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DESPERATE CONDITIONS PREVAIL AMONG DESITUTE SURVIVORS OF EARTHQUAKE

Supplies Cannot be Procured in Time to Prevent More Perishing from Hunger, Exposure and Lack of Attention--Thousands of Volunteer Helpers Needed--Tragedy Drives Many Mad

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—Maxim Gor'ky has telegraphed from the island of Capri in southern Italy, where he is spending the winter, appealing to the Russian people to give financial assistance to the earthquake sufferers. Gor'ky offers to receive subscriptions at Capri.

ROME, Jan. 1.—At Teormina, Sicily, where a number of Americans are spending the winter, it is said, that the towns escaped with slight damage. 20,000 DEAD AT REGGIO.

THE QUEEN EXHAUSTED. The queen looked far from well. She is exhausted and far from well. She has witnessed what she has witnessed her strongly.

MANY HOMELESS CHILDREN. One feature of the disaster at Reggio is the large number of homeless children. In some cases little babies were found creeping about in the ruins.

FAMILIES SEPARATED. In many cases survivors recovered consciousness to find themselves far away from the scene of the disaster. They would make desperate and pitiful efforts to go back and search for their loved ones.

FLAGS AT. PALERMO, Dec. 31.—Ludovico Fiala, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, who was at Messina, at the time of the earthquake, has arrived here. The account he gave of the death of his brother, Nicolo, who was also a deputy, and the efforts to save him, was absolutely harrowing.

SITUATION APPALLING. MONTEDONE, Dec. 31.—More appalling news has been received from the towns and villages themselves is the terror of the survivors. The spectacle is horrible. The wounded, bleeding, ragged refugees are human skeletons, who stagger here and there, dragging their bruised feet with effort and staring vacantly in all directions.

ANSWERS CALL OF SEA AFTER 25 YEARS REST

Veteran Sailor Returns to His First Love When Tired of Ranch Life. SPOKANE, Jan. 1.—After a quarter century of struggle against the never ceasing call of the sea, during which he was a rancher at Gardner, in the heart of the Coeur d'Alene mining district in Northern Idaho, Captain John Hill, seventy-six years of age, has decided to pass the evening of his life on the salt water. He is going to Puget Sound and thence down the coast to southern California, back to San Francisco, sailing thence around the Horn to the North Atlantic coast, where he put out of Portland harbor for the gold camps on the Pacific coast fifty-seven years ago.

AUSTRALIA CHOOSES NATIONAL CAPITAL SITE

Will Erect Model City as Seat of the Commonwealth Government. MELBOURNE, Jan. 1.—Australia has at last definitely selected a site for the proposed federal capital of the commonwealth. A bill confirming the selection of the Yass-Canberra District as the site of the capital has passed both houses of national legislature.

GLERKS HAVE RAGING STABLE

Russian Officials Live High on Money Stolen from Government. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—Many of the employees involved in the great frauds in the Office of Control of Russian Finances have already escaped. It appears from the confessions of some of the accused, that the funds, which consisted largely in replacing in circulation bank notes sent in to be destroyed, had been continuously for two clerks who received a salary of \$25 per month were thus able to build themselves mansions in St. Petersburg. Others set up as bankers, and one possessed a racing stable. Surprise is expressed that such extravagance on the part of minor employees never attracted the notice of their superiors.

POLICE CHIEF HEAD OF BAND OF THIEVES

Graft Among Officials of Moscow Steadily Becoming More Serious. MOSCOW, Jan. 1.—The Moscow police chiefs are becoming more and more serious. Not only is it asserted that the heads of the police were in close alliance with thieves and the owners of gambling dens and houses of disorder, but charges of an even more serious nature are now made. The head of the detective department is accused of pilaging on behalf of certain important firms—the premises of the business rivals of the latter establishments. A further charge is that he robbed trains carrying precious goods, and had a staff of hired bravos to commit robberies and other crimes.

LATEST WEATHER REPORT

FAIR and COLD

SKOWHEGAN SUFFERS FROM BIG FIRE; LOSS \$400,000

Cause Unknown—Dynamite Used to Check Flames—Outside Apparatus Came to the Rescue—Firemen Injured

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Jan. 1.—A stubborn fire destroyed two and damaged three business blocks and burned 21 tenement houses on Water street, the heart of the town, early today. Two of the houses were blown up with dynamite in an effort to check the progress of the flames, and it was only after eight hours work that the local department, assisted by apparatus from Waterville and Fairfield, succeeded in bringing the fire under control. The loss is estimated at about \$400,000.

WANTS KAISER TO PAY FOR POSTAGE STAMPS

Radical Member of Reichstag Suggests the Curtailment of Imperial Privileges. BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Dr. Struve, the Radical member of the Reichstag for Kiel, makes the suggestion that if the government sincerely desires to increase its revenue without placing unnecessary burdens on the taxpayers, an inestimable sum might be realized by suppressing the privilege of using the post free of charge, now enjoyed by the Kaiser and other members of Germany's twenty-two ruling houses.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 1, 1909. The Star wishes all its friends a very happy and prosperous New Year.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

With a new year ahead of him and a clean sheet on which to write his record for men can resist the temptation to observe the first of January by drawing up a set of brand new resolutions. The sad and untimely fate which awaits most of these resolutions should bring a tear from the most un-sympathetic eye. Some few, however, may be kept and these may make the effort worth while. Besides this whether or not the new rules and regulations are kept for long the effort made in drawing them up forms a desirable fitting feeling of virtuousness not accustomed to hard work. Few men can take a good look at themselves without feeling that they are no better than they ought to be. After drawing up a set of new resolutions these same men will cherish a secret belief that they are going to be rather better than is really necessary. And so the old game of framing new codes goes on. The aftermath comes shortly—about the time the man who swore off smoking discovers that he is not getting half the satisfaction out of an ill which he would get out of a good cigar. Just about the same time the man who purchased a nicely ruled note book in which to inscribe his personal expenses decides that he would spend his money more comfortably without a guardian angel keeping watch on every cent.

Some of the new resolutions which are public in their nature have already been announced. Premier Hazen took the plunge yesterday when he swore off his allegiance to the Highway Act and published the information that he had decided to turn it over to the tender mercies of county councilors. The common council had vision of starting the new year with new unengaged departments which would put all their civic ideals into effect in record time. There has been a slight delay in the reorganization but this only gives the aldermen a month of grace in which to think up a few more good resolutions. It is understood, however, that the present chairman of the Board of Public Works is carrying around with him a half formed resolve that he will not sacrifice himself to the common good for another quarter of a century. Although 1909 may show marks of progress in the common council it is feared that the Board of Trade will not advance much further. The members have been so busy thinking up good resolutions for the council that they have not had the time to provide even a few for themselves.

After a survey of last year's political results it is probable that R. L. Borden will resolve to avoid bad company in the future. If certain other gentlemen who now perplex the qualifying word "we" to their titles, indulge in the same self-stirring recitation they may be expected to solemnly swear that they will never again write letters about their land deals to their friends.

Across the border the people are waiting to see what their new government looks like before making any resolutions regarding it. Mr. Taft appears to have received all that was coming his way and in view of its proven success in the past he is not likely to discard his well tried resolution to step carefully along the paths trodden by his predecessor. While there are grounds for the belief that Bryan also got all that was coming to him it is not yet known whether he is making any resolutions about his future political course.

Be-President Castro, late of Venezuela, will preface his resolutions this year with a few remarks to the effect that the man who wrote "absence makes the heart grow fonder," did not know his business.

Abdul Hamid will find it necessary to revise the set of resolutions which have done duty for so many years and frame a few suitable for a limited monarchy. The Shah of Persia is having the same experience and it does not seem to agree with him.

In England the Liberal Government thoughtfully drew up their New Year's resolutions before commencing their holidays. Their programme for 1909 is a heavy one and parts of it will be as hard to carry out as those framed by a private individual. The suffragettes are making a few resolutions of their own which will not be likely to help the government very much.

As this year passes the value or utility of all the carefully planned resolutions will be shown and in the meantime the Star wishes all success to one who have sworn solemn vows of happiness, prosperity and the fulfilment of all good desires to everybody.

GOOD TIMES ARE COMING Dun & Co. Make Glowing Prediction

THE PAST YEAR

Banking Failures In 1908 \$110,000,000 Less Than 1907

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The year 1908 is being hailed as a year of good times. In R. G. Dun and Company's annual review of trade conditions, which will appear in the New Year's number of Dun's Review, the Review asserts that the recuperative powers shown by the Wall street interests during the year just ended "were beyond the hopes of the most sanguine."

