari) is the most powerful sedative in nature, tipped with it the needlelike arrows used by the Indians of the upper Amazon, in their blow guns, will kill an ox in twenty minutes and a monkey in ten minutes. This is substantially the statement made by Professor James Orton, A. M., in his volume 'The Andes and the Amazons.' The fact that the secret of compounding this unique poison has been kept so long from its numerous seekers is perhaps the strangest thing about it, says a writer in the National Geographic Magazine for last year.

The first mention of it made to the civilized world was by Orellana in his account of his descent of the 'great river' when he discovered a portion of the men from the conquering army of Francisco Pizarro and sailed down to the Atlantic Ocean in 1539. He wrote that he carried a sufficient quantity of the poison with him, and upon the hostile Indians with minute, poisoned arrows. This is the same trip when he reported that he was attacked by a band of savage female warriors with bows and arrows. His report of the poisoned arrows has been verified by later travellers, although the female warriors from whom the mighty river derived its name, proved to be a shiftless tribe of savages, too lazy to make other garments, who wore in the place of clothes a sheet of bark with a hole in the middle to slip over the head, after which it was belted at the waist and was easily mistaken for a woman's dress. The same costume is still worn by them. The great traveller and naturalist Baron von Humboldt in 1803 was the first to bring to Europe a sufficient quantity of the poison for analysis. It was found to contain a hitherto unknown alkaloid, which was named curarine.

Prepared in Brazil. Urari is prepared by only a few tribes of savages on the upper waters of the Amazon and Orinoco rivers, where it is almost the only article made for sale. It is sold mostly to other tribes who use it for killing birds whose plumage has been in great demand in late years among the river traders.

The price of urari, where it is made, is quite uniformly its weight in silver. In Quito, where considerable is marketed, a half gill cup of it costs \$1.50. The cure in which these poisoned arrows are used consists of a straight bamboo tube, from five to six feet long, with a sight on one end and a funnel shaped nozzle on the other. The tube is filled with a mixture of wood or bone, not more than an inch long and the size of a toothpick, which is attached a little tuft of the hairy fibre of a cotton tree, and which is as light as thistledown and will not 'pack' like cotton fibre and so lose the necessary symmetry of form to insure accuracy. The point is then dipped in a thick solution of the poison, dried, and is ready for use.

These arrows, owing to their lightness, travel in an almost horizontal line until the air's resistance stops them, when they drop almost straight to the ground. Ever since the unique qualities of urari became known great interest has been taken in and many efforts made to learn the secret of compounding it. Humboldt learned that one plant was always an important ingredient; this is the vine strychnine, which, however, contains no trace of strychnine, but is very poisonous. It must be used in combination with other plants to produce the characteristic effects of urari.

In 1872 one additional ingredient was learned by Professor Orton, 'co-bacco and the milk of another plant is added, coagulating the mixture. The pre-eminent sedative which produces death indistinguishable from sleep in its approach. Without a few weeks before my return home from Brazil a gentleman from the steamer on its downward trip and came for the sea voyage to the plantation where I was visiting, before taking the sea voyage home. He was a professor in a German university, he told us, and had spent two years one thousand miles further up the Amazon, among the Ticuna Indians and was now on his way back. He was thin and sallow and seemed to need a rest. A few days before his departure I questioned him about the purpose of such an unusual proceeding, and he related the following experience--

"The medical faculty of our university has been experimenting for several years with urari, and believed they were on the eve of finding a way of using the tremendous potentiality of this unique poison in good account in treating some nervous diseases when supply became exhausted. 'After thoroughly satisfying ourselves that some vital element was needed by the travellers who believed they had learned the secret, and had given us their preparations to test, the university decided to send a botanist, who was also a physician, among the Indians who had made our best samples, and who was to remain long enough to secure their carefully guarded secret. I was the one chosen and equipped for this service and started immediately.

Secret Well Guarded. 'It was six months before I could get to work. I had to find a village where they made it, learn a little of their inhuman language and win their confidence enough to be received among them without exciting their

AFTER THE COLD WEATHER LAST WEEK you will appreciate a pair of our HOME COMFORT SLIPPERS

Leader Baiting is Popular in England Now -- Trying to Make Balfour Show Hand in Tariff Reform.

London, Jan. 4.—Leader baiting is the most popular sport of the moment. Balfour is an old hand at avoiding premature disclosure of details of policy and nobody expects him to do what his political enemies demand in his strict terms, namely to state exactly what duties he means to impose; 'I will prescribe them when called in, not before,' is his invariable reply.

