

TELEPHONE LINES UNDER POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Advocated in United States House of Representatives Yesterday.
NOT DIFFICULT FINANCIAL FEAT
Rep. Lewis of Maryland Says Would Cost Less Than a Billion Dollars to Carry Out Scheme.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Government ownership of the nation's telephone lines would cost less than \$900,000,000 and would present no greater difficulties of financing than did the Panama Canal, Representative Lewis of Maryland, told the House today in an exhaustive analysis of his proposal to have those lines operated by the post office department.

Representative Lewis, who took a leading part in the establishment of the parcel post, and who has made a study, with post office officials, of government ownership of the electrical lines of communications, does not propose to have the government take over the telephone companies. His plan is to have the government first own the telephonic network of the country, operate some of the telephone lines as telegraphs, as is now possible under modern mechanical conditions, and have the private system compete with the government telegraph companies at the outset in the same proportion as the parcel post does with the express companies.

SYNDICATE BUYS OUT ISLAND FOX FARM

James Tuplin Sells His Interest in the Industry, as Well as Farm and Oyster Business.
Charlotteville, P. E. I., Dec. 22.—The Tuplin fox deal which has been under negotiation for some time has finally gone through.

James Tuplin, of Black Bank, Prince county, has sold out his property including fox ranch, farm residence and large oyster area, to a syndicate of Boston, Toronto and inland capitalists for a quarter of a million. The ranch contains twelve pairs of foxes and the farm includes land which will be devoted to cranberry culture, also woodland which will furnish the branches used for collecting spots on the oyster beds. The company has leased 800 acres of bottom in Malpeque for oyster cultivation.

Among the chief promoters of the company was G. Frank Bear, Toronto. Mr. Tuplin is the son of one of the fox pioneers who began business about 20 years ago.

MOTHER AND SON KILLED BY EXPRESS TRAIN

Were Driving Into Calais and Attempted to Cross Railway Tracks — Woman Terribly Mangled.
Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, Dec. 22.—Death came in a shocking form to a mother and her son near Calais today. Mrs. John Ahearn, aged about fifty years, and her son Daniel, about twelve years of age were driving into Calais from their home at Baileyville and reached the crossing of the Washington county railway just as the noon express bound into Calais came along. The woman was driving and hearing the train coming stopped the team about sixty feet from the track. Then recklessly concluding that they could beat the on-coming express, started to cross the rails. The engine near saw the danger and applied the brakes, but the engine caught the wagon with fatal results.

ALIENISTS GIVE THEIR EVIDENCE

Testify on Stand in Schmidt Case—Testimony Yesterday Showed that Prisoner's Mind is Abnormal.
New York, Dec. 22.—The procession of alienists began their march to the witness stand today at the trial of Hans Schmidt. After Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, of New York, had testified for the defence, court adjourned early to enable Schmidt's attorneys to construct a hypothetical question which will be put to Dr. Jelliffe tomorrow and to the other medical experts.

Practically all Dr. Jelliffe's testimony indicated that Schmidt was abnormal. The witness said that the priest complained to him that his bishop and fellow clergy refused to acknowledge his authority. The defendant excused his forgeries of the signature of his professor at Munich by saying, "I was in high spirits and good health, and I entered into the personality of the professor. I was the professor. So it was not wrong for me to sign his name."

MUSKRATS ALRIGHT, BUT THEY COME HIGH

Manager of Fur Store Sentenced to Five Thousand Dollar Fine or Twenty Seven Years.
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—Muskrat and beaver skins at \$60 a piece come high for even Adelard Lefrance, manager for Revillon Freres at Mississauga, but when the fine amounts to \$5,000, or in default twenty-seven years in jail, it is a serious matter.

ADMIT FOREIGN POTATOES INTO STATES IF FOUND FREE FROM DISEASE

Order Sent Out by Secretary Houston Effective January 15.
PRESENT EMBARGO HOLDS UNTIL THEN.
New Order Opens Market to Districts Which Can Show Tubers Free From Powdery Scab.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Houston today issued an order continuing the quarantine put temporarily into effect September 23 last, forbidding potato importations from the British Isles, Canada, and all Continental Europe. This action was modified, however, by a second order, under which the quarantine may be raised, under proper regulation and inspection, from foreign countries or districts which can show that they are free from potato wart and powdery scab, the two diseases which the Department of Agriculture aims to keep out of the country.