"The year," says Dun's Review, "opened with everything at a low ebb, and confidence was so badly shaken that undertakings were abandoned until the number of unemployed rose above all records since the panic of 1893. Idleness was so general that the previous year's net immigration of over a million changed to an excess of emigrants in 1908."

But while the figures for the early part of the year made a poor showing as compared with the corresponding part of the preceding year "the closing months," says the Review, "marked a recovery so great that in many cases there was improvement over 1907. The first recuperative strides, as was evidenced by an average rise of about 35 per cent. in the prices of the sixty most active railroad stocks."

"When it was seen that no further set-back threatened trade gradually increased and growing confidence brought renewal of interest in work projects prior to October, 1907. Two factors, however, still give rise to caution, 'uncertainty as to crops and politics.' These two points, however, were, according to Dun, settled satisfactorily late in 1908, from which time the really good business revival may be said to date.

Dun places the amount involved in banking failures during the year at \$110,000,000 less than that involved in 1907, although more banks failed than in the preceding year.

"There was a gratifying improvement in the comparison of liabilities in the closing quarter," continues the review. "Loans diminished as the financial stringency decreased, the banks extending accommodation more readily as confidence was restored, although commercial paper was at all times closely scanned."

The Review takes up in detail the fortunes and misfortunes of the various industries during the old year and their chances for betterment during the new. The iron and steel business being less susceptible to fluctuations than most other pursuits, is described as having been but little affected by the panic, the present prices of pig iron and steel being but very little below those of a year ago, while the farmers received more money for their produce than ever before. The total value was \$7,730,000,000. Hides and leather are described as having had a fairly hard time, as had also dry goods and woollens, while the boot and shoe industry suffered keenly during the first half of the year, but retained an almost normal tone during the last few months with a comfortable surplus of reserve orders in hand at the end of the year.

A BIRTHDAY.

She's six today! She climbed my knee and twined her arms about me, so, And whispered to me joyously: "I bet you said, that you don't know What day this is!" I feligned to think, though well I knew what she would say, And shammed surprise when she exclaimed: "I'm growing up—I'm six today!"

What is it, when the years come on, that holds a man and makes his heart Be softer toward a little child and makes the tears so quick to start! I had not noticed it before! I did not think until today! Her playroom's strangely silent now, her paper dollies laid away! The little finger marks we loved are gone from off the window sill— Beneath the blossomed apple tree the swing I made is strangely still, And silence hovers round the house, unbroken by her childish glees— She's six today and growing up! No more a little babe to me!

You're six today! Come, kiss your dad and hug him too, you little elf, And romp with him and play with him, nor ask him why he's not hisself! Just follow him wherever he goes and let him take your little hand— Don't ask him what he's thinking of— you wouldn't know or understand! Let's go together down the lane, a-romping in your child-heart way— We cannot play like this for long! You're growing up—you're six today!

WHY THE KASIER SELLS PALACES Finds it Difficult to Make Both Ends Meet

Owns Fifty Palaces of Varying Size and Magnificence, and More Than Eighty Estates.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The cable has told the news that the Kaiser is about to sell five of his castles with a view to retrenching his expenses, which have been very heavy owing to his costly journeys and lavish pomp on all state occasions in recent years. No other monarch possesses so many castles as William II., who owns about fifty of varying size and magnificence.

He has three in Berlin, thirteen in Potsdam and three in Cassel, Stuttgart, Strasbourg, Charlottenburg, Breslau, Coblenz and other places in the empire also have Imperial castles. The Kaiser has always had a weakness for splendid palaces. In 1905 a splendid palace was begun in Posen, East Prussia, estimated to cost £2,000,000. This year the Kaiser purchased, at a cost of £40,000, the beautiful Villa Achilleon in Corfu, which was built for the late Empress of Austria sixteen years ago.

The famous medieval Hankoensburg Castle in Alsace, which had been restored from its ruins, was re-opened by him in May. The work cost more than £200,000. Residences are also given to him by his admirers. Last February M. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy presented the Kaiser with the Villa Palmstein at Frankfurt. The Kaiser has more than eighty estates, with a total area of 250,000 acres. Caddis, the German Standard, is a special favorite of his.

The calls on the Kaiser's purse are enormous and though he has made some of his private means, he finds it impossible to make ends meet. He is probably the poorest of millionaires.

VOTING IN JERUSALEM

How Representatives to Parliament Were Chosen

Vote Collector With Sealed Box Went Round From House to House Receiving Votes—Remarkable Scene When Members Left for Constantinople

A Daily Mail correspondent tells of the way in which the people of Jerusalem elected Rof Effendi and Safi Effendi, the two members sent to Holy City to the Turkish Parliament. He says:

There are two classes of electors in the Jerusalem election, as elsewhere in the Ottoman Empire. Every 500 electors choose one man to represent these representatives in their turn, voted for the member. The poll was taken in the following way: The city was divided into districts, the names of the voters in each district being entered on a list, which was given to the vote collector, a closed and sealed box went round from house to house receiving the votes of the people, which were thrown into the box through the slit. Naturally there had been a great deal of canvassing beforehand, but this was done through the press, and through personal persuasion rather than from the hustings.

People of Turkey have not yet realized the power they can wield from the platform. Perhaps public opinion is to be produced, and Ottomans long in chains, still think themselves watched and spied upon, and are distrustful of public agitators. No scene could have been more spontaneous and full of human sympathy than the one I witnessed at the railway station when the whole of Jerusalem came out to bid its members farewell. The event seemed curiously patriarchal, a renewal of an idea inexpressibly old rather than the first act of a new regime. We all felt that these two men represented everything most near and dear to us. Though both members are Moslems, yet Christians and Jews saw in them the realization of their liberties.

The two members stood by the side of the railway carriage while the motley crowd filed past to shake hands and to say adieu. The peasant from Bethlehem kissed hands and shoulders, the city man saluted in Turkish fashion, while the relative heartily embraced. Thousands filed slowly by, young and old, rich and poor, Moslem Christian and Jew, all impelled by the one ruling thought that the member standing there was his liberator and saviour! The conductor's bell sounded, the engine whistled shrieked, and the train at length streamed out; but the crowd was reckless then, and wanted even to draw the train, had this been possible. Cheers rang out, and one could not but thrill at the words: "Long live the Constitution! long live our Parliament!"

REFORMS IN PARIS MEDICAL SCHOOL

Authorities Think Members of Faculty to Blame for Student Riots

Students Were Angered by Creation of Superior Medical Diploma Granting Special Favors to the Holder.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Wholesale reforms in the faculty of the Medical School of Paris are being considered by the authorities. It is probable that the obnoxious examination against which the students directed their latest attack will be suppressed. The entire school needs reforming. Every thoughtful editorial writer in Paris recognizes this. "The riots of which the Latin Quarter is the theatre are no simple manifestations of youth without particular reason," says Le Journal des Debats. "It has appeared for a long time to the eyes of every one interested that our medical instruction did not respond to the exigencies of the present time, and that the examinations for the hospitals of Paris were not offered impartially. There is much to reform in the medical schools. Our future physicians are receiving too theoretical education." "Those who saw the riots of last week as a mere outbreak of the passions of the mob, upon a very good imitation of the beginning of the French Revolution. On Thursday, especially, the affair developed into a regular battle, which over 2,000 students were charged by the police. In an instant the ground was covered with hats, sticks, and policemen's caps and caps. The Republican Guards were obliged to make use of the butts of their rifles to protect the police from the mob. The trouble had its origin in the creation of a superior medical diploma, which was said to be the invention of Prof. Bouchard, and the possession of which would entitle the holder to practice in the best hospitals, and to the posts at the disposal of the government in hospitals, universities, and similar institutions.

REGAINS BRIDE AFTER CHASE OF A MONTH

Spirited Away by Her Mother Eight Hours After Elopement.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Walter O. Caldwell, Jr., son of a wealthy merchant of Fort Smith, Ark., and member of the most prominent families in Arkansas, yesterday ended a chase through two countries for the girl he married a month ago and who was spirited away by her mother.

Eight hours after Caldwell and Miss Pauline Porter, of Fort Worth, Texas, eloped, Mrs. Porter, who was accompanied by her mother and her father, who led far into Mexico, and only was brought to a close when the girl eluded her mother for long enough to send a telegram from De Soto, Mo., to her husband.