The truth probably is that he has not fully made up his mind beyond that the duties will be moderate and the highest of British treasury officials of past years.

Asquith's Turn. Now it is Asquith's turn. Today Sir William Anson, an eminent historian repeats Rosebery's insistent question, 'What is your policy regarding the House of Lords?' Three ways have been suggested, namely, ending, mending and bending. Asquith definitely disclaims ending, thus disappointing his Socialistic and thorough going Radical supporters also. He refrains from supporting either Grey's and Rosebery's proposals for mending, holding that you run a risk in making a second chamber so brainy, representative and influential as to dwarf in importance the House of Commons in the eyes of the electorate. Grey nevertheless again last night stepped ahead of Asquith and argued in favor of an elective non-hereditary second chamber. These remarks, however, were not intended to satisfy his supporters. A Radical M. P. assures me that Asquith speaking in the presence of several members of the cabinet, told him the answer to satisfy his supporters. A Radical M. P. assures me that Asquith speaking in the presence of several members of the cabinet, told him the answer to satisfy his supporters. A Radical M. P. assures me that Asquith speaking in the presence of several members of the cabinet, told him the answer to satisfy his supporters.

There are also demands that Balfour and Asquith be pressed to accept or reject Rosebery's reasonable measure for reform of the lords, which many of the most influential persons themselves have pressed. Another significant defection is announced by John Duffy, Socialist leader of the Independent Labor Party at Gateshead, who has resigned the vice-chairmanship. He says: 'I bear some one shrike. You will be helping tariff reform. Precisely. I was never in favor of the free trade policy. Those who say reform would be worse off as a result of a change in the fiscal system display a wanton ignorance of the present condition of the people.'

Captain Kincaid Smith, a Radical M. P. for Stratford-on-Avon, speaking on tariff reform platforms, says: 'The chief reason for my opposition to the tariff reform is that it would mean more work and wages for Englishmen and a realization of the policy of imperial preference, and above all something real and effective towards retarding unemployment.'

Blatchford, the sale of whose pamphlet on the reform of the lords, already exceeds half a million, creates some stir in Unionist circles by the declaration in his Socialist Journal, the Clarion, that although he wrote his articles for the Daily Mail he does not believe the Unionists mean to put imperial safety before party advantage. He says: 'If the election were held to-day, I would vote for power under the impression that tariff reform and Dreadnoughts will save the Empire, the electorate are trusting to a rotten reed.' Upon which the Radical papers remark that Lansdowne must find Blatchford a most uncomfortable bedfellow, as he kicks.

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Princeton, Ind., Jan. 4.—The announcement by Henry E. Agar, former member of the legislature from Gibson county, who was recently sent to prison for embezzlement, that he would write a novel while in confinement, giving under assumed names the history of the characters connected with his life story, has created much interest in southern Indiana, and hundreds who knew Agar and suspect that his downfall was not due entirely to his own acts, are impatiently awaiting the book.

For twenty years Agar was the most prominent business man in southern Indiana and had friends in every county along the Ohio river. Many of these refuse to believe that the em-

bezzlements and forgeries charged against him are true or that he planned to disappear from a boat on the Wabash river and made the impression that he was dead, thus enabling his wife to collect the policies on his life. On the other hand they believe that Agar was forced to flee from his home in Princeton by men who were in possession of certain secrets of his life and would have profited by his death.

There is an intimation that Agar's book will be founded upon his own career as a business man and speculator and that though concealed under fictitious names all those who operated with him will be brought into the story. The scene will be laid in southern Indiana and the novel will deal with business interests.

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News of a Day

Alderman Dead. Toronto, Jan. 3.—A. H. Dalziel died suddenly in Windsor yesterday. He had just been re-elected alderman. He was seated in a street car when death came.

Elections in Manitoba. Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Provincial elections will be held in Manitoba this year. Both sides are already organizing and already many candidates are in the field. The general expectation is that the elections will come off some time in the spring or early summer.

Bankers in Toils. Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—A deputation understood to represent the Lord's Day Alliance visited eight of the principal city banks on Sunday and secured the names of officials found balancing their monthly and yearly accounts on the Lord's Day. It is not known by what authority the deputation acted, as the police emphatically deny any connection with the raid.

Drowned At Tusket. Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 4.—A drowning accident occurred at Ellen Woods Island, one of the Tusket's, on Saturday afternoon last, when Clayton Nickerson was drowned by the upsetting of his dory. His dory mate, Coleman Nickerson, was saved. Deceased belonged to Clark's Harbor and was 29 years old.