In the case of certain provinces in Canada, and certain countries and districts of Europe, the officer here believe the absolute prohibition can be lifted in time to allow the movement of the present year's crop, under regulation and inspection, which, under the secretary's order, is similar to that for nursery stock.

JUNIOR MEMBER OF BROKER'S FIRM MIXED UP IN MAIL FRAUD CASE

Implicated in Suit Against Officers of Sterling Debenture Company—Became Broker to Boom Concern.
New York, Dec. 22.—William E. Edwards, junior member of a Broadway brokerage firm, was arrested today in connection with the federal suit pending against officers of the Sterling Debenture Company and the Oxford Linen Mills Company, who are accused of using the mails in an alleged conspiracy to defraud investors of the Sterling company, which has mills at Brookfield, Mass. Edwards was once treasurer of the Sterling company. He furnished a bail of \$4,000 before the States Judge Hunt and was released.

PURSE PRESENTED TO RETIRING PASTOR

Rev. Dr. MacOdrum Receives Gift from Moncton Congregation—Going to Pembroke, Ont., Next Month.
Moncton, Dec. 22.—Rev. D. MacOdrum, who recently accepted a call to the Central Presbyterian church, Pembroke, Ont., and who assumed his new pastorate early in January, was tonight presented by the congregation

Picturesque and Beautiful New Brunswick



Jones' Castle, St. John.

NEWS OF KING MENELIK'S DEATH IS ANNOUNCED

Reputed a Descendant of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon—Had Adventurous Career—Became Famous Through His War on Italy.
Addis Ababa, Abyssinia, Dec. 21.—It is officially announced here today that Emperor Menelik II. has died. Emperor Menelik II. had been reported dead on many occasions but this is the first time an official announcement has been published. Rumors of the emperor's death had been in circulation for several days in the European capitals, but were received with skepticism.

AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR QUEBEC WORK

Minister of Railways Signs Contract for Important Terminal Works—Tunnel Under the City.
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Another new page in the history of Quebec was turned this afternoon when Hon. Frank Cochrane signed the agreements which will enable the start of work on the immense terminal undertakings in that city.

EXPLOSION ON IMPERIAL TRAIN IN RUSSIA

Rostock, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred on the Russian court special train at the railroad station here just before the arrival of Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, who left Copenhagen today for St. Petersburg. Seven members of the train crew were injured.

HUERTA DECLARES BANK HOLIDAY UNTIL JANUARY 1

C.P.R. LNER IN TROUBLE IN MID-OCEAN

The Montague on Way from Vancouver to Hong Kong Had to Be Hove to in Heavy Storm.
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—With huge seas sweeping over her and threatening to wreck her deck fittings and cabins, the big Canadian Pacific steamer Montague, Captain Halley, had to be hove to in mid-Pacific on her present outward voyage from Vancouver to Hong Kong, according to word brought in by officers of the Empress of Asia, which arrived late yesterday.

While the Empress was reefing off 18½ knots an hour, a wireless message was received from the Montague saying she was hove to in latitude 53 north and longitude 160 west, with a howling westerly gale raging and a terrible sea sweeping over her.

FINANCIAL STRINGENCY IS PASSED

Premier Borden Points Out at Travellers' Dinner—East and West May be United Without Sacrifice.
Montreal, Dec. 22.—Five cabinet ministers and one ex-cabinet minister besides other prominent guests honored the 38th annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association by their presence tonight.

GEORGETOWN SWEPT BY FIRE; TWENTY PERSONS ARE KILLED

Georgetown, British Guiana, Dec. 22.—A large section of the business quarter of Georgetown, which is known also as Demerara, was destroyed by fire this morning. Twenty persons were killed and many injured. Scores were rendered homeless.

SENDS OUT DECREE TO CHECK RUN ON MEXICO CITY BANKS

ONLY ONE HOUSE TAKES ADVANTAGE
Directors of Bank of London and Mexico Look Into Situation—Twelve Million Pesos in Coin.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—The Bank of London and Mexico closed its doors today. The bank was unable to secure currency with which to pay depositors and therefore was forced to suspend.

On the promulgation of this decree the Bank of London and Mexico opened its doors but retained from paying deposits.