"There's no use hiding me any longer," the young woman said. "Walter will be here in an hour." Mrs. Porter was baffled.

Caldwell, his bride and Caldwell's father, who spent his time and money for a month in the affair, although his son had not consulted him in his choice of a wife, departed after the reunion, for Fort Smith.

A SUGGESTION!

Without good sight even Christmas grows less bright. A pair of eyes that see the right things, spectacles brings comfort and cheer throughout the year. D. BOYANER, SCIENTIFIC OPTICIAN, 38 Dock street.

DEATH PENALTY IS RESTORED IN FRANCE

The Guillotine, Temporarily Laid Aside, Will Have Plenty of Work in the Future.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—The French Chamber has approved the retention of the guillotine and capital punishment. This will put the President in an awkward position, as there are about sixteen criminals under sentence of death who are waiting and hoping for his pardon.

Several extraordinary repulsive crimes which have been perpetrated during the last few months have caused a remarkable change of view. Nearly every assize just has passed a resolution, and many passed as many as six, demanding that the clause concerning capital punishment, and their verdicts passed in accordance with it, should be both respected and carried out. Today's vote represents the considered opinion of the electors.

Most condemned criminals address a petition for mitigation or commutation of sentence to the president of the re-

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MASOULINE TRIALS. Harry is six years old. "Pa," he asked one day, "if I get married will I have a wife like ma?" "Very likely," replied his father. "And if I don't get married will I have to be an old bachelor like Uncle Tom?" "Very likely," he said after a moment of deep thought. "It's a mighty tough work for us men, ain't it?"—Success.

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DEATHS. MACBETH—Suddenly, in this city at her late residence, 44 Harrison St., on Dec. 28th, Alberta Helen, beloved wife of Bill MacBeth. Notice of funeral hereafter. RITCHIE—On December 31st, Thomas H. Ritchie. Funeral on Saturday at 120 from his brother's residence, 13 Wentworth street.

BARONETS ARE ANGRY. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British baronet has long been annoyed at the fashion in which his title is treated.

Rubber Boots That Last. We have a reputation for giving the greatest value in rubber footwear that is obtainable and we mean to keep it. We handle only what we know to be good. MEN'S KNIB KING RUBBER BOOTS, \$1.75, \$4.00, \$4.25. MEN'S STORM KING RUBBER BOOTS, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.25. LADIES' RUBBER BOOTS, Wool lined, \$2.50. BOYS' RUBBER BOOTS sizes 1 to 5, \$2.50, \$3.25. GIRLS' RUBBER BOOTS, sizes 1 to 2, \$2.00. CHILD'S RUBBER BOOTS sizes 6 to 10 1/2, \$1.75.

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FUGITIVE SAILORS LIVE FIVE DAYS IN CAVE. Deserting Their Ship They Put to Sea, but are Driven Back on Beach.

Money is Tight. But there are people who are constantly looking for opportunities to lend money on good security. If you want to borrow a few dollars, or a few thousand, or want advance will put you in touch with those who have money to loan.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 1.—After living for four days and a half in a cave at a lonely spot called Hahnaven, on the Durham coast, two Russian sailors, who had deserted from their ship, the Janov, of Biele, have been captured. Their vessel anchored in the Tyne about a week ago, and the men have been observed on leaving her in the night, under the cover of a thick fog, got away unobserved. They pulled out to sea with the hope, it is thought, of being picked up by an outwitted-bound vessel, but on getting clear of the Tyne pier they got lost, and after drifting about for some time, during which their lives were in great peril as their little boat was dashed to and fro on the rolling breakers, they found themselves stranded on the beach at Manhaven. Discovering a snug cave, they hauled the boat ashore and stored it away in the cave. Here four days were spent in complete seclusion, the men living fairly well on the provisions which had been taken from the ship's stores.

He claims that it does not receive the respect to which it is entitled. A few years ago a society baronets was formed with a view to securing full recognition of this class, which is less than noble, but more than knighthood, but little seems to have come of it. One well known baronet, however, has taken the matter into his own hands. He has issued a printed notice expressing the strong feeling of the baronets at the expression "deser air" being constantly used in commencing a letter to their servants, as well as in letters received by themselves. He says it is not only discourteous to the members of an ancient hereditary degree. He asks his correspondents in future to accord him his title and commence their letters "Sir Baronet."

Next day two river policemen who were unable to escape capture, leaped into the river and disappeared. The two men were handed over to the captain of the Janov, which yesterday afternoon proceeded on its voyage to a Russian port.

The master of the Janov reported the desertions to the police authorities, who were unable to find any trace of the men. The two sailors eventually left their hiding place and visited South Shields, evidently with the intention of learning if their ship had sailed. The mate of the vessel chanced to be ashore, and he caught sight of the two men. With the assistance of a constable, he got hold of one of the men, but the other, to escape capture, leaped into the river and disappeared.

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As an example of the high charges, he stated that for a single visit the masseuse asked \$10, and as the client was treated three times a week it meant \$30 a month. The treatment consisted simply in anointing the subject's face with cold cream and rolling over with little wooden cylinders. The toilet accessories were pots of ointment or boxes of powder, which the vicomtesse herself applied, a hospital doctor, said counsel, would only receive \$2 for a consultation, while for a professor of medicine \$4 would suffice.

The beauty specialist's advocate protested in defense that she was no ordinary masseuse, but a true artist. She did not use "wooden cylinders," but worked only with her own slender fingers. Further, it was pointed out that at the end of an hour's massage she was so exhausted that she had to rest for a long time. It was not free to divulge the secret of the beauty specialist, but he might state that one of the ingredients she made use of was essence of bitter almonds, for which he said, she paid more than \$200 an ounce. The tribunal, however, found that the vicomtesse had been overcharged, and reduced the bill from \$1,850 to \$50.

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Have not coughed once all day? Yet you may cough tomorrow! Better be prepared for it when it comes. Ask your doctor about keeping Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house. Then when the hard cold or cough first appears you have a doctor's medicine at hand. Your doctor's approval of its use will certainly set all doubt at rest. Do as he says.

COADY The SHOE MAN Thanks his many friends and customers for a splendid season's trade and takes this opportunity of wishing them a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Holiday Goods for the Children Dolls from 1c up; Picture Books 5 and 10c. Popular Games 5, 10 and 15 cents.

A Big Show of MEN'S TROUSERS. We have 800 pairs of Men's Trousers for you to choose from. Now is your chance to get a pair of Trousers to help out your coat and vest.

AMUSEMENTS. NICKEL STARTS AT 10 O'CLOCK TODAY. The Nickel has a great show for the holiday and preparations have been made to accommodate a very large number of guests.

TEN X-RAY OPERATORS GAVE LIVES TO CAUSE Boston Physician Tells of Martyrdom in Roentgen Experiments.

CAMERAPHONE NEXT WEEK. Don't forget the opening of the Camera-phone engagement at the Opera House Monday evening in comedy vaudeville selections.

A SPLENDID HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT THE UNIQVE. Thousands will spend a pleasant half hour at the Unique today. The picture and song programme is an excellent one as it always is at this ever popular house.

WANT PAYMENT FOR CLAIM DATING FROM 1812. Efforts of Ambassador Bryce on Behalf of Canadian Claimants Probably Successful.

OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—The despatch sent out from Washington and published yesterday to the effect that British Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Root had formally agreed on a draft of international treaties to settle questions at issue between Canada and the United States relative to Atlantic coast fisheries, control of international waterways and settlement of outstanding pecuniary claims of private citizens against the government of each country, is practically merely a repetition of what was formally passed a year ago following the visit of Mr. Bryce.

ty Begins at Home," a comedy of Southern life. The Unique will open today for the regular hours only, and the show will be a very fine one.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Dr. Charles Allen Porter, of Boston, in discussing treatment for X-ray operators who had suffered from using the machines, said that some remarkable cases of skin grafting at the session this afternoon of the convention of the American Roentgen Ray Society at the Academy of Medicine.

\$50,000 FIRE IN MAINE. SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 31.—The Gould block, a three story brick structure on Water street, in the business section of the town, was practically destroyed by fire tonight. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000.

FORGERY CASE AGAINST CANDIDATE DISMISSED. Old Man Who Swore His Name Was Forged Admitted That He Gave Permission to Sign It.