Pleaded Not Guilty. Lowell, Mass., Jan. 4.—George Marcotte, who gave himself up to the police last night after pushing his 12-year-old brother, Adelaide, into a canal, preferring to starve him rather than have him starve to death, appeared in the court here this morning. He pleaded not guilty and was released on bail.

Four Killed. Fort William, Ont., Jan. 4.—Babcock's boarding house was burned this morning and four persons were burned to death. Five others being injured by jumping from the windows. The dead were: Mr. Hobson, owner of the Oglava Mills; Anders Sorenson, railway laborer; Miss Clyositis, kitchen girl, and an unknown Chinese cook.

Saw Child Die. Westwood, Mich., Jan. 4.—Unable to locate her seven year old daughter from her burning home, Mrs. F. Helson was compelled last night to stand by the house and see her child burned to death. It is feared she will lose her mind. Her husband, a lumberman, is being searched for in a neighboring log camp.

W. C. T. U. Active. Toronto, Jan. 4.—B. A. Tovell, corresponding secretary of West Toronto Women's Christian Temperance Union has written to the Board of Education complaining against the distribution of coupons advertising certain five cent theatres to the children at school hours, such coupons admitting children to the shows free. The W. C. T. U. wants the practice stopped.

LOCAL Births and Marriages. The number of births in St. John's, 1909 was 799, of whom 411 were males. There were 125 fewer births in 1909 than in 1908 and an equal number of marriages in the two years. In the number of marriages performed, Rev. A. W. Meahan, rector of the Cathedral, heads the list with 42. Rev. H. Nobles, of the Baptist denomination comes second with 28, and Archdeacon Raymond of the Church of England is third with 16.

Herbert Downie Released. Herbert Downie, the principal in the robbery in the office of the Times Co., early last year, who was sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary, was released from that institution yesterday morning on ticket-of-leave, and left for his home in Albert County.

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Minnie M. Agair. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 4.—Steamer Minnie M. broke from her moorings during the high wind and drifted down river, and now lies aground in a dangerous position. The vessel was laid up for the winter and no one was on board. The Minnie M. came into fame during the provincial elections of 1904, when she was engaged to carry a crowd of pluggers to Michipicoten harbor.

Italians Fleeced. Quebec, Jan. 4.—A sharper who appeared at an Italian boarding house at the Falls on New Year's Eve, fleeced some twenty-five or thirty natives of a dollar apiece. The man said he had to engage the Italians on some construction work and to guarantee their good faith he exacted one dollar from each of them. He made an appointment to meet the men at the C. P. R. station on New Year's night, but did not show up.

Four Badly Frozen. Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 4.—An attempt to thaw out some frozen water pipes under a sink where a leaky porcelain can was standing resulted in a fire which drove three families, including ten children scantily clad, to the zero atmosphere outside. Four firemen were badly frozen. The building was completely destroyed with all its contents, but the property loss was small.

A Nobleman? Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—That Harry B. Featherston, bandit and safe burglar, who was killed by a Chicago police man, while holding up a saloon on New Year's morning, was the disinherited son of a noble Englishman, is the story of a robbery at the request into the robber's death by his sister, Miss Emma Featherston, who declared that her brother was rightfully the bearer of the name Lord Featherston.

Socialists in Fray. Montreal, Jan. 4.—The Socialists last evening decided to put a candidate in the field, but made the condition that he write his resignation immediately undated, and if he did not suit the men who elected him they could date the resignation and send it in. The choice fell on Albert St. Martin, court stenographer, who has run for municipal and provincial honors and once lost his deposit. His candidature is not regarded as serious at the City Hall.

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MONTREAL COBALT AND CURB STOCKS. Cement, Bid. Ask. Cement Pfd. 60@87 3/4, 10@88; 25@87 1/2, 10@87 1/2.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; YESTERDAY'S TRADING. (Quotations Furnished by Private Wires of J. C. Mackintosh and Co., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange, 111 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B., Chubb's Corner.)

Table with columns: Shares, Sold, Pious, High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Amalgamated Copper, American Beet Sugar, American Car and Foundry, etc.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET. New York, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Four—Firm and nominally higher; receipts, 36,494; shipments, 19,507.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET. Wheat—Spot—Strong No. 2 red, 1.30, elevator, domestic and 1.28 7/8 l.o.b. afloat, nominal; No. 1 Northern Duluth 1.28 7/8 and No. 2 hard winter 1.29 3/4 l.o.b. afloat, nominal.

CLOSING COTTON LETTER. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. New York, Jan. 4.—There was a perceptible change of undertone in today's cotton market, which was distinctly to the disadvantage of the clique committed to higher prices.

