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LAD KILLED.

Dead Body Found Frozen Stiff and Throat Cut.

Pittsburg Detectives Looking For Man Who Did the Deed.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Practically the entire detective force of Greater Pittsburg is attempting a solution to-day of the murder of James Lawrence Friel, the 14-year-old boy, whose body was found yesterday in an abandoned house in the north side, partially nude, frozen stiff and the throat terribly lacerated with a knife.

Young Friel had been missing from his home since Dec. 13th. Yesterday a small boy, playing in the rooms of the abandoned house accidentally stumbled on to the body. The police believe the boy was murdered last Thursday. Young Friel's gingham shirt was loosened about the neck and the throat mutilated. The limbs were unclotted, but had been neatly covered with the boy's overcoat.

"Yeggmen" infest the district in which the crime occurred and the police are conducting a rigid investigation among this class of criminals.

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DR. MACNAMARA ON REFORM OF TARIFF.

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DR. MACNAMARA. London, Dec. 27.—There was a very large gathering of members at the National Liberal Club on Wednesday, to take part in an "emergency meeting" called "To protest against the unconstitutional action of the House of Lords in rejecting the budget."

Dr. Macnamara supported the resolution. He began by stating that the issue was not only vital—it was conspicuously clear and momentously great. Taxation had been placed by our predecessors on a democratic basis, on which it seemed to be firmly established. The memories of the struggles by which that was effected were, as the Lords found to their surprise, green and sacred. The Lords had been hustled into activity by the recklessness of the Tariff Reformers, and their advisers were coming to their rescue by frantic efforts to obscure the issue altogether.

They denied that the Lords had killed the budget—"all they wanted to do was to ascertain the gracious pleasure of the people upon it." As well might the farmer's wife take the opinion of the chickens as to in which particular kind of sauce they would like to be broiled up in.

But the workingmen knew the House of Lords, for the last hundred years, as the stubborn opponents of popular liberties and the stubborn defenders of unpopular prejudices; and in a struggle between the Lords and the people he was backing the people.

Parliament had, during the whole of his experience, been practically under single Chamber rule, with Mr. Balfour as dictator. When the Tories were in the House of Commons was the single Chamber; when the Liberals were in it was the House of Lords. Mr. Austen Chamberlain complained that Mr. Asquith, in his speech at the Albert Hall, did not mention the navy. Of course not; Mr. Asquith knew that all is well under the White Ensign, and that the British navy stands to-day right up to the level of its own glorious past.

Toryism, Dr. Macnamara went on, had taken down and furnished up that old piece of stage property, the Home Rule

MOB HANGS MURDERER.

Taken From Heavy Guard at Hurley (Va.) Lockup.

Cut Down in Morning After Hanging All Night to Pipe.

Shot Dead Husband, Wounded the Mother and Her Two Children.

Hurley, Va., Dec. 26.—Following the killing here on Christmas Eve of Samuel Baker, and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the farmer's enemy, Henry Pennington, a mob of 100 citizens late last night took Pennington from an improvised jail, where he had been locked up under heavy guard, and hanged him to a steam pipe. The body was then riddled with bullets.

Pennington, who has been drinking, picked a quarrel with Baker and shot him while the latter was on his way to a Sunday school Christmas entertainment with his wife, his two children and a friend, Wyatt Meadows. Seeing that he had killed Baker, Pennington started to run. Mrs. Baker called after him and implored him to help her take her husband's body home.

The rice worked and Pennington went back to the spot where his victim lay dead. Mrs. Baker grabbed Pennington's pistol from his pocket and shot twice at him. She succeeded in wounding him in the hand and thigh. Pennington got the pistol from the woman, shot her and then tried to kill Meadows, who was running away, and the two children.

Pennington fled, but was surrounded by a posse on the outskirts of the town later in the night. He was captured after an exchange of shots with the officers, who badly wounded him.

Being too weak to stand the journey to the Grundy jail, fifteen miles distant, over mountainous country, Pennington was locked up in the constable's house, but about noon yesterday it was thought best to remove him to a boarding-house, where he was put under a strong guard.

Feeling against Pennington ran high and many covert threats of lynching were heard during the day. Last night a band of about 100 citizens were quietly organized, the guard was overpowered and Pennington was taken to the engine-room of a lumber mill nearby and hanged to a steam pipe. The body was riddled with bullets and was then left hanging until this morning.

Baker's funeral was held to-day, but his wife was too badly wounded to attend. Baker was a son-in-law of Aunt Betty Justice, and a brother-in-law of George Meadows, two of the victims of the sextuple murder here several months ago, to which Howard Little has been sentenced to die in the electric chair on January 6th.

FATAL LAUGH.

Enraged Teamster Kills Girl Who He Thought Was Joking.

Murderer Then Sets Fire to His House and Dies in Flames.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Because he thought she had laughed at him in passing, Conrad Yox, 45 years old, a teamster employed at the Maryland Asylum and Training School for the Feeble Minded, at Owings Mills, about fifteen miles from here, this evening shot dead Miss Berta Phillips, of Cambridge, and fired five bullets in the body of Miss Edith Spence, an attendant at the institution.

Yox then barricaded himself in the quarters which certain of the institution employees are housed and, scattering kerosene about, set fire to the building. It was destroyed, and Yox was burned to death.

The two young women had been sleighriding with Thomas O'Reilly and were within a short distance of the institution when they passed Yox. Miss Phillips mistook him for someone whom she knew, and spoke pleasantly as the sleigh passed him. Her attention was called to her mistake, and she laughed heartily.

Demanding to be told whether she was laughing at him, Yox immediately fired, and Miss Phillips fell out of the sleigh dead. A second shot struck Miss Spence, who, as the frightened horse started to run, also fell out of the vehicle.

Yox ran up and shot her four more times, leaving her for dead. She managed to reach the institution, but is said to be in a critical condition. Yox also fired a number of shots at O'Reilly, none of which took effect.

JEWELRY THIEF.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Show windows of two downtown jewelry stores were robbed of watches and other articles of jewelry yesterday by a man who broke the plate glass windows with a paper-covered brick. The victims and estimated amounts of losses are: Lewy Bros., \$4,000; L. Manasse, \$1,000.

Col. Von Kotten, chief of the secret police of Moscow, has been appointed to succeed Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police in St. Petersburg, who was assassinated on Dec. 22.

RIVER HIGH.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—At Algona, 30 miles above Detroit, the St. Clair River rose all yesterday and at midnight was two feet beyond the high water mark. The sudden rise is said to be due to the formation of an ice jam in the Detroit River. The government probably will be asked to blast the gorge unless the water recedes.

SHOPPERS' NARROW ESCAPE.

A serious accident was narrowly averted on Friday afternoon at the corner of King and Hughson streets, and that some in the crowd of shoppers were not injured is nothing short of miraculous. A horse that was being driven by John Jones became frightened at a passing automobile, got beyond control and started off down King street at a breakneck speed. Near the corner of the streets in question it ran on the sidewalk, which was crowded with shoppers, who quickly scattered in all directions. Fortunately the horse was prevented from further exuberance by a man in the crowd. The driver, however, was thrown out and was badly shaken up.

DOING WELL AT COLLINGWOOD.

The many friends of Rev. R. Macnamara, who was recently appointed to the parish of Collingwood, will be pleased to hear of the hearty welcome he and Mrs. Macnamara have been given by their parishioners.

The new rector is making good. A Collingwood man, who is spending a few days in town, says that the attendance at the Wednesday meeting service has increased from a dozen to eighty and ninety. Mr. Macnamara has already interested himself in the Y. M. C. A. of the town, and as he has a great capacity for work, coupled with tact and a good share of Irish wit, doubtless he will be as successful in Collingwood as he was in the smaller parish of Winona, where he was so beloved by his people.

The world wouldn't be so full of kickers if we all had wooden legs.

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McLAREN FOR 1910.

There will be no opposition to Mayor McLaren being Mayor of Hamilton for another term. In spite of all the blustering and threatening that have been done in the vain attempt to create the impression that the ratepayers of the city were dissatisfied with his course and were eager to express themselves—and notwithstanding the expenditure of much effort and some money to induce an opposition candidate to enter the field, he was this morning elected by acclamation.

HOPKINS FUNKS.

After all the boasting and threatening of the Hamilton Herald, which for weeks has been assuring its readers that Hamilton was seething with indignation against Mayor McLaren, the ratepayers being eager to withdraw their confidence from him in favor of a candidate to be presented by the little clique of faddists and grafters of which it is the mouth-piece, the courage of the much-heralded opposition has oozed out, and its heart has dissolved in dish-water. Great efforts were made to secure T. J. Stewart as the spite candidate, and boasts were made that there were any number of men ready, should he absolutely decline, Mr. Stewart studied the situation, sized up the gang which tempted him, and his reply was an emphatic: "Get thee behind me, Satan!" Failing to find a way to Mr. Stewart's savings, the gang set itself to work to find a substitute. It found one in Dr. Hopkins whose ambition and vanity were strongly appealed to by the invitation to be made a municipal chopping-block; and he was put before the electors with much rejoicing. Two days later, calm reflection led him to announce his retirement from the contest. Did the great grandson of the distinguished great-grandfather, whom the Herald introduced into the mayoral arena, develop a streak of "sol-low"? That would not be a logical deduction from the facts. Dr. Hopkins was, we believe, quite certain that in a contest with Mayor McLaren he would be buried beneath an overwhelming adverse majority. We do not think that this certainty would have prevented him from allowing himself to be used as the instrument of spite of the Hydro Electric conspirators. But there were other considerations. Dr. Hopkins knew the gang and its "principles." He diagnosed the ailments from which it was suffering and he realized that it would look to him for nutriment. While not averse to a losing fight, it was hardly to be expected that Dr. Hopkins would view with satisfaction the prospect of squandering his substance to sate the appetites of the municipal rascals which the prospect of election plenty was gathering around him. Lighting cigars with \$10 bills may give an appearance of lordliness, but few people in their senses indulge in it, and this mayoralty fight could not but strike the Ward 6 alderman, who the gang was working upon, as an equally Quixotic exhibition. He slept over the proposition, and then, much against the grain as it was, he funk'd the job.

Hopkins' withdrawal is a confession of want of confidence in the gang, its aims and methods. It is an admission that the attacks upon Mayor McLaren, his power policy and his general municipal record, have been insincere, false and malicious. Should the men who plotted this conspiracy and sought through it to injure or destroy the Mayor and aldermen who have served the city so well be allowed to find places in next year's council? Are those who are capable of such bad faith toward the electors fit to be trusted to help to do their business in the coming year?

UNREASONABLE CLAIMS.

The temporary truce in the wordy political battle in Great Britain to permit both parties to celebrate Christmas is over. This week it is expected that the British Free Trade League will put forward 800 campaign speakers, and the dalliers with "tariff reform" alias protection will get all the discussion they wish. These speakers are drawn from all ranks, many of them being largely interested in Britain's great manufacturing industries. There is no desire on the part of the Liberals to evade the issue of Free Trade vs. Protection. They welcome it gladly.