ST. CATHERINES, N. S.—When Jacob Haynes, aged 82, the man who made an affidavit to the effect that Landis C. Bradt, majority candidate had forged his signature to his nomination paper, was put on the witness stand in the police court, the old man created a sensation by declaring that he had given Bradt permission to sign his name.

Don't blame your stomach or your liver when you feel sick. Don't blame your stomach or your liver when you feel sick. Don't blame your stomach or your liver when you feel sick.

LINE UP WIFE AND CHILDREN TO BE SHOT. Servant Prevents Murder by Phoning For The Police.

BURNED TO DEATH. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Mistaking an intoxicated man clad in a long Buffalo overcoat for a bear, Thomas Decker, a well known farmer, last night shot and instantly killed Thomas Andrews, near Lafayette, Tenn. Andrews had been in jail, but was paroled by the sheriff that he might go home for Christmas.

SCIENCE HAS ITS ANIMAL MARTYRS. Dogs Which Perish in Polar Expeditions. When An Else Falls They Furnish Food for Their Masters and Their Own Kind.

Not every Arctic explorer returns safely to recount upon the lecture platform and the printed page the adventures of his quest. In fact, the history of the great expeditions now exercised in preparing for journeys through the ice-covered wastes of the Arctic regions, it is still necessary for men to be willing to become martyrs, if need be, in pursuit of their quest.

THE START FROM COPENHAGEN. The story of this successful, but martyred expedition is retold in a recent issue of "L'Illustration." The party, it will be recalled, left Copenhagen on June 24, 1895, on the steamer "Denmark. Its object was that of charting Greenland between Koldewey's Cape on the east side and Cape Bridgman, Peary Land, at the northern end of the island.

THOUGHT HE WAS A BEAR. Farmer Killer Found Man Clad in a Buffalo Overcoat.

THREE SUITORS IN HER PARLOR; FIGHT, SHOOT. Visitor in Neighbor's Home Gets Bullet Through Ear.

WITNESSED POLES. ARE NOT SO SLOW. HOW THEY EVASIVE LAW RESPECTING THEIR MEETINGS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The curious method adopted by the oppressed Poles in Germany to evade the provisions of the new law relating to public meetings was shown recently in the trial of three Polish residents of Lublin, in Westphalia, who had conspired a political meeting.

OWNERSHIP OF WOMEN. BLAMED FOR MURDERS. Leetler Says Men Kill When Their "Property" is Abused.

LEAVES. (By Charles L. O'Donnell.) He plays with the Wind today, Yielding the kisses he craves— Poles, know ye not next month He shall bound ye to your graves?

PUS CODE NEAR COMPLETION. Pope Doing for Canon Law What Caesar and Napoleon Did for Civil.

WORLD'S TWO RICHEST WOMEN FROM THE U. S. Helty Green, With \$90,000,000, Leads Sex's List of Ten.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A list of the ten richest women in the world has been published here, Mrs. Helty Green leads with a fortune estimated at \$90,000,000. Mrs. Russell Sage comes next with \$85,000,000.

SOLVE TRAGEDY OF LONE MINING CAMP. Alaskan Who is Alleged to Have Slain Partner Found in Honolulu.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 29.—Declaring that it is the "property instinct" rather than real love for wife or sweetheart which prompts murder by other men, Professor Charles Zueblin, of Boston, startled even the students of social conditions at the opening meeting of the American Sociological Society at its opening meeting here this afternoon by his frank discussion of modern marital conditions.

ROME, Dec. 31. (By telegram to CHICAGO, Ireland; thence by wireless.)—Pope has set in motion two of the greatest works which have been attempted in modern times—the revision of the Vulgate and the codification of the Canon law. Of the former I spoke a couple of weeks ago. The latter is now approaching completion.

Appointment by Royal Warrant

Sir J. Hanbury Williams, Governor General's Secretary, has announced to the Dunlop, Cooke Co. Ltd., their appointment as furriers to H. R. H. the Princess of Wales. The Royal Warrant which has been transmitted through the Governor General is issued from Marlborough House and bears the signature of the Chamberlain of the Royal Household, the Royal Coat of Arms and Seal of H. R. H. the Princess of Wales.

The Royal Warrant is personal and cannot be reproduced in any way and is the first ever granted in the Maritime Provinces, comparatively few in Canada having been accorded the distinguished honor of Royal patronage by special appointment. The appointment authorizes the Company to use the Prince of Wales crest, the three feathers and Royal Coat of Arms.

The honor has been conferred as a result of the magnificent Mink Coat made for and presented to H. R. H. the Princess of Wales by the ladies of Nova Scotia, and which was recently worn by Her Royal Highness at a reception of the King and Queen of Sweden at the Guildhall—an honor that speaks volumes for Canadian manufactures.

We are able to publish for the first time an excellent reproduction of the coat, which was fifty inches long, made of the darkest selected Nova Scotia Mink—one hundred and fifty skins being used in the garment, having been selected from over fifty thousand skins. The buttons are of 24 karat gold, set with pearl nuclei and emeralds. The garment, which is worth \$4,000, is of exquisite quality and workmanship and so pleased the Royal recipient that it was recently worn on the state occasion referred to, which is the highest compliment that could be paid by the future Queen to the loyal people of Nova Scotia. The gift was so extremely exquisite, its regal magnificence was a source of the greatest pleasure to the Princess and was acknowledged by a personal letter to the wife of the Governor with the request to convey to the committee and all those who took part in the gift her very deep appreciation, and in which Her Royal Highness also expressed this sentiment: "Each time I wear the beautiful mink coat I shall be reminded of the warm-hearted people of Nova Scotia."



Coat Presented to H. R. H. Princess of Wales

The first notable occasion which presented itself was the recent visit of the King and Queen of Sweden, and when England's future Queen was robed in a garment magnificently rich and beautiful, made from Nova Scotia mink, dark and soft as sable. The Times and English press generally pronounced it to be the most magnificent mink coat in the world.

Canada has been receiving unexpected honors in this connection, and it will be a source of pride and satisfaction to Canadians to find the makers of the Royal garment receiving such marked recognition as to insure an immensely increased patronage, at home and abroad. Being now located in St. John, Halifax, Amherst and Boston, the Dunlop, Cooke Co. Ltd., will receive the full benefit of theoretical appointment of furriers to the Royalty.

A WHOLESALE MOTHER

Mrs. Anna Ross Probably Holds the World's Record.

She Has Nursed 303 Children Since She Began Business of Deputy Parent—Never Had Baby of Her Own.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 31.—The instinct of motherhood is very strong in Mrs. Anna Ross of Niagara Falls, N. Y. A mother to 303 children is the proud and unique record held by her. The fact became known yesterday when the aged woman applied to the poor guardian for aid. Think of cradling 303 children on one's knees, think of crooning over so many cots, while the sagging Sandman whistles away his time with tiny Nellie Jones across the way. Think of the countless hours Mrs. Ross must have spent spacing the floor, lighting off with the aid of peppermint water a million or more attacks of colic. Think of the countless bottles of colic that had to be warmed and tasted and administered, and, lastly, think of the mending.

Mrs. Ross is a very real person in spite of the almost unreality of the task she put upon herself. She is old and about 55 years of age, and a typical "mummy." She was born in Allegany county, and all her life she has loved children. As a child she used to ask the neighbors for permission to look after their babies, and she has looked after a time a regular nurse. She first began in Hamilton, Ont., about 25 years ago, and later came to Niagara Falls. Her children come from here, there and everywhere—sons from good homes—others from no homes—some children of respectable parents; others nameless tots. But all are the same to her, so long as they are of baby size. Under her direction the babies are started at their A B C's and carried through the parlor days of tickling horse's hoofs. Mrs. Ross has the most wonderful gallery of children's photographs to be found any-

where—photographs from the wash-bowl to many whiskers. Her adopted grandchildren number about 500. She has scores of letters from her former children, many of whom have succeeded well in life, and all the letters breathe the same spirit of filial devotion that belongs to real motherhood. She is fast becoming too old for the work, and will soon give it up. By an odd turn of fate, Mrs. Ross has never had a child of her own.