CHANGES IN MILITIA ORDERS ANNOUNCED

Maj. Gen. Cotton's Term as Inspector General Extended Until the End of March, 1914.
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Militia general orders just promulgated contain several important announcements. Regarding the headquarters staff are the following:

CARGO OF FOXES FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 22.—J. H. Reid, late of the Hudson's Bay Company at Isle La Crosse, about three hundred miles north of here, and one of the largest fox buyers in western Canada, left today for Prince Edward Island. He has a cargo of foxes with him valued at \$20,000.

UNION BANK OF CANADA PROSPEROUS

Annual Report Appears in Another Part of this Issue - In Excellent Condition.

The annual report of the Union Bank of Canada, which appears in another part of this issue, shows that institution to be in excellent condition. The assets are adequate for all purposes, and this forty-ninth annual statement shows a net profit for the year just closed of \$750,095.27, or slightly more than fifteen per cent. on the paid-up capital during the year.

Gold and silver coin with dominion government notes amount to \$7,266,831.37 and the other quick assets are equally as secure.

The annual meeting took place in Winnipeg on December 17. John Galt is president and G. H. Balfour is general manager.

"CONNIE" MACK SAYS "EDDIE" COLLINS IS WORTH \$100,000



When "Connie" Mack, manager of the world's champion Athletics, was informed that "Charley" Ebbets, of the Brooklyn club, had bought "Joe" Tinker from "Garry" Herrmann for \$25,000 he took a long breath, threw out his chest and replied:—

"If Joe Tinker is worth \$25,000, then the kid I have covering second base for my club, 'Eddie' Collins, is surely worth just four times that amount, which is \$100,000."

HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR PLOT TO KILL FRANCISCO MADERO

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Daniel De Villiers, killed at Los Angeles, was arrested here in May, 1911, with "Billy" W. Dunn, another San Antonio man, on a charge of plotting to have Francisco I. Madero killed. The arrests were made on complaint of Villjoen, a Boer war veteran, who was military adviser to Madero.

It Was Well Named. A rather illiterate man had to perform a certain part in the initiation of a candidate for admission to the lodge. He read the lines very laboriously, as well as incorrectly.

The Daily Hint from Paris. The failure of the Bank of London and Mexico to meet the demands for payments promptly is regarded as serious, since this bank and the National are the only banks of issue except the state banks, whose bills are no longer received in the capital.

Thieves Busy? Although no verification of the report was received from the management, it was learned yesterday that on one day last week a lady in one of the large stores while making a purchase was jostled in the crowd during the busy hours of the afternoon and relieved of a sum of money in the vicinity of a hundred dollars.

INDIAN SOLD SPECIAL MAKE FIRE WATER

Oromocto Red Man had Recipe for Making a Brand More Intoxicating Than the Real Article.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 22.—Indian Agent N. J. Smith has returned from Oromocto where he was attending to the case of Joe Scobie, charged with manufacturing and keeping for sale an intoxicating liquor on the Oromocto reserve.

SECRET THREE YEARS OLD REVEALED BY DEATH

Woman Lived in Secret Room Adjoining Lawyer's Office - Discovered after he is Found Dead.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The death of Melvin H. Couch, a prominent lawyer and former district attorney of Sullivan county, revealed today that, unknown to his family and friends and to his clients, a woman had lived for three years in a secret room connecting with his law office.

Death was due to rupture of a blood vessel near the heart. In the next room crouched a frightened woman who admitted she had seen him die, but insisted she was not responsible for his death. She said she was Adelaide M. Brance of Goshen, N. Y., and that the secret room had been her only home during the three years.

ONE DEATH FOR EVERY 700 TONS OF COAL MINED

Charleston, West Va., Dec. 22.—One death from accident for every 700 tons of coal mined in six of the coal producing counties of West Virginia in the first eleven months of 1913, was shown in the statement of Earl Henry, chief of the Bureau of Mines, made public today.

DIED IN P. E. ISLAND. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 22.—Abram Williams, native of Blue Island, Lockport, N. S., died at Beach Point in this province. He followed the sea for many years.

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(Continued from page 1) clearing house inquiry developed that the bank had in its vaults 12,000,000 pesos in coin and 2,000,000 in bank notes, about fifteen per cent. of which are the discredited state bank bills.