But no rest will be given the defenders of the extraordinary privileges claimed by the House of Lords. The demand for reform of that chamber is loud and insistent. Government by the people is recognized to be the stake. The pretensions of the Lords have been brought before the country in a strong light by their rejection of the budget, and they will be made the centre of the popular attack. The situation is very clearly set forth in calm and well-considered words by Premier Asquith:

"In the first place, we have the claim of the Upper House, not as an archaic legal survival, but as a living and effective right, to control the levying of taxation. In the second place, we have the claim of the same House—a body which cannot itself be dissolved—to compel a dissolution of the popular Chamber. And lastly, as a consequence and corollary of the other two, we have an assertion of its power to make or to unmake the Executive Government of the Crown."

The contention of the Lords is a practical usurpation of the powers of the popular House and of the Crown. Nothing could be clearer. The power to dissolve Parliament rests with the Sovereign; but the Sovereign would not think of exercising that power against the House of Commons and without the advice of his responsible Ministers. The Sovereign respects too much the rights of the people; he grants dissolution only when their representatives ask it.

But mark the consequence of conceding the claim of the Lords to force an appeal to the country at any moment, or throw the affairs of Government into confusion. A powerful Commons may decide with practical unanimity upon a given course. It is not necessary for purposes of illustration that such course should affect taxation; it need only be supposed that the Lords set themselves against it. If the contention of the Upper House is correct, it may, if it chooses, demand that the question be sent to the electors, and insist upon a dissolution of Parliament. If the Commons be sustained, the Lords will pass the legislation when it is again sent up to them. But the Lords may hold up the very next measure presented in a similar manner and repeat the process in the hope that something may happen to bring about the defeat of the Commons in the country. Thus we have a House of Commons elected by the people to do their business, and always subject to their will and held to account at the ballot box. At the same time, this popular House is held in legislative slavery to another House composed of men not answerable to the people, not elected by the people, and who cannot be reached and punished by the people under existing conditions. It can obstruct the wishes of the people's representatives, thwart their policy, and then claim, by some sort of divine right, to be entitled to force a sort of referendum upon any question to which they take exception. Thus the Lords would lead the degenerate people, secure in their own hereditary seats. They would claim to be practical dictators of the legislation of the country.

Is it any wonder that Premier Asquith has emphatically declared that there must be a change if the Lords would exercise such powers as they claim, they must themselves submit their claims to the people? His argument will, we think, appeal to all fair men. Reform of the House of Lords will not dawn.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Judging by its splendid sixtieth anniversary issue, the Galad Reformer was due to celebrate a very merry Christmas.

We hope that in your heart-searching to-day you will find no cause for regret as to the manner in which you celebrated Christmas.

The days will begin to lengthen now, but you will not notice the difference for some time. A 30 day draft will mature just as quickly.

The balance of the Ontario Power Loan which the Government failed to dispose of in Canada, is now being peddled around New York. There appears to be no great rush for it.

Perhaps if "something just as good" were offered to Jim Miller, he might remove himself from the Hydro control leadership candidate congestion. Maybe Adam Beck could provide a temptation. But, then, there are others.

The United States maintain, at a cost of \$2,000,000 yearly, 281 life-saving stations on the great lakes and sea coasts, the service employing about 2,000 men. Last year more than 300 vessels were saved from serious peril by this force.

The expulsion of Dr. Cook from the Explorers' Club of New York will hardly prove crushing at this stage to that adventurer. A man who goes into a scheme like Cook's is not likely to have his feelings hurt by such exclusion, especially after it has served its purpose as a money maker.

The big Cuban national lottery by which the Government of the island expected to add \$900,000 to the revenue, has proved a failure. Only 30,000 tickets were sold and the result of the drawing is a considerable deficit which the Cuban Government will have to pay. The world do move.

A prominent member of the United States Congressional Committee of Ways and Means expresses the opinion that the recent tariff revision will not last more than two years, and that no attempt will be made to apply the maximum tariff, as such an action would wreck the Republican party.

The National Provident Union, a Brooklyn fraternal, was ordered to liquidate.

The Cataract press charges that a Hydro municipal ticket has been formed merely in order that active supporters of the Hydro policy may have money to spend.—Herald.

No, that is hardly accurate. The prevailing impression is that the fellows behind the scheme—who were so eager to work up opposition to Mayor McLaren—were after graft and election pickings. The hee-lers were ravenously hungry.

The Supreme Court decision that the Government is merely the guarantor of the G. T. P. bond is the amount of what they bring in the market, and is not called upon to make good whatever loss may be realized is a vindication of the stand taken throughout the long discussion regarding them by the Government. The Opposition had hoped to make some party capital out of this matter and will be considerably disappointed.

The Herald seeks to be dictator of the Hydro crowd. Nobody must appeal to the supporters of the fad without its consent. But to refer to Jim Miller as "short-sighted and selfish," just because he didn't wish to submit to the snicker-snack when he thought he had a chance to be a real Hydro candidate, is a trifle rude. Maybe the Herald boss will undertake to make Jim take his medicine, if he has to hold his nose and tickle his Adam's apple to make him down it.

The Hydro Electric cheap power cause in this city has attracted to itself a number of self-seeking persons whose object is to use the cause to advance their own interests or further the ends they have in view.—Hamilton Herald.

Our contemporary has in a sentence explained the "raison d'être" of the manipulators of the scheme and the opposition to Mayor McLaren. And perhaps if the stern prophet Nathan of old were to search for the master-offender he would confront our contemporary, and pointing at him an accusing finger say: "Thou art the man!"

The Toronto Farmers' Sun estimates that the maintenance of the army of commercial travellers who drum up trade throughout Canada costs at least \$40,000,000 to the consuming public every year. It thinks that most of that expense is unnecessary, as "there is no reason why the trade should not be done by catalogue and sample." It is a lot of money, of course, but we fear that it is hardly practicable to abolish the commercial traveller in this age. He is the product of a keen competition, and not without his compensating benefit to the consumer.

Our Exchanges

RESOLVE EARLY.

(Toronto Star.) Do your New Year's resolution early.

TIN POT.

(London Advertiser.) The files at Canada's "tin-pot" may prove nothing but the existence of "tin-pot" Canadians.

A GOOD PIECE OF ROAD.

(Grimby Independent.) If a man drives from the county of Wentworth to the village of Queenston over the Queenston and Grimby stone road, he will have to acknowledge that he has seen some pieces of the best gravel, best drained and best finished road that he ever drove over in his life.

GOOD TIMES.

(Bantford Expositor.) Bantford merchants had another record day in business yesterday. Particular satisfaction was expressed at the volume of business done with out-of-town people, and the Christmas season this year doubtless eclipses any former Christmas trade, both in volume and variety, ever done in this city.

COMING OF OUR WAY.

(Canadian statistics of immigration represent that for eight months ending with November the number of immigrants entering the Dominion was 150,256, an increase of 29 per cent. over that for the corresponding period last year, and of that number 71,988, or not far from half, consisted of settlers from over the United States border.

TARIFF POSERS.

(London Advertiser.) It is pretty hard for British tariff reformers to answer the following series of questions facing them on the bill-boards, in city, town and country:

IF THE FOREIGNER PAYS THE TAX.

Why is the proposed corn tax only two shillings per quarter? Why is a rebate always allowed on goods re-exported? Why did Mr. Chamberlain promise to equalize matters by taking taxes off other articles? Why did Mr. Chamberlain exempt maize and bacon? Why do all tariff reformers propose to exempt raw material? Why does the foreigner pay the present tobacco duty? Why did Mr. Balfour say "the object and effect of tariff reform is to broaden the basis of taxation?"

THE ORGANS AND THE NAVY.

(Halifax Chronicle.) One thing may be noted, however, that the few remain loyal to that policy which gives the blood and war service of our people to the imperial cause. Some of the "wild" organs, whose days and nights are given over to blood-curdling dreams of Armageddon, are frantically offering—in head-lines—every kind of assistance but the service of Canadian manhood to the cause of the empire. Fearful and wonderfully conceived pictures are daily portrayed of the mother country in extremis and the empire tottering to its ruin. Nothing is spared in depicting the horrors of a "German invasion," concerning which

they are ready to work themselves into a fine frenzy, at the merest suggestion of some nonentity hired to write for "yellow" journals, but when all is said, their "naval proposals" amount to little more than much noise and a confusion of words.

PRIVATE PRAYER.

(Buffalo Express.) The late Bishop Hare of South Dakota often, in his sermons, brought out a point with an apt story.

"These religious and unscrupulous financiers," he said in a winter discourse in Deadwood, "remind me of a little Philadelphia girl I know. 'This little girl insisted, at bedtime, on saying her prayers by herself. She was allowed to do so. Later her mother asked her why she had demanded this right of private prayer. For a long time the little girl refused to answer, but, finally, after much coaxing, she said: 'I jes' wanted to give fanks for bein' allowed to steal some Christmas fruit cake.'"

CHRISTMAS A HOME DAY.

First Sleighing of the Season Made It Merry.

As predicted in the Times railroad traffic for Christmas broke the records. The Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and T. H. & B. roads handled an immense number of passengers to and from the city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the return traffic was just as heavy last night and by all the trains today. In spite of the extra heavy traffic and the fact that Western Ontario has had a very heavy fall of snow within the past few days, the trains were generally on or close to their scheduled time. The great number travelling showed that, as a home gathering day Christmas is still dear to the hearts of all.

A very welcome fall of snow made the day merry in Hamilton, and, generally, and every sort of cutter and sleigh was pressed into service by the merry-makers both on Christmas day and Sunday. Christmas trees were never as numerous as this year, and never was there such a display of Christmas decorations, especially holly wreaths in house windows, as this year.

Store keepers report that the last day's business was very large. In spite of the fact that citizens generally have become educated up to the shop-early idea there was a great amount of it to be done Friday afternoon and night, and the delivery wagons were on the rush until long after midnight. The one thing that the store keepers regret is that the snow did not come a week earlier. That would have meant an immense influx of business from the surrounding country, and much more business.

ROUGH TRIP.

Dr. Herbert Jones Got It on Water and Land.