THE COTTON MARKET. New York, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 20 points lower; middling uplands, 15.90; middling gulf, 16.15, No. sales.

GRAINS HIGHER. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Grains ruled steadily higher here today, closing prices in each department being close to the high point of the day.

CANADIAN PRODUCE MARKETS Special to The Standard. Montreal, Jan. 4.—The enquiry from European sources for spring wheat flour is fairly good and bids in some cases show an advance but cable business continues dull.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE. Mount Temple, Antwerp, April 6. Man. Importer, Manchester, Jan. 15. Man. Shipper, Manchester, Feb. 12. Man. Shipper, Manchester, Feb. 28.

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THE MERCANTILE MARINE. Closing Stock Letter. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. New York, Jan. 4.—For a time today the stock market remained under the spell of the same depressive influence which operated throughout yesterday.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE. CHICAGO CATTLE. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 56,000; market steady, 45c to 55c.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE. NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter One Hundred and Forty One of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1903, "Respectively Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent Persons."

THE MERCANTILE MARINE. MONEY ON CALL AT 5 P. C. New York, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Close—Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, at 4.35.

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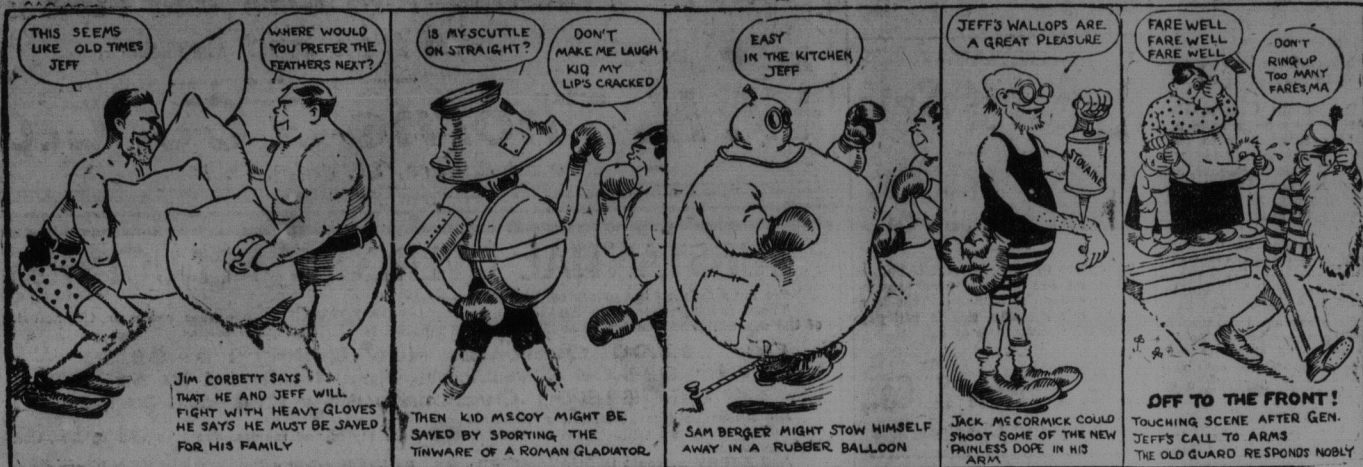
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HOCKEY IN NEW YORK

Amateur and Intercollegiate Tournaments to Open This Week--The Several Teams and Their Prospects.

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BASKET BALL PLAYERS DRAW UP SCHEDULE

The schedule of games for the Independent Basketball League was drawn up yesterday and is as follows: Monday Jan. 10, at the Algonquins Hall--Exmouth, Y. M. C. A. vs. Algonquins; St. Andrews, Y. M. C. A. vs. Portland, Y. M. C. A. vs. Exmouth...

M'INTOSH BID GETS EXPERTS

Australian Promoter's Proposition a Puzzle to Ring Followers--Is He After Picture Money--Lang and Old Fitz.

FIGHT FILMS DRAW LARGE AUDIENCES

Jack Frost did not stop thousands from attending the big sporting tournament in Nickel Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening. It was a whole souled turnout of the lovers of athletic pastime and not a lady or gentleman in the vast crowds but enjoyed the programme to the very fullest.

PIRATES BUMP INSURANCE MEN

Buccaners Pile Up Great Score in City League Bowling Match--The Standard Wins from Telegraph.

THE BASEBALL MAGNATES AND THE GAME

By Tip Wright. The National League has adopted playing schedule of 168 games, "for the good of the game," as one magnate with an unfortunate habit of saying the wrong thing, puts it.

