

BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY DISTANCES ALL NATIONS

Building Ships In Own Yards Faster Than Germany, England Will Still Retain Supremacy Of Seas—22 Dreadnoughts By Spring Of 1911—Colonies' Cruisers Included In List.

New York, Dec. 26.—The New York Herald's naval correspondent cables: It is expected that within the next few days a further series of contracts for new vessels for the British navy will be given out. These contracts should include four new Dreadnoughts, two of which are to be battle ships and two cruisers, and possibly the two new Dreadnought cruisers which are to be built in this country to the orders of the Australian Commonwealth and the Dominion of New Zealand.

Tenders for building the first four ships just mentioned were delivered at the Admiralty in November, each firm submitting a price for building a battleship and also a price for building a cruiser, the vessels in each case to be completed in all respects by the end of March, 1912. There is no doubt, either, that arrangements have already been entered into for the provision of important parts of the material, especially connected with the armament of these vessels, and it is anticipated that if the orders are placed before the end of December the ships will be laid down in January.

With regard to the design of these ships it is now clear that in all important respects the battle ships will follow that of the Orion, which has just been laid down at Portsmouth, and the cruisers that are to be laid down at Devonport, which is already building at Devonport. As regards the two colonial cruisers, the information at present is not so precise, and it is possible that they may be even superior to the Orion and armed with the 13.5-inch gun, a sufficient reserve of which will be provided by the time they are ready. If these new cruisers are to be ships their striking power will be enormously increased, the projectile of the new gun weighing 1,550 pounds and having a muzzle energy of nearly seventy thousand tons.

All "Made in England." The fact that the private yards in this country are ready to tender for just double the number of ships than the Admiralty is prepared to lay down should be surely a sufficient proof of the frequently repeated statement that Germany's naval shipbuilding resources have been so greatly improved that they are now equal, if not superior, to those of this country. When these contracts have been placed there will be not less than ten Dreadnoughts or super-Dreadnoughts building in this country, as well as a number of smaller cruisers.

In Germany there are at present only five Dreadnoughts or super-Dreadnoughts on the stocks. Moreover, it is known that if the Germans are able to obtain orders from either the Argentine Republic or Chile for ships of the Dreadnought type, they will have to place sub-contracts in England for the manufacture of the ships, if they are to deliver them by the specified time. On the other hand, the British contractors are ready to guarantee the supply of everything in this country and to deliver more quickly than their competitors and would-be rivals. And this, in spite of the fact that they are now taking contracts from the British Government under severe penalties for delay and at the same time fulfilling orders for Russia, Brazil, Japan and Spain.

It is interesting to note that the design of the new ships is the continued advance in protection, fighting increased fighting strength. The most striking fact in regard to the design of the new ships is the continued advance in protection, fighting increased fighting strength.

Johnson Celebrates Victory Over Burns. Negro Pugilist Central Figure In House Warming At Chicago—Coming Fight For San Francisco, He Says.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight pugilistic champion of the world, today celebrated the first anniversary of his accession to the title by a house-warming in the home he has presented to his mother. One year ago today Johnson knocked out Tommy Burns at Russett's Bay, near Sydney, N.S.W., and won the world's title.

Talk of his coming fight with Jeffries was postponed by the champion until he had carved a turkey and told about his failure to get a turkey after his fight with Burns and how he made his championship dinner on a suckling pig.

After the dinner, Johnson said he was certain that the forthcoming fight with Jeffries would be staged at San Francisco instead of Salt Lake City, and announced that he would pitch his training camp at Oceanview, just outside of San Francisco. Johnson also announced that "Gunboat" Smith, a

strength and propulsive power. There can be no question of the immense superiority of this country in having put the original Dreadnought into the water at such an early date, and so much in advance of other Powers. The advantage of having experience with that vessel and with her sisters is indicated in many ways. It is now known that the German ships which have just been tried draw more water when fully equipped than was originally intended and that in many respects they have not come up to expectations. All nations have been taught in the advance of knowledge, none better than Great Britain, that it is not until after trial and test at sea that the best and worst points of a new design are discovered.

There is every reason to believe that the benefits of having a few Dreadnoughts in commission ahead of other nations has been incalculable. Some things have been omitted, others added, lessons with regard to strains and stresses have been taught, the disposition of the guns is being improved, new armor, new guns and new propelling machinery are being fitted. Perhaps as significant as anything are the increased dimensions of the new vessels. The Orion is more than fifty feet longer than the original Dreadnought between perpendiculars, and she will be more than six feet broader. The Lion is to be 170 feet longer and eight feet broader than the Invincible, the first of the cruising battleships. In the Orion and her sisters the increased displacement is put almost entirely into increased armor and armament, whereas not only does the Lion gain in fighting power, but her ordinary sea speed is to be 28 knots, and there can be no doubt that this will be exceeded. In other respects such as the anti-torpedo defence armament, the disposition and arrangement of the big guns, the pitch of the propellers and the installation of turbine machinery, there are many indications of progressive improvement due to the results obtained from actual tests at sea of the earlier vessels.

Ahead of Two Power Standard. It is interesting to note at the end of the year to look at the relative strength of the three most important sea powers as it stands now in comparison with the position which they held at the end of 1908. It is now clear that the vessels now in hand may be completed. At this moment Great Britain has four Dreadnought battleships and three Dreadnought cruisers completed, and in commission, three battleships under trial, one battleship and one cruiser completing afloat, which will give her by the end of 1910 or the spring of 1911 a complete fleet of 12 battleships and cruisers of the Dreadnought type.

Germany has now two Dreadnought battleships in commission but still undergoing trials. She has also five battleships and one cruiser completing afloat. This should give her by the spring of 1911 eight ships of the Dreadnought type altogether. The United States at the present date should have completed four Dreadnoughts, the North Dakota, Delaware, Florida and Utah. One year later, if all the ships now in hand or authorized are completed, the number will stand—Great Britain, 22; Germany, 13; and the United States, 6.

It will be seen that the two Dreadnoughts offered by the British colonies will have put this country three Dreadnoughts ahead of the two power standard instead of one, as would otherwise have been the case. In this calculation the British Lord Nelson and Agamemnon and the American Michigan and South Carolina are omitted although many people include these vessels among the Dreadnoughts.

Death In Wake Of Family Debauch. Two Held On Murder Charge At Montreal, The Sequel Of An Over Exuberant Christmas.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Lascelles, a woman of sixty, was found lying dead outside the door of the house in which she resided on Farm street on Saturday night. Timothy Riordan, a man with whom she lived, and his married daughter, Mrs. Myles, are under arrest on a technical charge of murder. It appears that the dead woman fell down stairs on Thursday.

On Friday a neighbor heard Mrs. Lascelles protesting as if she was being abused. Her body bore the marks of ill treatment and a physician who examined it thinks that death was due to the blows she received. All three were hard drinkers and quarreled a great deal.

Pacific coast heavyweight, would be one of his training partners.

Former champion, Jas. J. Corbett, who is scheduled to be one of Jeffries' training partners, was in Chicago today.

IS ALFONSO OF SPAIN NOW NEARING END

His Majesty's Departure For Andalusia Lends Color To Recent Rumors Regarding His Health.

MOVING IN REFORM OF CONCORDAT

Madrid, Dec. 26.—King Alfonso is here today for Andalusia on a hunting trip.

Recent dispatches stated that the



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condition of King Alfonso has created grave anxiety and that another operation is imperative. It was asserted that under the guise of departure on a hunting trip in Andalusia, the King would go to San Lúcar, where the operation would be performed.

Concordat's Reform. Madrid, Dec. 26.—Recently it was announced that the government intended to re-open negotiations with the Vatican for the reform of the Concordat of 1851 and that the modifications sought principally affected the clauses relating to liberty of conscience and education and limitation of religious orders.

Senator Caballero, the minister of foreign affairs, now announces that the government will undertake the revision of the Concordat in harmony with the Spanish constitution. The question will be treated in a Liberal spirit, he says, free from anti-clericalism.

Bill Lang In The Twelfth. Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight champion, knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons in the 12th round of their fight at Russett's Bay stadium today.

The fight was evenly contested up to the last round when Lang forced Fitzsimmons to the ropes and knocked him down with a right hand blow to the jaw and when he arose sent him to the floor senseless from a right hand uppercut.

Dr. Lyle To Retire From Active Work. Hamilton, Ont. Dec. 26.—Rev. Dr. Lyle, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, and moderator of the Presbyterian General Synod, has announced that he will resign from his pastorate and religious active work in the ministry next June. He will in all probability, be succeeded by Rev. C. H. Sedgwick, associate pastor of Central. The doctor has been connected with this church for 32 years.

Frenchwoman Burned To Death At Montreal. Montreal, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Francois Bonducault, a French Canadian woman, living on Parker street, in the east end of the city, was burned to death on Saturday morning. The woman, who was preparing breakfast, left the

kitchen, in which were her three small children. When she returned she found that one of the children had placed a coal oil lamp on the stove. She managed to pull it off the stove but it upset and the woman's dress caught fire. She had sufficient presence of mind to rush out into the yard and roll in the snow, extinguishing the flames, but she was so badly burned that she died a few hours later.