Dr. Herbert Jones, after spending two years in Germany specializing in diseases of children, arrived home on Friday night, after an unusually eventful journey. Sailing from Genoa two weeks before on the Princess Irene, they had one pleasant day on the Mediterranean and encountered foul weather almost all the rest of the journey. They made good time, however, averaging about 300 miles a day until Saturday, the 18th, when a fearful storm broke long before daybreak. They were then in mid-ocean. The waves broke broadside over the vessel, and a huge wave deluged the ship, resulting in the disabling of three seamen, one of whom had a leg broken, another an arm and the third several ribs. For almost twenty-four hours the storm raged, and almost all of that time the women on board and many of the men engaged in continuous prayer. Dr. Jones, being an extra good sailor, and one of three only who presented themselves for meals that day, and it was impossible to sit at table or to keep anything in place. After the storm had subsided the Princess Irene made only an average of 200 to 250 miles a day, and was three days late in arriving at New York. Even then Dr. Jones' troubles were not over. He got a train without delay, but it required twenty-two hours to make the journey to Hamilton, usually done in eleven or twelve. The reason was two weeks on the line ahead of them. Station platform after platform on the line was piled up with Christmas parcels, packages and mail matter, taken from the two weeks, and which all had to be resorted before it could be forwarded.

ALL LIKE HIM.

Presentation at Burrow, Stewart & Milne's Foundry.

A very pleasant event took place in the machine department of the Burrow, Stewart & Milne Co., when the employees gathered and Mr. S. T. Butler stepped forward and told Mr. Prendergast, their foreman, that they wished to say something to him. Mr. W. A. Wilson then read the following address: We, the employees of the machine department of the Burrow, Stewart & Milne Co., desire in a tangible way to show our appreciation of the manner in which you have acted towards us since you were placed in the position of foreman. While faithfully discharging your duties to the company, you have done it with that kindly consideration, firmness and ability that commands our respect. We therefore ask you to accept this Waltham watch as a token of our appreciation as above. We hope you will be long spared to wear it. Wishing you and Mrs. Prendergast and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Signed, on behalf of employees: W. A. Wilson, S. T. Butler, H. Smith, A. White, and N. McKay.

Though taken by surprise, Mr. Prendergast thanked his fellow-workers for the kind spirit shown toward him, and he hoped each one would help along the same, and by helping others they would help themselves. Cheers and a tiger were given, which so ended a very pleasing event.

There is no perfect man. The nearest approach is the one who acknowledges his faults.

A man may be excused for saying things behind his wife's back when he is looking up her dress.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28, 1909

SHEA'S May Manton Patterns all 10 Cents

Every department of the Shea store will have special bargains all this last week of the old year--Bargains that will be money-saving investments for those thrifty people who know.

- Bargains in Linens
Bargains in Staple Goods
Bargains in Dress Goods
Bargains in Blouses
Bargains in Underwear
Bargains in Underskirts
Bargains in Gloves
Bargains in Neckwear
Bargains in Belts
Our Cut Price Mantle Sale at its Best

STORM RAGED IN THE STREETS

Five Persons Lost Their Lives at Philadelphia.

Seven Thousand Snow Shovellers at New York.

Pittsburg Cut Off From Outside Points For Hours.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Philadelphia is still in the grip of the blizzard which descended upon that section of the country on Christmas Day. General business is tied up worse than it has been in many years, and the prospects are that it will be several days before conditions become normal. Railroad traffic and street car service are still in bad shape.

With the exception of the Market street subway line, there was practically no street car service in the city this morning, and all the people got to work late. The Pennsylvania and the Reading announced that they have no trains actually stalled in the snow, but all through trains are many hours late.

Reports early to-day showed that five persons lost their lives during the storm, most of the deaths occurring during the height of the storm Christmas night and Sunday morning. In each case death was due to exhaustion.

SNOW SHOVELLERS. New York, Dec. 27.—Hard work all night by hundreds of men on the city's streets broke the tie-up caused by the greatest December storm in years in this vicinity. While delayed incoming trains were still reported on some of the railroads and surface car traffic was by no means normal, the acute phase of the congestion caused by the tempest that fell on snow was a thing of the past. Seven thousand men employed by Street Commissioner Edwards made the snow fly in the streets and avenues of New York during the night and additional forces were put at work to-day. While this afforded relief to the city it self, there was still much trouble in the outlying districts, where stalled cars were numerous. Several handcars were still snowed in and unheard of this morning.

To-day the Pennsylvania Railroad reported the resumption of full service on its blocked lines, while trains on the New York Central and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads were said by the officials to be moving with little delay.

CUT OFF FOR HOURS.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26. After being without railroad communication with any point east of Harrisburg, Pa., and Cumberland, Md., for 14 hours yesterday, train conditions of this district are slowly readjusting themselves. From 7 o'clock yesterday forenoon until the arrival at 9:45 o'clock last night of a solid mail train, not a train reached here from the east. Following the mail train "make-up" trains pulled in here with passengers who were from nine to fifteen hours out of town.

All the trains reaching here this morning were these "made-up" trains, with passengers who experienced delay east of Harrisburg and Cumberland. Trains on the Pennsylvania Railway going west are from 20 to 40 minutes late. The local division of the Lake Erie is not affected by the storm.

BOSTON'S HEAVY LOSS. Boston, Dec. 27. Five million dollars loss is to-day's estimate of the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard which yesterday swept New England and drove a record tide over the coast. No fatalities, however, have been reported except the four in Chelsea, where a tidal wave, bursting through the dyke along Island End River, flooded eighty acres of houses and forced 2,500 people to flee, scantily clad, into the raging storm. All over New England wire service companies are trying to restore communication. Thirty-two cities and towns, last night plunged into the darkness owing to the cutting off of electric light service, hope to have their lighting fairly restored by the night, but it is doubtful if this can be completed so early.

The storm was easily the greatest that New England has experienced in many years. It is estimated that the damage in this immediate section will reach at least \$500,000.

The worst damage was in Chelsea and Everett, where, it is believed, it will be several weeks before the tidgate of the Island End River can be repaired and the flooded district reclaimed. This means that the many homeless people will lose the larger part of their household goods. Their plight is pitiable. Having escaped through the snow, many of them bare-footed, they had to stand for hours in

the blizzard waiting for wagons to take them to shelter. Hundreds of the homeless were then taken care of in relief stations established in public schools and churches.

TWELVE MEN LOST. Boston, Dec. 27.—Masses of wreckage, apparently from the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer, of Boston, were found on the beach at Hull to-day, and it is believed the vessel struck on one of the outer ledges of the harbor during yesterday's storm and went to pieces, with the loss of all on board, a total of twelve men.

The Palmer was sighted off Cape Cod on Saturday, bound into Massachusetts Bay.

HIRAM NO. 2.

Royal Arch Masons Held Annual on Christmas Eve.

Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 2 held its annual meeting and election of officers on Friday night, Dec. 24, 1909. After routine business the Ex. Z. requested R. E. Comp. A. W. Peene to conduct the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Ex. Comp. A. W. Palmer, Z.; Ex. Comp. Frank Hills, I. P. Z.; Ex. Comp. Thomas Towers, H.; Ex. Comp. A. O'Dell, J.; Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, Treasurer; A. E. Comp. G. H. Langan, Scribe; Comp. James Dixon, Scribe N.; Comp. Dr. J. A. Loehoe, P. S.; Auditors, A. E. Comp. Fred Staunton and Thomas Smith. A request was received for the formation of a new chapter, to be known as Hamilton Chapter, which was granted. At the close of the meeting the usual banquet was held.

KILLED HIM.

Kick of Horse Resulted in Beamsville Man's Death.

Beamsville, Dec. 27. On Wednesday last William Claus, son of Mrs. Ira Claus, who owns a large farm about a mile east of here, was kicked in the stomach by a horse. The injury was at first thought not to be serious, but the man grew suddenly worse on Friday, and, despite the skill of three doctors, died on Sunday morning. He was unmarried, and 46 years old.

The Secretary of the Board of Trade has received a communication from an (trilla basket and package manufacturing company, wanting to locate in Beamsville. This is the second concern wanting to come here of the same nature. The ratepayers will vote on a by-law next Monday to provide concessions for the first applicant, Messrs. Reid and Platt.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS.

On Wednesday evening last, at the Barton Street Methodist parsonage, the pastor, Mr. Livingston, performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. Wm. R. Bridge of Kenton, Man., and Miss Luella Tweedle of Hamilton. The happy couple will reside in Manitoba.

On the evening of Christmas day a very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. T. Cline, Fairhill road. The contracting parties were Miss Ella Cline and Mr. James Milne, of Stony Creek. Only the immediate friends of the bride and groom were present. Mr. Livingston, of Barton Street Methodist Church, performed the ceremony.

The Route to Gowganda

Is via Grand Trunk to North Bay, T. & N. O. Railway, North Bay to Charlton, thence by stage route to Ek Lake and Gowganda. The service from Charlton is performed by covered sleighs, accommodating eight passengers each, containing foot-warmers, and modern in every respect, connecting with 10:20 p. m. train from Toronto. Arrangements have been made to issue through tickets, also to check baggage through. Full information and tickets from Chas. E. Morgan, city agent; W. G. Webster, depot agent.

A RECORD DAY.

Christmas day was the busiest day Alexandra Park ever had in all its years. Crowds were present at every session, and the day was a record one. All had the fullest enjoyment. This popular rink will give three sessions daily all this week.

At the unanimous request of the Board of Management, the Right Hon. Herbert Samuel, M. P., has accepted the position of Vice-President of the London Home and Hospital for Jewish Incurables.

A Useful Christmas Gift
The Automatic Eye-Glass Chain
We have an excellent assortment in Enamel, Gunmetal, Silver, Gold-filled. Prices 50c to \$2.50. All fully guaranteed.
GLOBE OPTICAL CO.
I. B. ROUSE, prop. 111 King Road

20 MEN KILLED.

Rock Island Shops Wrecked at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Shawnee, Oklahoma, Dec. 24.—While a number of men were eating their noon day lunch, seated about an engine in the local shops of the Rock Island Railroad Company to-day, the boiler exploded, wrecking the locomotive repair shops and killing a score of workmen and injuring a number. The bodies of two of the victims, Henry Johns and A. F. Kerr, have been recovered from the debris.

Workmen are working heroically to-night in an effort to extricate from the wreckage the bodies of 18 men more believed to be buried beneath the debris. Scores of injured men have been removed to the local hospitals, the overcrowded condition of which necessitated the removal of part of the injured men to the Rock Island Hospital, at McAlester, to-night.

One of the men blown to atoms in the explosion, Kerr, was seated upon the boiler of the locomotive, and, playfully remarked that within five minutes he hoped to present his sweetheart with a gold watch and chain as a Christmas present. The watch was afterwards found 500 feet from the scene of the explosion. When the right hand of Johns was found in the ruins of the shop, following the explosion, a tiny blue baby shoe was found clutched between the fingers of the hand. Ten minutes previous to the detonation, Johns exhibited the pair of shoes to his fellow workman, A. J. Carney, saying that it was his first Christmas present to his seven-month-old baby. His wife is distraught because of her husband's absence, not having been informed of her husband's death.

J. E. Harritt, an employee of President Mudge, is in charge of the rescue work. He displayed unusual heroism this afternoon, when he dived into an engine pit filled with water and rescued seven-year-old James Walters, a son of one of the men believed to be in the debris.