JEFFRIES OUT WITH ANOTHER STATEMENT

New York, Jan. 4.--Jeffries after remaining silent for several weeks has issued another statement. The big fellow says that in view of the many predictions by experts to the effect that Johnson will surely beat him he wishes his friends to understand these important points:

SHAMROCKS WIN OUT FROM ALL MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 4.--Despite the bitterly cold weather a fair-sized crowd turned out at the arena to see the Canadian hockey league game between Shamrocks and All Montreal.

PRESIDENTS WIN OUT IN GYM LEAGUE

The first competition in the gymnasium league for teams of the intermediate class, took place last night at the Y.M.C.A. Five events were contested on the German horse by the five teams in the league.

Every fan who has attended the early spring and fall games at the beginning and ending of the championship season, knows that it is positive torture at times to sit through the games in the big league cities, when the chill winds whip around corners and through cracks and cuts to the marrow.

Jeffries winds up by saying he will go after Johnson as quickly as possible and that he will beat the negro insensible inside of ten or twelve rounds. "Pay no attention to those who are knocking me," says the bolshewik. "Just go ahead betting on me and you'll cash. I wouldn't get into the ring for a minute with this big negro if I wasn't dead sure of winning."

Nicks may have of winning the coveted title. The Crescent Athletic Club has not given up hope of having Shirreff come out. A new man on the team will be McIntyre, a Toronto player who made a favorable reputation here last season when his team played the game with the All New York seven.

It has been frequently charged that in the fights with Burns and Ketchel, Johnson was "under a pull" for at least ten rounds in order to get "action" for the moving picture machines in the opinion of competent judges.

FAST ONES ALL ENTERED IN BIG MEET

The skating events to be conducted in the Victoria rink tomorrow evening give promise of being a great success. Although the entries for the different races will not close until 8 o'clock this evening, most of the fast ones have already signified their intention of taking part and up till last evening the following skaters had registered their entries:

STANDARD WINS

The Standard typists only took four points in the Telegraph bowlers in the opening of the new typists league yesterday afternoon, at the Victoria alleys. Judging from the result of the game it would look as if the Standard team was going to do just a little better than in the last league.

Table with columns for names and scores, including Patterson, Sage, Crawford, McCafferty, and others.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fine and very cold today; Thursday strong with snow. Toronto, Ont., Jan. 4.—The disturbance which was last night over the St. Lawrence Valley has since developed and moved quickly to New- foundland, causing heavy gales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the pronounced cold wave is centered over Eastern Ontario and very low temperatures have been general from Saskatchewan to the Maritime Provinces. Another disturbance which is situated in the Mississippi Valley promises a considerable snow fall in Ontario and Quebec.

AROUND THE CITY

Out for Business. Messrs. Fred Monteth and Frank Foster and others have a camp on the ice at Millidgeville and will spend the winter fishing smelt. At present prices this is a very profitable business as the fish bring six cents a pound.

To Have Asbestos Roof. Workmen are engaged in placing a temporary roof over part of the gas works on Carmarthen street. In the spring an asbestos roof will be put on in its place to complete the work that was commenced last year before the cold weather set in.

The Ferry Floats. There were no developments yesterday in the ferry situation as the severe weather prevented the resumption of the work. No further conferences were held between the ferry chairman and representatives of the owners of the Magee wharf.

Laying Track to York Cotton Mill. The Cornwall and York Cotton Mills Co., Ltd., are having a railroad track laid from the main line on Clarendon street to the yard of the York mill near Courtenay bay, in order to facilitate the shipping of their goods. The work is well under way.

Second Largest Cargo from St. John. The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, Captain Moore will sail for London via Halifax this morning at 7 o'clock. She will take away the second largest cargo ever taken from this port by any one steamer. The Mount Temple will discharge about 300 tons of London freight at Halifax.

A Card of Thanks. The widow and brothers and sisters of the late Mr. George Elliot wish to thank their many friends for the sympathy expressed towards them in their recent bereavement, and to acknowledge the many kind acts of the friends of the late Mr. Elliot, especially Portland Lodge, Sons of Enoch, in sending beautiful floral tributes.

Arm Broken in Two Places. Friends of Mrs. William Rutledge, 111 Blackheath street, will regret to hear that she met with a serious accident yesterday morning. Mrs. Rutledge slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk, breaking her arm in two places and will be helpless for some time. Besides breaking the bone of the lower arm, she sustained a compound fracture of the wrist.