VIRGINIA MAN IS LYNCHED BY MADDENED MOB

Hurley Murderer Is Given Short Shift—Long Feud Ends In Death Of Two And Serious Wounding Of Three Others.

VICTIMS TAKEN FROM GROUND

Hurley, Va., Dec. 26.—Following the killing here on Christmas Eve of Samuel Baker, and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the former's enemy, Harry Pennington, a mob of 100 citizens late last night took Pennington from jail and hanged him to a stump.

Pennington, who had been drinking, picked a quarrel with Baker and shot him while the latter was on his way to a Sunday school Christmas entertainment with his wife, his two children and a friend Wyatt Meadows. Feeling against Pennington ran high and many overt threats of lynching were heard during the day. Last night a band of about 100 citizens was quietly organized, the guard was overpowered and Pennington was taken to the engine room of a lumber mill nearby and hanged to a stump. The body was riddled with bullets and was then left hanging until this morning when it was cut down.

HALIFAX HAS BAD BLAZE

Fire Breaks Out In Business Section Of City And Is Extinguished With Difficulty—Total Loss \$50,000.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Shortly after seven o'clock last evening a fire broke out in the business section of Granville street, the principal thoroughfare of the city, and before the flames were checked the big store of Lane and Company and the music store of Gates Brothers were completely gutted. The fire started in the work room of Lane's store, which is situated on the third floor and the flames made rapid headway, eating their way out through the roof and catching the side of Gates' building which adjoins.

Mass of Flames. Soon the upper stories of these buildings were a mass of seething flames and it was with the greatest difficulty that the firemen saved the big drygoods store of Wood Bros., and the British American Book and Tract Society buildings. The stock in Lane's Company is practically a complete loss, while the stock of Wood Brothers, the Book and Tract Society and Kelly and Glassey were more or less damaged.

Gates Brothers are the heaviest losers, their stock which they value at \$7,000 is only insured for \$2,000.

The other buildings and stock are well insured. Twenty canaries in Gates' store died from suffocation and two valuable books in Lane's show window were rescued.

The total loss by the fire is about \$50,000.

UNITED STATES GIVING MORE TO GOOD WORKS

Total Benefactions Of Last Year Reach Enormous Total Of \$141,250,000—The Principal Spenders.

New York, Dec. 26.—The total public benefactions in the United States during the past twelve months was \$141,250,000, an amount just \$40,000,000 greater than any previous year in the history of the country, according to statistics compiled by a New York newspaper.

The principal benefactors in 1909 have been the late John S. Kennedy, of New York, \$26,550,000; John D. Rockefeller, \$12,852,000 and Andrew Carnegie, \$6,656,811.

Of the total amount given in 1909 over a third was given specifically for educational work. The total benefactions in the United States reported in the public press during the last seven years, added up to no less than \$1,060,150,000.

The merchants generally report a record breaking Christmas business, while the post-office rush was unprecedented.

The collections at St. Dunstan's church on Christmas day reached \$546, a record amount.

Tombs have started crossing the river on the ice here.

A terrific storm, accompanied by a light snow fall, is raging here tonight.

PORTLAND INUNDATED BY IMMENSE TIDAL WAVE

LIFE OF FAMOUS PRELATE NOW DISPAIRED OF

Condition Of Cardinal Satelli, The "American Pope" Is Regarded As Desperate—His Active And Useful Life.

HAS DONE MUCH TO FURTHER PEACE

Rome, Dec. 26.—The condition of Cardinal Satelli, who is suffering from nephritis, is desperate, the attacks of delirium being now very frequent. Extreme unction has been administered.



CARDINAL SATELLI.

This great leader of the Catholic church, Cardinal Satelli, has long been known as a friend of the public and his church in the United States. He has visited America three times and takes a lively interest in affairs here.

It was during his second stay here, in 1895, that he was created a cardinal. Now he is a cardinal bishop, which is the highest rank below the pope that the church can give him.

Rumors from Rome that he is very ill have caused widespread concern over his welfare. Millions of Catholics in all parts of the world are praying that he will recover.

How Christmas Was Spent At Capital. Horse Racing The Banner Attraction Of The Day—Church Services Largely Attended.

Special to The Standard. Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 26.—Christmas was quietly spent here and the absence of skating and curling left horse racing as the only attraction.

On the Government Lane the races took place and the pair recently purchased by Aid. Hugh Calder, carried off the honors, from a select field including Burline (2:14 1-4), Major Wilkes (2:18 1-2), Kate Willard (2:21), Lady Belmont (2:24 1-4), and others.

The Christmas services at the churches yesterday and today were largely attended. Vocal soloists at churches included Mrs. John Black, Mrs. W. A. B. McLellan, Mrs. F. A. Good and others.

In the evening the moving picture shows each did a capacity business. There was also a tree entertainment at the George Street United Baptist church Sunday school.

There were several Christmas presentations including one to W. S. Benson who recently resigned his post as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia to enter the real estate business at Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

R. Slipp, M.P.P., on behalf of a gathering of friends, presented Mr. Benson with a travelling bag. Speeches were made by Aid. Kitchen and Hooper, ex-Aid. Jos. Walker, Dr. W. J. Irvine and others, and Mr. Benson in reply.

Pelez Smith, recently returned from Newport, R.I., was seized with a paralytic stroke late on Christmas Eve at Long's Hotel.

Enormous Loss Occasioned By Giant Wave Which Came As Climax To Yesterday's Storm—Shipping Hard Hit—No Lives Lost—Storm Unusually Severe Throughout New England.

A heavy fall of snow, everywhere piled high by a strong northeast wind, covers New England, most of the middle Atlantic states and a fringe of the middle west and south. Trains are late and in many places stalled throughout the east, wire communication is seriously crippled and city streets and country highways are impassable.

Some loss of life is reported, one instance being perhaps unique. At Boston, a great tidal wave crept into a house, drowned a man and his wife in bed, and then crept away. Two men were drowned near Seymour, Conn., when a trolley car plunged into the river.

The crew of the steamer Thurman, ashore on the Jersey coast, was taken off by life savers in the breeches buoys. New England was the greatest sufferer. At Chelsea, so recently devastated by fire, 2,500 persons have been driven from their homes by high water.

Throughout the Maritime Provinces the storm has held high carnival since early yesterday morning and while there is little or no damage to report owing to the condition of the wires much has been undoubtedly occasioned. Locally the storm, apart from keeping many of the devout away from church, and hampering, to some extent, the street car service, has not been materially felt.

Portland, Me., Dec. 26.—Storm driven seas that on the high tide culminated in an immense tidal wave swept Portland harbor and water from the day and probably caused hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage.

While several persons narrowly escaped with their lives, buildings, wharves and boats were washed away or demolished in a jiffy, while the summer resort islands in Casco Bay were nearly stripped bare in some places along their shores.

Commercial street, Portland's water front thoroughfare, stands a foot deep in water, and the cellars of all the big commercial houses on the water front side of the street are inundated and their valuable stocks of every variety of merchandise ruined. Several Portland crafts are outside and the worst is feared.

Until Dawn. Reports of the devastation caused by the sea began to pour in early this evening, but not until dawn breaks will it be possible to compute the loss which undoubtedly will run into the hundreds of thousands. The basement of the Portland police station, which is on the westerly side of Commercial street, and several hundred feet from the high water, was flooded by the big wave and the prisoners would have been drowned. Big rats in their holes, had not Captain Newell Thompson and turnkey John Massure boldly rushed to their rescue and unlocked the cell doors in the nick of time. One daring prisoner made a bold break for liberty but was recaptured.

Portland pier which runs out 100 yards from the street is under water. Mrs. Fred A. Jackson was in the shed in the rear of her variety store when the big wave struck and she was driven to the top of a show case, where she was marooned four hours until the tide went out.

Had Narrow Escape. Portland's back district as well as the commercial water front was also swept by the big wave. Boathouses were demolished, boats torn from their moorings and swept away. Thomas Harris, a clam dealer, was inside his house boat when he heard the roar of the oncoming avalanche of water.

As he ran out of the cabin the wave was almost on him. He jumped overboard and started to swim the few feet to shore. He was caught, lifted on the crest of the wave, but luckily landed high and dry on shore. He turned just in time to see his houseboat swamped and then pounded to smithereens. A dozen city bathing houses on Fish Point were torn away.

When the big wave struck the inner harbor it literally buried under ten feet of water the immense stone breakwater which runs out a quarter of a mile from the south Portland shore and the spray dashed over the spring point light house.

On the south Portland shore was a fleet of 30 yachts belonging to members of the Portland Yacht Club which were covered in their cradles for the winter. A dozen of them were picked up and hurled into the sea like boards, among them was the Cluque, commander Reuben K. Dyer's flagship. She was saved, but badly damaged when the tide went out. Every wharf on the nearby islands of Casco Bay was swept of buildings, and it is feared that morning will show that the more exposed islands have fared worse.