SAL. GIRLS.
Hundred Domatics Coming to Canada in Spring.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—J. C. Col. Howell, who is in charge of the immigration department of the Salvation Army, stated to-day that, as a result of the arrangements made with the Ontario Government, the Army had sent four ladies over to England to travel through the British Isles, interview girls, and select those best fitted for household work in the provinces. Three or four more ladies will leave in a month or two.

The Army expects to send out 100 domestic early in the spring. The former grant of \$10,000 for the year has been repaid by the Government, which will include the expense of bringing out fares, hands as well as servant girls.

2,000 DROWN.

Over 600 Corean Fishing Vessels Wrecked Off Southern Korea.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—The S. S. Empress of India brings information that upwards of 2,000 persons were drowned in storms off the coast of Japan and Corea. Six hundred and twenty Corean fishing vessels were wrecked off Gampo, south Hung-yang, while in North-eastern Corea. More than half of the fleet of the fishing craft was lost.

The Dutch cruiser Nord Brabant, which has arrived at Yokohama from San Fran., encountered a hurricane, and its mainmast was broken; its wireless apparatus was disabled in consequence, it was several days late in arriving.

LESSONS OF CHRISTMAS.

Young People's Services in Two Churches Yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Kelchen Gives Ideas For the New Year.

Music a Feature of All the Sunday Services.

A large and attentive audience of young people listened to the sermon last night by Rev. T. H. Perry in the Church of the Ascension. His words were in the form of advice to the young people starting out in life. He based his remarks on James iv. 14, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a time and then vanisheth away." He asked what more appropriate question could be found than "what is your life?" to the young man or young woman starting out in life. To the older person it would not convey much, as their life would be nearly run. What a person had in life and what they thought of was a vital matter. No man built higher or better than his plans, nor could he rise higher in grandeur than his thoughts. A small stream could run down the mountain side bubbling and sparkling, and gradually sink out of sight, but farther down the mountain it would again appear quiet and peaceful. The life of the Christian was something similar, to toss around, then disappear to again appear on the other side, realizing all the joys of Christ. Persons began to live when consciousness of immortality broke upon them. As the Christian life was studied it could be seen that Christ was the life of the world, and the others were dependent upon him. What was the true end of life? It could be seen that everything had its purpose, for a drop of water was capable of nourishing a flower, helping to quench a dying soldier's thirst or of assisting in floating a large ship. Such scientific facts were but illustrations of the acts of the human life. The deeds and words of the Christian went out and made mighty impressions. There was something about vitality and immortality of the human influence that made it seem wonderful. Life had another attachment, for it was necessary to give account for evils as well as good, and also the undeveloped opportunities. When such phases were studied, the need of Christ was more emphasized, for without him it would be impossible to do what was required. The young man and woman starting out in life should not look for great things, but for small ones, as the great things were accomplished through the small ones. When ushered into the great examination room the two questions which seemed to be most proper would be: What has your life been and what think you of Christ? The two were one, for the life would show what the opinion of Christ was. Before selecting the choice of the path the devil pointed out and the one Christ offered, the young man should see what the result of following the former had upon the lives of others, and then make a comparison with the life of one who had followed in Christ's steps. The young man who would fall would be those without Christ. The young man and young woman starting out in life, therefore, should not endeavor to go on their own strength, for by doing so they would fall, whereas if they trusted in Christ, their strength would be renewed. The church was tastefully decorated with spruce, and the choir rendered special Christmas selections.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Rev. Beverley Kelchen gave a practical discourse preparatory to the opening of the new year last evening in MacNab Street Presbyterian Church. He took as his text "Launch out into the deep." Mr. Kelchen commenced by saying that life was a sea and our lives were as boats upon it. All had not reaped the same results from the fishing. He went on by giving some practical suggestions to secure better fortune in the year 1910. He said if our lives had been haunted by failure in the great trade of life, perhaps we were being led to the shore close, and that our lives hadn't a self abandonment of dominant purpose. We had no doubt frittered away our time in amateurish efforts. Socially many of us had been disappointed. Much of our modern social life is too shallow to yield noble satisfactions to yield enriching experience, and perhaps more than one disappointed, unsatisfied soul had not tasted of the real benefits of deep sea fishing, as applied to life. We may have dragged out a good many self indulgences that satisfied us at the moment, but we had realized we had caught nothing. Who were no better men or women; we had made no one else better. If there were any such before him he advised them to launch out into deep and consecrate our social qualities to high service; seek to develop ourselves intellectually and morally; to spend our spare hours to the purpose of greater efficiency and usefulness, and by so doing secure greater satisfaction in the days to come. In connection with business, some men consult speed rather than thoroughness, said Mr. Kelchen. They labor for mere material things, and perhaps get success, but in the dawn were disappointed, because they realized they had actually

gotten nothing. They may have accumulated money; they may have pushed their family into society, but after all, they hadn't really caught any of the treasures of the sea of life. Intellectually, he was afraid many had reaped nothing in the past. We were reading superficially and thinking superficially. We hadn't launched out in the deep of Shakespeare or Carlyle or Browning. We had obtained no moral inspiration, no stimulus to nobler effort. He considered one of the greatest wastes of modern times was its reading. In closing Mr. Kelchen said all the great benefits of civilization had been caught in the nets of men far out in the sea—men so supremely in earnest that they were not afraid to venture beyond the shallows of popular sentiment and traditional custom. Civil and religious liberty were gained by such men. All were not endowed like Luther, or Cromwell or Lincoln, but each owed the world the very best results their talents could give it.

CHILDREN'S DAY. First Methodist Church had a children's service yesterday morning, with the Sunday School classes and their teachers in the gallery, and a large turnout of their parents and friends. The pastor Rev. E. B. Lanceley, preached especially to the boys and girls—a Santa Claus sermon—and told a number of Santa Claus stories with a view to impress upon the children that the Savior, Jesus, is the real spirit of Christmas. The music of the service was especially appropriate, a very large choir, under the leadership of Mr. Wilfrid Oaten, singing the Christmas music.

DEAN DUMOULIN. Very Rev. Dean DuMoulin, of Cleveland, son of His Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, was in this city for Christmas and preached in Christ's Church Cathedral at the morning service yesterday. There was a large congregation out to hear him, and he preached a very eloquent and impressive sermon.

CHALMERS' CHURCH. In the absence of Rev. F. W. K. Harris, the pastor, Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, Mount Hamilton, had the unique distinction of having the two pastors of Central Presbyterian Church take the services yesterday. Mr. Sedgewick preached in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Lyle, Moderator of the General Assembly, occupied the pulpit at the evening service.

In the morning Rev. Mr. Sedgewick spoke on the words "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." In opening he said that in expressing testimony which the conscience of men bears to the holiness of God and the unpreparedness of anything man heart at the approach of anything supernatural, the soul of man begins to quake. The simple shepherds of the plain were afraid when suddenly the glory of God shone round about them—meadow, grove and stream suddenly became apparelled in celestial light and they were sore afraid, and they thought something awful was to happen. But the angel of the Lord said, fear not. There fell for the first time the rays of that light that was to illumine the world—the angel's song that was to become the music of the world. The threefold message, first, Glory to God; second, peace on earth, and third, good will toward men, has sunk itself into their spirits that they found it difficult to accept the revised version with its twofold message—first, Glory to God, and second, peace on earth among men, with whom God is well pleased. The keynote of the service was the song was "Glory to God, Jesus glorified God by manifesting Him on the earth—by revealing God to man. He had become partner with men through the incarnation, and had given God a new name, Immanuel—God with us. The second note in the Gloria Song was "Peace on earth toward God and among men, of whom God is well pleased." Peace toward God was impossible without peace toward men. If there had been seeking peace with God during the year and had not found it, let them take all hatred and malice from their hearts towards their fellow men and they would find that peace they had been looking for. The sermon was both edifying and interesting, and was couched in expressive language. During the offertory, Mrs. Adam Inch sang a solo very nicely. In the evening Rev. Dr. Lyle preached from John i. 14, "And the Word was made flesh." The doctor preached a sermon remarkable for a wealth of ideas and a comprehensive scope of his subject. His theme was the humanity of Christ—What think ye of Christ? He was of the seed of Abraham, the son of David; born of Mary, the village girl, who through His incarnation came into the world as they and he came. The Great Teacher spoke with human lips, wrought with human hands. He was the only perfect man. In the highways of thought in Europe to-day, in the social democracy of Germany the name of the Church is hissed, while the Christ of the church is cheered to the echo. He lived aright and taught aright. The doctor then dwelt on the divinity of Christ, reciting in eloquent language various incidents in the Saviour's career which proved Him to be divine. During the offertory Mrs. and Miss Inch, Mr. David Smith and Dr. McIlwraith sang a quartette.

CENTENARY CHURCH.

The services in Centenary Church last evening drew a congregation that filled every available seat. The musical part was superb, and extended the whole service lasting fully two hours, without abatement of interest. Rev. Dr. Smith, the pastor, took for his theme those familiar verses, "Glory to God in the highest." He said the birth of Christ is monumental—is the central point in human history. All the past pointed forward to the incarnation, while all the generations since point backward. "Whom having not seen we love." This subject affects us more than any other fact that ever took place. Other great historic events have but a passing interest, but this event is vital and eternal. Everything of greatest value in the world bears the touch and skill of the finger divine. The fact of Jesus being born in a stable is full of significance to us. Bigness is not greatness. The world owes much to men and women born and cradled in humble circumstances. Moses and Lincoln had humble cradles, but their names are immortalized. Greece, Palestine and Britain were small, but mighty in influence and power. The preacher took up the question of the angelic song, paying a high tribute to the power of music, as found all through the history of the Christian Church. He applied the present tense idea in connection with the incarnation, "Unto us a child is born." If Jesus came into the world to benefit others, and is not ours, what then, as far as we are concerned? Redemption is the universal provision, and soul goodness, because of it, is the privilege of every son of man.

AT EBENEZER HALL.

Last evening in Ebenezer Hall George Crook took for his subject "A Closed Book, A Sealed Preacher, and a Wondering congregation." His text was taken from Luke iv. The address was very helpful and interesting, and was much enjoyed by all present. He compared Christ's preaching with the preaching of to-day, and showed plainly that what He taught then was just what was needed now. He dwelt especially on the short sermon recorded in the chapter, and brought to the minds of his hearers very clearly the great importance of trusting in Christ for eternal salvation. This evening the Sunday school children have their first annual treat. Supper will be served to them at 5 o'clock, after which they will retire to the body of the hall, where a short programme will be given by the little tots, assisted by the grown-ups.

A large Christmas tree is loaded with good things, and this will be stripped later in the evening, each scholar receiving a gift from the school. Tuesday-Sedgewick preached in the morning, and Thursday and Saturday, Mr. Phillips and Covy will give Bible addresses. It is expected that Wm. Kerr will speak next Sunday evening.