Trains Again Late. Holiday travel on the railroads is not yet over and the trains are nearly all running behind schedule time. The Pacific express was an hour and a half late in reaching the city last evening and the Montreal was consequently delayed. The outgoing Boston train did not get away until 8 o'clock, while the late Boston flyer was nearly an hour late in arriving.

S. A. Rally in Carleton. A good time is promised this evening at the Salvation Army barracks on Rodney street, West side, where a special demonstration will be given by the Juniors of No. 1 corps. The programme will consist of music, dialogues, recitations and tableaux. No brass band will be in attendance. Brigadier Adby will preside and the meeting will commence at 8 o'clock.

Blenkhorn—Pelton. On New Year's Day at Coldbrook, N. S., George Elta Pelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Pelton, of that place, was married to Scott Miller Blenkhorn, B.Sc., formerly of Canning, N. S. Mr. Blenkhorn, who took part of his university course at Mt. Allison college and completed his studies at the School of Mines in connection with Queens College, Kingston, is now at work as a mining engineer at Dolores, Ontario.

The Week of Prayer. The services in connection with the week of prayer were continued last evening in churches of the different groups into which the city has been divided. The severity of the weather interfered with the attendance. The services will be continued tomorrow and Thursday night. On Friday night the Bible Society meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church. A meeting of the Women's United Mission Societies will be held in Carmarthen street on Thursday at 3.29 p. m.

Missionary Meetings Feb. 6. Rev. Thomas Marshall, secretary of Methodist missions, met the ministers and laymen of the missionary campaign yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the annual missionary meetings in the Methodist churches in the city. It was decided to hold the services on Sunday, Feb. 6 when three missionary secretaries and three returned missionaries will be present from Toronto. A committee with Mr. J. N. Harvey as convener, was appointed to consider the advisability of holding a banquet prior to the services at which missionary matters might be discussed by the clergy and laymen.

Something New. Manufacturing in best style done at the barber shop of R. C. McAfee, King street.

Sails in Ribbons And Cargo Shifted

Schooner Margaret May Riley Flying Signals Of Distress Towed Into Port Yesterday—Captain Tells Graphic Story Of Battle With Wind And Sea Off Lepreaux—Crew At Pumps For Hours Badly Frost Bitten.

With her mainsail, standing and flying jibs lost, her cargo of deals badly shifted and with deck and rigging completely ice bound, showing the effect of the recent storm, the schooner Margaret May Riley, in command of Captain Granville, was towed into port yesterday afternoon by the tug Lord Wolsey. The schooner left port on Monday evening at 6 o'clock, bound for New York with a cargo of deals from Cushing and Company. After passing Partridge Island fair wind was encountered and Captain Granville looked forward to a good passage. About midnight, however, the gale increased, and the schooner was driven back to port. The schooner's sails were torn to ribbons and carried away and she was encumbered by heavy seas that swept her decks from bow to stern. The crew were scarcely able to remain on deck and the schooner was with difficulty headed back to port. Yesterday afternoon her signals of distress were sighted by the tug Lord Wolsey.

The Captain's Story. Speaking with a Standard reporter, Captain Granville declared that in his twenty years experience at sea, he had never encountered such heavy weather. "About 4 o'clock," he said, "we ran into a blinding snowstorm off Point Lepreaux, and the wind came up so suddenly that both our jibs were carried away. The sea began to wash

the deck with such force that we were forced to cling to the rigging for safety." "One of the sailors Charles Hodgson was struck by a huge wave and sent against the foremast with such force that it was feared his leg was broken. The cold became intense, and with their clothing covered with ice, the men were scarcely able to move about, and were in great danger of perishing. "The ship was headed for St. John but in the face of the heavy wind and sea made but slow progress. When morning dawned the wind and sea increased and about 7 o'clock the deck cargo shifted, breaking the stanchions and causing the schooner to lie over on her starboard side. It was then becoming more bitterly cold and every one of the men were more or less frost bitten.

Hours at the Pumps. At 10 o'clock in the morning the foremast was carried away and the cabin was flooded. Luckily the pumps were not frozen and for four hours the men worked ceaselessly, while the schooner labored heavily against the wind and waves, until Partridge Island was sighted about 3 o'clock. The tug Lord Wolsey sighted the signals of distress and towed the schooner into harbor and she was docked at the I. C. R. pier. The greater part of the cargo will have to be discharged in order to make repairs. The Margaret May Riley is owned by A. Cushing and Company of this city.

CUT HER HEAD WITH BOTTLE WHEN SHE REFUSED TO LEAVE. James Maher Charged With Assault On Barbara Gay—Endeavoring To Repair Damage When Police Arrive.