"SEX DETERMINED BY CHANCE ALONE"

Nutrition and Other Artificial Means Powerless to Regulate It.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—That the determination of sex is a matter of chance was the declaration of Professor E. B. Wilson before the section of zoology at the opening session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today. Although he did not specifically mention the Russian theory of control by diet, which was tried to the Tzar and Tsarina before the hair of the throne of Russia was born, Professor Wilson said this theory is entirely erroneous. Professor Wilson occupies the chair of zoology at Columbia University, and is considered one of the foremost investigators in that science. His paper was technical and went into the subject deeply, but he gave the press an abstract, which he said he thought would bring on his head all the cracks in the country. The title of the paper is "Recent Researches on the Determination and Heredity of Sex."

"Formerly," said he, "as to the manner in which sex is inherited has been on the supposition that sex is determined by the effect of external conditions, such as nutrition. The drift of more recent evidence has been against this view, and goes to show that sex is automatically determined by the internal mechanism of germ cells. If this be correct, it appears impossible to modify or control the sex by artificial means. Sex appears to be a phenomenon of heredity which con-

forms to the laws of heredity in general. It is supposed by many biologists to be a particular kind of mendelian Mendel's law. "Research has proved that the mechanical basis of sex is so adjusted as to produce an equal number of males and females in the long run, this fact applying to the race as a whole and not to single families alone. There are, however, variations from this equal ratio. Some of these modifications have recently been completely explained by minute study, but many are still quite unexplained. "Scores of scientists, many from the leading colleges and universities of the country, are here. It is estimated that at least two thousand of them were at the opening of the convention, and most of them intend to remain during the week. During the week there will be more than one hundred meetings, many of them going on simultaneously, in order to accommodate these gatherings nearly all the school and college buildings of the city have been engaged.

NEWS FROM HOPEWELL HILL.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 31.—Among the leading prize winners at the R. C. Bazaar, which closed last night, at Albert, was Miss Bertha Edgett, of Harvill, who won the gold watch given to the most popular young lady. Miss Minnie Gowan held the lucky ticket to win the barrel of flour. P. J. Newcombe won the oil painting and Hugh Daley, the hanging lamp. The voting contest for the most popular young lady was very exciting, the winner having a close competitor in Miss Lena Conner. The last evening of the bazaar was very successful between four and five hundred people were present. Frank Woodworth, son of R. S. Woodworth, of Chemical Road and Miss Edith Shaw, daughter of Chas. D. Shaw, of the same place, were married last evening, at Albert, Rev. Mr. Snelling, of the Hopewell Baptist church, officiating. The marriage of Byers Steeves, of this place and Miss Harbell, of Elgin, took place, at Mountain, on Tuesday of this week, and the happy couple drove to their home here yesterday.

CANADA WILL GIVE \$100,000

Aid to Stricken Italy Goes at Once

Hay and Straw Will Be Permitted to Enter From States Now

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the cabinet this afternoon it was decided that Canada should enforce its sympathy for the sufferers in the appalling disaster in Italy and Sicily in the tangible form of a national subscription of \$100,000. Parliament will be asked to ratify the government's action, but no objection from any source is anticipated to this generous prompt step on the part of the Dominion to help alleviate the terrible disaster which has befallen a sister nation. The money will be forwarded through the British ambassador at Rome with as little delay as possible. Consequent upon reports received by the department of agriculture from the United States government that good progress is being made in suppressing the outbreak of foot and mouth disease among American cattle in the infested states of the east, a slight relaxation of the rigid quarantine regulations of the past month has been allowed by order in council. After today shipments of hay and straw in transit through Canada from a quarantined state to any American port will be allowed. This affects principally shipments of hay and straw from Michigan to New England states via Canada.

Election Expenses

Critical return of expenses of local candidates in the recent federal elections shows the total expenses of Liberal candidates, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and H. B. McGivern, were \$4,358, and the total expenses of the Conservative candidates, Messrs. Bissett and Chabot were \$4,058.

Customs receipts for the month of December show that method of recurring revenue is reaching its termination. Collections for the month were \$2,696,980, as compared with \$2,692,217,974, which is the smallest comparison for December, 1907, a decrease of \$46,765. For the nine months ending December 31st, 1908, the customs revenue of the Dominion amounted to \$24,844,534, as against a revenue of \$24,332,838 during the nine months ending December 31st, 1907, a decrease of \$511,696.

WINS GIRL BY CHANCE; NOW WON'T MARRY HER

Suitor, Picked From Three by Burning of Candles, Rejects Woman.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—Because Annie Dugan, 18 years old, was named in an ancient plan to determine which of three suitors should become her husband, Andrew Yotow, upon whom her choice fell, refuses to take her. For some time Yotow has been paying court to Miss Dugan. But she finally, several weeks ago, she told him she was going to have a birthday party and that she would like to have three candles lighted then and placed them on a board. The candles burned and the girls giggled and three of the boys all looked up. Finally, one after another of the candles had been out and only one remained. Then Annie announced that under such a name was the name of a certain young man, and she would marry the one whose name was under the candle that burned the longest. Andy's candle burned the longest. Yotow did not see the joke and declared that he did not want to be herded together with a lot of other suitors. When the wedding ceremonies were arranged he did not appear. Now Annie has sued him and will try to force the wedding.

THE PRACTICAL KIND

He (savagely)—So another judge has decided the same old thing—a wife's right to search her husband's pocket. She (savagely)—Don't say "same old thing." I am sure that is a matter in which there is nothing new. He (savagely)—I am sure that is a matter in which there is nothing new.

NOT A SMILE.

"I never knew until I attended the horse show what an absurd term 'horse laugh' was." "What impressed you?" "Why, there's no such a thing as a horse laugh. The horses looked right at the ladies' hats, and didn't even smile."

DESPERATE.

Herless—But, father, that handsome foreign count says he will do something desperate and awful if I do not marry him. Father (dryly)—He will. He will have to go to work.

Advertisement for 'Every Woman' medicine, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

GERMANY CASTS COVETOUS EYE ON BRITISH LAND

Walvisch Bay, in South Africa, Leads to Breach of Diplomacy.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—There is on the western coast of German Southwest Africa a convenient harbor, with a small patch of British territory upon which the German Colonial Office has been casting covetous eyes. It is called Walvisch Bay, and from the fact that Herr Dernburg, the German Imperial Colonial Secretary, has been attending to negotiate for its acquisition, it is likely to form an important subject of international attention. When Herr Dernburg returned to Berlin from his visit to German Africa, the following communique in the German press, which attracted little attention, as it was generally believed Downing street and Wilhelmstrasse: "That Germany cannot agree to an exchange of territory goes as a matter of course, for any fragment of territory which we might concede is more valuable than Walvisch Bay. Even the acquisition of the bay for a money payment would be a business transaction. For really, if we take this little patch of land from the English, they ought to pay us for so valuable a piece of land. It is serviceable would cost us more than the English at present, without doing anything toward its utility, have to pay every year."

Inquiry at the British Foreign Office revealed the fact that no negotiations were pending. The staff was in utter ignorance of the matter. Advice from Cape Town, however, soon revealed the truth—Herr Dernburg, after having been received by King Edward at Buckingham Palace and given a luncheon through the press the mission of Anglo-German co-operation in Africa, he deliberately laid his proposals for the acquisition of a piece of British territory before the Cape Town. Mr. Merriman, falling in that, he had attempted to influence Afrkander through Mr. H. B. McGivern, Premier of the Transvaal, and falling again, he had suggested to some Transvaal capitalists that a railway connecting Johannesburg or Mafeking with Walvisch Bay would be of mutual advantage, since it would open up German Southwest Africa to Rhodesian and Transvaal trade, while, on the other hand, Walvisch Bay would become a much more convenient point of departure and entry for South Africa than Cape Town. He pointed out that the distance from Cape Town to Johannesburg was 1,800 miles, while the distance from Walvisch Bay was less than 1,000 miles, as well as British officials, so it is now stated in Downing street, by dint of South African advertisements only, he claimed to entertain Herr Dernburg's proposal, but also deliberately snubbed him.

It was felt that if Germany desired to acquire Walvisch Bay negotiations ought to have been opened by the German Colonial Secretary and not by Herr Dernburg, and not between the German Colonial Secretary and two over-seas men, who were believed in Germany to have little sympathy with British imperialist ideals.