MATRIMONIAL.

Willis-McDermott Wedding on Christmas Afternoon.

An interesting wedding ceremony took place at the home of Mrs. Daniel McDermott, 246 Mary street, at 4 o'clock on Christmas afternoon, when her daughter, Miss Jean, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Willis by Rev. Canon Abbott in the presence of about fifty guests, mostly relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was given away by her brother, Fred, who was comingly dressed in a cream serge princess, trimmed with silk, worn over an under bodice of satin and allover lace, and carried cream roses. She was attended by Miss Charlotte Morse, of Niagara Falls, who was dressed in white, with pink trimmings, and carried white and pink carnations. Mr. Jack Hopkins, also of Niagara Falls, acted as best man. After the ceremony the guests sat down to well laden tables, and after full justice had been done to the good things provided, the happy couple left on a short honeymoon trip on the 7.30 train. Upon their return to the city they will reside at 21 Tom street.

The bride received many handsome and useful presents, which showed in what high esteem she is held by her many friends.

MANY RETURNS FOR CHARLIE.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir, With your usual courtesy, you will allow me a small space in your valuable paper? I want to wish our mutual friend, Ald. Gardner a very happy New Year, at the same time feeling sure that mine is not the only wish by many, and I trust that this day week his expectations will be gratified. Thanking you and wishing you and your large staff the same, I am, Yours truly, A Regular Reader, Hamilton, Dec. 27, 1909.

A. O. U. W.

The regular meeting of Hamilton Lodge, A. O. U. W., was held on Friday evening, the 24th, with a good attendance. The election of officers for 1910 took place as follows: Bro. J. Dodson, P. M. W. of Gore Lodge, and Bro. Leighton, of Concord Lodge, acting as scrutineers. W. Orr, Past Master Workman. J. Folseter, Master Workman. F. G. Heath, Foreman. T. Hopper, Overseer. D. Warren, Recorder. J. Smith, Financier. W. McKay, Treasurer. G. A. Warrick, Guide. T. C. Jackson, Outside Watch. H. Murray, Outside Watch. T. Hopper, D. C. Smith and D. Phillip, Trustees. C. E. Bates, Pianist. J. Folseter, Representative to the Grand Lodge. D. C. Smith, Alternate Representative to the Grand Lodge. Drs. McNichol, Baugh and Cass, Physicians. The D. D. G. M. W. Bro. J. Dodson, with a selected team, will install the new officers at the next meeting, Jan. 14.

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At the regular meeting of Hamilton Circle, Order of Canadian Home Circles, the following officers were elected for 1910: Past Leader, Dr. W. S. Cody. Leader, Dr. W. L. Silcox. Vice-Leader, George Angusish. Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Kerr. Treasurer, W. R. Smith. Financial Secretary, George Purcott. Chaplain, Mr. Rewbury. Marshal, C. Gurry. Warden, Victor Rossell. Sentinel, Robert Hill. Guard, Mrs. V. Rossel. Trustees, Messrs. J. Dixon, W. Dixon and Rewbury. Medical Examiners, Drs. Cody and Silcox.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL.

The following are the results of the commercial examinations held at the Sacred Heart School on Dec. 20, 21 and 22: Bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting—Marjorie Gurry, Margaret Kennedy, Charles Baikie. Bookkeeping—Harold Obermeyer, Guss Cleary.

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BISHOP STRINGER. Tells of Perilous Trip From Fort MacKenzie With Missionary. Dawson, Yukon, Dec. 24.—Right Rev. I. O. Stringer, Anglican Bishop of Selkirk, who recently was thought lost in the wilds of Northern Canada, arrived here to-day from Fort MacPherson, at the mouth of the Mackenzie River. With Chas. F. Johnson, a missionary, he left the fort on September 1. During the trip the two men had to walk through fog and storm and bitter cold for 25 days. Their scanty food gave out, and just before they found friendly Indians, they were compelled to eat their moccasins. Each man lost fifty pounds in weight. Mrs. Stringer is now in Kincairdine, Ont. LOST HER TRESSES. Saint Louis Woman Robbed of Her Blonde Hair by Strange Man. Saint Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—Mrs. William J. Ehlen, 28 years old, whose five-foot mass of blonde hair has been the envy and admiration of Saint Louis women for years, was knocked unconscious and shorn of her locks almost all the way. 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BRITAIN'S ELECTION IN FULL SWING.

Lords Depending on Silent Vote--Editor of Quarterly Review Talks.

New York, Dec. 26.—Dr. George W. Prothero, editor of The Quarterly Review of London, former professor of history at Edinburgh University, and one of the leading authorities in English constitutional history, arrived to-day on the Laugentia to attend the celebration this week of the American Historical Association. Speaking to-night of the present political crisis in Britain has passed since the reform bill. The Budget seems to be the thin end of Socialism, and if it is adopted the effect, not only in England, but on the continent, will be most serious. Lloyd George, in his Limehouse speech, delivered at the end of October, and in New castle last month, has made no bones about admitting that his aim is the nationalization of all land.

"It is this, quit as much as the increased taxes, that has aroused the opposition of the richer classes. Of course, they do not want the heavy taxation, but they fear still more what is to come if the Budget becomes law. "Take the question of taxation of undeveloped lands for example. There is really very little land in England that has not been developed as far as is possible. You may see a waste lot near a town, but it stands waste not because the owner will not improve it, but because he cannot. You must remember that our owns are not like yours, they do not develop very fast, and a piece of property may stand idle simply because the owner finds it impossible to dispose of it at anything like its value."

Referring to the proposal to tax the unearned increment on land, Dr. Prothero said that the answer to the objection that it was unfair to tax the unearned increment on land and not on other investments was that a beginning must be made somewhere. However, he pointed out that, as a matter of fact, landlords are often not the recipient of these unearned increments for years.

Dr. Prothero's belief is that the Liberals will be returned next month with a considerable majority. An attempt to curtail the veto power of the House of Lords he regards as inevitable.

After the conclusion of the historical meeting, Dr. Prothero will give two or three lectures at Columbia, the subjects of which are not yet fixed.

THE SILENT VOICE.

London, Dec. 26.—The Christmas lull in the political campaign is welcome to everybody. The battle will be renewed Tuesday. The peers must leave the arena on Jan. 8, and the contest of Great Britain to participate in electioneering work so far as addressing meetings is concerned, but between Tuesday and that date the peers are booked for hard work. 35 of them addressing 113 public meetings in all parts of the country within that period. This unprecedented flood of lordly eloquence does not seem to them to have any great effect. Lords Curzon and Milner have probably done their cause good service, but in reviewing the first of the campaign a Unionist paper is obliged to confess that "with the best cause in the world the Unionists are lamentably lacking in men who appeal to the imagination, and more especially the sensational interest of the electorate." It adds that voters require to be interested as well as instructed, and it is afraid that they are the most part are more deeply impressed by the "purple patches" of Mr. Lloyd George and the daring inexactitudes of Mr. Winston Churchill than in the cultivated, thoughtful arguments of Lord Curzon and Walter Long.

This is undoubtedly true, and the Unionists are now relying chiefly on that mysterious factor known as the silent voter. Certainly the noisy ones who attend their meetings give them little encouragement.

Apart from the budget and the House of Lords, New York and Berlin have, perhaps, been the most prominent features in the political fight during the past ten days. One wonders what kind of idea the unsophisticated, untravelled Britisher has of Christmas conditions in these two great cities. One set of newspapers refer pitifully to New York's bread lines and the enormous cost of every kind of provision there. Then, turning to Berlin, these papers draw a harrowing picture of German workmen living on sour, black bread, horse sausages and dogs' flesh, while unemployment is rife throughout the fatherland. The other papers declare that America celebrates Christmas joyfully. Prices are high, but money is abundant. Unemployment is rare, while Berlin is described as a paradise for workmen.

FOOD TAXATION.

London, Dec. 17.—(Globe Letter.)—Mr. Chiozza Money, the well-known political economist and parliamentarian, continues his attacks on the tariff reform programme. He holds that, instead of cementing the empire, the tariff reformers are more likely to break it into pieces. As most of the daily papers in London are in the hands of the protectionists, and the news channels are largely controlled by them, the people of Canada and the United States get a good deal more than their fair share of tariff reform doctrine.

In view of this it is perhaps advisable to state the other side briefly as presented by Mr. Money. It is within the memory of all who take interest in public affairs, that when Mr. Chamberlain started his fight for what he called tariff reform, six years ago, he put forward as the very centre of his project, the arrangement of the tariff so that the colonies should have a substantial preference over foreigners in the markets of the motherland. At that time the bulk of the Conservative party was opposed to the taxation of food-stuffs, and Mr. Chamberlain, in deference to the free food element, took the ground that if colonial grain were admitted duty free and foreign grain taxed there would be no material increase in the price of bread.

The colonies, Canada especially, having an advantage over foreign growers, would speedily be able to occupy the entire market and supplies of taxed wheat would not be necessary. Mr. Chamberlain's speeches roused



YES, THEN THERE WAS THE NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS.

BLOWN UP.

Two Men Hurt and Damage Done by Gas Explosion.

What Happened After a Match Had Been Struck.

Galt, Dec. 26.—Charles Freure, Beverly street, and his brother-in-law, Charles Hillock, of Guelph, are lying in the General Hospital here suffering from burns received in an explosion of natural gas in the home of the former late on Christmas night. But while both men are suffering considerably their condition is not regarded as critical.

The two men had gone down to the cellar of the house to get a scuttle of coal. Hillock was carrying a light. When they descended the light flickered and then went out. A match was struck, and the explosion followed immediately. The southern wall of the building, a roughest structure, was blown entirely out, doubling up like a jackknife, without a window being broken. The other wall bulged, but did not give way, but every window in the cellar was broken.

Mrs. Freure and her two children were sitting in the kitchen at the time. The linoleum covering the floor heaved up suddenly. It covered the children completely and partially protected Mrs. Freure, and all escaped injury. The blowout was extinguished by a little fire, which was blown out about twenty passengers were hurt. The most seriously injured are: Theodore Moquin, Amsterdam, N. Y., back hurt.

D. A. McLean, Moosomin, Sask., in ternal injuries. Mrs. Hugh McMahon, Newdale, Man., back and side hurt. Mrs. S. Dickson, Winnipeg, body injured.

Mr. Joseph Gilmour and Miss M. Gilmour, 83 Borden street, Toronto, Mr. Gilmour is seventy years old, and is suffering from an injured shoulder. His daughter is not badly injured. Other passengers were out by flying glass and bruised from the swaying and jolting of the cars in going down the embankment. Their injuries are trivial, those named being the most serious, and even they will be able to continue the journey to Toronto. Physicians do not anticipate any serious results to any of the injured.

"Everything so far indicates that the accident was due to a broken rail, as the engine passed over safely."

A WINDFALL.