About 7 o'clock last evening a colored man rushed into the guard room at the Central Police station and excitedly told the officers that Barbara Gay a colored woman had been cut over the head with a bottle by James Maher, and that she was dying from loss of blood in her home at 256 Duke street. Deputy Jenkins and Detective Killen were soon upon the scene of the supposed tragedy and found the woman suffering from a severe scalp wound almost two inches long. The flow of blood had been stopped, however, and it was not considered necessary to summon a physician. Maher was in the house endeavoring to dress the cut when the officers arrived, and was placed under arrest and taken to the central lockup.

It was learned that the assault had taken place a little after 6 o'clock in Maher's home on Erin street, where the woman was making an unwelcome call. It appears that the woman refused to leave the house when ordered to do so by Maher, and in consequence, it is said, he assaulted her, cutting her over the head with a bottle. It could not be ascertained how the woman reached her home, as she had lost considerable blood. On arriving there, however, the neighbors were made aware of her condition and the police were immediately notified. Maher seems to have followed the woman to her home, and arrived there just ahead of the police. He gave himself up quietly, remarking that it was "all a mistake." He has a record in police circles, but of late little has been heard of him.

ST. JOHN MEN AT SYDNEY DOING GOOD BUSINESS. John E. Wilson, M.P.P., Home After Business Trip To Nova Scotia, Tells Of Old Friends Met With.

Mr. John E. Wilson, M.P.P., returned from a business trip to Sydney, C. B. Mr. Wilson was engaged in business there several years ago and is naturally well acquainted with the people and the city. Speaking with The Standard, last evening, Mr. Wilson said all the St. John men he met were doing well. Messrs. E. E. Shaw and Thomas Mason, two St. John men who some time ago took over a business established by him in 1906, and were running it under the firm name of Shaw & Mason, Ltd., were making good progress. They had a well equipped iron and brass foundry and also a shop where they manufactured sheet iron work. At the present time they employ about fifty men and in the near future intend to make extensive additions to their plant. The firm of Fraser, Fraser & Co., he said, were also doing a good business. And a hospitable welcome was always to be reckoned on from Mr. E. LeRoy Willis and Mr. John L. Robinson, who are running the Sydney Hotel.

Protestant Orphan Home. The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphan Home will meet at the institution tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

WASSON'S 'DANDR-OFF' FOR THE HAIR. Cures and prevents Dandruff, stops itching. 10c. Application at all Barbers. 50c. Large Bottle. Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

Removal Sale OF BOOKS, STATIONERY, LEATHER GOODS etc. In order to reduce stock before moving we are making great reductions in every department. This is a genuine bargain sale, and it will pay you to take advantage of it. E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

Coady's Big Shoe Sale Begins Today. We are positively going out of business and must dispose of 10,000 dollars worth of thoroughly reliable Boots and Shoes at once. Not a solitary article will be reserved and as the time at our disposal is limited, we have cut and slashed prices, so that the people can depend on getting the greatest bargains offered in St. John in years. NO GOODS ON APPROVAL. CASH ONLY NOW FOR BARGAINS.

Coady & Co. 61 CHARLOTTE STREET. PERSONAL. Mr. J. S. MacLaren, Inspector of Customs left last night for Fredericton. E. R. Taylor, the tailor of West St. John left for New York Saturday night to take a course in gent's garment cutting. Mrs. G. Hunter Ogilvie, of Charlottetown, P. E. Island, passed through the city yesterday on a visit to Philadelphia and Upper Canadian cities. Messrs. Clifford Walsh, Joseph Mooney, K. Smith and Geo. Lyons, of St. John, left last evening to resume their studies at McGill University.

'ARCTIC EXPLORES' SUBJECT OF PRIZE ESSAY THIS YEAR. British And Foreign Sailors' Society Announces Annual Competition For Empire School Children. Mr. Wm. McLean, school inspector, has received a letter from the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, stating that the subject for the British Empire Prize Essay for 1910 is 'Arctic Explorers and the Benefits Arising from Their Discoveries.' To be accompanied by a map of the regions surrounding the North Pole. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age on May 31 next. The essays, which are not to exceed one thousand words, must be written in school without notes, text books, or assistance from a teacher. The map must be prepared at home. The essays must reach the headquarters of the society not later than July 31 next. The prize will be a Victor Sailer valued at \$50. The prize winner for Canada last year was Miss Jennie Paddon, Palmerston Avenue school, Toronto. The Nelson shields have been distributed in Ontario and are now being sent to the other provinces. They have not been received as yet by the schools in New Brunswick.

