

PLUMMER LEADS COAL COMPANY

James Ross Steps Down from the Presidency and Long Feud Is At An End.

Mr. Ross Paid \$5,000,000 for Coal Holdings—The Progress of the Merger.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Today witnessed a number of important developments in connection with the negotiations between the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Dominion Coal Company. At a meeting of the Dominion Coal Company this afternoon Mr. Jas. Ross resigned as president and director of the company, and Mr. H. B. Angus and Graham Fraser also resigned from the board. Mr. J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Hon. L. J. Forget and Sir Henry Pollett of Toronto, were appointed to fill the vacancies. Mr. Plummer was subsequently elected president of the Coal Company in succession to Mr. Ross. Mr. F. L. Wanklyn will remain vice-president.

To Auditors.

The only business was to refer the questions in dispute between the two companies to the auditors of each company, Wabwick, Mitchell and Co., on behalf of the Coal Company and Price, Waterhouse and Co., on behalf of the Steel Company, similar action being taken by the steel directors at their meeting in the morning.

The time allowed for the shareholders of the Dominion Coal Company to decide whether they would go into the merger or accept the same terms given Mr. Ross, expired today, and returns show that out of the total holdings only 6885 shares have asked for the same terms as Mr. Ross, the vast majority of coal holders deciding to go into the merger.

The arrangement between the purchasing syndicate, composed of Mr. E. R. Wood and Sir Henry Pollett of Toronto, and Mr. W. M. Aitken of Montreal and Mr. Ross, was most successfully consummated, and during the day arrangements were made by which the Dominion Iron and Steel Company paid Mr. Ross \$5,000,000 for his coal holdings of 50,000 shares, the National Trust Company drawing a check for 5,000,000 in favor of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, the proceeds of which were transferred to Mr. James Ross in payment of his coal holdings. Subsequently Mr. Ross loaned the Dominion Iron and Steel Company \$3,500,000 payable with interest over a period of thirty months on the same terms and conditions as given the coal shareholders who have deposited their stock with the Royal Trust Company.

This financial arrangement means that Mr. Ross's coal holdings are now vested with the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. The next step, it is understood will be to consider the merger plans, and this will be proceeded with most carefully with the object of arriving at a basis that will be equitable to all the interests involved.

KING'S MEDAL FOR GEORGIAN'S CAPTAIN

Unusual Honor Conferred On Captain Popham For Part Played in Rescuing Crew Of British Barkentine.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 17.—Three medals for gallantry at sea were awarded to Captain Langden Popham, of the steamship Georgian when he arrived here from London today. The principal honor is the King's medal, which the others are from the British Board of Trade and from the Marine and Benevolent Association, all three being conferred upon Captain Popham for his act in leading a crew of volunteers, which rescued the crew of the British barkentine Sunbeam off Cape Race on January 23, 1908.

The King's medal is one of only three or four in existence and is conferred only in the cases of rare bravery.

FOUR-CORNERED FIGHT IS ANNOUNCED IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 17.—For the honor of being Boston's first mayor under the new city charter four candidates filed nomination papers with the election commissioners late today, upon the closing of the lists for the election on January 11, next. The candidates are Mayor George A. Hibbard, the former postmaster of the city; John P. Fitzgerald, a former mayor; James J. Storrow, a prominent business man, and recently president of the Chamber of Commerce; and Nathaniel H. Taylor, a newspaper man.

UNITED STATES STILL ANXIOUS FOR A FIGHT

With Zelaya On The Run Further Reasons Are Found For The Presence Of Troops In Unhappy Republic.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, now at Panama with 700 marines on board, has been ordered to sail at once for Corinto.

This action was taken today as the result of a telegram received from the United States consul at Managua, that inasmuch as Zelaya in his message resigning the presidency made unpleasant reference to Americans and a report was current in that city that civilian adherents of Zelaya had been armed with daggers, the citizens of the United States siding in that city have appealed to the consulate for protection.

For Irias.

Another telegram from the American consulate at Managua states that it is currently rumored there that the United States auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, presumably tomorrow Zelaya will formally surrender his office to the national assembly and that that body has already received instructions from Zelaya to cast its vote for Irias as president of Nicaragua.

This rumor is directly at variance with the understanding here, based on despatches from Nicaragua officially received, that Madriz would receive the support not only of Zelaya himself but of his faction.

The conclusion of the United States officers at Managua is that by the selection of Irias, Zelaya will retain his hold on power and continue to dominate the situation.

This change of front by Zelaya is a matter of no very great surprise to the officials here, it being well known that both Irias and Madriz have long been regarded as Zelaya's willing tools and it has been suspected for some time that Irias was really Zelaya's first choice for the presidency and that Madriz was the second.

The orders sent to the Buffalo to proceed at once to Corinto may have some significance other than the one inasmuch as the very day that Madriz is expected to arrive at Managua.

Whether the 700 marines, on the arrival of the Buffalo at Corinto, will be placed under the orders of the United States consulate at Managua does not appear, but it is assumed that the commander of the Buffalo will take such steps as he deems necessary under his general instructions to protect American citizens and American interests.

Rear Admiral Kimball, who went to Panama on the Dixie will accompany the marines to Corinto. He will take command of the naval vessels at that port. Those now there are the Albany, Yorktown, Vicksburg and the cutter Saturn. The Princeton is expected, tonight.

CONSPIRACY CASE STILL DRAGGING ALONG.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—The conspiracy case was continued today. With today's proceedings extending only over a few hours very little matter of interest to the public was brought out.

TARIFF POLICY NEEDED NOT BUDGET POLICY, IS CHAMBERLAIN'S SLOGAN

Enfeebled Parliamentarian Hits Out From The Shoulder In British Crisis.

Declares That Free Imports, Not the House of Lords, Must Go in Process of Readjustment.

Lloyd George Has Profited Little by Experience, Declares the Thunderer Commenting on Speech

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Star's London correspondent cables:—The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Lloyd-George are face to face in print today. While Mr. Chamberlain writes from an invalid couch amid the calm of his Birmingham home, or rather in the quietude of his country estate, Mr. Lloyd-George speaks to a crowded, almost hysterically enthusiastic Queen's Hall demonstration of Free Churchmen. The piquancy of the situation is increased by the fact that Mr. Chamberlain is himself a lifelong Unitarian and has been a foremost fighter on the side of the Free Churches. His bitterest early speeches were against the established church and it is his former place in the front of the Free Church fighting army that Mr. Lloyd-George now occupies.

Himself A Nonconformist.

Born himself of Welsh Free Church parents, beneath the shadow of a church which is retained as a state church in Wales though the majority of Welshmen admittedly do not belong to it, Mr. Lloyd-George dined his fellow Free Churchmen freely with pepper and worked them up to a pitch of excitement.

Here are some salient sentences of his address:—"We owe our free constitution to the struggles of the Puritans. (Cries of 'We do!')

"If there is perfect freedom in this land for any man in any place of worship, it is because its doorposts and its lintels are sprinkled with the blood of the Non-conformists." (Loud cheers.)

"Who freed the political slaves of our country? Non-conformists restored to man his mastery over his own soul. Do you think the Peers love us for that?" (Laughter.)

"Why should they? I believe in their hearts and in their consciences, and in their pockets and in their purses, they are the same category (Laughter) as people whom they would rather not see living on a neighboring estate (loud laughter). We will give them a fairly long drop." (Laughter and cheers.)

TUNISIAN IN RECORD RUN

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—Breaking all her old time records between Liverpool and Halifax, and beating out the time made by the turbine Victorian, and other steamers to this port this season, the Tunisian, the one-time queen of the Allan fleet, steamed into port at 3.30 this afternoon. The Tunisian is the Christmas boat and has a large number of passengers, the majority of whom are destined for the Western Provinces. The Tunisian also has the largest mail ever landed in Halifax, consisting of four thousand packages. She has seven hundred and eighty packages of express and 1500 tons of cargo. The Tunisian sailed from Liverpool at eight o'clock last Friday night and the following were her daily runs:—

Saturday 254; Sunday 250; Monday 245; Tuesday 343; Wednesday 357; Thursday 373; Friday 378 to Halifax 44.

BODIES OF FIVE GIRLS FOUND IN RAZED FACTORY

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—All doubt as to the fate of the five girls who were reported missing last night after the fire at Shrank and Sherwood's factory, was removed today when the five bodies were found on the third floor of the damaged building. Including freedom Joseph Toner, who was suffocated, six persons are known to have perished. All of the missing employees have now been accounted for.

467 ANNUITIES ARE ISSUED THIS FAR

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—According to a return tabled in the House today 467 annuities were issued by the annuity branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce up to Dec. 14.

BELGIUM MOURNS DEAD MONARCH

Entire Kingdom Pauses to Pay Its Respect to Deceased King—New Ruler To Take Oath Next Thursday—Wrangling Now Over Dead King's Estate—Baroness Vaughan May Be Expelled.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The entire kingdom of Belgium mourns its departed ruler, Leopold II. Courts, schools and theatres are closed. Parliament and the municipal council have adjourned and flags are at half mast in every city, town and village of the kingdom in honor of the dead monarch. Under the constitution the affairs of the nation are in control of the cabinet until Prince Albert takes the oath of succession next Thursday the day following the funeral of his uncle, before the joint houses of parliament in the senate chamber.

An official decree issued today lauds King Leopold's career and declares his creation of the Congo Independent State was an act unique in the annals of history.

A Great King.

"Posterity will judge Leopold a great king with a grand reign," it says.

The body of Leopold remains in the mortuary chamber of The Palais National. Tomorrow morning it will be removed to the palace in Brussels. The face of the dead monarch will not be exposed again to public view.

The filing of the will of King Leopold today shows that he divided \$3,000,000 between his three daughters, Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine. This practical disinheritation of his children signifies the launching of a gigantic legal battle to obtain the king's wealth after the king's death.

ROUNDED UP COBALT GANG FROM EUROPE

Further Arrests Made Yesterday in Connection with Alleged Thefts—Wilkinson Believed to be Tool of Outfit.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Following the arrest here yesterday afternoon of J. E. Wilkinson, president and manager of the J. E. Wilkinson Co., Ltd., assayers and smelters, 69 Lombard street and Alexander Littlejohn, alias MacFarlane in connection with the alleged systematic and long conducted theft of silver ore from various Cobalt mines, two more arrests were made this morning.

Boarding the Cobalt train at North Parkdale this morning, Detective Wilson had his attention at once attracted to three foreigners, each carrying gunny sacks apparently filled with ore. A fourth man swung off the train as the train started and the three men reached the Union station two of the three men proceeded together to 43 Simcoe street, where they were arrested by detectives. They gave their names as Nicholas Soroz, a Hungarian and Dmyatas Andras, a Swede. The latter had on his person a pneumatic revolver fully loaded. The men made no resistance and made no statement.

Jacob Cohen and Morris Robchinsky were arrested later in the morning at 100 St. James street. They were arrested this morning with Wilkinson and Littlejohn were subsequently arraigned in the police court and remanded to the 24th. Wilkinson's bail being renewed. The police allege that in today's arrests they have captured a number of the leaders in a scheme which fits out the Cobalt miners fully \$20,000 monthly.

It is generally understood Wilkinson was the victim of the gang and also that the real organizers of the scheme are not yet in custody.

AWFUL RESULTS FOLLOW FIRE

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—A distressing affair occurred at 3 o'clock this morning at the residence of Joseph Prefontaine, ex-M. P., P. P., four miles north of Elm when his residence was destroyed by fire. His seven year old son perished, his son, George, was frightfully burned and may die and the body of his mother, which was awaiting burial in the house was cremated. Eighteen neighbors, who were asleep in the residence at the time, narrowly escaped death in the flames.

HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAYS

GLYDESDALES WILL REMAIN IN PROVINCE

Good News For The Farmers In Decision Of Provincial Department Of Agriculture—Contracts Are Awarded.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 17.—The Provincial Department of Agriculture today decided in accordance with the united request of practically every farmer and horseman who attended the recent sale of Clydesdales at St. John to retain in the province the stallions, Ace of Spades and Southwick which were imported by Mr. Wm. McBarney along with the fillies and brood mares sold by the Ontario man at St. John.

This is being done at an expenditure of upwards of \$2,000 and it is felt will prove of great benefit to the draft horse breeding interests of the province.

Ace of Spades.

"Ace of Spades" is a coal black stallion that has been standing for service at Russell, Ont., for the past three seasons. He is seven years old and has got some very fine colts in Ontario. He weighs 1700 pounds and "Southwick" which is a three year old horse, gives promise of developing into an even larger horse.

The two horses will remain at West St. John for the present in charge of one of the Scotsmen who came out with the brood mares.

Mr. W. W. Hubbard, Secretary of Agriculture said tonight that the department expected to place the horses either with Agricultural Societies or private individuals and is open to receive tenders for them.

The crossing of the river on the ice bridges by pedestrians has commenced here but it may be after Christmas before teams can cross.

Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works today awarded the contract for the acetylene lighting plant for the provincial educational buildings here to Campbell and Co., St. John. The contract for the new concrete retaining wall at the Fredericton end of the bridge across the St. John river was awarded to R. S. Low of Sydney, at between \$550 and \$9,000.

John Christie, of Keswick Ridge, brought a hog to market today that weighed 653 pounds dressed. The animal was 2 years old and was one of the largest hogs ever brought to the local market.

Premier Hazen returned to St. John this evening after being here today on departmental business.

I. C. R. BRAKEMAN IN SERIOUS ACCIDENT

William Fabie Well Known In Railroad And Sporting Circles Victim Of Accident At Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—A distressing accident took place at Deepwater terminus at two o'clock this morning as a result of which William Fabie, a well known I. C. R. brakeman and captain of the Crescents baseball team was terribly injured. Fabie was coupling two C. P. R. coaches bound west with the Tunisian's passengers, when the engine backed and the cars came together catching Fabie by the head. His scalp was almost completely lifted off and his right ear was torn out. His skull is not fractured and he may recover.