British Treasury Reaps Great Duty From Large Estate.

Estate of Charles Morrison Pays to Government \$15,000,000.

New York, Dec. 26.—A cable despatch to The Sun from London says:—The treasury reaps a fine Christmas gift from an estate which has already this year provided the Chancellor of the Exchequer with a fine windfall. Ellen Morrison, who died Thursday, was the third member of a family of blow millionaires who have died within the last seven months. Charles Morrison, dying seven months ago practically an unknown man, left an estate estimated in value at \$60,000,000. There was paid immediately on account of death duties on his estate the sum of \$5,500,000. The succession duties brought the total contribution to the treasury up to \$7,500,000, and there is a further vast sum of death duties to come, the first payment being simply on account.

The value of Charles Morrison's bequests to his sister Ellen, who died Thursday, was some \$10,000,000. The death duties on this, amounting to \$1,500,000, must now be paid again, while other charges on the remaining \$8,500,000 will bring the total up to \$2,825,000. Only a few days ago Mr. Morrison's sister-in-law died. Her contribution to the State was on some millions of pounds sterling Charles had left her.

So that one estate within seven months will have paid in death, succession and estate duties nearly \$15,000,000 to the State. There yet remains alive a fourth member of the millionaire quartette, Walter Morrison, who inherited a couple of million pounds sterling from Charles. He now inherits from Ellen both the money and the estates she inherited from Charles, and as Walter was born in 1836 Charles' fortune may be expected ere many years pass to still further benefit the revenue.

A GREAT WAVE

Driven on New England Coast by Gale.

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

The gale drove a tide into Massachusetts Bay which nearly equalled that of the famous storm of 1851. Coming on a full moon the gale rolled a wave along the coast which in some places reached a height of over fourteen feet above low water mark. In this city the tide went across Atlantic avenue on the waterfront, filling hundreds of cellars, and causing an estimated damage of over \$100,000. In Everett Cornelius Harkin and his wife were caught in their beds and overwhelmed by the flood, while an infant lost its life in Chelsea under similar circumstances.

WINTER IN NEW YORK.

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

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

Telephone and telegraph lines throughout the east were burdened with coatings of ice and many wires fell. Three deaths in the city were charged to-day to the severity of the storm. The victims were men who had spent the night vainly seeking shelter and food, finally succumbing to exposure. Joseph Hart, 65 years old, died in a pew at a Catholic Church to-day, probably of exhaustion after wandering in the cold.

A TELL TALE.

Falls Man Shot Salt Shaker Off Man's Head.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 24.—William Tell may be dead, but his spirit still lives and in the person of Ernest Baybrook, an electrical worker of this city. He accomplished at least an act far more startling than Tell's at the Hotel Arlington in Bridge street this afternoon, but it cost him \$5 in the Police Court soon after.

Baybrook and a companion started out rabbit hunting, and stopped in the Arlington for a few drinks. His friend was boasting of the prowess of the electrician with the gun and grabbed a salt shaker from the bar, placed it upon his own head and invited the nimrod to shoot it off.

"Father, will you shoot this apple off my head?" pleaded the hunter of his friend Baybrook. "Sure thing," responded Baybrook, and the next instant a report rang out and the splintered glass from the salt shaker fell in every direction. The human target was uninjured and several others had a narrow escape from injury.

Baybrook was fined for firing a gun in a public place.

\$10,000 NORTH POLE DINNER.

London, Dec. 24.—George Kessler tonight gave another wonderful dinner at the Savoy Hotel. It was a less costly affair than his gondola banquet four years ago, on which he expended \$25,000. Seventeen men and seventeen women tonight had only \$10,000 spent on the entertainment, but they fared pretty comfortably even at this figure. The North Pole was the motif, and a hundred men worked night and day since the order was given for the dinner two days ago to convert the winter garden into a semblance of Arctic waste. Icebergs enclosed the scene, and icicles hung overhead.

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OFFICIAL LIST OF THOSE UNCLAIMED IN HAMILTON.

Unclaimed letters lying in the Hamilton post office received previous to December 20th:

Adams, Herbert. Adams, Mrs. Henry. Airey, G. W.

Ball, E. Barr, A. E. Bayham, Mrs. Eliza. Bennett, Mrs. Blowers, Fred, 10 Rebecca street. Bolton, George. Bowerman, Mrs. Wesley. Brenner, Mrs. Wm. Burns, Pete, Saltfleet Township. Burns, J. G. Buckingham, Mr. Burns, J. H. Burns, Pat and John, Saltfleet Township. Bull, Harry, east end mountain top. Butler, Mrs. A., from Winona.

Campbell, S. E. C. Chapman, W., 358 John street north. Clark, Miss B. M. Clark, W. J. Clark, Charles. Cox, Miss Alice. Coulter, Mrs. F. T., care L. G. Foster.

Danziger, M., 22 King street. DeGraw, W. J. Dickson, Mrs. Alex. Drysdale, Mrs. Will.

Emery, Mrs. John Everett, J. W.

Fowler, Seymour K. Farrar, Miss H. Ferguson, Mrs. W. Franklin, B. J., mountain top. Fuller, Mrs. M.

Gillies, Miss May, Levenford. Gibson, A. C., from Centerville. Gregory, Mrs. W. C.

Hamilton, T. H. Hamill, Miss M. Hamill, Miss M. Harding, J. Hartley, Harry. Hackett, R. Hamilton, W. C. Harper, J. W. Herman, C. A. Hixon, O. D. Hills, Wm. Holcomb, D. N., from Chicago. Horn, A. T., care of A. Patterson, Palermo (2).

Howley, Miss A., from Monroe, Mich.

Jackson, Jos. H. (2) Jones, Cheers. Johnson, Mrs. Florence.

Kenney, Jas. M. King, Mrs. Bertha. Koznets, Peter.

Le Bar, J. A. Mark, Mrs. Malott, Mrs. Matilda. Mitchell, B. J., Morrison, Anne. Mundy, Mrs. Margaret.

Newcombe, T. Nugent, A.

O'Connors, Thomas. Ormonde, Miss Mary. Owen, Jas. W.

Parson, John S. Page, W. F. Palmer, C. Pasmore, Rich. I. Pipe, R. Crown Point. Porter, Robt. C. Prumpour, B. M.

Rayner, W. J. Ray, Miss Rose.

Ramsay, J. C. Reid, T. Reynolds, Harold W. Reid, Charles, from Ancaster. Reid, Emma L., from Ancaster. Ripson, Charles. Roberts, W., Mt. Top. Royle, John R., two. Robb, L. J., from Milverton. Rundle, J.

Sapan, Louis. Scuthorp, F. J. A. Scott, Robert. Squire, Miss Sarah, care of W. J. Hammond. Simmons, Mrs. S. E. Sinclair, David A. Smallwood, Tony. Spaven, Thomas and Geo., from Hagersville. Stout, Mrs. Nelson.

Taylor, Mrs. W. H., Mt. Top. Tooley, Sidney. Traves, Miss M.

Vasey, Mr., hotel waiter.

Warton, Harry. Winegarden, R. T. Workman, John. Woodcroft, Iuez. Woods, A., Mt. Brov.

MacDonald, Jas. A., 35 William st. McKenzie, W., care of Turner & Co. McMillan, Isabella. McPherson, Sam.

Lawyers' Wills. A remarkable specimen of a lawyer's invalid will was that of Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, who died in 1788 and bequeathed his fortune after his wife's death to pay off the national debt. "Sir Joseph was a good man and a good lawyer," was Lord Mansfield's comment, "but his bequest was a very foolish one. He might as well have attempted to stop the middle arch of London Bridge with his full bottomed wig." The testator's patriotic intentions were therefore treated as proof of mental weakness, and his will was promptly set aside. Among the many blundering wills that lawyers have made for their clients, if not for themselves, the strangest on record was that of a Dublin gentleman who left all his money to the elder son of his brother, and if he had no elder son, to the second.—From the London Chronicle. Col. Von Kotten, chief of the secret police of Moscow, has been appointed to succeed Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police in St. Petersburg, who was assassinated on Dec. 22.

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JOYOUS DAY OF THE YEAR.

Fitting Christmas Celebration in the Catholic Churches.

Before dawn streaked the eastern sky with gray the bells of the Catholic churches of the city were pealing out a clear, sweet, joyous welcome to Christmas morning, while the voices of hundreds of children swelled the praises to the new born King.

In all the churches special masses were celebrated in the morning, followed by vespers in the evening. The children of the parish schools sang Christmas hymns at the early masses, and the altars were elaborately decorated and brilliantly illuminated.

At 10:30 high mass was celebrated by his Lordship Bishop Dowling, who, at the conclusion of the service, commented briefly on the significance of the great festival.

In all the churches miniature reproductions of the manger at Bethlehem vividly reminded the faithful who knelt at the foot of the crib of the story of the Saviour's birth. The contributions dropped in the collection boxes go to the poor.

New Year's Day will be a holy day of obligation in the Catholic churches. In the afternoon his Lordship will hold a reception at his residence from 2:30 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

GREATNESS OF SAVIOUR.

Subject of Bishop DuMoulin's Address at Cathedral.

Christ's Church Cathedral was well filled on Saturday morning, when Bishop DuMoulin preached his annual Christmas sermon. The services were especially appropriate, and the bishop's address was equally as interesting.

His subject dealt with the greatness of Jesus, as foretold to Mary by the angel. His birth, the bishop said, was great, as a birth announced by a multitude of heavenly hosts had never been witnessed by the world before or since.

The interest that is being taken in the P. S. A. Brotherhood by the ladies was shown yesterday afternoon, when a large number of them attended the first open meeting of the Brotherhood, held in First Congregational Church.

A LIGHT

To Summon People to Evening Service.

New York, Dec. 25.—To do away with the old-time bell ringing as a summons for churchgoers at night, a Brooklyn pastor has borrowed the novel idea of flashing a powerful searchlight from the belfry tower.



News in Brief

Mr. Lemuel V. Hogle dropped dead at Belleville.

Two firemen were killed at a fire at Lewiston, Me.

Eight persons were killed in an explosion of an oil tank at Millville, Pa.

News was received that the C. P. R. ferry Ashtabula was safe in dock.

Seven arrests made in Toronto on Friday were nearly all for shoplifting.

Lewis Leland was acquitted of the charge of poisoning his son's cattle at Colouret.

Dr. D. McDermid, of Maxville School, Inspector of Glengarry, is slated for retirement.

A searchlight will be installed instead of a bell in the spire of the First Reformed Church in Brooklyn.

The English church paragon at Port Sydney, Muskoka, was burned. Rev. Mr. Hewitt lost all his furniture.

Fire at Winnipeg in The Voice Publishing and Steele-Mitchell Kodak offices did fifty thousand dollars' damage.

Miss Jean Clemens, Mark Twain's youngest daughter, was found dead in a bath tub at her home in Redding, Conn.