Nickel's Sporting Programme. Nickel's sporting programme at 5 and 9 p. m. today. Hackenschmidt Rogers championship wrestling bout and Johnson-Ketchel championship boxing bout. A Publicity Campaign. At a meeting of the advertising committee of the Board of Trade last evening Mr. Walter H. Golding was appointed to conduct a publicity campaign in the interests of St. John. Other means of arousing interest in the city's progress were discussed and sub-committees were appointed to further the objects in view.

Fireplace Fittings. It is not yet too late to pick out some attractive furnishings to enhance the value of the cheery blaze. Come in and see our Andirons, Fire Sets and Fenders, In Iron and Brass. W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

SUBSTANTIAL OVERCOAT REDUCTIONS. We have reduced the prices of Winter Overcoats. These reductions mean a REAL cash saving, for the FORMER figures were based on the actual value of the overcoats, and each was an ECONOMICAL purchase at the original price. Our \$12.00 Overcoats Now Reduced to \$9.60. Our \$15.00 Overcoats Now Reduced to \$12.00. Our \$18.00 Overcoats Now Reduced to \$14.40. All other qualities at similar reductions. Among these are some of the season's most popular styles and fabrics—patterns and colors that are strictly correct. And EVERY overcoat is GUARANTEED good. Perfect in every detail. We have reason to believe that these substantial reductions will quickly deplete our stock, and advise early selection. GILMOUR'S, 68 KING STREET. 'A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES'

UNNEEDA BISCUIT. Biscuit are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries. They are sealed in a special way which gives them crispness, cleanliness and freshness which "crackers" from the paper bag always lack. They are the nation's accepted. 5c. National Biscuit Co. Ask Your Grocer.

This Is The Time To Buy Overcoats. The New Year has started in briskly in Suit and Overcoat selling, the reason for the special interest just now is that we are offering very special values, almost every line of overcoats in stock, including the Black English Melton Overcoats, so popular this season, are now on the bargain counters. These are new fresh goods, good styles, splendid fitters. Now is the time to buy. Remember—Money Saved Is Twice Earned! Men's Overcoats, - Sale Price \$4.49 to \$15.00. Boys' Overcoats, - " 3.98 to 9.75. Men's Regular \$5.00 and 5.50 Reefers, Sale Price 3.98. Also Heavy Underwear, Gloves, Mufflers, etc., etc. J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING, 199 to 207 UNION STREET. Stores Close at 6 o'clock. St. John, Jan. 4th, 1910.

January Clearance Sale. Commencing This Morning. Marvelously Low Offerings of Travellers' Samples and Odd Lots of Men's and Boys' Underwear, Sweaters, Cardigans, White, Colored, Regatta and Tweed Top Shirts. White Shirts. ordinary short boom and full dress styles. A few all good qualities to clear. Sale price, each 75c. Colored Regatta Shirts. mostly soft fronts; especially good variety of the larger sizes, 15 1/2 to 18. All are extra values. Sale prices, each 50c. to \$1.25. Neglige, Flannel, Tweed and Work Shirts. all greatly reduced. Sale prices, each 40c. to \$1.00. Sample Flannel and Tweed Top Shirts. including a few for boys. All are exceptional values. Sale prices, each 35c., 60c., 75c., and 90c. Sample Undershirts. with a few drawers to match. Plain wool and elastic ribbed at very special figures to clear. Sale prices, per garment, 25c., 35c., 50c., 65c., 75c., and 90c. Elastic Ribbed Shirts and Drawers. A special lot that we have decided to close out quickly. Marked greatly below low original prices and really great bargains. Sizes 34 to 38, per garment, 50c. Sizes 40 to 44, per garment, 65c. Boys' Shirts and Drawers. plain all-wool and cotton and wool makes. Odds and ends to clear. Sale prices, per garment, 25c. to 45c. Sample Sweaters. Boys' and Men's Roll Collars, also a few button neck styles in different colors. Marked exceptionally low to close out quickly. Sale prices, each 35c., 45c., 60c., 90c. Included in the lot are a few White Worsted and Honeycomb Sweaters for boys at 35c. Sample Navy Worsted Jerseys. Boys' sizes 28 inch. Sale price 75c. Men's size 36 inch. Sale price \$1.25. Sample Cardigan Jackets. large Men's size. Sale prices, each \$1.00 and \$1.50. Way's and Scott's Knitted Wool Mufflers. white and dark colors. Sale prices, each 15c. and 25c. MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT. Free Hemming Sale of Household Linens and Cottons Starts Next Monday. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.