ADVOCATES UNION OF SQUABBLING REPUBLICS

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 17.—In an address before the annual meeting of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce tonight, John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics, declared that the present difficulties in Nicaragua have revived favorable discussion of a union of the five Central American republics.

FISHERMEN RECOVER NETS AT CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 17.—Fishermen have recovered all but six of the fifty nets lost recently by ice breaking away from the shore and running out. For days fishermen have followed the ice floes in and out as they moved under the influence of tides and where the ice was firm enough they walked out and recovered the nets.

Legislators At Ottawa Rest From Labors—Laurier Vacates His Ottawa Seat.

Major Currie in Telling Speech—How Liberal Surpluses Are Arrived At.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—The House adjourned for the Christmas holidays at 6 o'clock this afternoon, after a sitting distinguished by three events. After much soaring Sir Wilfrid Laurier vacated Ottawa, electing to retain Quebec, east. This is the 26th day of the session. English practice and Canadian practice before the days of the Laurier government is to vacate the second seat in the first seven days of the session.

Dr. Sinclair of Guysboro, apparently speaking as the mouthpiece of the Liberal party, repudiated the idea of contributing any help to Great Britain in the present emergency and declared for a Canadian navy, absolutely controlled by Canada.

Major Currie.

Major J. A. Currie made a remarkable and interesting speech on the budget, arraying a mass of exceptionally interesting figures. The budget debate was resumed by Dr. Sinclair of Guysboro, who said that his speech was on well-established and not particularly interesting lines until the very end when he turned to a discussion of the naval defence issue. He noted a few of a reply to Mr. W. F. McLean, whom he described as endeavoring to head Mr. Borden off. The Conservatives, he said, had not lighted on this question, while on any other subject since he had entered the House. In the resolution of last March the House had voted for the establishment of a naval service in cooperation with the Royal navy.

The resolution contained no suggestion of presenting Dreadnoughts to the House and it gave a direct negative to the theory of cash contributions. When the Liberals had voted for that resolution they did so in good faith and intended to live up to it.

"They stood for a Canadian navy and said officiously as far as possible by Canadians, manned by Canadian absolute," he said. "There was absolutely no division in the Liberal ranks. He wondered if the same could be said of their opponents."

Statistical Information.

Major J. A. Currie put an astonishing number of figures into a speech which was remarkably fertile in ideas and in evidence of study and research. A few of the points may be indicated. He noted and pointed out that the statistical information given by the government is exceedingly bad. There are three main sources of information: the year book, published by the census bureau, the figures of the Trade and Commerce Department and the trade and navigation returns put out by the Customs Department. By a series of comparisons Major Currie proved that these give most contradictory accounts of the trade of the country.

2.—The manner of reckoning "surpluses" is utterly wrong. In reality Canada has had only six surpluses since Confederation. In 1871, 1882, 1900, 1902, 1904 and 1907. Major Currie took the English practice back to the time of the younger Pitt when English finance was systematized and the consolidated revenue fund established. This was defined as a fund "into which shall flow every stream of public revenue and from which shall issue the supply for every public service." In Canada we are evading this ideal by devices of capital account, special charges, etc. Since 1896 the government has had deficit of over \$70,000,000.

Domestic Consumption.

3.—He enlarged on the value of domestic consumption, holding it to be greater than that of foreign trade. For example, last year the goods carried by ocean to and from Canada amounted to 7,174,284 tons, while the tonnage carried by the railways amounted to 63,071,167 tons.

Again last year the Western wheat crop was 100,000,000 bushels and of this only 44,000,000 bushels went abroad. These figures are very interesting. Despite our boasting our exports of wheat are smaller. The other provinces of the Dominion are the best consumers of the wheat, oats and other crops of western Canada.

"Year by year," said Major Currie, "the older provinces are becoming more dependent on the northwest for bread stuffs and it should be the policy of this government to increase that trade. Instead of doing so the Government is allowing the American farmer to come into Canada and rob our farmers of their legitimate markets. The figures of imports in this respect are startling."

4.—He made the point that Canada is spending for governmental expenditure an exorbitantly large proportion of her exports. In 1906 she exported \$235,483,356 and the Government spent \$67,240,645 or 27 per cent. of the exports. In 1909 the exports were \$243,503,684 and the Government spent \$112,378,880 or 46 per cent. of exports.

Amusements of the Week

Dr. W. W. White was given a delightful surprise party on Tuesday evening by a number of his medical friends. In the centre of the supper table was a large birthday cake, guarded by two skeletons. At the ends of each table were heads of skeletons with different colored eyes. The large birthday cake was illuminated with candles, and was cut by the guest of honor. Each guest received as a favor a small pencil with a miniature skull and cross bone design.

Miss Florence Murray was hostess at a delightful thimble party on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Travers presided at the tea hour. Among the guests were Mrs. C. A. Murray, Miss North Knight, Miss Beale Knight, Miss Lydia Kimball, Miss Winnie Fairweather, Mrs. Shirley Peters, Miss Mary Roberts.

Mrs. Steven, Fredericton, is the guest of Mrs. W. E. Raymond, German street.

Bishop Richardson was in the city on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edger is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner.

Miss Violet MacRae is the guest of Mrs. M. R. Edwards, Queen Square.

Mrs. Daphne Crosby and Miss Jean Leavitt returned today from Halifax where they have been studying at the Halifax Ladies' College.

Mrs. Kelly, of Boston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Crosby, German street.

Miss Louise Beer is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. B. Robinson.

Miss Grace Robertson and Miss Madge Robertson, of the Cottage, Robt. street, last evening for Montreal where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. J. G. Dodd, of Montreal, arrives next week to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Kimball, Coburg street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robinson returned from Montreal on Friday evening.

Mrs. Frederick Stevens will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Bridges, for Christmas.

Among the students returning to the city for the holidays are Mr. Jim Peters, Mr. Norris Fisher, Mr. Hazen Best, Miss Lydia Kimball, Messrs. Charlie McDonald, Gordon Kerr, Jack Teed, Bert Church, Fred Crosby, Will Church, Roy Church, Germain street was hostess at a delightful tea on Wednesday afternoon, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Stevens, of Fredericton. Daffodils decorated the drawing rooms and hall. Mrs. Raymond received her guests in a lace gown over white satin, with deep shawl crepe de chene gown, with lace yoke and sleeves, and Miss Lily Raymond, white satin. The guests were ushered to the tea room by Mrs. Walter Holly, in a black gown and large black hat, and Mrs. Fred Harding, in pale grey silk with hat to match. The tea room artistically decorated with pink and white carnations was presided over by Mrs. Shadblott in amethyst satin and hat to match and Mrs. E. T. Sturdee in taupe broadcloth. Mrs. P. D. Chisholm, in green rajah silk and black beaver hat, Mrs. J. P. McInerney in black sequin gown and black moire hat, Mrs. Walter Holly in pale grey crepe de chene, with pale grey hat, Mrs. Clarence Allen in white broadcloth, and Mrs. H. Rankine in white silk. Among the guests were Mrs. H. H. Pickett, Mrs. Steve McAvoy, Mrs. W. McAvoy, Mrs. Murray MacLaren, Miss Alice Walker, Miss Jack, Miss Winifred McInerney, Miss Earnest Fairweather, Miss Winnie Fairweather, Miss Ema MacLaren, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. George Robertson, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Janie Stone, Mrs. Wiso, Miss Ethel Leavitt, Mrs. Alfred Cook, Mrs. R. T. Leavitt, Mrs. Alfred Porter, Mrs. Kimball, Miss Portia MacKenzie, Miss Kathleen McInerney, Miss O'Leary, Miss Nellie McInerney, Miss Lydia Kimball, Mrs. Gilchrist, Miss Mary Gilchrist, Mrs. Kent Scoville, Mrs. Spangler, Miss Olive Stone, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. T. Pugsley, Mrs. Audrey Bunch, Mrs. Vermer McLellan, Mrs. Buech, Mrs. Kattie Hazen and Miss Leslie Smith were hostesses at the Badminton tea last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Frederick Fish was hostess at a bridge last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson entertained at the tea hour on Friday afternoon in honor of Dr. Grenfell and the Labrador where Dr. Grenfell will continue his work in the hospital there. Mrs. Geo. F. Smith presided at the tea hour, and was assisted by a number of the leading clergy and doctors.

Mrs. E. L. Jarvis was hostess at a bridge on Wednesday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening the old Monday evening skating club was again brought into prominence. At a large meeting in St. Andrews Rink, Mr. H. R. Sturdee was elected President, Mr. Colin Mackay secretary, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. Perry Thompson, Mrs. H. L. Schofield, Mr. Bruce Burpee and Mr. Cyrus Inches as managing committee. The club has chosen the Queen's Rink for skating and the membership list has been limited to one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen.

The Misses Knight, King street East, have issued invitations for a dance for the first Monday after Christmas.

Mrs. Harry McDonald, Duke St., entertained at a bridge last evening.

Mrs. Sherwood Skinner entertained at a bridge on Wednesday afternoon, and Wednesday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs. Edger.

Mrs. W. McLellan entertained delightfully at a skating club on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Webster of Shediac. The prizes were won by Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. E. A. Smith and Mrs. Chisholm. The scores cards were prettily decorated with holly and Santa Claus heads. On the supper table was a miniature Santa Claus with pink ribbons flowing from his pack, in which was a favor for each guest. Among those present were Mrs. Kettle Jones, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Fred Harding, Mrs. John McKean, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. Board, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. Anglin, Mrs. Russell.

Mrs. Humphrey, Wellington Row, was hostess at a delightful sewing party on Monday afternoon.

ladies having charge of the fancy tea, tea tables and other departments were Mrs. R. C. Tait, Mrs. D. S. Harper, Mrs. H. B. Steeves, Mrs. G. Barie, Mrs. Geo. Cooper, Mrs. John Tait, Mrs. Jas. Scott, Mrs. John Linnard, the Misses Evans, the Misses Harper, the Misses Tait, Mrs. W. Avari, Mrs. G. L. Kinper, Mrs. A. Colborn, Miss Annie Tait and Miss Eleanor Tait.

Patrons are out for a concert to be given by the pupils of the Central school, Sackville street, in their Assembly hall, on Friday evening.

Processions to go towards the new piano recently placed in the school.

AT HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, Dec. 17.—Miss Estor Tompkins, of New York, arrived on the S. S. "Nana," to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Osman.

Miss Gertrude Sherwood, of Sussex, is in town to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Isabel Sherwood.

Mr. Lou Simpson, of St. John, is in town on a business trip.

Dr. Barton, who spent the summer in Hillsboro a guest at the Prince Albert Hotel has gone to Washington for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carlisle, of Moncton, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Ida Corner, of Boston, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Taylor.

Mr. W. B. Dickson left on Monday morning for St. John, to attend the school.

Mrs. C. J. Osman was hostess at a delightful dinner Monday evening given in honor of Miss Sherwood who soon to marry Mr. McTavish of Calgary.

Mr. E. M. Sherwood paid a flying visit to Moncton on Tuesday.

Rev. C. W. Camp, of St. John, spent Sunday in town and preached at the different services in the First Hillsboro Baptist church.

Mrs. Henry Barnes and daughter Miss Helen, are in town to attend the Silverwood-McTavish wedding.

Dr. Seliker arrived in town today after passing successful dental examinations in Philadelphia. He will spend Christmas at home, after which he expects to go to Cape Breton, where he will practice.

Mrs. Fred Kinner, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLellan, returned to her home in Moncton.

Miss Hilton-Greene has returned to her home in Riverside, after spending a few days in the guest of Mrs. C. J. Osman.

AT SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 17.—The students of the Ladies' College gave a recital in the University hall Friday. The piano, violin and vocal solos were much enjoyed by the large number present. There was also an organ number by Miss Hilda Hawker of St. John.

At a special meeting of the Baritone Society held last Friday, it was decided to take the affirmative of the debate against St. Francis Xavier College, to take place here next spring. Mount Allison will argue in favor of Canadian legislation creating courts of arbitration to settle industrial disputes.

Owing to their writing terminal examinations Mount Allison students are not holding the regular weekly meetings of their societies. The meetings will not be resumed this term.

Through the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Boardman, of Moncton, students have for several weeks past been in the habit of taking Sunday dinner over at the Ladies' College. These visits are said to be much enjoyed by the students. It is this year closing the best term of its history, both in point of numbers and of work done. There are 135 students in the college, and about eight of whom are leaving at Christmas. They will be replaced, it is said, by twenty to begin work next term.

Applications are being received for the winning of the Rhodes Scholarship, which comes to Mount Allison this year.

Mr. Hazen Bullock, whose wife died a short time ago, sold his house last evening at auction yesterday.

Mr. H. H. Woodworth has moved into the new stone house on Park street built by Prof. Hammond. The next house, also built by Prof. Hammond, is to be occupied by Banker Williams.

Rev. Dr. W. E. McIntyre, of St. John, preached in the Baptist church last Sunday.

Some skating has been done on the pond in the college park during the last few days. The ice is rather rough and four have fallen in, but there is still skating.

Among the university students who will not return next term is Mr. Arthur Fraser, of St. Stephen, who has announced his intention of going out West again. Mr. Fraser has been very popular among his colleagues, and they will be sorry to lose him. He is president of the Freshman class.

Miss Louise Edgecombe, of the Ladies' College, has also decided not to return next term.

Miss Elaine and Miss Gladys Borden, daughters of the principal of the Ladies' College, who are now studying in Columbia University, New York, will spend their two weeks' Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Annie Cowie, Mount Allison '08, visited Sackville recently on her way from her home in Bridgewater, N. S., to St. Martin's.