TO GIVE CANADA ENTIRE BENEFIT

Canadian Northern Anxious to Build Line From Port Arthur to Sudbury at Once.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 31.—"Our next project which must be put into active operation soon," said Mr. D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, yesterday, "is the building of a road from Port Arthur to Sudbury. "This is an absolutely essential and immediate necessity. We are going to get after it right away, as soon as the next Parliament meets. We have to get assistance from the Government to build this line. "We mean Canada to have the entire benefit of our Western roads, and to get the total revenue accruing therefrom. "If we haul wheat and eastbound freight to eastern ports by way of Duluth the States are going to benefit by it. We do not mean such a condition of affairs to exist at all. Sixty per cent. of the cost of transportation is spent in the localities through which the freight passes, and why should the Dominion benefit by this? When we build east again, think of the immense country our road will open up east of Port Arthur and north of the transcontinental now building. The possibilities resulting from the building of a road through this territory are innumerable."

BIG DECREASE IN CUSTOM RECEIPTS AT MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Jan. 1.—Customs duties collected at the port of Montreal during the past 12 months, shows a decrease of nearly four millions compared with last year. The actual figures are 1907, \$12,825,425; 1908, \$12,209,413, a great falling off, of \$616,012. It is believed, however, in business circles that the tide has turned and the year's figures, especially when the St. Lawrence season of navigation opens, will show large increases.

HONEST.

Cashly (at the club)—Is your wife entertaining this winter? Stockton—Not very.

KATABOLISM GROWS

Hence the Outburst of the Militant Suffragette Mania

Meanwhile a Suffragette Asks: "Who is Going to Turn the Hose on Dr. Shipley?"

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Dr. Shipley's explanation of the militant suffragette mania as a modern outbreak of tartarism is affording a good share of the Yuletide fun. One highly technical writer points out that the present mania is suffering from a severe increase of katabolism among women. One writer in today's Times explains that there is a tendency in the female sex to conserve energy or anabolism, while in the male sex is towards its liberation or katabolism. This eminent diologist adds: "During the past few decades there has been a distinct tendency in some women to increase their katabolism and approximate it to the male type of outburst. These are followed by relatively quiescent periods when they take up work in the mills and also at the professions. Following the results of a recent German work, we may see that such women have reverted to hermaphroditism by decreasing their anabolism and increasing their katabolism. Usually the process is interrupted by marriage and motherhood, which has a reversing tendency in this country. Lancashire is pre-eminently the country of katabolic women, and in accordance with the general fitness of things we find it to be the home of the militant suffragette. An examination of the police court record gives two points—1. Previous katabolic history; 2. Through the process of the loss of some other qualities pertaining to the sex and the assumption of some of those pertaining to the other. The suffragettes themselves are not submitting to these awful fits of violence. One protestant in the Times, however, has declared that the present trend toward allowing women to work, either before or after marriage, is contributing greatly to social unrest and even contributing to the growth of divorce. Divorce and its following evils will be generally discussed at joint meetings of the organization tomorrow."

REVOLUTIONIST TELLS OF HIS RUSSIAN CELL

Tchaykovsky Could Only See a Narrow Strip of Sky.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—After having been confined for a year in a Russian military fortress on charges of conspiracy and agitation against the Russian government and finally released after a world-wide protest almost unparalleled in history, Nicholas Tchaykovsky, author, humanitarian and revolutionist, has written for the current issue of his captivity and its attendant circumstances. He fled to England in 1875 and was arrested on his first subsequent visit to Russia, in 1876. He was confined in the Russian bastion of the fortress of Saints Peter and Paul until released in \$25,000 bail on October 23 last. He says the only light to his cell came through a little window high up in the wall, and so that only a very narrow strip of sky could be seen. In these quarters Mr. Tchaykovsky, who is more than 45 years old, and who has been accustomed to the best of care, slept on a mattress so thin "that the regular bastion menu. Books from the prison library, augmented by such volumes as his wife and daughter were able to send him "through the authorities" supplied him with reading matter, and he was allowed to exchange strictly censored letters with his relatives, who are also permitted to visit him at stated intervals. "Mr. Tchaykovsky must stay in Russia until his trial, but he has obtained permission to visit his dying mother at Kazan.

CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY

"SQUAW MEN," SHE SAYS

Woman Taught Man the Art of Work, Declares Mrs. Commander.

ATLANTA CITY, Dec. 31.—Declaring without reserve that the great "Captains of Industry" are no more than "squaw men," Lydia Kingsland, Commander, author of several works on race suicide, started the delegates in attendance on the meetings of the American Geographical Society by her insistence that women and not men are really responsible for the tremendous intervals of the present day. "Man's natural instinct in ages gone was that of war and not of work," she asserted, "and women alone have taught him the art of work, which with him is simply an acquired characteristic." "The self-supporting woman of today is the woman who is best serving the larger interests of the family," said Mrs. Commander. "Women have always worked and always will work. Among primitive peoples it was the woman who was the worker, while the man was the fighter? It was the woman who tilled the fields and fashioned the pottery, while the man, who preferred the hoe to the warclub, was despised and called a 'squaw man.' "Women have taught men to work,

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TRULY ROYAL GIFT FOR MRS. KEPPEL

Friend of King Receives Handsome Mansion in Carlton House Terrace From an Anonymous Donor.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—According to the story circulated in the very smart circles of London society, Mrs. George Keppel was the recipient of a magnificent Christmas present in the shape of a lease of No. 2 Carlton House Terrace from an anonymous donor, of whose identity, however, nobody appears to have a doubt. This fortunate lady, so immensely admired by King Edward, got word of her good luck only Christmas Eve, when she was actually discussing plans for enlarging her Portman Square residence, situated in a part of the West End which is rapidly deteriorating. Mrs. Keppel is getting not merely a lease, but the house is in a state of complete reconstruction according to her own taste. The gift represents at least \$300,000. The house is spacious enough for any entertaining and is in the most select and most convenient part of the town, extremely quiet and away from main thoroughfares and with a postern leading to St. James's Park, with the royal residences, Buckingham and St. James's palaces, as well as Marlborough House, hard by. Mrs. Keppel, whose wonderful personal charm and good nature have earned her exceptional popularity, is being cordially congratulated. Her neighbors include the German Ambassador, John Ward, Mrs. J. W. Mackay, Foster Palmer, Frederic Guet, Waldorf Astor, Lord Curzon, Arthur Walfoeur and Lord Ardillan, the latter the head of the Guinness's stout family, who at the moment is unusually prominent for his refusal to permit the London County Council to place a commemorative medallion upon his house recording the fact that Gladstone lived a long time there. Lord Ardillan has never forgotten Gladstone for his Home Rule bill.

SINGS OF A SON AS STORK BRINGS ONE

Homestead, Pa., Solist's Family Enlarged, True to Words of Anthem.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 31.—The stork and the builders of the programme for a cantata, given at the First Baptist church, Homestead, last night, collaborated in making the words of one of the singers come true. George Price, one of the best known singers of the borough, was down on the programme to sing the anthem, "Unto Us a Child is Born; Unto Us a Child is Given." He sang with great fervor, the rendering making a marked impression on the large audience. "None knew that the words of the singer were literally true, nor did he know that the spirit of prophecy entered into the song until he arrived home and found a fine eight-pound boy, the addition to his family arriving while he was singing in the church.

300,000 DEATHS SAY SOME, BUT OFFICIAL ESTIMATE IS 115,000

Horror of Situation at Messina and Reggio Grows With Every Hour

WORK OF SUCCOR NOW Relief Expeditions Making Their Way to Scene of Devastation--Report of Fresh Disaster

ROME, Dec. 31.—Estimates of the death toll of the earthquake now current among the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming, figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor move to greater efforts upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance, even before the cry for aid went up. Ship loads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports and, according to the minister of marine, rescue vessels to the number of 40 are now centred in the Strait of Messina and 5,000 soldiers are being landed on the two coasts.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely long survive their sufferings. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these hapless people, and it has been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

FORWARDED BY MAIL

ROME, Dec. 30.—Large quantities of telegrams addressed to people in Messina have been forwarded from here by mail because of the lack of wire facilities. There is practically no chance of these messages being delivered. It is impossible for anybody to seek out the addresses among the survivors.

There are still numerous small villages in Calabria from which no news has been received. Many of these are inaccessible, and it is feared that when the reports do come in they may only swell the fatalities. Every fresh dispatch received is monotonous in its recital of death and desolation. The same heartrending story doubtless will come from practically every village and hamlet in the doomed area.

It has been learned the Capuchin monks at Reggio escaped death and did brave work in rescuing the less fortunate. Of the twenty-two nuns at the convent of San Vincenzo di Paolo only seven remain alive. They are now engaged in nursing the wounded.