At Trefethens landing, Peaks Island, 100 feet of wharf was torn away and ground into kindling in a second, and at Cushings and Long Island the piers were badly damaged.

Steamers Escape. The harbor steamers luckily escaped damage but this afternoon they made one trip as far as Long Island after a hard battle in the snow blizzard.

The Idrievild, a 30-foot sloop, was carried over a dam at Mill Creek, which is normally four feet above high water level. The harbor was full of coasting schooners and most of these, loaded with lumber, were washed clean of their deck load. The damage to shipping, however, cannot

be computed until tomorrow. The big liner Cornishman, of the Dominion Line arrived this afternoon and reports a terrific battle with wind and waves since early this morning.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—Grim winter swept into New England today on the wings of a northeast storm with such terrible energy as to cause great damage, much inconvenience, not a little suffering and a few deaths.

The gale drove a tide into Massachusetts Bay which nearly equalled that of the famous storm of 1851. A heavy, white snow prostrated all wires throughout the southeastern section, railroad trains were stalled and three persons lost their lives in Everett and Chelsea.

In this city the tide went across Atlantic Avenue on the waterfront, filling hundreds of cellars and causing an estimated damage of over \$1,000,000.

Three Drowned. In Everett, Cornus Harkin and his wife were caught in their beds and overwhelmed by the flood, while an infant lost its life. Cholera, unless in similar conditions. In many places along the coast, persons were taken from their homes in boats, hundreds of summer cottages were undermined, bulkheads were destroyed, and persons living some distance from the coast found themselves looking over the open ocean.

The prostration of the wire service, especially in Southeastern New England, was more extensive than for many years.

It is years since the railroads and street railway companies have been so badly blocked. The wet snow proved less of a handicap than the fall of the wires and telegraph wires for the steam railways, but the street railways could make but little progress.

Fallen wires around Boston and throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island made it necessary to erect completely electric fighting plants in these communities that were served by the overhead systems. Large cities such as Cambridge, Lynn, Brockton, Providence, Fall River and New Bedford were in darkness.

New York Snow-Bound. New York, N. Y., Dec. 26.—New York and its environs were practically snow-bound today for the first time this winter. The west wing of railroad service was almost wholly cut off, wire communication in every direction was crippled, the city's streets were blocked with snow, and shipping even within the harbor, suffered considerable damage.

The snowfall, which began shortly before noon yesterday, continued steadily nearly all night with intermittent flurries throughout the greater part of the day. This was followed by a cold wave which from the damp snow to wires, switches and roadways. Nearly ten inches of snow fell in the city and the poor which had their fill of free Christmas dinners yesterday had opportunity to work up another appetite today by shovelling. More than 10,000 shovellers and 6,000 trucks were put to work.

The derangement of railroad traffic was one of the most serious experienced in several years. Trains from the up-state and Canadian trains were the delay, service in these directions being practically cut off all day, while the up-state and Canadian trains were one to three hours behind their schedules.

Chicago Trains Delayed. The two eighteen-hour Chicago trains were delayed to an almost record-breaking limit, the Pennsylvania, due here at 9:54 a. m., having failed to arrive up to 8 o'clock tonight, and the New York Central's Chicago flyer, due here at 10:29 a. m., being over seven hours late. The Pennsylv-

ROBINSON OPERA CO. MAKE BIG HIT WITH CHRISTMAS AUDIENCES

Both Performances On Saturday Crowded To The Doors—Mikado And The Show Girl Well Received.

The Robinson Opera Company opened their engagement at the Opera House on Christmas Day, playing to bumper houses. They have every reason to be satisfied with the hearty reception given them in St. John. The S. R. O sign was displayed at both performances and the laughter and applause which greeted the efforts of this excellent company showed that the bill provided was very much to the taste of the audience. The Mikado was presented in the afternoon and The Show Girl in the evening.

OBITUARY.

Mr. William C. Read. The death of Mr. William C. Read, of B. Clinton Road and Estelle Road, occurred recently at his father's home, 93 Duke street, Charlton. Mr. Read was a student at the Provincial Normal school and was spoken of as the best of his class. He was a particularly bright student at the institution he passed in the first division with high marks. Besides his parents he leaves four brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Everett A., Joseph C., Kenneth P. and Oscar W., and the sisters are Misses Leah and Roberta, all at home. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The members of LaTour Section T. of H. and T. of which he was a member, and also the members of Fairville Section will march in a body.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE HOTELS.

At the Royal Hotel a unique and useful menu card in the form of a pocket diary, beautifully bound in red leather and with the words "A Royal Christmas" on the cover, was presented to the guests at dinner on Christmas Day. On two pages of the book was printed the menu itself which contained as usual all the good things that an epicurean could desire. The remainder of the book contained the diary and also much useful information about Canada. A large number of local people enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Royal.

Many Gifts Greetings Season's Greetings

Presentations a Feature Of Christmas Eve—Time Of Good Will Emphasized By Both Employer And Employee—Chief Clark Is Remembered By The Force — Pastors' Services Recognized By Congregations.

"Thou shalt take no gift, for a joy blindest the wise and perverteth the words of the righteous" wrote Moses many years ago, but this new thought is almost as repulsive to the ordinary person on Christmas day as is the higher criticism to the dogmatist. Unfortunately indeed was the person who did not receive some remembrance or had not the pleasure of sending a gift to a friend.

Chief Clark Remembered. A pleasing incident occurred at Central Police Station Christmas evening, when Chief of Police Clark was presented with a handsome Persian lamb uniform cap, and an address by the members of the police force. The presentation took place at 7 o'clock after the men had answered to the roll call just previous to going on duty.

At this season of the year, when the year-long burns and homes are bright with glowing lights, it is more natural than men who guard those homes to offer greetings to their official parent. As the years go by, when, perhaps, other men than now will stand where we have stood, may we not all look back to this most pleasing occasion, when the force of 1909, with grateful hearts, express their joyous greetings to their thoughtful, kindly chief. And as a token of kind remembrance of all that human heart may wish, we, your officers and men, beg you to accept this "cap" which, intrinsic in itself, contains the honest feeling of good will, good cheer, and season's greetings. And we join our voices to the many citizens of this city extending the joyous happy compliments of the season to yourself and Mr. Clark.

AT THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

At the King's Daughters' Christmas Eve party, which was held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Lutheran church, a large number of guests were present. The presentation of the year-end report was made by the members of the Men's Bible Class of Main street Baptist church, which was presented by Rev. David Hutchinson, with a dictionary, stand, Hastings' Bible Dictionary, Straker's Life of Jesus and his work on the Atonement, the Literary Digest, about forty turkeys to their employees.

AT THE CLIFTON HOUSE.

On Christmas Eve Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Green of the Clifton House were presented with an easy chair, and a large number of other valuable presents, by the guests of the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Green thanked the guests for their kindness. Mr. Green remembered his employees, by making presents to them of money. They also received presents from each of the guests. The Christmas menu card was in excellent taste with a quaint picture of ye olden time and a sprig of mistletoe on the cover. The dinner was a feast of good things and left nothing to be desired to please the most exacting gourmet.

Corcoran Beats Record From Dominion

Arrived Saturday Morning Beating Previous Record By Nine Hours—Officers And Crew Celebrate.

The Atlantic record to Canada this season was broken by the Allan R. M. S. Corcoran, Capt. Gambell, which arrived in port at 9 o'clock Saturday morning beating the previous time by nine hours. The Corcoran is under charter to the C. P. R., replacing the Empress of Ireland, which is undergoing repairs in dry dock at Liverpool and will not arrive here till February.

The officers and crew of the steamer had a celebration on the night of December 24, because the vessel had broken the record from the Dominion. The saloon was handsomely decorated with holly and mistletoe and the tables were adorned with Christmas cakes and other delicacies.

THE HOME FOR INCURABLES.

The following description of the home for incurables was observed at the Home for Incurables, was sent in by a member of the women's aid council. "It was an effective picture in the afternoon at the Home for Incurables of which some of the members of the women's aid council would like to have a flashlight. It would make an attractive Christmas card.

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Portland R. R. reported tonight that no trains ran from post west of Philadelphia had arrived since last evening. The storm also hit the railroads entering from the east and a few who were unable to reach some of the incoming vessels. Two vessels were driven ashore during the night near the Quarantine station on Staten Island—the schooner Lizzie F. Dennison and a large schooner. They were pulled off later, but suffered considerable damage.

DEATHS.

Stewart—At his residence, 12 Canon street on Sunday, Dec. 26, John Stewart, aged 34 years, leaving a wife, four daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. Two sons were buried at the residence on Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock. (No flowers by request.)

Christmas Season Brings Good Cheer

Unfortunate And Needy Were Well Provided For This Year—Many Dinners Sent Out By Charitable Societies—Inmates Of Institutions Made Happy With Seasonable Gifts—How The Day Was Observed In St. John.

If there were any people in the city who failed to enjoy a bountiful Christmas dinner on Saturday the fault did not lie with the benevolent organizations which had been working for some time to provide good cheer for the less fortunate on the holiday. The Associated Charities, the Salvation Army, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, many churches and other organizations helped to bring happiness into the homes of the poor, and it is doubtful if any were forgotten.