AT SHEDIAC

Shediac, N. B., Dec. 17.—A large number of the citizens of the town attended the opera in Moncton last week.

Mr. Thos. Hicks, of Point DeBute, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. S. Harper, Sackville street.

Miss Nora May, of Moncton, who did duty as professional nurse during Capt. Bray's illness, has returned home. Capt. Bray's friends are pleased to know he is getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Livingstone's friends are glad to welcome them back and to know of Capt. Livingstone's improved condition in health.

Mrs. Fred Inglis spent Sunday on P. E. I. Mrs. Inglis was at home to friends on Thursday and Friday afternoons of last week.

Mrs. Jas. Inglis and Mrs. W. Irving of Buctouche aided the bride on this occasion.

Mrs. A. J. Webster went to St. John on Monday.

Miss May Harper entertained the Ladies' Club at her home Sackville street last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jas. D. Weldon returned from St. John on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. V. Bourque and Mrs. Gordon Blair were among Shediac people recently in Amherst, N. S.

Rev. Mr. Crood who recently came up from the West Indies to take a position in the Methodist ministry in New Brunswick, has been appointed to a charge in Lindsay, Carleton county. Mrs. Crood is the guest of Mrs. Gilbert Earle.

Mrs. Harvey McDonald and Miss McEnroe were in Moncton on Monday.

Mr. W. Irving, of Buctouche, was in town over Sunday en route from P. E. Island.

Mrs. Albert Murray has been spending some days in Moncton.

Mrs. W. Wortman and Miss B. Wortman are in St. John this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Roberts were recently in Amherst.

Mrs. A. J. Lawton and Miss M. Lawton spent Sunday in Moncton.

The many friends of Miss Winnie Steven regret to know that her condition is serious and her mother has been called from Point duChene to Sussex to be at her bedside.

Mrs. E. A. Smith gave an informal afternoon tea to a few of her young lady friends at her residence Bellevue, on Monday afternoon, at which Mrs. E. J. White was guest of honor. Mrs. White and her sister, Miss De Wolf, are leaving town this week for their home in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Campbell, of Sackville, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bourque and Mr. J. V. Bourque were in Dorchester during the week, guests of Judge Landry.

The Tea and Fancy Sale given by the ladies of the Methodist church was held in the Gossau Block, Main street, on Tuesday evening and was a great success in every way. The

LONG REACH.

Long Reach, Dec. 17.—Miss Dorothy Matthews, of Curryville, Albert Co., is visiting at the Methodist parsonage here.

Hastings White, who for the past two months has been in Houlton, Me., has returned to spend the Christmas holidays at his home.

Edwin M. Holder, of Sinclair, Man., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holder. He expects to spend the winter here.

MRS. PALMER 60 YEARS YOUNG



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Here is the newest photograph of Mrs. Potter Palmer, society queen of Chicago, snapped at the auction sale of boxes for the famous annual charity ball.

Just think! She is past the 60 mark, and yet looks like a woman of less than 40. Why? Because she KEEPS herself young. She has money and CAN—do you say? No, that is not the secret. It is because she STANDS well, walks well and knows HOW to dress—and it is in the power of every woman to do the same.

Look at her clothes! They are not elaborate. Her gown, while of beautiful doekin, is simply tailored, and her lynx furs are ample and plain. Even her hat is a severe urban, unadorned save by a single ornament at the side.

But notice her poise—it needs no well-blended purse to buy an erect carriage and a young heart. These things are within the reach of all.

AT ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 17.—Mrs. James G. Stevens gave a very pleasant bridge party at her residence, Wednesday evening.

Miss Myra Lorr, entertained a number of young ladies at bridge last Thursday afternoon. At the conclusion of the game a delicious picnic supper was enjoyed.

Among those who attended the Assembly Ball in St. John last week were Surveyor-General and Mrs. Grimmer, Miss Lois Grimmer, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Ganong. The friends of Dr. Arthur Murphy are pleased to hear that he is rapidly recovering from the operation recently performed at Chipman hospital.

Mrs. George Downes has returned from a delightful visit in New York City.

Judge and Mrs. Gardner have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. John C. Henry has gone to Presque Isle to spend the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Williams.

Miss Lorena Hunt is a patient at the Chipman hospital, receiving treatment for a nervous trouble.

Miss Alice Criley arrived home from Toronto Friday. She will resume her studies at Toronto University January 3.

Mrs. G. W. Ganong met with a painful accident last Thursday evening when going from her home to that of her neighbor, Mrs. D. H. Bates. Mrs. Ganong fell on the icy pavement and fractured her ankle. She will be confined to her room for several weeks, but at time of writing is resting quite comfortably.

Mr. John Flewelling has returned to his home in Edmonston, after a visit with relatives in town.

Mr. Charles E. Huestis returned Saturday from a business trip to Amherst.

Mrs. Joseph McVey and Miss Lela McVay, who are residing in Fredericton this winter, have been visiting friends in town the past week.

Miss Lois Poole, who has been teaching in a private school at Edmonston, arrived home Friday for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Ed Keyes spent a day or two in St. John the past week.

Mr. Walter G. Holmes, of Calgary, Alta., arrived in town Monday for Christmas at his home. Mr. Holmes is one of our promising young men who is making good in the Canadian West.

A novel birthday party was given here by Mrs. Augustus Cameron at her residence recently for the pleasure of her infant son, Douglas, it being his first birthday. The youthful guests, accompanied by their mothers

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DEBEC.

Debec, Dec. 12.—The "Jessie and the Rose" Band of McKenzie Corner, held a meeting in Mr. Howie's hall recently and contributed toward the packing of a Christmas box of useful and fancy articles for the poor of Warley, Alberta.

Miss Emma Nason has returned to her home in Debec after spending some weeks with her sister Mrs. Ira Carson, at McKenzie Corner.

There was a variety show held in the Forister's Hall recently.

Annie Kerr made short visit to relatives at Oak Mountain recently.

Mr. S. A. Nason, section foreman at Deer Lake, spent a short vacation with his family at this village.

Inspector F. H. Mowbray paid an official visit to the village school Thursday, December 8, and was well satisfied with the progress the school is making with Miss Francis Kinney of Fredericton as teacher.

Quite a number of the farmers of this locality expect to attend the sale of Clydesdale horses in St. John on Monday, December 20.

George Neale, who is doing business at Scott's Siding, York County, was in this village this week.

Sprague Flemming, eldest son of Hon. J. K. Flemming, spent Sunday, December 5 at Debec visiting relatives and friends.

The Bible Study class which was recently organized by Rev. Edmund Ramzey is well attended and much appreciated by the young folk who are members of the class.

Mrs. W. J. Craig and Mrs. Gordon Elmwood, the guests of Mrs. Billings, Mr. John Carson, of McKenzie Corner, is in falling health.

John Crawford, of Kirkland, who is traveling as agent for Farming Implements, was in Debec this week on business.

Mrs. Albert Wright, who was recently reported as ill, is much improved in health.

George Johnston, eldest son of Thomas Johnston, of this village, has returned home.

Mrs. Thomas Johnston made a flying trip to McAdam Junction Monday, December 6.

The Presbyterian W. M. S. met at the manse, Debec, last Sunday. The society has had a year of financial success, the amount raised for missions amounting to about \$220 besides other donations.

The local merchants are getting in a good supply of Christmas goods; Charles D. Lawlor has his store beautifully decorated.

Mr. Charles Clark was recently to attend the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. Geo. Clark.

Mr. Horace Titus is seriously ill at the home of Howard Laverty.

Charles Parks has recently imported a splendid span of western horses from the U. S. Mr. Parks had the animals in this village, Tuesday, December 7, in order to have a veterinary surgeon examine and appraise them.

Potatoes are gradually increasing in price; it is predicted by some that they will reach the \$1 mark before Christmas.

Mrs. Flemming, wife of Hon. J. K. Flemming, made a short visit to relatives in this village, last week.

Mrs. S. Dickinson and Mrs. John Murrby, of Benton, are visiting Mrs. Lysander Wright of Debec, was taken ill and died at her home in Debec.

Dr. Prescott, of Woodstock, was summoned to attend to a case of diphtheria. J. R. Kirkpatrick, who is a member of the Board of Health, was notified of the doctor's verdict and immediately put the house under quarantine.

DOUGLAS HARBOR

Douglas Harbor, Dec. 17.—Trinity church Douglas Harbor, was the scene of a pretty wedding at 3 p. m. Saturday, December 11, when Mr. Harry O. Weaver, of that place, was united in marriage to Miss Sara Fidler, of Oxfordshire, England. Rev. Mr. Watkins tied the nuptial knot. The bride who was becomingly attired in a travelling gown of gray cloth, with hat to match, was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Weaver, and was attended by her little niece and nephew. Miss Constance and Master Francis Weaver attended the ceremony a number of friends repaired with the bride and groom to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver, where a dainty supper was prepared. Miss Fidler had but recently arrived from England, and many friends here unite with those at home in wishing her a happy and prosperous journey through life.

HAMMONDVALE

Hammondvale, Dec. 17.—Winter is here for fair now with its frost and snow. So far we have not had snow enough for good sleighing. Most of our men are off to the woods now hunting their logs across the river here.

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BETTER THAN A SENATORSHIP.

Some three years ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed regret that under the present system of appointing senators that body tended to become extremely one-sided. Ten years before the senators were nearly all Conservatives. Soon they would be nearly all Liberals. Each condition was unfortunate and the Premier seemed anxious to find a way out of the trouble.

It was suggested that the leader of the Government had the remedy in his own hands. If he did not like to have the Senate composed entirely of Liberals he could select a fair proportion of Conservatives. Or since he would be in danger of selecting Conservatives of the opportunist type, he might request the leader of the other party to appoint them.

It appears that Sir Wilfrid and his friends took this counsel so much to heart that the offer of a senatorship was made to Mr. John McLean of Souris, Prince Edward Island. Mr. McLean is a consistent and thorough Conservative. As such he sat in the Provincial Legislature for three terms, then one term at Ottawa, and again one term in the Legislature. He ran a close contest for the House of Commons in 1904, and was afterward again and for the fifth time elected to the Legislature where he now holds a seat. There is no more honorable and chivalrous man in public life than this Mr. McLean. He has been the candidate of his party when no one else could be found to take the burden. He has stood aside when it appeared that a religious body, not his own, would otherwise be without a candidate in the province. In Parliament and in the Legislature he has won the respect of all by his ability and character.

Such a man might well be called to the Senate by the other party if they desired to go outside their own ranks. But when he was met at Charlottetown by a delegation of leading Liberals able to give him assurance that the appointment was his if he would take it, he did not embrace the offer. Nor again when they sent a special messenger with the request repeated did Mr. McLean accept. Doubtless a senatorship would have attractions for him, but he told the emissaries all there was to say when he declared that he would rather be a man than a senator.

The point is that Mr. McLean is a leading member of the Provincial Opposition. That chamber is so closely divided that the Government has resorted to all manner of devices of the Legislature to head off election petitions, and generally has been in a condition of panic. If Mr. McLean would take a seat in the Senate at the hands of the Government, his close seat might be captured. At least it could be kept vacant for one session, and one strong man would be got out of the way. In no other circumstance would Mr. McLean have been asked to go to the Senate. To accept the offer would be to make himself a party to a scheme to damage his own cause, and to weaken his colleagues in the Provincial Opposition. Therefore Mr. McLean rejected the senatorship, preferring to be a man.

Mr. John McLean, of Souris, M.P.P. for the First District of Kings, P. E. Island, is a man.

THAT SEVEN PRICED WHARF.

When Mr. Pugsley's organ tells us that Mr. Crockett's charge respecting the seven-priced wharf of the Sawdust wharf has fallen through, one looks with curiosity to its own news columns to find how the charge is met and answered. The conflicting facts are there admitted. The Government paid \$5,000 to Murray, the go-between who had just bought the wharf for \$700. This is the testimony of the middleman himself. The price paid by the Government appears in the records and is admitted.

The property had been offered to Government officers for \$1,000. It had once been sold at \$500 and taken back. The Government or any private person could have bought it at any time for the price that Murray paid. The Government did not want it at that price until just before the election. Then the Government was ready to pay \$5,000, after receiving a despatch from the middleman saying that the matter was important to Mr. Le Blanc, the Government candidate. Never was there a clearer case of rake-off, which amounted in this case to 50 per cent. of the price paid by the Government.

Now we turn to see how this charge fell through. All we find is the statement that after the Government bought the wharf Mr. O'Leary hauled gravel away from the property, and the other statement that a copy of a letter to the minister which he produced differed from the original which the minister read. It is not stated whether they differed in punctuation or in spelling, or in some substantial particular. But suppose Mr. O'Leary had hauled away the whole wharf, and had produced the Song of Solomon as a copy of a letter written afterwards to the minister. How would that affect the fact that the Government paid \$5,000 for a property which any one could have bought and which the middleman did buy for \$700?

L'Evenement, of Quebec, a Conservative Journal, quotes the argument made and resolution moved by Rev. J. J. McLaughlin, against a Canadian navy. In the opinion of our Quebec contemporary it is well that this address was not made by one of the curies of the city of Quebec. The Government organs would say: "What! shall a priest be permitted to denounce a project initiated in the Liberal programme, a project conceived and elaborated by Sir Wilfrid? The Rogues would not find clubs heavy enough to batter his head or words sufficiently violent to make protest."

THIS PROFIT IS A LOSS.

The Minister of Finance has come to discuss the Canadian mint in a more correct way than in other years, but still the budget statement is misleading. He used to say that the mint was profitable because the current price of the coin was more than the value of the raw silver and the cost of manufacture. But this week Mr. Fielding says:—"Now the mint will show a handsome profit, but let me frankly say that we could make a greater profit by having no mint."