A naval observer of the destruction of Messina says there were four tidal waves, ranging in height from twelve to thirty feet. Thirty minutes elapsed between the rolling in of the first and the final destructive onslaught of the last wave.

The weather in Calabria continues abominable. Heavy rain fell at night the thermometer goes below freezing.

SAD PROCESSIONS.

PALERMO, Dec. 31.—The roads between Palermo and Messina are filled with long and sad processions of wounded refugees, and the sight is seen as they painfully make their way to the eastward are simply heart-rending. They all say they think they are the only survivors.

The walls of several of the principal buildings of Messina are still standing, but they are so weakened that they will have to be demolished as soon as possible to prevent fatalities among the rescuers. Every day this undermined masonry comes crashing down.

Only yesterday, when his majesty the king was the facade of a five-story building collapsed only a few hundred feet from where the king was standing.

Two priests have arrived at Messina from Scylla, on the Calabrian coast. They confirm the previous reports that this town of 5,000 people has been completely annihilated. They say they are practically the only survivors. They escaped with their lives because at the time of the quake they happened to be in the rear of the church, a portion of the building that resisted the general collapse. The priests say also that the ruins are so deep that the coast was greater than on the Sicilian side. The coast has been ravaged a distance of three miles and a strip of existence. Villages to be wiped out of existence.

WANDERER AIMLESSLY.

CATANIA, Dec. 31.—Refugees from Reggio and Messina continue to pour into Catania today and the city presents a sad sight. It is a hospital, with each house in a ward. Thousands of half-nude individuals of both sexes have gathered along the muddy beaches on either side of the ruins of Messina. These are wandering aimlessly, seeking food and trying to get away from the city.

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Some persons declared it the heaviest snow storm seen in Paris since 1870, while others asserted that by the records the last great continental comparable with that of today was in 1878.

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The superiority of automobiles was strikingly demonstrated. Within one hour after the beginning of the storm the city of Paris was a scene of confusion. The motor cars were retired either to the side streets or sent to the stables, while the automobiles continued to plough and puff with no trouble at all. The snow finally formed a sort of cushion surface that seemed especially adapted to the needs of pneumatic tires.

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ALD. BAXTER OPPOSES IT

City Too Small For Board of Control

PRESENT SYSTEM O. K.

Declares Advantages of Proposed System Cannot Be Pointed Out

Perhaps the most strenuous opponent of the proposed Board of Control is Ald. Baxter, who believes that the city is too small for the scheme. In conversation with The Sun yesterday afternoon, Ald. Baxter stated that he had asked the Mayor of the meeting held Wednesday evening to state specifically the benefits to be derived by the city in the adoption of the modified commission idea. This he considered he was unable to do. Ald. Baxter believes that the advantages of a board of control are unable to point to any benefit that is in the actual administration of the city and that the reform of so drastic a nature as suggested by his worship would do little to remedy whatever evils the present form of civic government can be said to have brought about.

PARIS IN THE GRIP OF HEAVY BLIZZARD

French Capital Swept By Most Severe Snowstorm Since 1870

PARISIANS ENJOY IT

PARIS, Dec. 31.—What first looked like a little flurry developed into a real snow storm today, when Paris was visited by the first of the kind this season. The storm was not only the first of the season but was the most formidable known in years, so the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" was set in motion by the phenomenon.

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IN VIEW OF THE impossibility of properly housing and feeding the tens of thousands who have survived the disaster, the authorities have agreed that the only course is to transport them as quickly as possible out of the stricken territory. Accordingly, it has been arranged that all the Italian emigrant steamers shall go to Messina and various other ports for the purpose of taking off the refugees and distributing them to the different cities of Italy.

King Victor Emmanuel today visited all the wrecked villages along the Sicilian coast, everywhere meeting the same scenes of desolation. Tomorrow he will visit the villages and hamlets on the coast of Calabria that have been overwhelmed.

Messages from Messina state that what is most needed now are the elementary necessities, water, bread and light. The streets at night are in absolute darkness and this is taken advantage of by thieves and murderers who gather about the banks and palaces for purposes of robbery. Coal oil lamps are called for abundantly.

LEON TALKS; TONY SILENT

Italian Murder Case Continued

FOSTER TESTIFIES

One of the Italian Prisoners Tries to Start Controversy

ANDOVER, Dec. 31.—The trial of Tony Aronin and Leon Segelli, the two Italians, for the murder of Edward Green, was continued yesterday at Andover, and although much evidence was heard, the progress was quite slow. It now seems that the trial may not be finished this week.

When court opened today, Chief of Police Foster was the first witness called. Mr. Foster testified that on Sunday, upon being informed of the murder, he drove through the Miranichi from Bristol in company with Joseph Pierson. They took the right of way in the direction of Piaster Rock, searching the different camps as they went along.

That Sunday night, witness and Mr. Pierson arrived at Piaster Rock, where they met Officer Whitfield Bishop and James McLeis. They left Brown's on Monday morning and drove back towards Piaster Rock and reached Johnson's camp about 5 o'clock that day. Upon arriving there, witness declared, they discovered the two prisoners, who had just come in from the woods. The arrest was made by Pierson and witness.

Chief Foster then produced the jewelry box owned and carried by the deceased. In addition he showed the gun and pocketbook. Joseph Pierson followed, and his evidence was along the same lines as that given by Mr. Foster.

Bernard Walsh was the next witness called, and his evidence occupied a considerable time, although nothing new developed. He had known both the prisoners for about two months, and he had frequently seen them with guns, which he considered were the same ones as produced in court.

Richard Pipkin was the next witness called and swore that the accused murderers did not pass his camp on the day of the murder. It is supposed the prisoners left the portage road before reaching the camp of the witness just where Constable McCreck took up the trail on Monday.

David Chapman told about the same story as Mr. Walsh. His examination will be continued tomorrow morning, when the case will be resumed at 10 o'clock.

There are about a dozen more witnesses to be examined. The prisoners were again in court at the hearing today. Tony wore a sober face and seemed to realize his position. Leon, however, seemed indifferent. He would rest his arm on the rail and bury his face in his hands, seeming not to care. Several times, when the interpreter was reading the evidence to him, he started a controversy and had to be silenced by the court.

PAST YEAR WORST IN THE HISTORY OF THE LUMBER WORLD

Outlook Not Much Brighter

AMOUNT ON HAND

It Is Less Than Half Total Shipments of Last Season

Conditions in the local and foreign lumber situation show little improvement and none of the prominent dealers continue to hold many feet on hand, and are shipping only in small quantities. Never before have such conditions prevailed, and 1904 will be put down as an unprecedented season in the lumber world.

Local dealers are only receiving small orders from outside places, due to the dull markets. So far scarcely anything as compared with other years has been shipped from this port, and while larger shipments are confidently looked forward to after New Year has fairly started, they will by no means touch the shipments from St. John by local dealers in other years. In fact, it is now quite certain that no shipments will be made which will necessitate the loading of a special steamer, as has been the case before.

Speaking in general, there is something like 18,000,000 or 20,000,000 feet of lumber on hand at the present time. This may be augmented by about 4,000,000 feet coming here by rail from outside points.

Last year the shipments alone amounted to about 45,000,000 feet, so the difference will be readily seen. The markets both in England and the United States show very little improvement and unless they improve considerably the outlook for the future is quite poor.

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Mystery Surrounding Foul Murder of Harriet Warren Said to Be Solved at Last

Henry Palmer Arrested at Charlottetown—It is Alleged He Made a Full Confession While an Inmate of Penitentiary—Warren Case a Mystery for Five Years

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 31.—A sensation was created today by the arrest of Henry Palmer, aged twenty-six, nominally on the charge of larceny but really in connection with the death of Harriet Warren, aged thirty-three, found murdered October 19, 1904, in Charlottetown with her head horribly gashed with an axe. Palmer was among the suspects arrested, but was dismissed for lack of evidence. A man named Power was also arrested but being pronounced criminally insane was sent to an asylum, where he now remains.

Palmer was in the penitentiary for two years for jail breaking, also a time in the asylum. It is claimed a confession was made in the penitentiary which led the authorities to take action. The police are confident, but it is understood they are looking up evidence to be given this day week, when Palmer comes up for trial.