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SPOKE OF ELEMENTS THAT MAKE UP TRUE CHRISTIAN MANHOOD

Miles E. Agar Gives Practical Address Before E. D. C.—Sacrificedness Of The Ballot Emphasized.

Despite the storm a large audience assembled in the Every Day Club last evening to hear the sacred concert by a large orchestra and an admirable address by Mr. M. E. Agar. The orchestra played selections from Sautter, Gounod, Blahop, Maccaui, Barvard and Hayden, and there was a flute and clarinet duet by Messrs. Stokes and Wallace, and a violin solo by Walker Pheasant, with orchestral accompaniment.

At the top of the first flight of stairs and above the tree whose stairs turned to either side and formed a very effective outlook of the lower hall, stood a broken row of unfortunates leaning on the railing and looking intensely interested at the scene below.

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"With flaming banners showing bright colored pictures of the Mexican eagle, the speakers of the concern ride through the streets each day and finally stop at the most public corners or upon the plaza and hand out a line of talk to the crowd that quickly collects."—From a photograph taken at Tampico, Mexico.

Standard Oil Having Fight of Its Life Today in Southern Republic—Big Native Refining Company Conducts Spectacular Campaign Against Oil Trust.

Special to The Standard. City of Mexico, Dec. 26.—The most spectacular oil war in the history of the world is going on in Mexico today. It began several months ago. The Standard Oil Co. through its subsidiary concern, the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., is lined up on one side, while on the other is the Compania de Petroleo el Agulla de Mexico, which translated into English is the Mexican Eagle Petroleum Co. The Eagle is the national emblem of Mexico, and this new company is playing the eagle for all it is worth. The emblem of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. is the rooster. It is a fight between the eagle and the rooster.

Both concerns have adopted remarkable methods for attracting the attention of the common people of the country to their oils. The Mexican Eagle Petroleum Co. has a capital stock of \$25,000,000. It has for its president, Guillermo Landay Escandon, governor of the federal district in which this city is situated. Its stockholders are made up of a noted corps of multimillionaires, all of whom are Mexicans, with the exception of Sir Westman Pearson of London, England.

The company is appealing to the people for their patronage on the ground that it is a Mexican concern. It has been the aggressor ever since the warfare started. It made the first cut in prices of refined oils and has gone a few notches below every price fixed by its competitor. It has established retail agencies in every city and town of any size in Mexico.

It recognizes the fact that the 11,000,000 natives of the lower class are the ones who use the bulk of the refined oils in this country. Many of these people cannot read, and in order to reach them the Mexican Eagle Petroleum Co. has a small army of smooth-tongued orators who deliver addresses upon the street corners on the merits of the company's products.

With flaming banners showing bright colored pictures of the Mexican eagle, the speakers of the concern ride through the streets of the cities and towns each day and finally stop at the most public corners upon the plaza and begin to hand out a line of talk to the crowd that quickly collects.

SCOTT CASE RICH vs. POOR IS ENGLAND'S BATTLE

Toronto Professor Declares Treatment of Canadian Students in Germany but an Incident to Well Defined Policy.

(New York Herald.) Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—That the recent fine, imprisonment and expulsion from Saxony, of Mr. George Stewart Scott, a Canadian student in the Freiberg School of Mines, is the culmination rather than the beginning of discrimination by the German authorities against English speaking students was learned here today.



Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and his wife and baby—He's the Welshman who drew up the budget that made England a seething pot of politics.

By Chas. P. Stewart. Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 26.—Do you notice in Canada that the few are gaining control, more and more, of your natural resources? Do you think it's fair or fine? And do you wonder how far the captain of industry is going to carry it—where it will all end?

The masses have made one or two attempts to put part of the burden on a large part of grabbed land—their own by sacred property right. In fact, 350 men today own nearly one-seventh of the land and natural resources of the kingdom.

Mr. W. L. Symons, of Symons & Rae, architects, No. 15 Toronto street, who has been a friend of Mr. Scott's for many years, is the only person to be found in Toronto who has recognized the fact that the Dredon incident, when seen today by a Herald reporter, Mr. Symons said: "In a letter to me written soon after the release from prison Stewart Scott told me his own story of the affair, which seems to have been outrageous. He got into a fight with a peasant by picking fruit on the highway. It was a case of one of the other them being whipped and Stewart, feeling that he was acting in self-defence, resolved that he would not be the one. He said little about the result further than that he gave the peasant a good thrashing."

When he returned to the city the gendarmes were waiting for him at the gate and took him to prison. According to his story he was kept on bread and water for twelve days. He was then given a trial, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of 400 marks, 200 of which was remitted. I believe, on the ground that his imprisonment had been rather too severe a punishment, Stewart admitted frankly that he was guilty, but claimed that he acted in self-defence.

SNOW WAS NEW YORK'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Three inches of the Beautiful Fell in New York on Saturday—100,000 Provided With Free Dinners.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Christmas brought to New York a snow-storm, cheering all who delight in a wintery holiday, softening the rumble of what little city traffic was abroad in the streets and especially gladdening the heart of the small boy with the hollow sled. The snowfall, which was the only one of the season with the exception of a light fall on Thanksgiving eve, began shortly before noon today and continued into the night, covering the streets nearly three inches deep.

The general feature of the holiday was the free dinners provided for more than 100,000 of the city's poor. The Salvation Army alone fed over 25,000 hungry mouths at the Grand Central Palace and provided, besides a Christmas tree laden with presents for upward of 3,000 children. The volunteers of America and other charitable organizations dispensed quite as bountiful a supply of food and cheer.

On the East Side the same great crowds who attended the funeral yesterday of "Little Tim" Sullivan, the Tammany alderman, crowded the Sullivan headquarters on the Bowery today to find that "Little Tim's" annual Christmas dinner had been provided for by his big cousin, State Senator Timothy D. Sullivan, better known as "Big Tim."

Seven thousand East Siders ate their fill, and departed with a free pipe and tobacco and a ticket for a new pair of shoes. It had been "Little Tim's" last request that this Christmas charity be kept up by the Sullivan family.

There were many visitors in the city to offset the tens of thousands who journeyed to old homes in the country for the holiday. Among the guests of the city's guests were 10,000 sailors from the Atlantic battleship fleet which is anchored in the Hudson close to Riverside Drive. The government provided the men with bountiful dinners.

Photograph of Dr. Cook, which the explorer presented to him when he was last in Minneapolis. Dr. Morrill removed the picture from his pocket, assuming the attitude of an auctioneer, said that he would be pleased to turn it over to the highest bidder. "Fifty dollars," cried the amateur auctioneer, which remark brought forth jeers and laughter from the audience.

Dr. T. L. Walker, head of the Department of Mineralogy, expects Mr. Scott to be ready to assume his duties in that department by January 7, when the next term opens. His friends are anxiously awaiting his return that they may hear at first hand his experience.

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ELECTION SONGS IN EXCITED ENGLAND Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 26.—A big feature of the election in England is the campaign songs sung by workmen to well known tunes. Whenever there is a general meeting, the supporters of the land tax denounce the neighborhood with their roars of melody. Here are some of the most popular songs: Tune of "Marching Through Georgia."

POET WATSON IS DEFENDED BY WIFE New York, Dec. 25.—A cable message from Havana has been received here from Maureen Watson, the bride of William Watson, the poet, in which she denies that her husband is insane and calls in question the motives of Robinson Watson, whose statement to that effect was given in explanation of his brother's attack on the Asquiths. Mrs. Watson says: "Mr. Robinson Watson's message to the World is a wicked attempt to ruin my husband. Mr. William Watson's reputation in America accords well with his conduct for years past."

COOK'S PHOTOGRAPH GOES FOR TWO CENTS Explorer's Autographed Portrait Placed Under Hammer at Minneapolis and Sold at Price of Postage Stamp. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 26.—After delivering an address to a capacity house at the Unique Theatre last night, the Rev. G. L. Morrill, pastor of the People's Church, said in order to raise some money for a Christmas poor fund he would publicly auction an autographed portrait of Dr. Cook.

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**Man Referred to in Recent Dis-
patches as Author of Million
Dollar Swindle is Trapped in
New York.**

New York, Dec. 26.—Eldredge the police of England and the United States for a decade, a man who gave his name as John Williams, but who was identified by the police as Charles Adams, sixty-two years old and said to be the leader of a gigantic swindle, having for its object the defrauding of heirs of wealthy persons who have died in England, was arrested yesterday in the Broadway Central Hotel and was locked up at Police Headquarters on a charge of violating the United States postal laws.