This seems to be a contradiction, and it is. The fact is that the mint makes a handsome loss. There is a profit in coinage, because the Government stamps 40 cents worth of silver, with figures making it pass for one dollar. But the Canadian mint does not make that profit. We had it before there was a Canadian mint. There are many places where the coinage may be done at the regular price of three cents on the dollar of coin produced. That is what we paid in England before we had a mint.

The profit of the Canadian mint is the amount for which it can do the work under three per cent. The loss is the amount that it costs over three per cent.

The cost of the Canadian mint, when work now in progress is completed, will be \$605,000. That is the statement of Mr. Fielding. When the work was undertaken, he stated that it would cost \$300,000. The interest on \$600,000 is \$24,000 a year at four per cent.

The grant for operation is \$75,000 a year. This year Mr. Fielding does not think it will be sufficient. But this does not include heating, lighting, maintenance of building or repairs. Altogether then, without allowing for depreciation, the people of Canada are paying over \$100,000 a year for the manufacture of silver and copper coins.

Now let us see what the work would have cost elsewhere. In the fiscal year 1909 the mint produced silver coins of the face value of \$313,338. At the former price of three per cent, this would have cost \$94,000. The copper coinage amounted to \$26,870, and this at the former price of 10 per cent, would have cost \$2,687. The total cost of the coinage would have been in the open market \$12,087.

The actual cost included \$71,997 paid by the Finance Department, several thousands paid by the public works, and the interest on the cost of the building, in all fully \$100,000, or more than eight times the market price of the work.

That is to say we formerly got our silver coins made in England at a cost of three cents on the dollar and we now pay twenty-four cents on the dollar to have it done at home, and whereas we formerly paid ten cents on the dollar for making copper coins we now make them ourselves at a cost of eighty cents on the dollar.

These figures explain what Mr. Fielding means when he says that the mint shows a handsome profit, but we could make a greater profit by having no mint.

MR. MCCREADY FOR SENATOR.

If the Laurier Administration is looking for a Prince Edward Island man, who would do good service in the Senate, and who though a Liberal would show a good deal of independence, why not appoint Mr. John E. B. McCready, editor of the Guardian, former editor of the St. John Telegraph? No man available has done better service to the party than Mr. McCready, and he did it at the time when such service was most needed. He gave up a position in the civil service to serve the Liberal cause as an Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe. He took charge of the Moncton Transcript when an experienced and well informed writer was required. He served the party long and well in the editorial chair of the Telegraph, and now for a number of years he has been a resident and journalist in Prince Edward Island. There is said to be a good deal of confusion and difference of opinion over this senatorship. The appointment of Mr. McCready over this senatorship. The appointment we suggest would be a good solution of the difficulty.

AN UNEXPECTED FINDING.

It reaches us through the Boston Transcript that Mrs. Pankhurst addressed the young men at Eton on the question of woman suffrage. She placed before them with confidence the principles of the cause, and then somewhat doubtfully and fearfully offered her excuses or apologies for the fighting methods of the suffragettes. This part of the programme seemed to her likely to be repulsive to the delicate young aristocrats, while she was certain that their sense of justice would commend the purpose.

But it is stated that Mrs. Pankhurst revised her opinion of Eton youth when she heard the result of their subsequent debate. After due deliberation they voted that the cause of the suffragettes was "rotten" but that their methods were "unfettered."

OTTAWA AND MONTREAL.

The eight addresses of Montreal whom Judge Cannon has reported guilty of serious offences and whose criminal prosecution he has recommended, continue to go to meetings of the council and do not think of resigning. The one who is also a member of Parliament does not seem to consider that he is in the wrong place in his seat at Ottawa. Why, after all, should he resign? He has seen one of his leaders defending the Reichstag, which was worse than any single case of rake-off exposed at Montreal. What is commendable in the Federal Department of Public Works cannot be criminal in the city government of Montreal.

Divinity students of the University of Chicago object to the compulsory study of Hebrew. They have made their position clear, by hanging the professor of Hebrew in effigy, and setting fire to the dummy, and going through a performance a little short of a riot. This ought to convince the faculty that Hebrew would be thrown away on the class. Why not substitute Chocktail?

It came out in the Public Accounts Committee at Ottawa that after a visit to Ottawa a Mr. Thomas O. Murray bought for \$700 a wharf at Richibucto, N. B. Then he sold the structure to the Dominion Government for \$5,000. This was just before the late Parliamentary election. Mr. Murray is a Liberal. There is a strong probability that on polling day he voted in favor of letting Laurier finish his work. Laurier's work helps gentlemen like Mr. Murray.—Montreal Gazette.

After painful consideration, and much admonition, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has decided to be content with the seat for Quebec East and give up Ottawa. One Mr. Lemieux and several others are seeking the Government nomination at Ottawa. Postmaster General Lemieux arrived opportunely from Europe on the day that the Premier announced his resignation.

Mr. Emmerson's sneering references to the "Toy Navy" confront the ardent journalists of his party who teach that the Liberals are united and the Conservatives much divided on this issue. Mr. Emmerson is a member of Parliament, a former minister, and has not yet been read out of the Liberal party to the knowledge of the public.

Of course the Journal whose proprietor got \$35,933 rake-off must defend the deal by which a Kent county go-between got \$4,300.

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CHRISTENING A PRINCE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE

Description of the Event, Which Recently Took Place at Potsdam—Family Festivals and General Social Life.

Berlin Dec. 17.—Family festivals play a greater part in German social life than they do in that of any other country.

The Kaiser and Kaiserin take great care to encourage them by all means in their power, and particularly by personal example. Birthdays are carefully observed silver and golden weddings are duly celebrated and the memory of the dead is kept alive by the practice of laying wreaths on the graves of tombs of the deceased.

Christenings are thought no less worthy of celebration than other events in family life, and as three of the Kaiser's sons are now married these have been pretty frequent of late years in the imperial household. The christening of the Crown Prince's third son recently was no exception to the rule of the formal celebration.

The scene was the Kaiser's residence at Potsdam, the Marble Palace, one of the fine saloons of which was turned for the occasion into a chapel with altar and appropriate decorations. Among these was the picture of Christ, beneath which all Prussian Princes receive the names by which they are to be known through life.

The guests assembled in the rooms formerly occupied by Crown Prince before his marriage, and on a sign from him wound in a procession, preceded by the Court Chamberlain to the improvised chapel, the Kaiser with the Duchess Anastasia and the Crown Prince with Kaiserin leading the way. Here they found the little Prince, the all unconscious object of the whole commotion, lying calmly in his bassinet. Court Chaplain Dr. Dryander performed the christening, during which the godfathers and godmothers held their hands over the innocently staring infant. The sprinkling was done with water from the Jordan, and as it fell in drops on the royal baby's shrinking face his names were declared to be Hubertus Karl Wilhelm. A choral service of ten minutes duration closed the ceremony.

Then followed the congratulations held by the happy mother by the guests, who passed in slow procession

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ENGLISH REEFERS IN CANADA. Principal Occupation is Gambling, says Speaker at Nomads' Club—Respected in Spite of Themselves.

BARRETT GETS BIG SWINDLE. POLAR MEDAL IS NEARIED. How Systematic Attempt Was Made to Defraud the Heirs of An Englishman Dying Abroad.

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English Reefs in Canada. Montreal, Dec. 17.—An Englishman in Canada, was the subject of an address given by Mr. A. D. Denison at the meeting of the Nomads' Club.

Barrett Gets Big Swindle. Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The National Geographical Society has publicly acclaimed Commander Robert E. Peary the discoverer of the North Pole.

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News of a Day. In Vancouver. Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Captain C. H. Nicholson, manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific coast fleet, stated today that the permanent headquarters of the fleet to be composed shortly will be located in Vancouver.

Physician Guilty of Minor Offense. Fredericton, Dec. 17.—Premier Hazen arrived from St. John this morning. He is here on departmental business.

Canadian Northern Announces Programme. Huge Railway Shops To Be Constructed at Toronto—Fleets for the Atlantic and Pacific, and a Pennant.

Money in Lumber. GASOLENE ENGINE. SAWMILL OUTFITS. Geo. J. Barrett, ST. JOHN AND FREDERICTON.

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News of a Day. Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Business has been demoralized by the coal strike that the Legislature today took the drastic step of passing a bill rendering both strike leaders and employers who instigate or aid a strike of lockout to a year's imprisonment.

Local. Acknowledgement. The following subscriptions are respectfully acknowledged by the St. Protestant Orphans' Home, H. Tankine, treasurer: Mrs. E. Bates, Mrs. W. E. Estabrooks, for Christmas, \$2; Mr. C. T. Jones, \$10; E. G. Kaye, \$5.

Closing Stock Letter. By direct private wires to J. C. Macintosh & Co. New York, Dec. 17.—For the greater part of today's session the stock market failed to develop any features of particular interest although the undertone despite some irregularity of movements at certain points was at all times steady.

Police Watch Every Move. He was constantly shadowed and whenever a friend called he was sure to have a telephone call from the police inquiring as to the identity of the visitor.

Money on Call at 3 1/2 P. C. New York, Dec. 17.—Close—Prime mercantile paper 3 to 5, Sterling exchange, firm at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 for 60 day bills and at 4 3/8 for demand.

Electric Novelties Christmas Presents. Alex W. Thorne, Electrical Contractor. 675 Main Street, Phone Main 234-11.

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News of a Day. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—Charles Stratford of Dundas, whose wife was a witness recently against two men charged with administering liquor for improper purposes, yesterday gave the woman the option of being shot herself or having her children shot.

News of a Day. London, Dec. 17.—Heghnald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, is the latest victim of suffragette violence. After addressing a meeting at South End last night, Mr. McKenna was surrounded by several women.

News of a Day. Toronto, Dec. 17.—Forty years ago James McDonald and his young bride, Sarah McCrae, came to this country from Dundee, Scotland, and settled in Ontario.

News of a Day. Ottawa, Dec. 17.—With the close of navigation for the season a phenomenal increase in the total tonnage of freight handled by Canadian canals during the year is reported.

News of a Day. Folia, Dec. 17.—Undoubtedly the most important step to be taken in the area will be the abolishment of territoriality. Under existing conditions in force since November 1, courts of Korea are administered by Japanese and under Japanese laws.

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NEWS SUMMARY

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—Wheat prices advanced to new high records for the crop here today, owing to rumors of a crop shortage in Argentina.

CHICAGO CATTLE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 28,000; market steady; steers, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; YES—CANADIAN PRODUCE MARKETS

(Quotations Published by Private Wires of J. C. Mackintosh and Co., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange, 111 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B., Chubb's Corner.)

Table with columns: Shares, Bid, Pious, High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Amalgamated Copper, American Cotton Oil, etc.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Flour—Nominally higher with a quiet trade.

STOCK MARKET IS IN STATE OF NEGLECT

New York, Dec. 17.—A state of neglect, such as the stock market fell into today is sometimes ascribed to "holiday delinquency."

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE GROWTH

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Bradstreet's state of trade tomorrow will be a decided one of increase.

CLOSING COTTON LETTER

New York, Dec. 17.—So far as the news of importance on cotton and so far as price movement was concerned.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

THE COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 17.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 5 points lower; middling uplands, 15.10; middling Gulf, 15.35.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—The Ottawa Flour Mills Co. Ltd., supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg wheat market.

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Schr Tay, 124, Scotch, from Boston P. McIntyre, ballast.

ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

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ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

Schr Lady of Avon, 249, Steele for Las Palmas, Canary Islands, A. Cushing and Co., 121, 122 feet spruce plank etc., 1947, 19 feet boards.

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ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

Schr Corinthian, 4045, Rennie for Liverpool and Havre.

ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

Schr Hesperian, 6123, Main for Liverpool, via Halifax.

ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

Schr Corcean, Liverpool, sid, Dec. 17.

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ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

Schr Aldine, Boatbay, sid, Dec. 5.

ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

Schr Rescue, New Haven, sid, Nov. 20.

ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

Schr Annie A Booth, 165, A W Adams.

ARRIVED—YESTERDAY

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DEAD DENO

James J. the Real Standard Go.

My L

To my mind, made was usual on June 9, 1899, out in 11 round.

Previous to the east, and I cause I did not want to breathe deep.

The condition of some of my friends was such that I could not possibly breathe deep.

Only once, I felt that I was in a bad way, but I did not hurt.

I outgained a battle by force.

New York, Take me out to Buy me some of the rock.

That's what I want to do, I want to be a doctor.

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DEADLOCK FOR PRESIDENCY OF NATIONAL

SPORTS

BOWLING, BASEBALL THE RING, FOOTBALL

The Annual Parade Almost Due



ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR THE MESS OF DISCARDS FROM THE MAJOR LEAGUES WILL FOLD THEIR MANTLES STEALTHILY ABOUT THEM AND HIT THE TIES BACK TO THE BUSH AND THE SCENES OF THEIR INFANCY...



BILL BUSHBY THE BIG LEAGUE BOY DROPPED UNEXPECTEDLY INTO RAGGED CITY TODAY. HE SAYS BASE BALL IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE...

My Best Fight Was With Fitzsimmons

James J. Jeffries Tells the Readers of The Standard of His Best Go.



JAMES J. JEFFRIES, Who Retired Undeclared Champion of the World.

By James J. Jeffries. To my mind, the best fight I ever made was against Fitzsimmons, on June 9, 1899, when I knocked him out in 11 rounds at the Coney Island Athletic club and became champion of the world.

NO PRESIDENT ELECTED YET

Deadlock Still Exists in National League Deliberations -- Talk of a Regency Now, With Heydler in Control.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.—After taking three ballots which showed a continuation of the deadlock of yesterday, the third session of the annual meeting of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs adjourned this evening to meet again tomorrow morning at the Waldorf Astoria.

LAMY WANTS TO COME BACK

Edward Lamy, who last year won the national amateur skating championship of the United States, is being urged to re-register with the union.



EDWARD LAMY.