The Warren case has been a mystery to the authorities, several detectives from the United States being employed on it without success. Hon. John Richards, the new commissioner of agriculture, who went to the county for re-election, was returned by acclamation for the second district of Prince county. Election petitions were filed against Wyatt and McNeill of Summerside, James Kennedy, Kensington, Constable, and John Agnew, Liberal.

DECEMBER MONTH OF MANY CHANGES

PAST YEAR RECORD ONE IN AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED

It Rained and Snowed and the Wind—She Blow Blow, Blow!

December on the whole has been a month of rapid changes with considerable cloudy weather and high winds. At times the weather has been quite cool and last year it was 39 degrees, the minimum was 4 below zero.

The average temperature for the month was 24 degrees above zero. The highest registered was on the 1st, 7th and 8th, when 52 degrees were registered. The minimum was 4 below zero on the 23rd of the month.

The total precipitation amounted to 4.8 inches, consisting of rain and snow. Of this amount 4.7 inches were of rain with 1-2 inch of rain and melted snow; .6 inches of snow which reduced to .58 inches of rain.

The snowing is regarded as being all the more remarkable when it is taken into account the financial depression experienced and the general prevalence of hard times.

Speaking roughly, the Chamberlain anticipated an increase of \$25,000 in water tax collections and \$20,000 in general taxes.

The policy of the present civic administration in increasing the staff of collectors is thought to have contributed considerably to the existence of a record showing.

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### START PAYING OLD AGE PENSIONS TODAY

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LONDON, Jan. 1.—Postmasters throughout the United Kingdom have today commenced the payment of old age pensions under the act of the last session of Parliament to persons over seventy years of age. Seven hundred thousand applicants for pensions have been received, of which 200,000 were disallowed, chiefly because the applicants have been in receipt of poor relief.

It is estimated that the old age pensions will cost the country \$25,000,000 annually. The highest pension is five shillings weekly, which will be paid to applicants having an income below 10s a year. If their income exceeds 10s but is less than \$15 small amounts will be paid.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Monsignor Salmon, the apostolic delegate, has issued an appeal to the Church for contributions for "the vast multitude of sufferers" from the Italian earthquake. The appeal says offerings may be sent to the Vatican either through the apostolic delegate or through Cardinal Terry Del Val.

### STAR WANT ADS. BRING RESULTS

### THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature. Moderate variable winds, shifting to southwest Saturday.

### LOCAL NEWS

A New Year's resolution—Buy your shoes and clothing at Pidgeon's and save the difference.

### PRESBYTERIANS HELD UNION SERVICES TODAY

### Rev. J. H. A. Anderson Made Excellent Impression in His First Address Here.

There was a good attendance at the union services at the Presbyterian church which was held in St. Andrews church this morning.

Rev. David Lang, pastor of the church, presided, and Rev. Herbert Reid led in prayer. The sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, the newly inducted pastor of St. John's church.

His subject was "Retrospect and Prospect," and he based his remarks on the incident of the old and young assisting in the rebuilding of the temple. This is Mr. Anderson's first public address, and he made an excellent impression on the congregation.

The offering this morning was for the benefit of the Protestant Orphan Home.

### FREE DRINKS HANDED OUT IN ALABAMA

### Prohibitory Law Came Into Effect This Morning—Liquor Dealers Get Rid of Stock.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 1.—With the passing of the midnight hour last night, prohibition became effective throughout Alabama. A number of social clubs have been opened and charters for these places will not be in great demand. In these clubs beer will be dispensed to "members only." Before the doors of the saloons were closed last night, whiskey and beer were given away in large quantities and during the day drinks of all kinds were sold at nominal prices.

### GERMAN ARMS FOR BALKANS

### War Clouds Bring With Them Profit for Industry of Fabriland.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—German industrial enterprise has scored another striking success at the expense of British competitors.

The German arms and ammunition factories at Solingen, belonging to different firms, which form a ring, have received a large order from Serbia and another from Bulgaria. The aggregate value of the orders received from Balkan countries is stated to exceed \$5,000,000.

Two prominent British firms competed for the order, but their tenders were declined, and the French firm of Schneider (Creusot) was also unsuccessful.

Following this remarkable success, the German firm of Ehrhardt and Co., of Dusseldorf, is obtaining an order for arms from Turkey to the value of \$3,000,000, in competition with the Armstrong Company, of Elswick.

### THE HOLIDAY IS BEING QUIETLY OBSERVED

New Year's Day is being very quietly observed. During the forenoon the streets were practically deserted but the various picture houses were doing a thriving business, and fairly large crowds attended the rink, where games were in progress. The skating is only fairly good in the city, but out of town it is fair enough and many enjoyed a few hours' driving. The fall of snow practically spoiled the skating on Lily Lake but the few enthusiasts who went out managed to find some good spots.

This afternoon the members of the different fire companies will visit their friends at other stations and no doubt many calls will be made by citizens generally.

The programme at the Opera House and the shows at the various picture theatres will be well patronized and although there are no special attractions most people will find what enjoyment they desire.

### ODDFELLOWS HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

The Oddfellows of St. John held their annual reunion this forenoon in the Union street hall, a fairly large number being present. It had been the intention to exemplify the first degree under the new ritual but this portion of the programme was abandoned and the forenoon given over to speeches and music.

Grand Warden A. D. Smith, presided and welcomed all. Among those who spoke were: Messrs. W. F. Hatheway, C. N. Skinner, M. D. Brown, Rev. Gordon Dickey, H. E. Odner, and others.

With the first of the year the new plan of conferring degrees which was outlined some time ago, comes into operation. Installation of officers in the various lodges will also take place during the next week or two.

### DID ST. JOHN MAN GIVE CLUE TO MURDER?

### Henry Palmer Arrested for Old Crime in Charlottetown

### Palles Say William Helm of This City May Have Told Something of the Death of Miss Harriet Warren.

A despatch from Charlottetown announces that one Henry Palmer has been placed under arrest there on the charge of having murdered Miss Harriet Warren some five years ago. Palmer, who was for a time confined to Dorchester on the crime of robbery, is stated to have confessed his guilt to a fellow prisoner and the latter has given information to the Charlottetown police.

Two years ago the St. John Star took up what looked like a clue to this crime, and while subsequent developments have shown that there was some foundation for the belief then entertained, although the enquiries made were fruitless of result.

At that time William Helm, a young man belonging to this city, who had been confined in Dorchester, came to the Star office and asked to be shown the files of this paper containing references to the Warren murder. He, and a companion unknown, eagerly read all that had been printed, and displayed what was regarded by the staff as a rather unusual interest in a murder committed three years before.

As a result of that visit, the Star, believing that Helm had heard something which might aid the Charlottetown police, made enquiries, but was not able to learn anything.

There is now good reason to believe that Helm learned about the murder while in Dorchester, and that he knows considerable about Palmer's alleged confession. In fact, that this is the case is the statement of St. John police officers who have talked with the young man, but whether it is on Helm's information that Palmer has been arrested is not known. In any event Helm will be summoned to Charlottetown to tell what he knows.

Miss Harriet Warren was a seamstress, who, while returning from a house where she had been working, was struck on the head with an axe and killed. The crime was committed in the early evening on one of the less frequented streets of Charlottetown. After a lengthy investigation a man named Powers was arrested on suspicion, but it was regarded as the proverbial case of a man who was not there. Powers was soon released. Since then diligent enquiries have been made, and detectives from outside points have focused on the case but without success. Palmer was among the suspects originally arrested, but was let go as there appeared to be no evidence against him.

### LOCAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE CORRECT TIME

There are now three institutions in St. John which are sure of having the correct time at all hours of the day and night. Some time ago the commissioners of the Free Public Library installed a clock in that institution which is electrically connected with the local meteorological office. The device automatically regulates the clock and if there is the slightest variation immediately corrects it.

Since then the Bank of New Brunswick has had a similar clock installed, and the Bank of Montreal the latest to add this up-to-date time keeping device to their equipment.

### GEDAR GROVE PARSON WELL KNOWN IN ST. JOHN

Yesterday the Star printed a despatch from New York relating the somewhat amusing experience of Rev. Peter D. MacIntosh who resigned from the Cedar Grove Congregational church because the people did not like his free views on Jonah and the whale and similar subjects.

It has since transpired that Mr. MacIntosh is well known in St. John especially in clerical circles and many of the city clergymen have been chuckling over the story and passing it along to their friends.

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Olives from 10c. bottle up.	Best Canned String Beans, 7 1/2c. can; 85c. doz.
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