**Death Comes to Former Presi-
dent of Phoenix Fire Insur-
ance Company and Waiting
Indictments Are Not Served.**

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 25.—George Sheldon, the former president of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the state insurance department of New York, died at his home here today, ignorant of the fact that detectives were waiting with extradition papers ready to take him to New York for trial in the event of his recovery. At the time the affairs of the company were arraigned in a statement by the New York insurance department recently, Sheldon lay critically ill of pneumonia poisoning and in view of his condition, details of the investigation and news of his indictment were withheld from him. He never rallied, however, and

**Leaves Country Under Protec-
tion of Mexican Flag—Madriz
Carrying Out Promised Re-
forms—Will Not Resign.**

Managua, Dec. 25.—Jose Santos Zelaya, the ex-president of Nicaragua has taken himself out of the country and is now aboard the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero, bound for Balboa Cruz.



GEO. PRESTON SHELDON.

Shortly before the arrival of Zelaya at Corinto, the United States gunboat Princeton got up steam and proceeded for San Juan del Sur. The rumor was that the Princeton intended to watch the movements of the Mexican gunboat, but she proceeded directly down the coast and her arrival at her destination was later reported, greatly relieving the anxiety of the Zelayan adherents.

Zelaya was entertained at luncheon at Corinto by the commandant of the port, whose guests included the Mexican minister and the officers of the General Guerrero.

At 2.30 in the afternoon, the ex-president was taken off on a launch and put aboard the Mexican warship without the slightest opposition from the United States ships and no protest of any kind. Until the General Guerrero steamed away there was great apprehension on the part of Zelaya that the United States would oppose his departure. There was only a feeble demonstration and the leave-taking of Zelaya was unimpressive. No speeches were made but a military band played a few airs in a hall nearby. The American officers ashore spent most of the time making snapshots of what appeared to be a very peaceful scene.

Francisco Baca, of Leon, the home town of President Madriz has been appointed minister general in place of Dr. Julian Arias who resigned.

At Washington, Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—News of the flight of President Zelaya from Corinto was received in official circles here with varying emotion.

While the state department undoubtedly would have appreciated the capture of Zelaya and his arraignment on the charge of murdering the two American consuls at Leon, there are in other quarters some relief in the passing of the Nicaraguan dictator from the scene. Had this government been determined to stand by the demands made in the note sent by Secretary Knox to Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation here, it is acknowledged that the escape of Zelaya could readily have been prevented.

No efforts were made to block the flight as accepted as an indication that the position originally taken by the secretary of state was not altogether tenable. The right of asylum under international law is one of the most rigorously regarded stipulations of such law and President Zelaya, in demanding such a right from the commander of the Mexican gunboat Guerrero, registered a request that could not be well refused, in the face of a protest against the acceptance of Zelaya's persona, the Mexican commander had no alternative but to aid him in leaving Nicaragua.

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WOMEN'S, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00.

SNOWSHOES
MEN'S, \$3.50; WOMEN'S, \$3.00.
MOOSE MOCCASINS
MEN'S, \$1.50; WOMEN'S, \$1.25; GIRLS, \$1.15.

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**REUNITED AFTER A
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**Two Harrison Brothers have
Unique Christmas Day Ex-
perience—The Part a Tele-
phone Played in Occurrence**

Denver, Colo., Dec. 25.—Chas. H. and John W. Harrison, brothers, who had not seen each other for twenty years were strangely reunited here tonight through a telephone call. More than twenty years ago, Charles Harrison, then 12 years old, ran away from home at Lawrence, Kas. He drifted to Colorado and became a successful mining prospector. In the meantime, John W. Harrison settled in Wyoming and became one of the constructing engineers in the Union Pacific service.

Today Charles Harrison went to the office of Attorney S. D. Krump on legal business and while he was there the telephone rang.

"Excuse me a moment," said the lawyer, "I've got a long distance call and, by the way, it's a man by your name, Harrison. He is up in Laramie."

"What's his first name," inquired the mining man casually.
"John—John W. Harrison," answered the lawyer.
"What?" yelled the visitor. "Why, maybe, here—" and Harrison grabbed the phone from the lawyer's hands.
"Is that John W. Harrison?" he asked. He was assured that it was.
"Did you live in Lawrence, Kansas, when you were a kid?"
"Yes."
"Did you have an older brother named Charles?"
"Yes."
"Well, this is Charles."
Then the brothers had a long conversation in which each told of his business success and the result was that John W. Harrison is tonight on his way to Denver where the brothers will meet.

**PICKING UP STRAY
WIRELESS MESSAGES**

Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 25.—Central America came into touch with New England last night and early today by means of the wireless telegraph, according to Electrician Leonard of the Naval Wireless Station here. Eason states that during last evening he picked up a message which was being flashed from Key West to Cuba and early today he caught two messages which were being sent from Colon to the cruiser Des Moines in Nicaraguan waters.

**LEOPOLD'S MARRIAGE
CONFIRMED AGAIN**

Brussels, Dec. 25.—The Twentieth Century, a government organ, quotes an "authoritative person," confirming the religious marriage of King Leopold on his deathbed. It also says that a few days prior to this, Baroness Vaughan received Holy Communion.

PETERSVILLE.
Petersville, Dec. 23.—Snow has arrived at last and people are enjoying many merry sleigh drives.
Turkeys and geese are quite plentiful, and farmers wives and daughters are busy preparing them for Christmas market.
J. M. Allingham and R. Murphy, St. John last week.

News of a Day

Chill Preparing.
Santiago, Chile, Dec. 25.—The Chilean government has ordered from the Krupp in Essen, Germany, two hundred and forty guns to be delivered within three years.

Small Boy Drowned.
Bar Harbor, Me., Dec. 25.—Harden, the 11-year-old son of Mrs. Emma Peach, of Northwest Harbor, was drowned today at Eagle's Lake by breaking through the ice while skating. The body has not been recovered.

Bryan Better.
Miami, Fla., Dec. 25.—William Jennings Bryan, who is en route to Cuba and South American points, was sufficiently recovered from his cold to stop at Fort Lauderdale today to inspect the state drainage work.

Oxygen Resorted To.
Madison, N. J., Dec. 25.—Oxygen was resorted to today to prolong the life of Hamilton McK. Twombly, brother-in-law of William K. Vanderbilt, who is critically ill here with heart trouble. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

Schooner Ashore.
Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 25.—The three-masted schooner Belle Halliday, loaded with railroad iron, mis-stayed while beating out of Nantucket Harbor today and swept ashore on Coctus Flats, where she now lies fast. An attempt will be made to float her tonight.

Unexpected Present.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—The police of Station 9 in the Roxbury district, received an unexpected Christmas present today in the form of a young buck deer, found in a vacant lot off Columbia road. So exhausted was the animal, that it offered no resistance to the officers who carried it to a nearby stable.

"Garden Of The Gods."
Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 25.—The famed "Garden of the Gods" gift of the late Chas. E. Perkins, became today the property of Colorado Springs. Comprising 480 acres, and

Will be Deported.
Alphonse Bressillo, the stowaway who escaped from the Sardinian on Thursday morning, was re-captured and ordered deported on the return trip of the steamer to France. Alphonse put up a strong protest about going back to France, but it was of no avail.

I. C. Calendar.
The I. C. Calendar for 1910 has been received and is a fine example of lithographic art. The now familiar moosehead is the central figure, and in finish much resembles a steel engraving. The lettering, scrollwork and paneling are in excellent taste and the date tab in black with plain white letters is very legible. The calendar is an ornament to any office and

WHITE'S COVE.
White's Cove, Dec. 25.—Mr. Samuel B. Orchard, White's Cove, died on Monday, December 20, at his home. He was 49 years of age. He has been in poor health for over five years, but has taught school part of the time, and looked after his business up to two weeks ago, when he fell rapidly, till death took him. Besides his wife he leaves five sons, three brothers and four sisters to mourn his death. He was an Episcopalian and an officer of the church. Interment was made on Wednesday at 2 p. m. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Tobin.

HIBERNIA.
Hibernia, Queens Co., Dec. 23.—The school examination of school district No. 8, Hibernia, Q. C., took place on

the afternoon of the 16th inst. The pupils were examined in the various branches, and by their prompt and correct answers show no pains had been spared.

Geo. Tapley returned from the lumber woods the other day. He reports an average crop of grain.

Byron Clark's new mill here is now running Tuesdays and Fridays. It is getting a good run as we have been without a mill for some time. It is a very much appreciated and well patronized.

John Gallagher, Edward DeLong, Seth DeLong, and C. Davis are the principle lumber operators here this winter.

Henry Yallop general merchant, reports doing a large Xmas trade.

He Falls Into Trap.
Inspector McCafferty, who had received numerous complaints regarding the swindle, assigned Policemen McConville and Nelson to co-operate with the postal authorities, to obtain an accurate description of the man the inspectors and policemen identified Williams, or Adams, when he walked toward the hotel in the gold mine.

Police Puzzled.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—Whether Eric Hanson and Miss Terpen Flyg, whose bodies were found in a lodging house on Dorchester street, Dorchester, were accidentally asphyxiated or committed suicide, the police tonight have not been able to determine. Lodgers detected the odor of gas, broke into Hanson's room and discovered the bodies. The gas jets in the room were open. Hanson was 25 years old and the woman 22 years.