This young man with the ton of junk, more or less, stitched upon his jersey, in Edward Lamy, who last year won the national amateur skating championship of the United States, is being urged to re-register with the union.

TELEGRAPH IN PRESS LEAGUE

Canterbury Street Outfit Trounces Its Next Door Neighbor in Eventful Game—St. Joseph's and Dunlaps Win.

It was a grand "fight" and the large number of spectators who were privileged to see the Telegraph's scientific pin plecks rounce the Star against the leaders by a score of 21 to 15, but the Bechlers won the second 21 to 12. The third game was very close and until the last point had been made the issue was in doubt.

The smashing of the league record for the highest average featured the game between St. Joseph's and John the Baptist on St. Peter's alleys last evening. Phineas of St. Joseph's was the individual star of the game which enabled his team to capture three points from their opponents.

THE PIRATES HIT IT UP IN NEW YORK

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Take me out to the ball game, Buy me some peanuts and cracker-jack. I don't care if I never come back, Let me root, root, root for Pittsburg.

street, Hugh Jennings, who also spoke for Ban Johnson of the American League; Marshall P. Wilder, who told scores; Police Commissioner Baker, Big Bill Edwards, better known in private life as Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards; twenty-seven ball players and 300 rosters, and John Heydler, who, if noise alone counts, received the biggest reception of the evening.

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LEADERS TAKE MATCH IN VOLLEY BALL. The Leaders had their hands full last night when they went up against the Royal Bachelors in the Y. M. C. A. volleyball league.

LATE SHIPPING. The British steamer Canadian which sailed Wednesday from Boston for Liverpool, carried 2,000 bushels of wheat and corn, the largest cereal shipment since 1907.

ST. JOSEPHS WON. The smashing of the league record for the highest average featured the game between St. Joseph's and John the Baptist on St. Peter's alleys last evening.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. White wash was very much in evidence in the game between the Dunlop Rubber Company and Ramblers on Black's Alleys last evening.

THE PLANET VENUS OUTSHINES SUN. Home, Dec. 17.—The planet Venus showed itself today at noon now with standing the sun was shining brightly.

HARVEY STATION. The annual meeting of The Farmer's Trading Company, was held on Monday evening, December 6.

BREAKS ALL RECORDS FROM ONE TO TWENTY MILES. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.—Racing against a freezing wind, "Johnny" Atkin, in a National today broke all world's records for distances of 1 to 20 miles.

Princess Therese of Braganza, widow of the late Portuguese pretender, Dom Miguel, died last night at Hyde, Isle of Wight. She was born in 1820.

FIGHT FOR POSSESSION OF CHRISTY GIRL IS ON AGAIN IN DEAD EARNEST

Wife of Famous Artist Principal in Habeas Corpus Proceedings at Zanesville Yesterday.

Attempts at Reconciliation Fails and Parents Are Now Lined Up in Finish Fight.

The Romance That Envelops the Life of the Pair Approaching Its Denouement.

Zanesville, Ohio, Dec. 17.—The fight between Howard Chandler Christy and his wife for the possession of their little daughter Natalie, was resumed here today with the reopening of the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by the famous beauty.



MRS. HOWARD CHANDLER CHRISTY, THE FAMOUS "CHRISTY GIRL."

WOLFE AND GREY'S ELEGY

Beautiful Old Tradition Little Injured by the Facts—John Robison Who Told the Story the Chief Personage.

(By William Wood in the Boston Transcript.) The observance this fall of the 150th anniversary of the capture of Quebec by General Wolfe and the discussion over that event and the project of a monument for Wolfe have brought up again the famous story of Gray's Elegy. To this discussion Colonel Wood has contributed this paper, which ought forever to settle the controversy. Mr. Wood is the author of "The Fight for Canada," by all odds the best work ever written on the conquest of New France by the British, and is as keen and enthusiastic in his researches as he is careful and accurate in his judgments.

Many good people resent any review of the facts about a picturesque incident as a wanton attempt to lay sacrilegious hands on what they secretly fear is almost too good to be true. And I am well aware that in this very matter of Wolfe and Gray's Elegy I have been repeatedly held up to fond believers on both sides of the water and the line, as a particularly cold, crafty and altogether heartless iconoclast. But if these believers will only read the present article, they will see that I have really been fighting on their own side all along, and doing my best to find some solid facts for them to base their faith on.

MORTARBOARD LATEST IN HATS



Here's the new mortarboard hat—the very latest thing in New York. They do say that there's going to be a craze for hats of this shape. The one in the photograph is made of ermine and white velvet trimmed with a single fancy feather.

ANOTHER PROUD FOR ZELAYAS

Miss Juliette Hero Awarded \$22,000 in Breach of Promise Suit With Ex-president's Nephew.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Fortune gave the Zelaya family another prod today when a jury awarded Miss Juliette Hero \$22,000 damages against Dr. Anibal Zelaya for breach of promise. "It might as well have been \$50,000," said the young relative of the Nicaraguan dictator when he heard the verdict; "I have no money and can't pay."

Under the law, unless Zelaya settles he can be committed to jail for an indefinite period. Miss Hero sued for \$100,000 damages, alleging that Zelaya promised to marry her while a medical student here. Two years ago, however, his courtship waned. The plaintiff, who is a Greek girl and pretty, expressed satisfaction with the verdict, not because of its amount, but because she considered herself vindicated.

Points Same Way. Such is the direct evidence on the subject. The circumstantial evidence points the same way. Young Knowles would not get much in actual coaching while the siege was in progress. Robison, who was a good mathematician, was more often employed as an expert surveyor. In this capacity he would naturally be told off to map work, and so would have been a likely man to have accompanied Wolfe on the final reconnaissance of the 12th of September, the day before the battle. Now, we know that Wolfe notified from a boat, we know that he was a great reader and fond of poetry, we know that a strain of melancholy ran through his character even as a younger man, we know that disease left him little hope of a long life, we know that the story of the Elegy became current at once, and remained so throughout the lives of those present at Quebec who could best judge of its truth, we know that Robison's own version was never contradicted, we know that all authentic accounts of this version agree that Wolfe was in the boat when he recited the Elegy, and that he said he would sooner have written the poem than beat the enemy "tomorrow."

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS WIN BEFORE COURTS

State Refuses to Prosecute Family Charged With Manslaughter for Not Obtaining Physician's Services for Son

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 17.—At the request of the public prosecutor the Burlington County Court today entered a nolle prosequi in the case of Edwin M. Watson and his wife, who were convicted on a charge of manslaughter in May 1905, for refusing to summon a physician for their seven-year-old son, who was ill with pneumonia, preferring to rely upon Christian Science methods. Following their conviction the case was carried to the State Supreme Court, which ordered a new trial on the ground that the trial judge had erred in his charge to the jury. In making the motion for the new trial today the prosecutor said he was convinced that it would be impossible to secure a conviction that would be sustained if the accused parents were tried a second time. The case excited great interest among Christian Scientists throughout the country, and many of them attended the trial and aided the defendants financially and otherwise.

DILLON SETTLES DOWN TO PRISON ROUTINE

Slayer of Montreal Policeman Takes Up His Work at the Penitentiary of St. Vincent de Paul.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—John Dillon, the slayer of Policeman Shea, has settled down to the quiet routine of penitentiary life, and is proving a model inhabitant of the big institution at St. Vincent de Paul. He was examined a couple of days ago by the penitentiary surgeon, who found him in fair shape, both physically and mentally, considering his age. On the surgeon's report Dillon has been put to work the same as the rest of the convicts. He, however, has a fairly easy time, and has not yet been introduced to the stone heap, where he would have a hard time doing enough to keep warm. Dillon is at present employed in the penitentiary laundry, doing odd jobs of a light character, and apparently he enjoys the change from the monotony of idleness in a prison cell. Warden Beauchamp stated yesterday that Dillon was a well behaved prisoner. "I knew Dillon well in Montreal for several years before he killed Constable Shea," said Warden Beauchamp, "and he seems to me to be a very much the same man as when he was a book agent in Montreal. Of course he does not look much like the Dillon of old times. He has had the usual attentions of the penitentiary barber, and wears the regulation outfit, so that his friends would scarcely recognize him. But outside of that there is little change. He is quiet and courteous in his demeanor to everybody. He has not given the slightest sign of any eccentricity in his manner."



Snapshot of Howard Chandler Christy, taken at his studio near Zanesville, O.

made to bring the couple together but the proceedings of today have dispelled all hope of that. Mrs. Christy, it is said, is quite willing to return to the old order of things and in a recent statement attributed to her she is made to declare that all she requires is to be taken again into the arms of her former spouse. Mrs. Christy before her marriage was Miss Isabel Thompson of New York. She met the artist in a restaurant one night subsequently became his model and later his wife. Such are the unvarnished facts of the wooing and union of the couple. Henceforth all there is a romance of more than passing interest. The denouement is in sight. Natalie, the daughter, over whom

Mr. Robison's Own Story.

What was his own version of the story? There can be little doubt, as we have three independent and credible witnesses, who all agree, and whose evidence is admirably marshaled by his own great-grandson, Father John Gerard, S. J., in the Scotsman for the 29th of June and the Athenaeum for the 9th of July, both in 1904. The first is Sir Walter Scott whose letter to Southey on the 22nd of September, 1830, was quoted from the original manuscript by Mr. Birrell in the Times Literary Supplement for the 27th of May, 1904. Scott says he heard the tale "at very first hand," Robison telling him that Wolfe, after reciting the Elegy, declared he would sooner have written those lines than win the battle "we are to fight tomorrow morning." The second is Professor Playfair, Robison's successor at Edinburgh University. Playfair's sketch of Robison is to be found at page 495, in volume VII of the "Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh" for the 20th of February 1815. He refers to the story as one that Robison "used to tell" about Wolfe's saying he would rather have written the Elegy than "have the glory of beating the French tomorrow." The third is William Wallace Currie, who gives his own version in a letter of the 10th of February, 1804, which is printed on page 248, volume II, of his life of his father, James Currie. He says he heard Robison tell the story himself only the week before. There is a slight variant here, as Currie understood that Robison was in another boat alongside Wolfe's. But the rest is practically the same as in the ac-

Who Robison Really Was and Where He Was That Night.

The true story is this. The author of it is John Robison. Rev. Morison Bryce of Baldernock Manse, Milngavie, Glasgow, and minister of the parish in which Robison is buried, says that the family name is pronounced with the I long, Robison. Now, Robison, like his son, Sir John, who died in 1843, was a well known Scottish worthy of high distinction. He was born in 1739, graduated at Glasgow in 1756, and came out to Quebec in 1759 as tutor to the young son of Admiral Knowles. Everyone has to be accounted for on board ship, either by holding actual or relative rank, and Robison was "rated as a midshipman"—a very different thing from being one. Thirteen years later he held the relative rank of colonel in Russia, while employed as professor of mathematics in the Sea Cadet Corps at St. Petersburg. But this no more implies the command of a Russian regiment than his local and temporary rating as Quebec implies the command of a British corps. He was a civilian, and

Very Nearly the Exact Spot.

I wish we could go on to point out the exact spot, but there is little chance of finding such precise information. I am inclined to think that the most likely place would be a few cables above Silery Point and rather more than half channel over. In any case, the visitor to the Quebec battlefields who looks up-stream can be almost sure that his eye is resting on the very reach of river where this famous incident really occurred. And what a satisfaction it is to know that, while the popular perversion is as weak and theatrical as it is unproved and improbable, the true version, on the other hand, is a strong, dramatic and altogether worthy episode in one of the world's great wonder-tales of history.

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CHRISTMAS HYMNS, THEIR AUTHORS AND THE STORY OF THEIR MAKING

Carols That Have Been Sung Throughout The Christian World Since The Earliest Times.

Dr. J. M. Neale, Reginald Heber, John Byrnes among The Many Celebrated Writers.

Names Known to History As Contributors to The Hymnology Of Christmas.

On Christmas Day in the year 1866 the late Jacobus de Bono, the author of the "Stabat Mater," is not generally known that this singer was the author of a Christmas carol written in the same strain as his beautiful hymn for Passiontide. It runs thus:

Stabat Mater speciosa
Juxta fonsus gaudios
Dum Jacobus parvulus

Which Dr. J. M. Neale renders:

Full of beauty stood the Mother
By the manger, blest o'er other,
Where her little one she lays.

It is a pathetic incident in connection with this carol that its author bequeathed his last on the holy night of the Nativity as the choir was chanting the old Christmas carol "Gloria in Excelsis" in the church close by. His last words were "Jesu nostra redemptio." He was buried in the cemetery of the Minorites at Calizzano, and on his tomb is inscribed "Stultus propter Christum nova mundum arte delusit et caelum rapuit."

It is strange that while Reginald Heber was actually engaged in the compilation of a "Church Hymnal," at the time that he was appointed Bishop of Calcutta, neither his Eastern hymns nor his Christmas carol finds a place in the "Church Hymnal." And yet the following verses seem singularly suited to a money making age like the present:

If gaily clothed and proudly fed,
In dangerous waltz we dwell,
Remind us of Thy manger bed
And lowly cottage cell.

If, prest with poverty severe,
In envious want we pine,
Oh, may the Spirit whisper near,
How poor a lot was Thine.

The most ancient Christmas hymn in the "American Church Hymnal" is that by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius who was born in Spain and was a very distinguished jurist in his day. It is rendered by Dr. Neale:

Of the Father's will begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
His hymn found under those as
Signed for the Epiphany is also a Christmas carol, beginning:

Earth has many a noble city
Bethlehem thou dost all excel.

The English version of the hymn is by an American hymnologist, Edmond Caswell, to whose pen we are indebted for the carol "Come hither, ye faithful," which cannot be traced further back than the close of the sixteenth century, although it has an ancient ring about it which would place it much earlier. Father Oakley, who lent to the Church of England at the time of the Protestant Movement, has given us a good rendering very much in the same strain. "Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant," which on account of its spirited refrain is one of the most popular Christmas hymns.