Rev. Prof. J. B. Fotheringham, of Trinity, has been appointed associate rector of St. Matthew's church, Toronto.

The Chilean Government has ordered from the Krupp in Essen, Germany, 240 guns, to be delivered within three years.

Michael Malone, Michael McGraw and Fred Malone, miners, were buried to death on Christmas day near Harrison, W. Va.

About twenty passengers were hurt in the wreck of the Toronto-Winnipeg express near Chapleau, but only four are at all seriously hurt.

The Montreal aldermen censured by Judge Cannon will try to have the report referred back to the Attorney-General instead of resigning.

Mrs. Francois Boudriault, a French-Canadian woman, living on Parker street, in the east end of Montreal, was burned to death on Saturday morning.

Squire Nugent, for 20 years magistrate of Belmont village, died at London aged 68. He was for many years quartermaster of the 20th Battalion.

While driving home in a covered wagon with Christmas gifts for their nine children, Wm. Payen and his wife were killed by a traction car of Hamilton, O.

The news has been made public of the death in Italy of Augustin Sbarretti, father of Mgr. Sbarretti, Papal delegate to Canada.

John Miller, of Chatham, aged 12 years, was accidentally shot and killed by a companion named Norton while hunting rabbits in Harwich on Christmas morning.

Mrs. Mary J. Wilhelm was sentenced to serve twenty years in prison for killing her husband, Frank Wilhelm, a well-to-do real estate operator, last February.

Miss Mura Hicks, the only woman mail carrier in South Carolina and one of the three women so employed in the United States, was struck by a train and fatally injured.

On Christmas Day the Vienna express ran into a freight train near Chotzena Station. Fifteen persons were killed and 28 seriously injured. Many others were slightly hurt.

More than fifty horses were burned to death and six firemen were overcome during a fire in a four-story stable in East 98th street, New York. The loss is about \$63,000.

A coroner's jury at Waterford will investigate the mysterious death of Wilham Schram, a farmer, aged 60, whose body was found by M. C. R. ice harvesters in the Waterford pond on Friday.

Sir Robert W. Perks leaves England for Canada early in the new year to devote his undivided attention to the Grand Bay Canal. He estimates the cost at twenty or thirty million pounds.

In attempting to remove a lid from the range in the Royal Hotel, Port Hope, kitchen yesterday morning, Mrs. George Henderson, the cook, was probably fatally burned through her apron igniting.

Judge Winchester, of Toronto, would like to see a change made in the criminal code so that county judges will be empowered to impose a fine on persons convicted of shoplifting for the first time.

Cornelius McMahon is in the hospital at Kingston with some chances of recovery. He had a fractured skull. He was in the Hotel Frontenac on Christmas forenoon, when he slipped, and in talking struck his head.

News was brought by the Empress of India that a tremendous loss of life was occasioned off Corea and Japan by severe gales shortly before the liner sailed. The loss of life was expected to exceed 2,000.

Because his wife had expressed a desire to go to her parents' home to spend Christmas, James B. Blakeley, a New Orleans railroad foreman, shot her and himself dead at their home in Algiers on Christmas day.

A despatch to the Morning Post from Shanghai says that as part of the campaign of the Chinese Government to control the Thibetans the Council has determined to promote the building of a railway from Changtu to Lhasa.

At Coalgate, Okla., the refusal of Samuel Woods, a railroad engineer, to satisfy his wife's curiosity as to the contents of a Christmas package he had brought home caused a family quarrel on Friday night and cost Woods his life.

News reached Huntington, W. Va., of the fatal shooting of Samuel and Freeland Dinges and Frederick Hensen at a Christmas celebration at the home of Samuel Dinges at Peck's Mills, Logan county.

The Manitoba Attorney-General's Department gained a second victory when the Provincial Supreme Court rejected the appeal and affirmed the decision of Chief Justice Sifton that the Calgary & Edmonton Railway must pay taxes on their lands.

Prince Phillip, of Saxe-Coburg, has had a long interview with Emperor Francis Joseph regarding the course he should pursue in the matter of the debts of his former wife, Princess Louise of Belgium, which in Vienna alone amounted to \$3,000,000.

Frederick Remington, the artist, died at his country home, at Ridgefield, Conn., at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. He had been ill only since Thursday night, when he was seized with pains which led to an operation for appendicitis on Friday morning.

Judge Richter in the Laporte circuit court ordered the famous "death farm" of Mrs. Belle Guinness, at Laporte, Ind., sold in order that the estate may be settled. The farm contains 59 acres, and is valued at \$5,000. The personal estate left by Mrs. Guinness amounted to \$3,500.

A peculiar accident happened on the T. & N. O. Railway when the combination car and engine car attached to the passenger train which left North Bay at 10:15 in the morning was destroyed by fire.

A new portion of the great Roman wall around London, which was built about the city in the fourth or fifth century, has just been uncovered upon the site of Christ's Hospital, in the angle of Giltspur and Newgate streets, in the course of digging the foundations for rebuilding the streets.

The Supreme Court has restored the judgment of the Court of Review, disqualifying the Montreal Finance Committee for voting the expenses of Mayor Payette and the City Clerk on the trip to Paris. The city is in financial straits in consequence.

Under the name of the Canadian Bolt & Nut Co., Limited, the Toronto Bolt & Nut Co., Swansons, a Bradford School Co., Bradford; the Gananquo Bolt Co., Limited, Gananquo, and a rolling mill at Belleville have been amalgamated.

To Sir Mackenzie Bowell, ex-Prime Minister of Canada, veteran Senator, Nestor of Canadian journalism, proprietor of Belleville Intelligencer, born at Rickinghall, Suffolk, England, December 27, 1825, Sir Mackenzie has now reached his 84th milestone.

Wolves are located in large numbers within a few miles of the town of Parary Sound, in the township of Carling. The farmers of that section have had nearly all their sheep killed by wolves. A large number of deer are also falling a prey to these animals.

Putting on the garb of Santa Claus to amuse the children of Charleston, Ill., at a public entertainment, Miss Clara McGlory drew too near the candles of the Christmas trees, the false beard she wore caught fire, and now she is in a serious condition from burns.

A semi-official note published by the British States, says that the ambassador of an Anglo-German understanding regarding the limitation of naval armaments, which Dr. Rohrbach, the well-known writer on foreign colonial questions declared had been reached.

A head-on collision occurred on Sunday morning on the Intercolonial Railway at St. Annala, Poca Tiers, between the Maritime Express No. 33, coming east, and the Atlantic Express No. 34, coming west. Eight persons are reported injured. Both engines were badly wrecked.

H. A. Gibbs, a clerk in the Merchants' Bank at Stratford, fell from a third-story window of the Grigg House, London at midnight Friday night and died a few minutes later. He retired to his room at 11:45 o'clock, and must have lost his balance in trying to open a window.

A sad accident occurred at Deux Rivières, Que., by which Mr. Thomas Brou, aged 24 years, lost his life. He was walking to the home of a neighbor along the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railway, when an eastbound freight train struck and killed him instantly.

Neil Fletcher, aged 52, a resident of London, after spending Christmas day at his old home at St. Thomas with his son, fell down the cellar stairs at the Southwestern Traction Company's waiting room, Saturday evening, while waiting for a car and fracturing his skull at the base. He died almost instantly.

Engineer Cullity is in jail at Vancouver charged with attempting to murder Raymond Miller in the Manitoba Hotel early on Saturday morning. The story is that Miller, with two other men, Frank Gates and W. W. Poole, were in a room in the hotel, when Cullity entered and attacked Miller with a knife.

The total public benefactions in the United States during the past twelve months was \$141,250,000, an amount just \$400,000 greater than any previous year. The total benefactions in the public press the last seventeen years add up to no less than \$1,000,150,000.

The Italian Minister of Marine has determined that four Dreadnoughts will be launched in 1910. He has also decided to build no others at private dock yards, thus rendering it possible to complete three scout vessels at the same time in Government yards. The estimated cost of the vessels is \$30,000,000.

What is believed to have been an attempt to assassinate E. W. Thielecke, editor of the Bulletin of Cairo, Ill., was made, when a shot was fired through the window of the Bulletin office. The bullet barely missed the editor's head, but he was injured.

The generosity of Mr. John Ross Robertson towards the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, seems to know no limitations. His many contributions to the funds of this worthy institution were supplemented on Saturday by a Christmas box of a cheque for ten thousand dollars, which was the largest amount received this year.

Residents of Point St. Charles, Que., were shocked on Saturday night to hear that an old woman named Mrs. Leselles had been found cold and stiff in front of the house where she roomed at 18 Farm street. The tragedy is the result of a drunken family row, which happened on Christmas Eve in the house of Timothy Riordan, where she lived.

Salvage operation on the northern coast of British Columbia, bring out the heroism of George Eccles, wireless operator, in stronger colors than ever. Ever Johnston reported to the salvage company that he found the rear door of the mail room broken open. Lying by the stairway was George Eccles with a satchel and three sacks of registered mail. Probably Eccles met death in attempting to save Uncle Sam's registered mail.

After Zelaya's trenches had been shelled in the battle of Nicaragua they were taken by assault. In the trenches were several women, who preferred risking death in the conflict to starvation in camp. These women were armed with rifles and fought furiously. One of them was wounded and later brought to the hospital here. A large proportion of the prisoners would found to be boys under sixteen years of age. They accepted defeat as though it were very welcome.

Henry Stephens, night watchman, who resides at Kalamazoo, has gone without sleep continuously for the past 33 years on account of a blow on the head. Ever since he has been a medical enigma. Ordinary cuts and bruises on the body he did not feel in the slightest. A few days ago Stephens fell and stuck his head on the slippery sidewalk. Immediately his sleepless condition became reversed, and now it is almost impossible for him to remain awake long enough to eat his meals.

The Right House HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE

Great Reduction Clearing Sale

Not waiting for January, we start to-morrow a big Reduction Sale of several lines of needful Winter goods.

Real Lace Blouse Sale Reduction Sale of Colored Dress Goods

TO-MORROW for the first time we shall offer a collection of real lace and hand embroidered Net Blouses at greatly reduced clearing prices. These come in Irish Princess lace with hand stitching and rose point designs; rich Irish ecru effects, Princess Laces and hand embroidered silk nets; also hand-appliqued Tosca net.

Reduction Sale of Fur Lined Coats

A very special purchase at great price concessions on the part of the maker enables us to place on sale Tuesday 25 Hempter squirrel and muskrat-lined coats for ladies at the very special prices quoted above.

Odd Furs at a Sacrifice

On sale to-morrow mostly at prices which have been cut exactly into two are a number of our quality fur pieces among which will be found Japanese Mink Stoles, Black Persian Paw Stoles, Marmot Stoles, Blended Squirrel Stoles, etc., at prices which range between \$3.00 to \$22.50.