Identified by Police.
Although appearing much surprised, the man made no protest. He asked on what charge he was being taken into custody, and the warrant was read to him. At police headquarters, he gave his name as John Williams, 65 years old, but declined to reveal his home address. He was identified at once as Charles Adams, 62 years old, alias James Thomas Southwick, alias James Thomas Stout, the name which was signed to the communication received by Mr. Arthur Jones in London, and which was printed last Sunday.

Adams declined to answer questions and was held for an examination before United States Commissioner Shields.

"There is not the slightest doubt," said Mr. Mayer, chief post office inspector last night, "that we have the right man. We have plenty of evidence as to his connection with the 'gold brick swindle' which is worked by a band of crooks in England and in the United States."

Mr. O'Brien, who made the arrest, said:

"The man arrested is Charles Adams one of the leaders of a band of international swindlers who, through the notorious 'gold brick game' have defrauded heirs of wealthy English

his death, which had been expected for several weeks, occurred today. Sheldon has been president of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Company of Brooklyn for twenty-one years prior to his removal and was one of the most prominent residents of Greenwich. The report of the investigation made by William H. Hotchkiss, state superintendent of insurance of New York, to District Attorney William T. Jerome of New York, declared the company had for years evaded an official investigation at Sheldon's dictation and that by consent of the directors he had pledged the securities of the company for loans. Sums aggregating \$250,000 had been loaned, it was charged, to former officers of the state insurance department. Sheldon, it was further alleged, had overdrawn his own salary and had used the company's funds in speculation.

**Remuneration Sought
For Syrian Emigrants**

**Having Proved Right of Syrians
to Become United States
Citizens Counsel is Now
Seeking Returns.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Claiming that there is no further need of effort to prove the right of Syrians to naturalization as American citizens, he having accomplished all that was necessary in that direction, Dr. Justin S. Kirreh has now taken up with the proper governor and state authorities the question of the return to Syrians throughout the United States of money which they have contributed for the purpose of proving their right to become American citizens. Dr. Kirreh claims that the United Syrian Society, an organization in New York city, has received more than \$10,000 for the alleged purpose of aiding Syrians in this country in their rights to citizenship.

men out of at least \$1,000,000 during the ten years they have been operating this confidence game here.

Swindled of \$20,000.
"Recently the band with which Adams is connected, induced William Pooley, of England, and his son, an Oxford graduate, to come to New York to claim a dead relative's interest in the supposed mines in British Columbia." Mr. McConville said. "Well, they hit, hook and line, for \$20,000. They were met here by one of the swindlers who induced them to go to Boston, where they were taken to a hotel and introduced to a man who posed as a western miner and the Boston friend of Mr. Pooley's dead relative."

"The western man was not disposed to pass the riches down to the heirs. He shed many tears when he heard the sad news of the death of his old time friend and benefactor. Before the Pooleys departed the supposed mine owner decided it was only fair that he should share his good fortune with his friend's relatives."

"Mr. Pooley, after furnishing \$20,000 for the purchase of the land and the necessary expenses of the trip, with two bricks of brass filings, which he believed were pure gold."

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; FRIDAY'S TRADING IN WALL ST.

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WHAT THE SUEZ CANAL IS MAKING FOR ITS OWNERS

(From the Philadelphia Inquirer.) excess of 25 per cent. was the occasion for many a sharp rebuke. Yet it is announced that the Suez Canal Company has commended the government...

BARNESVILLE.

Barnesville, Dec. 23.—Mr. J. C. and Mrs. Prescott have returned from a few days outing to New Mills and St. John.

Mr. Calhoun is a native of this place. He is the oldest son of John C. Calhoun, Esquire, who with his family, went west about twenty-five years ago.

Mr. Calhoun is renewing old acquaintances. He assured the Standard, that while he and his people have prospered in the great Canadian west, it was by dint of much effort and that with no snags.

There was a number of the young folk from Barnesville at home. He can now see as never before the great possibilities of this province.

DEALINGS OF THE WEEK IN REVIEW

New York, Dec. 26.—Preparations were in progress last week to meet the heavy obligations incident to the January disbursements. The amount of these disbursements in New York is estimated to be about \$25,000,000.

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Continued from page 4. Class III, Feeney, Coy, McKeen, Senior Mechanical Engineering—Class I, Lanck.

ALBERT.

Albert, Dec. 23.—Mr. J. C. and Mrs. Prescott have returned from a few days outing to New Mills and St. John.

THE DEMERARA ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is a comparative statement of earnings for November, 1908-1909, of The Demerara Electric Co., Ltd.

Table comparing earnings for November 1908 and 1909. Columns include Month, 1908, 1909, and Increase.

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The Mercantile Marine

Table of shipping schedules. Columns include Ship Name, Destination, and Date. Includes Sun rises today, Sun sets today, etc.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Schr. Helen Montague, Capt. Ingals, from Digby with a cargo of hard pine. Sailed Saturday.

ARRIVED FRIDAY

Stmr. Dominion, 2581, Norcott, Sydney, R. P. & F. Starr, coal. S. S. Shenandoah, 2492, Healy, Wm. Thomson & Co.

ARRIVED SATURDAY

Schr. Roger Drury, Capt. Cook, from Calais with coal. Sailed Saturday.

ARRIVED SUNDAY

Stmr. Lake Champlain, Capt. Webster, Liverpool, C. P. R. Arrived Saturday. Stmr. Roger Drury, Capt. Cook, from Calais with coal.

AT THE HOTELS

Royal. J. E. Lewis, Boston, Mass.; A. J. Thompson, James H. Crocker, Fredrickson; R. D. Baldwin, F. W. Adams, S. C. Anglin, Toronto; R. L. Salter, Tacoma; G. H. Webster, New York; J. M. Rubenwick, Montreal; G. L. Fraser, Glasgow; D. A. Gillis, Vancouver; S. Easton, W. F. Todd, Mrs. W. F. Todd, Miss Todd, Ottawa; H. D. Kuppenheim, New York; W. A. Lynch, Bouctouche; M. Putnam, M. D., Augusta, Maine.

PROS... CURLED... FIRS... The first curler was played... CORKE... ELEV... Total... at St. Andrew's was played... ice being in games were made a special New Year's festivity... with the course runners faced and Sellers, Y. H. Richards, Mo. Eric, Carlton a Toronto; How... Hamilton, The

PROSPECTS FOR CURLING GOOD

SPORTS

BOWLING, BASEBALL THE RING, FOOTBALL

Watching A Champion Rake In The Velvet



JACK HEINEN AND BOB ARMSTRONG IN THEIR WONDERFUL FEAT OF STRENGTH, THEY WENT OUT AND OFFERED HIM DON'T THINK CONTAINING ABOUT A TON OF STABLE PROPS AND PREVENTING IT FROM WALKING AWAY.

JACK'S SMILE BORE A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE 'DRILL' MINT.

THE BIG YELLOW WOODS FITZ'S OLD STUNT OF BREAKING THE BAG FROM ITS HOLDINGS AND DRIVING IT OUT INTO THE AUDIENCE WITH ONE TERRIFIC BLOW, IS HIS OWN.

MONTY CUTLER WAS DRIPPING LIKE A ONE-LUNG GASOLINE BUZZY WHEN THE BAG BROKE, GOT THROUGH WRESTLING WITH HIM.

JACK JOHNSON AND BROTHER CHARLEY STRIKING THEIR FAVORITE ATTITUDES REPRESENTING THE GRAPE VINE AND THE OAK.

JACK DISPLAYED HIS AGILITY AND GRACEFULNESS TO GOOD ADVANTAGE IN HIS SHADOW BOXING.

Cartoonist Leet met up with Jack Johnson now on the road with a burlesque show and his impressions of the champion heavyweight are shown in black and white—mostly

black. Johnson gets away with a bag punching stunt in the cities where he is not permitted to spar and works that old Bob Fitzsimmons' trick of breaking the rope—and kiting the bag into the audience.

Johnson is accompanied by three sparring partners, Bob Armstrong, Monte Cutler and Jack Heinen, who, in the no-boxing cities, do a brotherly loaf act.

Another member of the party is Charley Johnson, the champion's brother, who is mostly glasses. Charley wasn't around when they were passing out height and most of the bigness in the family fell to Jack.

HOCKEY DEAD IN MONCTON

Manager of Last Year's Victorious Team Tells Standard of the Hockey Debate in the Railroad Town.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 26.—A cry has gone forth the length and breadth of the land: "No senior hockey for Moncton this season." It seems a pity when we contemplate the decay of the good old game, in a centre where but one short year ago that pastime flourished as a green bay tree.

Interviewed by The Standard on Saturday evening, Manager Jerry Baird of last season's Champion Victorias, confirmed the report. "Hockey in the railway town is a dead issue for this season, at least," said Mr. Baird. "True we are to have a four team city league, but no one seems to evince the slightest degree of interest in such a departure, since becoming acquainted with the fact that none of the old familiar forms will take their positions behind the rubber when the whistle tows the face off."