John Byrnes, a poet and essayist of some distinction, was born in Manchester, England, from 1891 to 1795, and whose aged daughter the present writer had the honor of meeting in her home in Beaconsfield of that city about 1850. is the author of what is probably the best of the Christmas songs:

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born.

Mr. Byrnes' "Private Journal and Correspondence" are of peculiar interest, for he was not only a scholar but a man of wit and observation.

Two well known Christmas carols in the "Church Hymnal" are from the pen of a Unitarian minister, Dr. Edmund Hamilton Sears, a man of devout and spiritual mind and a graceful and vigorous writer. "The first is the popular hymn beginning:

That glorious song of old,
And the other begins:
Galm on the listening ear of night
Comes Heaven's welcome strain.

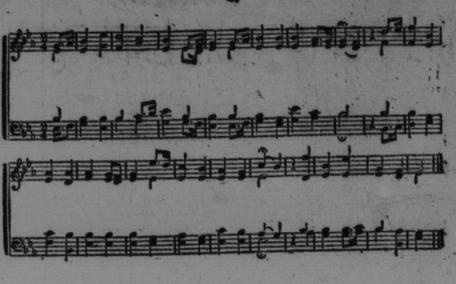
The beautiful carol so popular in both school and home which Dr. Phillips Brooks wrote as he stood in the fields of Bethlehem and looked down on the little city will live in history. There is nothing finer in the whole circle of Christmas carols:

Oh, little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie:
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light.

Another American clergyman who has given us a good Christmas carol is Dr. Augustus Muhlenberg, the founder of the Church of the Holy Communion, New York; St. Luke's Hospital and the settlement at St. John's Land on Long Island. His spirited refrain makes it very popular:

Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!
There are two more carols by American authors. Mrs. Alexander's "Once in David's Royal City," and

While Shepherds Watched.



While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around,
And glory shone around.

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

John Cawood's "Hark! the Sound of Holy Voices."
Fifty years ago the great Christmas hymn was that by Charles Wesley. In fact no Christmas Day was celebrated without it. Its strains are still familiar:

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King.

But this well known hymn is antedated by that from the pen of Nahum Tate, who was poet laureate of England when he wrote it in the year 1706. The poor poet died in a debtors' prison in Southwark in 1735, when "devout women not a few" were singing hymns in the churches close by.

Charlotte Elliott, the bedridden poetess who has given us "Just as I am" has also bequeathed to the Church a Christmas carol, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Kingly Crown."

The earliest Christmas hymn was undoubtedly the "Gloria in Excelsis," which was probably one of the hymns which the Christians were singing in church at Christmas in Nicomedia when Diocletian, the Emperor, ordered the church to be closed and the whole congregation, young and old, burned to death.

It is strange that while we know that Christmas and the Epiphany were celebrated by the singing of hymns, no ancient carols have come down to us.

There is an old carol dating from the fifteenth century which has the "Gloria in Excelsis" in hand, and it begins:

A Babe was born all of a maid
To bring salvation unto us,
No more are we to sing afraid
Vent creator Spiritus.

One of the best carols of the Elizabethan period is that by Robert Southwell, a Jesuit priest who was sent to convert England, but who was seized by her Protestant Majesty Elizabeth and imprisoned in the Tower for three years, and then after suffering the tortures of the rack was executed February 22, 1539. It begins:

Behold, a simple tender Babe
In freezing winter night,
In lonely manger trembling lies,
Alas, a piteous sight.

During the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell the observance of Christmas was forbidden and yet there is a Christmas carol from the Puritan pen of George Withers, who was enriched and promoted by Cromwell and thrown into prison by Charles. It begins:

As on the night before this happy morn
A blessed angel unto shepherds told

Bishop Christopher Wordsworth of Lincoln has given us the hymn beginning "sing, oh sing, this blessed morn!" James Montgomery, who was considered one of England's most eminent poets by no less an authority than Lord Byron, is the author of the carol beginning, "Angels from the realms of glory." Montgomery was born of Moravian parents and dedicated to the ministry, but he took up newspaper work instead and became eminent in general literature as well as in poetry.

Paul Gerhardt, to whom we are indebted for the Easter hymn "Jesus Lives" has also given us a spirited Christmas carol beginning "All my heart this night rejoices."

In the midst of the warlike strife between King Charles and his Parliament in the year 1629, John Milton found both leisure and repose to write his hymn, "On the morning of the nativity," in which there are evidently references to the disturbed condition of things at that time, e. g.:

No war or battle sound
Was heard the world around.

In the compilation of these Christmas odes the true catholicity of the theology of hymns is evident, for among their writers are two English bishops, one Bishop of the American Church, Roman Catholic monks and priests, Unitarian ministers, Moravians and Lutherans; in fact the whole circle of Christian believers has been searched in order to express in the service of song the joys and the peace of Christmas tide.

ROTTEN SERMONS AS CAUSE FOR DIVORCE

Kentucky Clergyman Sues Noted Beauty for Divorce, Alleging Inhuman Treatment—Ait, Actress, Poet, Politician.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Margaret Miller, Kentucky beauty, wit, poetess, actress and politician, who was made defendant in a novel divorce plea filed by a clergyman, in Marion, Ohio, last week, has had a career brim full of excitement, and from the tone of her manner since the filing of the petition she promises to get still more excitement before the dominion procures the severance of the bonds, which he alleges are galling.

The public career of Mrs. Miller dates back to some fifteen years ago, when she sought to essay the role of Madge in the play "In Old Kentucky," and while her career in that particular role was rather brief, she was much in the limelight for the succeeding years until she chose to assume the role of wife to a country parson. That role, too, was rather brief, the couple marrying in this city on October 2, 1906, and the separation taking place more than a year ago.

The question that is now agitating the mind of Mrs. Miller and her relatives and friends in this city is whether the Ohio courts will grant a divorce to the Rev. Mr. Miller on the plea that his wife characterized her sermons as "rotten." While she does not admit that she used such language in discussing his efforts as a pastor, she does deny the other allegations in the petition of cruel and inhuman treatment and abandonment.

Mrs. Miller charges her husband's mother and sister with being at the bottom of all the trouble, and she says she not only intends to fight the suit for her husband, but intends to institute proceedings against the mother for alienation of her husband's affections. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ingles, her father at one time being one of the noted actors in the Kentucky stock farm.

CO-EDUCATION STILL FAR OFF IN GERMANY

Separation of Sex in Educational System of Empire Dying Hard—Arguments Pro and Con Quietly Discussed.

London, Dec. 16.—One of the current controversies in Germany is with regard to the coeducation of the sexes, but it will probably take many years to decide it, so divided is public opinion on the subject and so strong is the opposition to coeducation on the part of the German educational authorities.

The last contribution to the dispute is supplied by an official of the Prussian Education Department, who recently defended the present system of separate instruction before a meeting in Cologne. Not less than fifty-six towns in the Rhine Province, he admitted, had petitioned the departments for permission to receive girl pupils in their high schools for boys, yet permission in every case had been refused and for the following reasons:

In the first place, for girls the educational influence of the woman teacher is indispensable, and there are no women teachers in the boys' high schools. In the second place, the entrance of girls into boys' schools would mean an amount of extra work the girls could not stand, as they would have to learn in six years what they now study in seven and undergo thirty-six hours weekly instruction instead of thirty hours as at present. Lastly, the development of the girl takes place along other lines than that of the boy,

PARISIAN GLADIATORS KISSED AND WERE FRIENDS

The Latest in Duel "Finales" at French Capital—Second Duel in Week for M. Tallhade, the Challenger.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Childhood's rule, "Kiss and be friends" was delightfully acted upon after a duel between two well known literary men, M. L. Urbain Gohier and Parent Tallhade, the poet, at the Parc des Princes the other day. The encounter was due to an article which M. Gohier considered offensive to him.

He selected duelling swords as the weapons, but because of an old wound in M. Tallhade's right arm those were rejected by pistols. The conditions of the duel were exceptionally severe—twenty-five paces and each man to fire two shots. When the principals, met by an army of shivering photographers and journalists.

At the word to fire only M. Gohier discharged his weapon, and the bullet whistled harmlessly over his opponent's head. When the word of command was given for the second time neither combatant fired.

Honor having been declared satisfied, M. Tallhade hat in hand, advanced toward M. Gohier and shook him by the hand saying, "The weapon was not that chosen by you and I should never have forgiven myself if I had fired."

M. Bohler listened bareheaded and in turn offered his hand to his adversary. The latter in his joy at this reconciliation threw his arms round the other's neck and embraced him with true Parisian fervor. The affecting scene was duly recorded by an observant cinematograph operator who has several times been wounded. Since a famous duel which he fought with M. Maurice Barres, the novelist, he has only two fingers of his right hand with which to wield either pen or sword. Today's duel was the second fought by M. Tallhade within a week.

and consequently the curriculum must be suited to the girl's bodily and intellectual health.

An argument commonly used in Germany by the opponents of coeducation is that discarded in coeducation using countries, namely that it tends to make the boys effeminate and the girls masculine.

CLOVER HILL

Clover Hill, Dec. 17.—C. W. McDougall, dairy inspector, is at present delivering a series of interesting and instructive lectures on dairying and agriculture at the different schools in this section, which is another step in advance coming from the Hazen Government.

Miss Jessie Pritchard who has been spending the summer and fall with Mr. Cassidy's family, instead leaving for her home in Englewood a few days.

Mrs. M. R. Cassidy received a telegram of the serious illness of her father in Boston, and left for that place on Monday, where he passed away on Thursday, in the 66th year of his age.

Mr. F. E. Cassidy spent last week with his son at Weistord, Queens in the week visiting friends at Bouctuche.

R. Allen Casidy is spending a few days last week visiting friends at Southfield, was also made glad by the arrival of a son on the tenth inst.

W. F. McDougall spent a few days last week visiting friends at St. John in the woods. He intends getting out about 500,000 feet, and has secured the services of a mill from the B. H. White Co., Sussex, which will cut the lumber into deal, and be hauled to Norton Station.

THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

What The Editor Of A Great Journal Wrote In Reply To The Query Of a Little Girl.

Once a little girl wrote this letter to the editor of the New York Sun:

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says: "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O. HANLON.

And the editor of the Sun, mighty man of invective and sarcasm, became "even as a little child" and wrote the following charming reply:

Virginia: Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They will not believe except they see. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. No body can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in this world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a well covering the unseen world which not the strongest man ever lived could ever tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love and romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the unseen world which not the strongest man ever lived could ever tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love and romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the unseen world which not the strongest man ever lived could ever tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love and romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the unseen world which not the strongest man ever lived could ever tear apart.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now Virginia—may, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

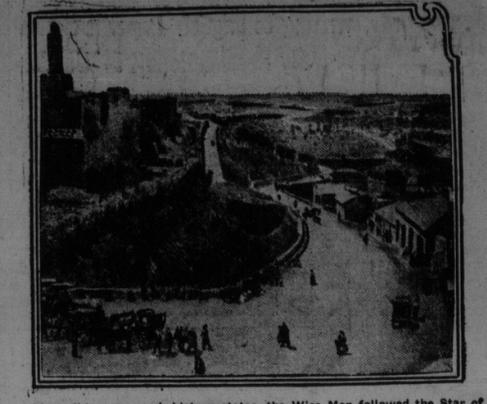
UPPER WOODSTOCK

Upper Woodstock, Dec. 17.—Ellen Cuhant who has been working for Powers & Brewer on the G. T. P. returned home well satisfied, Carleton County, N. B., is good enough for any one.

Mr. Ward Burpee and wife, who have spent the summer in B. C. have returned home well satisfied, Carleton County, N. B., is good enough for any one.

George Chapman and his crew have returned from St. Andrews, where they built a wharf for the C. P. R.

Star Of Bethlehem To Shine This Christmas



Along this very road, history states, the Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to the manger.—From a recent photograph.

Halley's Comet Which Scientists Agree is The Same Famous Body That Guided the Magi to the Cradle at Bethlehem. Will be Seen Again This Year.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.—Psalm, xix. 1.

For the third time since the dawn of the Christian era—the first Christmas, in fact—the holy star of Bethlehem shone on the world this Christmas eve.

The star that shone in the east and guided the wise men to the babe in the manger, bringing with them gifts, was Halley's comet, which is now sweeping the sky in this year of the Lord, 1895. For Halley's comet, as it is now known to the astronomers, calculations prove, was the star of Bethlehem.

The Bible tells us of its first appearance—its first recorded appearance—and describes its remarkable brightness. Astronomers have figured out that this was the same comet discovered in the eighteenth century by Edmund Halley, the British astronomer, and named for him. Now it is shining on its twenty-fifth appearance to people on the earth.

"Wherefore," wrote Halley before his death, "if according to what has been already said the comet should return again about the year 1758, candid posterity will not refuse to acknowledge that this was first discovered by an Englishman."

All classes of people once viewed the approach of the comet with alarm. It was considered the worst of omens. Thrones have tottered and armies have been routed as a result of the comet's coming. But it was not the comet that did it. It was the natural fear in the people.

Louis le Debonnaire was a tyrant in France. But when he saw this same comet in the sky in A. D. 857 he reformed and became a good ruler. No one who is now living will ever see the star of Bethlehem in the sky on Christmas day again. Very few people living today will ever see it at all after this holiday season. For it is not due to shine in the sky again until 1855. Even now it cannot be seen without the aid of a telescope.

Thus this Christmas is made more interesting—holier in the eyes of devout students of the Bible—than ever before.

In all parts of the country today the Jesuit priests, many of whom are noted astronomers, will observe the comet through their powerful telescopes.