Advertisement for Thomas C. Watkins, Limited, Hamilton Ontario, established sixty-six years.

STORY OF ANGEL SONG.

Subject of Christmas Day Address at Central Church.

The special Christmas Day services in Central Presbyterian Church were attended by a large number of the members and adherents. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, and he pointed out how Christmas Day should be a day of gladness.

FOUR MILES AN HOUR.

Not So Easy to Walk at That Rate as Many Persons Imagine.

There is nothing that the average person believes more implicitly than that he can walk four miles in an hour easily. Almost any man or woman who covers three miles in an hour and a half a day, let me see, four miles an hour; that makes six miles we went, and he is convinced that is the ground his party covered.

well pleased with men who exercised good will toward one another. Peace was not an accident of circumstance or something that could be plastered upon life from the outside, for until the soul was redeemed, no one could lie down beside the still waters. Many men who had misunderstood, and differed during the past year have put them away and show good will at the peace sought Christmas time. It was for that purpose that Christ came into the world for he came as the Prince of Peace.

A Reflected Diet.

Everybody's dieting some ailment to be quieting, and hunger goes roaring where plenty once made gaily; Ban's on food and fishes, and we have no need of dishes, and the stomach of me wishes it could find the means to stay; The food is mostly shavings, and it hears naught but the ravings of the daily diet list; Nothing much for dinner, with a luncheon somewhat thinner, and I think as I'm a sinner I shall melt away in mist.

IT'S 5 A.M., MR. NEIGHBOR!! I COULDN'T SLEEP AFTER YOU BEGAN YOUR RUG-WHACKING, SO I THOUGHT I'D STEP OVER AND SHOW YOU A FEW FANCY STROKES AND WORK UP AN APPETITE FOR BREAKFAST!!



stretch of gravel path alongside the pavements on which to walk. But he started off again for the second mile. This time he walked steadily, using his hips, and eventually got striding at a clip that convinced him he was going at least four minutes better than the other time. At Seventieth street he invariable watch showed fourteen minutes for the second mile.

And then I was all out," said the walker, "and I made up my mind I wouldn't try to make time for the rest of my walk down town. Those two miles in twenty-nine minutes were about my best. Perhaps I could have done the two in a little better, but to go on for two more would have pulled the average down. It taught me something about that four miles an hour idea." N. Y. Sun.

All the kitchen's quiet since the rage began for diet, and the vision of a pie, it would quite turn my head, I swear; Steak is quite forbidden, all the roasting pans are hidden, and the cook is crossly chidden if she smells our bill of fare.

How my pulse would quicken could I look upon a chicken and see rich cream gravy thicken in a long-lost frying-pan! But the Code Starvation says the bodily elation from fried chicken spells damnation to the health of modern man.

Mother's getting thinner on no breakfast, lunch, or dinner—and her diet is a winner for of stoutness she complains; Father's girth's reducing since he is no longer using food and drink, and he is losing all his once-soleful pains; Aunt's getting better, keeps her diet to the letter, and dear Uncle he is debtor to the scheme of toast and tea. Diet works its wonders when assimilation blunders, and its praise the family thunders—but it's simply killing me! —J. W. Foley.

ALL THREE ARE GUILTY.

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pugilistic battle last Thursday night in which a bet of \$100 was made. Each contestant agreed to pay \$50 each, the winner to get the \$100.

The crimp in the arrangements caused the finale to be heard before Magistrate Jeffs. William McFadden charged Walter and Otto Obernesser with assault. Complainant said last Wednesday night he was in defendants' hotel, corner of Hunter and Hughson streets, and Mr. Obernesser, sen., said he had a son who could lick McFadden, and the match for \$100 was arranged, the money to be put up by 11 o'clock the next night. McFadden said he called at the hotel in company with a friend on Thursday night with his \$50, but the Obernessers, jun., refused to take the money. Later it appears they adjourned to the back yard for argumentative purposes, and there complainant said he received two blows on the face from Walter Obernesser. Then there was a chase across the wood market, in which it seemed both contestants figured and some of the witnesses. Those two blows resulted in the charge of assault.

Otto Obernesser said McFadden for a month past had been a regular caller at the hotel, and had persistently talked with him, and had boasted of his ability as a pugilist. His worship asked McFadden if he had done some boxing, and the answer was "Yes." "Then it is a small matter for a boxer to bring this case to court," said the Magistrate. It was dismissed.

Frank Lewis was sued by John Walker for \$11.30 wages due. He obtained judgment for the amount.

Ben Graham lost his case against the Steel & Iron Company. He sued for \$3.35 he claimed as wages due.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Mr. Dinny Rae is home for Christmas. —P. B. Fisher, Cornell University, is in town.

—P. M. Bellhouse, of Montreal, is visiting in the city. —F. G. Malloch, McGill University, is in town visiting friends.

—Cadet I. S. Houdrie, of the R. M. C., is home for the holidays. —W. M. Gartshore, McGill University, is home for the Christmas vacation.

S. S. Mills, of the Law School, is with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mills, James street south. —E. Bristol, of the Law School, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bristol.

—F. W. Bird & Son presented each of their employees with a fine Christmas turkey. —Pringle & Son, York street, have distributed handsome calendars to their customers.

—D. E. Galloway, of Montreal, spent Christmas with his parents, Hunter street, east.

—Miss Katie Mills, of Ottawa, is in the city, visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. Mills, George street.

—Judge and Mrs. Roger, of Cobourg, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Wm. Carey.

—Chief TenEyck and the firemen very heartily thank James Turner & Co. for a Christmas gift of tobacco.

—Miss Eva Hamilton, of Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, 185 Herkimer street.

—Mr. Arthur Hull, Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hull, 177 Mary street.

—E. S. Malloch, of Queen's University, and T. A. Malloch, B. A., of McGill, are visiting their father, Dr. A. E. Malloch.

—The employees of the W. A. Freeman Co., wish to thank the firm for the gift of a fine Christmas turkey to each.

—Quite a large party from this city will attend the ball in Government House, Toronto, on Wednesday evening.

—The employees of Rodgers, Gibson & Company, wish to thank their employers for the many useful presents they received.

—The number of communicants at Christ's Church Cathedral on Christmas day exceeded previous records by one hundred.

—Mr. Fred Harding, secretary-treasurer of the London Machine Tool Company, spent Christmas at his home in Thorndale.

—Mr. Lester Rutherford, of the Bank of Hamilton, Jarvis, is in town, the guest of his aunt, Mrs. S. J. Cowan, 185 Herkimer street.

—S. N. Richards, of Winnipeg, Man., is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother, Wm. Richards, 462 Cannon street, east.

—The employees of James Hossack, builder, Charlton avenue, desire to thank him for the Christmas boxes which he presented to them.

—Mr. Michael Turnbull, of Toronto, accompanied by his sons, Harry and Gordon, spent Christmas season with relatives in the city.

—The employees of John Duff & Sons, Brant street, desire to thank the firm for the usual Christmas present of a fine turkey to each.

—Each of the employees of the Newbigging Cabinet Company received a token of the employer's good will on Friday in the form of a fine turkey.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Storey, of Detroit, spent Christmas with Ald. and Mrs. Milne, 78 West avenue south. They returned to their home this afternoon.

—The young men's Baraca class of the James Street Sunday School presented their teacher, Mrs. Frederick Skeddien, with a handsome leather rocking chair for Christmas.

—The employees of Canada Hart Wheels, Limited, tender their grateful thanks to the firm for an acceptable cash Christmas box, and wish them a prosperous new year.

—The employees of the Hamilton & Barton Incline Railway Company wish to thank the directors for their kind Christmas contribution. Each received an extra week's wages.

—As the date of the annual meeting of Local Council of Women falls on Jan. 15, the date of the meeting of Caxton Literary Club at Mrs. Elmore Richards' has been changed to Jan. 8.

—At the evening service in St. John Presbyterian Church, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riach sang the duet "Saviour, Draw Me Near to Thee (Campion), and Mrs. Riach also sang "The Shepherd King" (Verne).

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Moore and wife, of Aylmer, and their son, Wilfred De Los Moore, are in the city for the holiday season, visiting Mr. Moore's brother-in-law, Mr. L. R. Tobey, Jackson street west.

—On Thursday last Mr. Arthur Frid, choir-master of Herkimer Baptist Church, was presented with a handsome fountain pen by Mrs. Peter Creek, on behalf of the Musical Committee. Mr. Frid made a suitable reply.

—Judge Snider at Friday's sitting of the County court, gave judgment in the case of McCann vs. Hogarth, in favor of the plaintiff, allowing him the full amount of the claim, \$126.20. The plaintiff is a bricklayer and did work for the defendant, a contractor.

—On the 17th inst. George Thompson, driver for the Parisian Laundry, put a basket of clothes on Mrs. Colvin's doorstep, corner King street and Sherman avenue. Somebody stole the whole outfit. The matter has just been reported.

—Mr. Frederick W. Watkins delivered a practical address at the Gospel Temperance Reform Club on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. D. B. Smith sang a solo, "Just for To-day." President Rolls occupied the chair, and the attendance was good, many strangers being present.

—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Robinson, of Toronto, Miss Ella Wicks, of Knoxview, Tenn., Herbert and Fred D. Robinson, of Syracuse, and A. H. Robinson, of Montreal, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robinson, Emerald street south—a delightful Christmas for all.

—The Thistle skating rink did a very large business on the holiday, and sold many season tickets. The skating season has opened up well, and cold weather is all that is needed to make the sport attractive and go with all its old time vigor. The Thistle has everything very convenient for skaters.

Greatly Reduced Prices On Many Articles

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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-Weekly Times, 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

BIRTHS.

GATES—On Sunday, December 26, 1909, at 39 Rottenally avenue, Toronto, the wife of Earle D. Gates, of a son.

DEATHS.

BLAGDEN—At Burlington on Saturday, December 25th, 1909, Edward Blagden, in his 92nd year.

FUNERAL on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. to Greenwood Cemetery, Burlington. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Kindly omit flowers.

FERGUSON—Accidentally killed on December 25th, at the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company's yard, James Ferguson, of Surrey, England, aged 29 years.

FUNERAL from J. H. Robinson & Co.'s chapel on Tuesday at 3 p. m. to Hamilton Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

HAGYARD—At the City Hospital, on Friday, December 24th, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Hagyard, of London, Ontario. The funeral took place on Monday, December 27, at 2 o'clock, from the family residence.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Westerly winds, partly cloudy with light local snow falls. Tuesday westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries: Temperature.

Table with 3 columns: Location, 8 a.m. Min., Weather. Includes Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Father Point.

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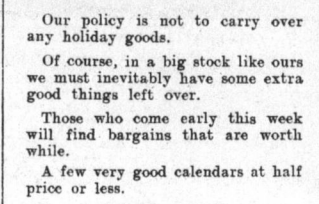
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BRITANNIA ROLLER RINK TO-NIGHT

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