CURLERS PLAY FIRST GAME OF SEASON

The first curling match of the season was played at the Thistle Rink on Christmas when the president's team defeated the vice-president's, in their annual game, by a score of 77 to 61. The weather man had been good to the curlers and as a result the ice was in splendid condition for the game.

Table with names and scores for curling matches. Columns include names and scores for various teams and individuals.

There was also a good attendance at St. Andrew's rink and three matches were played during the day. Interest in the outcome was keen and the ice being in splendid condition the games were much enjoyed. There will be a special meeting of the club after New Year's for the purpose of drawing up a schedule and making final arrangements for the winter.

CORKERY WINS ELEVEN MILES ROAD RACE

Burlington, Ont., Dec. 25.—The annual eleven and a half mile, Burlington Christmas road race, which is four laps of a block was run today with the course heavy. The following runners faced the starter: Holden and Sellers, Y. M. C. A., Toronto; Ellis, Richards, Ford and MacKinnon of Hamilton; Morley of Caledonia; Corkery, Carlton and Lawson, I. C. A. C., Toronto; Howard of Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto and W. Summers, Burlington. The start was made at 2:50.

BLACK'S ALLEY TEAM IN OLD FORM

The star event on Black's Alleys on Christmas Day was the game between the Allen team and a picked team which resulted in a four point victory for the former, who piled up the handsome total of 1356 timbers. The losers rolled well too, knocking down 1263 pins. The game was full of features which were much enjoyed by the large crowd of fans who gathered at the popular bowling resort to watch the fun. The Alley team came back stronger after their off season during tournament week and again showed championship class, the result being that the picked team were not in the running in any of the three strings, although they rolled well.

Table with names and scores for Black's Alley team. Columns include names and scores for various players.

The scientific pin pickers were out in force early Friday morning, and the Victoria alleys were at a premium until late in the evening, every alley being occupied by aspirants to the ownership of the large turkey that was offered by the management of the Academy for the highest score of the day. Up till 9:30 p. m. 119 was the highest score, it being made by Mr. U. S. Perry, but his hopes were dashed when a dark horse, Mr. M. Nugent, started in to do things and with a succession of strikes and spares, brought his total up to 131, thereby carrying off the handsome prize.

On the first lap Corkery and Richards were leading, running together and very strong, Holden, Sellers, Carlton and Morley in a bunch following close with the others strung out but all running well. At the second lap, Corkery and Richards still led, running together with Holden in the third position and gaining a little. Lawson dropped out at the finish of this lap. On the third lap, Corkery led Richards by about fifty yards with Holden still in third position, about 150 yards behind, Richards and Kelly close up and the others a considerable distance back except Sellers, Kelly and Love who dropped out. The finish was as follows: Corkery, Richards, Holden. Others in following order, Ellis, Howard, Carlton and MacKinnon, Summers and Ford did not finish.

CLAWSON IS REINSTATED BY M.P.A.A.

Hal Clawson's face wore a broad smile yesterday, and an inquiry as to the cause of it brought forth the information that he had received as a Christmas present, a telegram conveying the welcome news of his reinstatement by the M. P. A. A. Clawson, it will be remembered, was professionalized early in the summer for playing baseball with the Marathons and he has been under suspension ever since. This will make him eligible to play amateur hockey and as he is showing good form this season, he will likely be selected for a place on the team.

M.P.A.A. TO PASS ON NEW BY-LAWS

A. W. Covey, secretary of the Every Day Club, has received a letter from L. B. McMillan, honorary secretary of the M. P. A. A., stating that there will be a special meeting of the association in Picton, on Wednesday evening, January 5, 1910, for the purpose of considering the proposed additions to the by-laws regarding registration and also for the purpose of receiving the report of the delegates to the A. A. U. meeting. The matter of awarding the M. P. A. A. skating championships will be decided. All bids for these championships must be in the hands of the secretary not later than Jan. 1, 1910.

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BALFOUR HAS TIME TO PLAY FOURSOME

London, Dec. 25.—Politics in England is not so engrossing but that Mr. Balfour has a thought for golf. Mr. Balfour, wearing a tweed suit and cap, motored from London to Gravesend the other day, and formally opened the Mid-Kent Golf Club's course. Lord Darnley, president of the club, Mr. A. Lyttelton, Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P., and the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman Davies) welcomed Mr. Balfour at the club house. In acknowledging a vote of thanks proposed by Lord Darnley, Mr. Balfour said he was quite confident that there had never been a greater addition to the machinery of the lighter side of civilization than that supplied by golf. It had been borrowed—he said that with pardonable pride as a Scotchman—from north of the Tweed, and it had been borrowed with admirable results in every way. There was only one thing in which he had observed that golf on the south of the Tweed differentiated from that of the north side. It had not yet become on the south side a game indiscriminately for every class—it had become a game for both sexes, he admitted.

Cricket was the game for everybody in England, and in Scotland the same could be said of golf in the neighborhood of the great historic courses from which the tradition of golf really took its rise. He hoped everybody, interested in the game would do their best to extend it to every class of the community who had the advantage of a Saturday afternoon holiday, which they would like to spend in the open air, in one of the healthiest and most delightful methods of enjoying nature and in the pursuit of one most pleasant exercise the wit of man had ever invented. Mr. Balfour then went to the course, drove a ball from the first tee, and joined in a foursome with Mr. Lyttelton, Harry Vardon and Jamesraid, the latter partnering the ex-premier. "I have no hesitation in asserting that both will make good. Gregory has improved wonderfully in his shooting during the past two years, and as that was his only weak point, I have not the slightest doubt that he will pass muster. Norman also has forged ahead like a race horse under Corkery's watchful and experienced eye, and as both he and Gregory are at their best on large ice surfaces I consider their success assured."

SHRUBB TURNS TO LEATHER BUSINESS

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Albert Shrubbs, the English runner, has gone into the leather goods business under the name of the Dominion Trunk and Leather Goods Company, Ltd. His factory already has an output of 150 to 200 trunks weekly. Regarding the racing game, Shrubbs says that he wishes McLeod, of Grenfell, wouldn't have so much to say. "Let him get down to contracts if he wants a race," says Alfie. St. John, N. B. promoters want Shrubbs to meet Solhen and Abbie Wood in a ten mile race there on January 1, but Shrubbs says no, as he has an engagement here with Fred Meadows in the first week in January. The local race will be a ten mile affair which will be run over a specially prepared track at Excelsior roller rink.

SUITS WHEN OTHERS DISAPPOINT

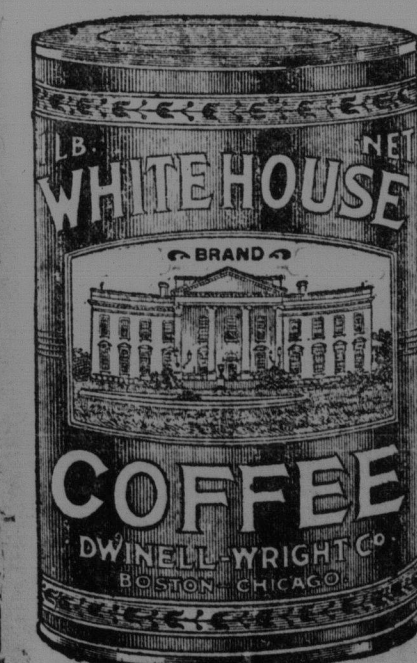
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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong northerly and northwesterly winds, clearing and cold. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26.—The disturbance which was approaching the Lake region on Friday night has since moved to the Atlantic coast and thence northeasterly, causing a gale with snow in the Maritime Provinces. From three to five inches of snow fell during Saturday in the lower Lake region and somewhat less elsewhere in Ontario. Fine moderately cold weather has prevailed in the Western Provinces.

Minimum and Maximum temps:—Winnipeg 6 4 Port Arthur 2 10 Toronto 16 25 Ottawa 14 24 Montreal 18 24 Quebec 18 24 Halifax 18 32

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Forecast for New England: Clearing in south, local snows in north portion Monday with brisk to high northwest winds, slightly colder; Tuesday, generally fair.

AROUND THE CITY

S. S. Bertha Delayed by Accident. The steamer Bertha has been detained in port for the past week on account of a breakage in her main steam pipe. The pipe was repaired by workmen from Fleming Foundry, but owing to some mistake in not opening a valve, when steam was turned into the pipe, the repairs were blown out and destroyed. The accident will cause a further delay before the steamer can leave port.

Baseball on Christmas Day. The record for late baseball in St. John was broken on Christmas Day, when two teams captained by Mr. Frank Whorton and Mr. J. Armstrong played a five inning game on the Shamrock grounds. The match resulted in a victory for the former team by a score of 8 to 5. The game provided a great deal of amusement and a large crowd of fans were attracted to the grounds by the novelty of the scheme.

Liquor License Applications. Tomorrow is the last day in which applications may be made for licenses to conduct a liquor business in the city. To date forty-five applications have been received, thirty-eight for retail, five wholesale and two hotels. One brewer has also applied. An application has been received from William Savage, who desires to move his saloon from Lorne to Lansdowne ward, but it has not been decided as yet if the application will be granted.