Last Call

Today is the Closing Day of what has become known as the Greatest Bargain Event ever conducted in New Brunswick. Our Great Clearance Sale which is now drawing to a close will end tonight at midnight. For today it would be impossible to quote items, but for a final clearance we have arranged several hundred lots of finest merchandise to clear at ANY OLD PRICE. Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, Rubbers and Overshoes, Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Furnishings at less than half price, all day and evening. But to secure the best of the bargains COME EARLY.

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BOYS' SWEATERS, 38, 48, 58	BOYS' OVERCOATS, \$1.98 to 3.48	WOMEN'S BOOTS, 98c to 2.48
BOYS' PANTS, 38 to 98	STAMPEL'S UNDERWEAR, 88c to 98	MEN'S BOOTS, 98c to 3.48
MEN'S PANTS, 88 to \$3.48	MEN'S FANCY VEST, 48	CHILDREN'S RUBBERS, 38
MEN'S GOOD OVERCOATS \$3.99	MEN'S AND BOYS' WARM CAPS, 38c to 68	GIRL'S RUBBERS, 48
		WOMEN'S RUBBERS, 48
		YOUTH'S RUBBERS, 53

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BRITAIN DRINKING LESS, HEAVY DROP IN EXCISE

Chancellor of Exchequer Expresses His Surprise at Sudden Decrease—The Effect of the New Taxes Starting—Falling Off in All Kinds of Liquor.

London, Dec. 15.—In a recent speech in the House of Commons, dealing with the new liquor taxes, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer referred to the decrease in the revenue from liquor as follows: "I had not expected as much whiskey as he had expected. On the other hand, the undertaking business had done much better. (Laughter.) It was a year when the whiskey duty had gone down that the death duties had gone up. (Laughter.) It was quite true that he overestimated the yield of the whiskey duty, and that he stood almost alone in the case he put forward, but he was not in a bit better position to form an estimate than any other man in the House. There was one thing he could not estimate, and that was the increase upon consumption—to what extent the half-penny a glass would operate as an inducement to people to give up their usual share of drinking. That he had no better means of estimating than had any other member of the House. He made a very liberal allowance for diminution in consumption, so liberal that nobody either in the House or outside, agreed with him. He was not as absurd. Even the honorable member for Ayr Burghs disagreed. Mr. Younge: I started in the House that my calculation was that there would be a drop in consumption of 14 per cent, whereas the drop has been a greater.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said the honorable member had a better opportunity of judging than he had. (Laughter.) What he meant was that the honorable member represented a great distillery constituency, and so that extent he was in a better position than the people in the trade. He (the Chancellor of the Exchequer) was not. There was only one Welsh distillery ever started, and it failed because nobody would buy the whiskey. The officials could not estimate the effect upon consumption, and no minister could. They might reckon that a workman had so much money to spend upon liquor, and if they increased the cost he would restrict his expenditure accordingly. But he found that it had gone beyond that, and his information now was that there were thousands of people who drank a less percentage in proportion to the increased tax, but that some had dropped it altogether, and that some were drinking half what they were drinking before. "Altogether," continued the chancellor, "it has had a most extraordinary effect upon the habits of the people. I am not here to apologize for that at all. (Cheers.) I have heard of some districts in Ireland where the drinking of spirits has gone down by 70 per cent. I have heard that in Scotland it has gone down by 50 per cent. I have a telegram from the whiskey distillers of Glasgow telling me that it has gone down in Glasgow by 38 per cent."

Drinking Other Things.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain asked what was the result of the right honorable gentleman's remarks as to the extent to which people had taken to drinking other things like champagne or in lieu of whiskey. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said he thought people would have been driven to drinking something of that kind, but they had not. He said that the consumption of spirits had not been driven from one kind of liquor to another, but they had been driven out of liquor altogether. (Cheers.) Beer drinking was going down, and so far as wine was concerned there was no appreciable difference. (Cheers.) Beer drinking, Mr. Lloyd-George went on, "now are the consumption of spirits both foreign and home manufactured, will go down by something between 25 and 30 per cent. That means that a less quantity of spirits will be consumed in this country than in any other country in the world. Anybody who thinks that means more revenue, and if it involves a lessening of the tax on spirits, it is a very good thing. (Cheers.) They are drinking less beer than was anticipated, so that the improvement all around is something significant from the social point of view."



Three noted Chloemen are shown in the above picture. Left to right they are: Chang Hing-nien, Baron Liu Kuei and Sung Shan. All have received modern education, and they are in Washington to study the system of government in the United States. When they arrived in Washington they were welcomed in the president's suite at union station by an agent of the state department.

A Big Drop.

Mr. Younge.—That means that the drop this year will be equal to the total drop of the last ten years, which was nine million gallons. (Ministerial cheer.) The Chancellor of the Exchequer.—Yes, that is a very interesting and significant fact. He knew it was said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's first consideration ought to be a financial one, that was not strictly accurate, so far as the taxes on alcoholic liquor were concerned, and never had been. If they looked at the whole history of the taxation of liquor they would find that every minister had used the weapon of finance to counter some excess in the drinking of some particular spirit. He thought that was so when gin drinking was destroyed. Scotland was supposed to have been whiskey drinking from the time of the deluge, but he was told that Scotland only took to drinking whiskey during comparatively modern times. It used

WINS PRAISE OF LONDON CRITICS

Remarkable Success of Francis Richter, the Blind Pianist.

London, Dec. 15.—Francis Richter, a young pianist, who was born in Minneapolis, and has been totally blind since a few weeks after his birth, gave a brilliant recital at the Aeolian Hall, and more than confirmed the success obtained at his debut here a year ago. Richter has, of course, to memorize all his music, and his repertoire is extraordinary. He told a New York "Times" correspondent that in addition to his collection for the concert platform he knows by heart every standard overture in existence, and a great number of pieces for piano and orchestra. For nine years he played in orchestras in America. "From the first few weeks after my birth I have been blind," said Mr. Richter, "in spite of his affliction, he is one of the cheeriest of companions. At the age of three years an operation was performed upon my eyes, and for a few days I had my sight. But the only impression I retain on my brain of that brief glimpse of the world are colors. If you speak of any color I visualize them as, I suppose, any ordinary man does; but I carry with me no recollection of the appearance of anything else—that a human being looks like, for example.

Born of a musical family in Minneapolis, he was brought up from childhood in a musical atmosphere. I was little more than three years old when my father, himself a violinist and conductor, discovered by chance my ear for music. While playing the "Blue Danube Waltz" he struck a wrong note, and I so far forgot my respect for him as to tell him of it. "He taught me the names of the notes, and when I was four I could play a little. Now I play everything from a tap drum to the organ, with the piano as my special choice. "When I was studying in Vienna the blind composer, Joseph Lohr, taught me the Braille system. I am so thankful that I learned it. It has opened a new world to me. Prior to learning this I had to depend solely on my memory, pieces being played over to me. "Improvisation is a forte with Mr. Richter, it may be remarked. As a composer he has been extraordinarily industrious, having written, or rather dictated 122 compositions and one light opera. This was produced at the age of six, and had been made since the first. "The Grand Nazim," and the theme is based on the wedding journey from "Lallah Rookh."

WIRE PICTURES FROM LONDON.

British Scientists Perfecting the Apparatus That Will Send Them.

London, Dec. 15.—Telegraphing pictures from London to New York is the problem at present engaging the attention of the scientists. In a lecture given before the Royal Society of Arts, Thorne Baker said that Prof. Korn was likely to find a practical solution of sending photographs by the ordinary cable across the Atlantic, while he himself was endeavoring to perfect a wireless system for the same purpose, which had already given promising results in his laboratory. A complete series of photographs was shown illustrating the progress that had been made since the first instruments of Prof. Korn were established in November, 1907, at the offices of the Daily Mirror. The Korn telegraph will enable Prof. Baker to telegraph with a fair measure of success. The improvement in the processes of transmission which this relatively brief period is striking.

TRAGEDY OF ERRORS.

Through Mistake City Rector Delivers Funeral Sermon on Living Man.

London, Dec. 15.—A well-known city man, Mr. James Thomas Slater, of the firm of Bedford, Sons, and Slater, undertaker, of Farringdon street, had the doubtful pleasure of having a funeral sermon preached in regard to him at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Sunday evening.

Mr. Slater, an old gentleman of eighty-five was for some years church warden at St. Andrew's. He has not been going to business for some time, and has lived with his wife at Crouch Hill. Saturday's "Times" contained the announcement:— "SLATER.—On the 11th inst. Jas. Thomas Slater, of Laurel Bank, Hornsey Lane, N., and late of 5, Wood street, E.C., in his 85th year. Funeral at Abney Park Cemetery, Monday, 15th, at 12 o'clock. No flowers by request." The rector of St. Andrew's, the Rev. Deane Craven, saw this, and on Sunday evening, in addition to making the announcement of Mr. Slater's death from his pulpit, preached a funeral panegyric on the churchwarden's life and usefulness. Monday brought many sympathetic letters to the business premises of Bedford, Sons, and Slater, in Farringdon street, to offer condolences. Then inquiry was made at Crouch Hill, and Mr. Slater himself was able to declare he was still alive.

ENVIOUS FATHER KILLS SON.

Budapest, Dec. 15.—Envy of his son's ability caused Karl Balog, conductor of a band of gypsy musicians, to become a murderer. The tragedy occurred at Palonka, Hungary. Balog's son, Janosi, a lad of sixteen, promised to become a great master on the violin than his father, but the latter, instead of being pleased about Janosi's talent, was envious. Janosi proposed to form his own band and to tour Hungary and abroad. The father, fearing that the son would outdo his fame, attempted to dissuade Janosi, but the latter stood on his ground. Janosi, however, was not to be deterred, and he was seized by his father, who, in a fit of rage, seized a pocket knife and

WONDERFUL OPERATION GIVES SIGHT TO WOMAN BORN BLIND

PATIENT AMAZED AND STARTLED BY THE UNEXPECTED SIZE OF THINGS—A SURGICAL MARVEL—IN A STRANGE WORLD.

London, Dec. 15.—A remarkable case of a woman who was born blind receiving her sight by a surgical operation at the age of thirty-six is reported from Kent. The fortunate patient is Miss Annie Hubbard, of Orchard street, Maidstone. Having undergone futile operations in her youth, she entered St. George's Blind School, Southwark, where she learned brushmaking, basketry, and typewriting, and returned home resigned to a sightless life. Recently she was urged to go to Maidstone Ophthalmic Hospital, and a successful operation, was there carried out. A

she gets the flowers and the leaves. And when she gets the glasses that are being made for her! What a wonderful world will then be opened up to her! It is doubtful, though, if she will be able to read character better than before. The blind have wonderful intuition in that respect. "You can tell," she said, "by a person's face what kind of a nature he has. If he is angry, or happy, his face tells you so; and perhaps you think that blind people who cannot see faces cannot read a stranger's character. "But we can. You rely so much on your sight that little changes in the tone of a speaker's voice, little movements, changes of breathing, escape



MADAME PAUL RICHTER, WIFE OF THE SWISS MINISTER TO THE U. S. SHE HAS LEFT HER COUNTRY RECENTLY TO JOIN HER HUSBAND.

new pupil was cut in the iris of one eye, and the black veil was lifted. "It seemed," says Miss Hubbard, "as if something was passed across my eyes, without pain, and then everything seemed white in the operating room. My eye was bandaged at once, but when it was uncovered in the ward I could see the nurse's face, white cap, and dark dress. "The transition from the world of utter darkness to one of at any rate, partial light, has filled Miss Hubbard with amazement. "Even if my sight never gets better than it is today," she said, "I shall never be able to express the wonderful joy it has brought into my life. "But there is every promise that it will get better; it is strong on every day, and objects begin to grow more distinct. Miss Hubbard marvels at this new wonder that she beholds; she is so glad to see her mother and father in her inability to become accustomed to saying, 'I saw.' For instance, after seeing a horse for the first time she said it was the first one she had ever "touched." She cannot forget that her finger tips have been so many years as eyes to her. She was astonished, even frightened, at the size of the horse, having always had the smaller animal. The width of the streets, too, and the highest of trees astonished her. To her houses and tramcars are like realizations of giants.

THE WONDERFUL BLIND.

"Even human beings are ever so much bigger than I had imagined they would be," she explained. "You see, when you are blind, you rely on your touch to tell you what things look like; but, of course, with anything big you can only touch a little part of it at a time. So you cannot manage to guess how high or how broad it becomes. It sounds strange to see that there are some things Miss Hubbard could see that she had never seen before. She will ascend or descend a flight of stairs much better with her eyes shut than open. The explanation is that as yet she is unable to accurately gauge distance. That will, however, come later. Meanwhile, Miss Hubbard is daily, like a small schoolgirl, adding to her knowledge of inanimate objects. "I had not need to be told what a table or chair was," she said, speaking of her first day of sight. "I had known just what they were like," but with regard to other things she is almost ignorant, and every little bit of acquired knowledge gives her the keenest delight. She looks round the room, and says proudly, "I can see that clock, and those photographs, and the shaft on the table there." The previous day she was delighted because she could tell the difference in the wallpaper between the

SUFFRAGETTE RELATES PRISON EXPERIENCES

Successfully Resisted Attempts to Feed Her by Force—Prison Officials Turned the Hose on Her to Force Her Out of Cell Which She Had Barricaded.