Reunion After Eighteen Years. After a separation of eighteen years the six sons of the late John H. Northrup observed Christmas together in the city with their mother, who resides on Elm street, and other members of the family. Besides Messrs. Allan, Murray and Alexander of this city, the other sons present were Mr. Joseph of Chicago, Mr. Harold of New York and Mr. Hedley of Jemseg. The three visitors propose to remain in the city until the New Year.

Ferry Traffic Heavy on Xmas Eve. The attractions in the King street stores and on the east side generally must have appealed strongly to the residents in Carleton if the ferry returns for Christmas Eve are any indication. In the morning 1444 people passed through the West Side turnstile and in the afternoon and evening 4501 made the trip across, a grand total for the day of 5945. Christmas Day was a decided contrast. In the forenoon the figures fell to 357 passengers and during the remainder of the day 1862 tickets were deposited, giving a total of 2219 from west to east.

Lecture on Old Age Annuities. What is the Canadian system of old age annuities? Of what benefit is it to the workman—or to any citizen? What steps are necessary in order to take advantage of it? These and other questions will be fully answered at the Every Day Club, Union street, this evening, by Mr. N. W. Brown, Government lecturer, who has been going through the province on this mission for months past. Mr. Brown is an interesting speaker and all who hear him will gain a clear knowledge of the old age annuities system. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock. There will be music. All will be welcomed and ladies are especially invited.

Condemned Whist and Dancing. Rev. M. L. Gregg, B.A., of Laconia, N. H., was the preacher at both services in German Street Baptist church yesterday. His morning sermon was appropriate to the day. In the evening the speaker took for his text—"Whatsoever a man soweth, so shall he reap." He pointed out the evil influence upon the young mind resulting from reading bad books, and from the bad example set by parents and declared that parents were responsible for the sins of their children. He condemned whist parties and dancing among women and also scored the drinking and tobacco habit of men. In referring to credits and declines the speaker said that much was being said about the new religion, but that what men needed most was not the religion of ex-president Elliot or of Mrs. Eddy, but honest, upright faith, that would help them to seek a refuge in heaven.

Civic Business. The boards and committees of the common council will meet this week in monthly sessions and the customary postponement until the first week in the new year will not take place, owing to the necessity of passing the estimates before January 15. A special meeting of the water and sewerage board will be held at 3 p. m. today to meet Mr. F. A. Barbour, consulting engineer on the water and sewerage board to effect a settlement of his account against the city. The safety board will meet in the evening. On Tuesday evening the board of works will meet at 8 o'clock and the harbor board at 9. The water and sewerage board will hold its monthly session on Wednesday at 5 p. m. and the treasury board is slated for Thursday at 3 p. m. The monthly meeting of the council will take place on Monday, January 3. A special meeting may be called later to take up the estimates.

CHRISTMAS SEASON WAS BUSY IN POLICE CIRCLES

Fourteen Taken Into Custody—Edward Moore, Charged With Assault, Finds Ally In Brother And Both Are Arrested—William Sheeley Is Gathered In After Stiff Fight—Mrs. Mary McLaughlin Again Victimized—Sailors In Trouble.

Friday and Saturday were busy days in police circles, and numerous arrests were made. On Christmas Eve there were eleven taken into custody mostly for drunkenness, as compared with fourteen for last year, and 38 for 1907. On Christmas day this year there was but three arrests as compared with the last year. The most important arrest was that of Edward Moore, who was taken to the Central lock-up by Sergt. Campbell and Policeman Robert McCollum, about nine o'clock Friday night, having been charged by Abraham Lahood with assault and beating him in his shop, 232 Brasenose street. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Lahood laid his complaint with Officer McCollum saying that Moore had attacked him without cause or provocation, and had used him roughly, also breaking a pane of glass in his store.

Brother Attempts Rescue. About four or five hours later, Officer McCollum arrested Moore on Brussels street. As the officer was escorting his man to the lock-up, he was accosted by Percy Moore, a brother of the prisoner, who wanted to know why his brother should be arrested. Percy, who has somewhat of a reputation as a fighter, seemed very indignant and attempted to effect his brother's release. Things began to take on a serious aspect when Sergt. Campbell appeared upon the scene and Percy was also placed under arrest. Both men were taken to the station. Upon depositing \$120 they were allowed their liberty.

William Sheeley, who acquired notoriety in police circles on Nov. 8th last, by putting up a stiff fight with I. C. R. Policeman Collins, which resulted in the officer being severely injured, got into trouble again on Saturday night. About 9 o'clock Sergeants Baxter and Caples were called into the Seaman's Mission rooms, Prince Wm. street, to eject Sheeley, who was under the influence of liquor and was creating a disturbance. On being ordered to leave the building Sheeley, who is a giant in stature, became abusive to the officers, remarking to Sergt. Baxter, "If I had you on the wheel I would pile you

in a heap." He was then placed under arrest and taken to Water street lock-up. After Sergt. Baxter had left the cell Sheeley made a vicious attack upon Sergt. Caples, setting him by the shoulders and attempting to butt him with his head. The sergeant was on the alert, however, and succeeded in quieting his assailant.

Mrs. McLaughlin, who keeps a restaurant on the corner of Water street and Market Square, evidently experienced considerable trouble with "blockers" and others who occasionally drop into her place for a meal. Not long ago two men were there in charge by Mrs. McLaughlin for refusing to pay for their meals and using abusive language to her. On Saturday Mrs. McLaughlin complained to Sergt. Campbell that William McDonald had entered her restaurant and without cause or provocation started in to use abusive language to her, and that when she ordered him to leave the room he had slapped her across the face. McDonald was later arrested on Water street and placed in the lock-up. He is thought to belong to the North End. When arrested he was under the influence of liquor but put up a stubborn fight with the officers. Two sailors from the Str. Shenandoah were arrested on Water St. last evening and this morning will appear in answer to the charge of drunkenness and possibly fighting. Officer McCollum's attention was attracted to the men by their shouting and singing. He started to investigate and found four men engaged in wrestling and pushing one another down into the snow.

Whether the men were really fighting or not the officer could not determine but he did not deem it prudent to allow them to go on the wharves in their condition so he took two of them into Water street lock-up. When he came out the other two had gone. For the first time since transferred to the North End police force last September, Officer Watson was called upon to make an arrest, in fact two arrests. The break occurred on Christmas night when Thomas Donovan and Joseph Dixon, who had not been wisely but too well, had to be locked up.

A communication was received at police headquarters here on Friday from the chief of police of Manchester, England, asking that a watch be kept for a young man named Francis John Bevington, who had recently robbed the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank of £1,100 in gold on Dec. 8th, and who is believed by the police authorities of Manchester to have taken passage to St. John.

The local police are keeping a sharp lookout and the list of passengers on the last two steamers to arrive in port have been carefully examined, but no one had registered by the name of Bevington. Neither did any of the passengers answer to the description of the youthful robber. Bevington is but 18 years of age, and is about 5 feet, 6 inches in height. He was employed as a clerk in the bank and was heard to have expressed a desire on several occasions to come to Canada. As no trace can be found of him in Manchester it is believed that he has carried out his design. It is thought that if Bevington has not already passed through here he may possibly be on board some of the ships that are at present bound to St. John.

A reward of \$50 has been offered by the bank for information that would lead to his arrest. Should Bevington be caught here extradition papers will be applied for.

PERSONAL. Mr. Frank O'Hara, a former St. John boy, who for the past two years has been residing in North Sydney, has returned to St. John. Mr. O'Hara's wife and family accompany him. In the absence of Acting Sergt. Finlay of the police force, who is suffering from La Grippe, the post of acting sergt. is being filled by Officer S. D. Hamra.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS. Notice Of Appeal In Currie Case. Mr. Charles S. Hanington, acting for Mrs. L. A. Curry, plaintiff and respondent in the Curry separation suits, on Friday morning filed with his honor, Judge McKeown, a notice of appeal from the recent decision of the court.

Habeas Corpus Case. The habeas corpus case of Ethel May Barton vs. the Mother Superior of the House of the Good Shepherd, was taken up before Mr. Justice McKeown. Mr. L. A. Curry, K.C., who was acting for the mother of the girl in seeking to have her taken from the institution, sent word to the court that he would abandon the application and the case, therefore, was dismissed by his honor. The girl was present in court, having been brought from the home in charge of Detective Killen. J. King Kelley, solicitor for the S. P. C. A., appeared in the interests of that body, the child having been sent to the home at the instance of Rev. B. Colquhoun, agent of the society in Wood-

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stock. T. O'Brien and S. M. Wetmore, of the S.P.C.A., were also present, and Hon. J. D. Hason, appeared for the mother superior of the home. The girl was returned to the institution.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS. Canadian Paper Co. vs. Advocate Co. An application was made before His Honor Judge Forbes in county court chambers on Friday morning to set aside the appearance and plea in the case of the Canada Paper Co. vs. the Advocate Publishing Co. of Newcastle. C. S. Hanington appeared for the applicant and Mr. Whalen of Newcastle opposed it. The application was granted in part.

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