London, Dec. 15.—Miss Davison, the suffragette, who was committed to Strangeways Prison, near Manchester, in default of paying a fine for breaking windows at Radcliffe, England, was released, under order of the Home Secretary on Nov. 15. She had managed to barricade with a plank the door of her cell, and in the course of an attempt to enter it made by the prison officials, water from the order pipe was turned on her by the order of the visiting justices. She is the first "hunger striker" who successfully resisted the forcible administering of food by the prison authorities. "EXPERIENCES IN PRISON. "When we were taken from Radcliffe to the Bury police station on the night of Wednesday, Nov. 8," Miss Davison said after her release, "we were taken into the police cells, which were dark and most unpleasant places. We had breakfast before we were brought before the justices, and that was the last meal I had before this evening since my release. We were given eggs, bread and butter, and tea, and as my egg happened to be bad I did not have a very substantial meal. I refused to take any luncheon. We were taken into Strangeways Prison early in the evening, and in the women's reception room we saw a justice of the peace and some of the prison officials. We told the magistrate that we should refuse to obey any of the prison regulations and do anything that was required of us. 'Don't you think you are acting rather foolishly?' he asked. 'No,' I replied; 'we are acting on principle.' We were then taken to our cells. We were undressed, and our clothing replaced by the prison clothing, and the letter and number of my cell was H.4. We sang songs. We sang the 'Marseillaise,' and, as we always do, the second verse of the National Anthem, only we alter it in this way—

"Confound their politics, Frustrate their knavish tricks, On votes our hopes we fix, God save us all. Then we sang 'Fight the Good Fight,' 'Ourselves Christian Soldiers,' and other hymns. "I immediately set about breaking the windows of my cell. The prison shoes are pretty substantial, and I could reach the window without difficulty, and after a good deal of hammering on the glass I succeeded in getting through. There was, therefore, removed to the adjoining cell, H.4. I had taken no food on Thursday and I was fed on a feeding-up on Friday morning. I was held down by the wardens and a jail surgeon in a horizontal position, a wedge was placed in my mouth, and liquid poured in by means of a feeding-cup. My nostrils were pressed to the wall, and I was forced to swallow, but I managed to eject a good deal of it, and my clothing had to be changed. The experience was a most dreadful one, and I had to sleep that night, and afterwards fed by the injection of food through the nostrils, which was even worse. "The Barricade and Water. "I had been considering how I could barricade myself in my cell, and when I was removed from my original cell to the adjoining one, I saw the wardens and I thought, 'This is my chance.' I removed the two planks and found that, put lengthways, they filled the space between the door of the cell and the opposite wall, with the exception of about two or three feet. This intervening space I filled with straw, which was secured by the wardens, and set upon them as they tried to keep the planks in position. When the wardens pushed the planks into the door and found that I had prevented it from being opened the warden came, and someone cried, 'Get out of that plank.' "I shook my head, but made no reply. The order was repeated several times, but I still shook my head, but soon came a man who must have been a good many of them—and began to work at the door. I still declined to move. Then a male voice, probably that of the deputy governor, addressed me, and said, 'Unless I moved and allowed the door to be opened, the pipe would be turned upon me. I did not move, and a ladder was placed at the window outside. Then I thought, 'I have been sitting in the window, and had difficulty apparently in carrying the ladder, and I thought, 'I will try to break through the window, which had first to be broken. "The water was turned on, but I held firmly to the planks. It continued for more than three or four minutes. The force of the water, however, did not dislodge me, but so much was thrown that there was soon several inches of water in the cell. Then someone—I should think it was the doctor or his assistant—called loudly, 'stop,' and the water was turned off. Then the men outside returned their attempts to force the door, which had poured upon me, and a warden got in, succeeded, and a warden got in. I was lifted up, wrapped in blankets, and taken to the hospital side, where I was put into a warm bath. I remember the warden saying, 'What strength of will they have!' "Following this, Miss Davison said she remained in the hospital, where feeding by force was continued night and morning. "The doctor," she said, "repeatedly told me to be good," and added, "If you will only be quiet," I replied that I would not, and he and the warden had to hold me down. The wardens were very strong. Miss Davison said, "I had not need to know something of the life, but I managed to squirm about a good deal. The hospital was a good deal better, but I think there was some medicine of some kind in it, because although the first night I did not sleep at all, on the subsequent nights, after being fed, I slept like a top. I also grew very hungry between the feeds."

ROMANTIC WEDDING

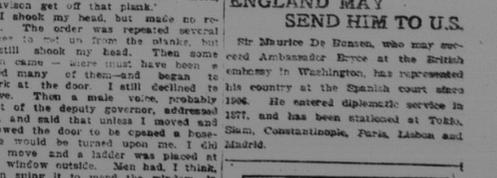
Survivor of Submarine Disaster as Bridegroom.

London, Dec. 15.—A romantic incident of a sad naval disaster was recalled by a marriage at Trinity Church, Sloane Street, when Lieut. Geoffrey Watkins, R.N., was married to Miss Phyllis Cooke.

The bridegroom was on duty in the command-tower of the H.L.S. submarine C11, which went down off Yarmouth with a loss of thirteen lives, and he owed his life to Lieut. Gordon Brodie, R.N., who was in command of the submarine, and who acted as boat man at the wedding. There was a large crowd of eighteenth-century outside the church, the wedding attracting much public interest. The service was attended by several officers in full uniform, and a number of them formed an orchestra of records as the bride couple passed down the aisle. There were five seasons, color being served officers and one an army officer. The bride's party was Miss Phyllis Watkins, who was dressed in a naval suit. Lieut. Watkins is one of the three survivors of the submarine C11, which, on November 10, 1907, was on duty at the command-tower of the H.L.S. submarine C11, and was below the time of the disaster, the second in command, Lieut. Watkins, being on duty in the command-tower. Lieut. Watkins was patched on to the boat, and, hampered by heavy boots and clothes, he was sinking when Lieut. Brodie rushed up from below. Seeing his comrades in dire distress he dived in and succeeded after a desperate struggle in keeping his head above water, until they were both picked up by a boat from submarine C12. Nothing was more startling than that Lieut. Brodie, who saved the bridegroom's life, should act as his best man.

ENGLAND MAY SEND HIM TO U.S.

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LIVED TO 128.

Budapest, Dec. 15.—Death has robbed Nagyvárad, an old world town in the romantic Magyar country, of its most picturesque inhabitant, Mme. Landau, who passed away at the age of 128.

NOBEL PRIZE FOR MARCONI

Stockholm, Dec. 15.—According to a paper the Nobel Prize for Physics will be divided between Blaise Bragg and Prof. Ferdinand Karl Braun, of Strassburg, Germany, who introduced wireless telegraph in the Shroveton system.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds, mostly westerly, mostly cloudy, a little lower temperature.

NEW ENGLAND FORECAST.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy Saturday, local snows in north portion; Sunday, generally fair, moderate to brisk west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Baptist Ministers' Meeting. At the Baptist ministers' meeting next Monday morning Rev. David Hutchinson will give an address on Peter and the Keys of the Kingdom.

Thorne Lodge Temperance Meeting. Rev. Jas. Crisp will address the Thorne Lodge temperance meeting to be held in Haymarket Square hall tomorrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

A Bridge Party. Mrs. H. E. Macdonnell was hostess at a bridge party yesterday afternoon at her residence Duke street. Prizes were won by Miss Travers and Mrs. H. C. Schofield.

Called to the Bar in B. C. A telegram received in the city last evening conveyed the news that Mr. J. Milton Price, who removed to British Columbia a few months ago had been called to the bar of that province yesterday.

Fine Allowed to Stand. In the police court yesterday afternoon the operation will be for the Hotel, who was charged by F. E. Pierce, yard man at the hotel, with assaulting him, was found guilty by Police Magistrate Ritchie and fined \$20. The fine was allowed to stand.

Its Christmas Time. Carrying out the principle that it is more blessed to give than to receive, the Centenary church Sunday school will on Sunday afternoon take a collection of such articles as groceries, fruit, dolls, games and toys, etc., and will distribute them where they will do the most good.

For the Seamen's Mission. The Seamen's Mission Society acknowledges the receipt of \$50 from Mr. W. E. Earle for the building fund, and the following sums for the maintenance fund: Mr. Joseph Allison, \$25; Mrs. Joseph Allison, \$25; The Robert Reford Company, Ltd., \$20; Mrs. James F. Robertson, \$10; R. A. Ltd., \$10; J. and A. McMillan, \$10; Church of Redeemer, Toronto, \$5.

Morgan in Critical Condition. Edward Morgan who was found in a doorway in Brussels street on Thursday morning and taken to the General Hospital, was in a very critical condition last night, being only semi-conscious and at times delirious. The unfortunate man's condition was apparently brought on by exposure, as he stated on being taken to the hospital that he had no abode, and was out in the open all the time.

Help the King's Daughters. Although the King's Daughters have been placed outside the King's Daughters' Guild on Chipman Hill has been filled, the ladies of the Guild feel that the donations of such articles as groceries, fruit, dolls, games and toys, etc., and will distribute them where they will do the most good.

Portland Street Kindergarten Closing. The closing exercises of the Portland street Kindergarten in charge of Mrs. W. C. Matthews, were held yesterday. Forty-eight children were present and the display of gifts upon which they had been engaged for the last three weeks made an excellent showing. After the samples of their work had been taken from a Christmas tree by the little ones, the children retired from the room and in their absence Santa Claus appeared, having a bag of candy and a suitable present for each child.

Claims \$1,000 Damages. Before His Honor Mr. Justice McLeod in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday the case of T. Allan Bustin vs. the City of St. John was commenced. This suit has been pending for almost two years. The plaintiff, who is a farmer in the Parish of Simonds, is suing the city for \$1,000 claiming that amount as damages to his property by the destruction of trees by the Loch-Lomond water pipe. The plaintiff, his son and co-counsel Mr. Shillington gave evidence yesterday as to the amount of damage done. This practically closed the plaintiff's case. Adjournment was made until Monday afternoon. Mr. Stewart L. Fairweather and Mr. J. H. A. L. Fairweather appeared for the plaintiff and the defendant respectively.

Portland Junior Epworth League. An enjoyable evening was spent in the school room of Portland Methodist church last evening when the Junior Epworth League provided a pleasant entertainment for their friends. A large number were present. The programme was as follows: Chorus, Junior League; recitation, Richard Saunders; time chorus, boys and girls; recitation, Berton King; duet, Lillian and Mabel McConnell; dialogue, Kenneth McLaughlin and Carl Chase; song, Fire Brigade, sixteen boys and girls; dialogue, Annie Calhoun and George White; reading, Marion Panjor; mandolin solo, Ethel McEachern; reading, Myrtle Panjor; solo, Annie Patterson; dialogue, Four Seasons, Ada Calhoun, Nina Chase, Rhea Bissett and Kenneth McLaughlin; reading, M. White; duet, Lillian and Mabel McConnell; reading, Marion Panjor; duet, Marion White and Rhea Bissett; chorus, God Save the King.

TO SECURE WATER POWER FOR ST. JOHN INDUSTRIES

Aldermen and Board of Trade Now Grappling With The Problem—Mispec And Silver Falls Again Being Considered—Suggestion To Exchange Pulp Mill For Rights On Musquash River—City To Be Asked To Have Surveys Made.

Travelling by different routes and not doing any advertising on the journey, members of the Common Council and a sub-committee of the Board of Trade are aiming to secure the development of water power in the neighborhood of St. John for the benefit of present and prospective industries.

At the present time the only electric power available is supplied through the St. John Railway Company, and it is claimed by manufacturers and those in touch with the situation that the price today is prohibitive. "What is the cost of power?" is the first question asked by a concern seeking to locate in St. John. So far no satisfactory answer to the question has been given.

Within easy distance of the city there are three sources from which water power for the generation of electricity can be derived, Little River, the Mispec stream and the Musquash and its branches. Each in a quiet way is just now receiving some attention in an attempt to solve the problem.

Silver Falls. Some of the aldermen who are alive to the possibilities of Silver Falls, on Little River, have been acquiring data which tend to show that with the expenditure of a moderate sum in acquiring certain rights on the stream, a fall of 120 feet would be available, and sufficient power could be developed to prove a material factor in cheapening the cost in the city.

On the part of the Board of Trade there is a more active movement.

Within the last few days the subject has been under discussion by a sub-committee and the Mispec stream and the Musquash river are both receiving attention. The Mispec as a source of power is an old story. It has been advocated and condemned by engineers for years.

The latest proposition is to build dams at the outlet from Loch Lomond and at points between the upper lakes and create a vast storage reservoir. With this additional power of supply it is claimed that a dam near Mispec would develop 2500 H.P. or sufficient to provide all the power used in the city. The difficulties surrounding this proposition in the way of riparian damages, etc., have yet to be considered, but the scheme is claimed by its promoters to be entirely feasible.

On the Musquash. A more original proposition deals with the Musquash river. The water rights on this stream are controlled by the Inglewood Pulp Company, with which Messrs. Stetson, Cutler & Co. are closely identified. The Mispec pulp mill is now under lease from the city to this concern, and it has been suggested that the city might negotiate to exchange the mill for the water rights on the Musquash to the mutual benefit of both parties.

While none of these proposals has so far taken concrete form there is no doubt that in the near future the Board of Trade will ask the city to make a survey to ascertain if power can be delivered in St. John at a cost which would make it available for industrial purposes.

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ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN K. OF C. ROOMS LAST EVENING

Will Be Open To All Of Irish Ancestry Irrespective Of Religion—Committee To Draw Up Constitution.

At a well attended meeting in the Knights of Columbus' rooms last evening definite action was taken with regard to the formation of the St. Patrick's Society. It was decided to organize and a committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up a constitution and by-laws.

The society will be open to all men of Irish race and ancestry irrespective of religion. It will be conducted along the same lines as the existing societies in Montreal and Halifax and will be to men of Irish descent what St. George's Society means to the Englishman and St. Andrew's to the Scot.

Mr. D. Mullin, K. C. presided at the meeting last night and Mr. Frank McCafferty acted as secretary. After the decision to organize, some time was spent in discussing the terms of the constitution. The committee appointed to prepare the constitution and by-laws is as follows: Hon. E. J. Ritchie, Dr. J. P. McInerney, M. F. P. Mr. W. J. Parks, Mr. F. E. Williams and Mr. Mullin.

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