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HE'LL NOT FLY JUST YET.

EIGHTY-SEVEN HOURS IN THE AIR, TRAVELLED MORE THAN 1700 MILES

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Herr Keulen, a German balloonist, who, with two passengers ascended from Bitterfeld, Prussian Saxony, in the balloon Duisburg, on December 13, reported today that he had descended at Perm, a town in European Russia near the Siberian frontier, thus establishing a world's distance and duration record for spherical balloons.

SOUTH AMERICA TO HAVE MORE TROUBLE

Government of Ecuador Ready to Retake Esmeraldas from Rebels—Narvarro to Lead Charge.

Quayquil, Ecuador, Dec. 22.—The government is making extensive preparations to retake the town of Esmeraldas from the rebels under Col. Carlos Concha, who captured the place on December 15. General Juan Narvarro, the war minister, has resigned his portfolio, and will assume command of the operations.

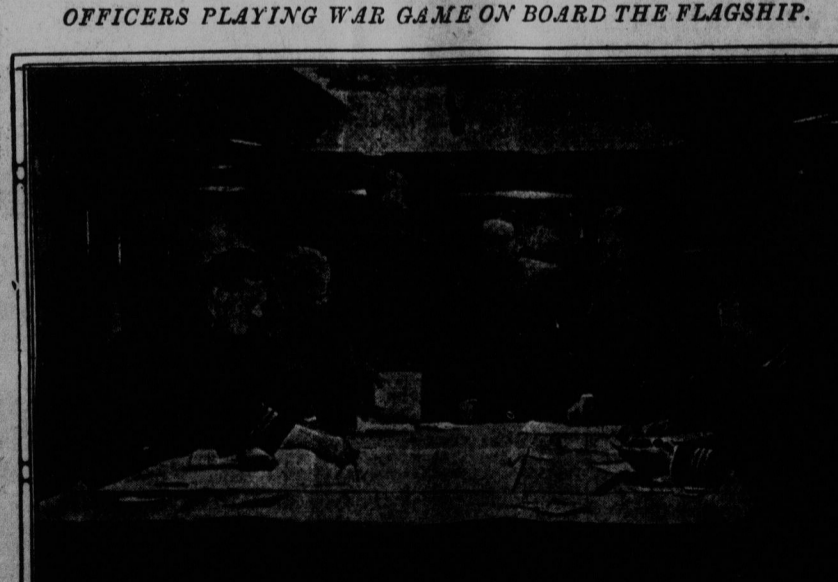
GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEPHONE LINES IS STILL UNDECIDED

Postmaster General of the States Favors it, but President Takes no Stand Just Yet.

Postmaster General Burleson in his annual report favored the principle of government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, President Wilson has not taken a position on the question and has not made up his mind.

Home For Christmas. The C. N. R. liner Royal George, which sailed from this port last Wednesday, has been signalled off Brown Head. The Royal George has again established a trans-Atlantic record and will reach Bristol in time for all passengers to arrive at their homes in any part of the British Isles in time for Christmas.

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TENDENCY OF NATIONS TO CONSOLIDATE

Hon. Mr. White Tells Montreal Canadian Club - This Continent Half-way House of the World.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—"I would rather make a budget speech than speak up on an abstract subject like Canadian citizenship," confessed the Hon. W. T. White, before the Canadian Club today. He told the members that the duties of his department had left him no time to prepare an address.

Men's Troubles. (New York Tribune.) A crabbled old misanthrope said to Ethel Barrymore at a dinner in Bar Harbor: "Woman! Feminism! Suffrage! Bah! Why, there isn't a woman alive who wouldn't rather be beautiful than intelligent."

MARRIED. BRAID-DUNHAM - At Zion Methodist parsonage Saturday December 20th, by Rev. Wm. Lawson, Frederick Braid of London, England, and Ellen Dunham of Westfield, N. B. They will reside in St. John.

DIED. BREWER - At Gagetown, on Dec. 20th, 1913, Rev. Waldron W. Brewer, Methodist minister, leaving a wife to mourn.

JOHNSTON - In this city on the 22nd inst, A. Clarence Johnston, second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnston, in the 17th year of his age, leaving besides father and mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn.

SANTA CLAUS AND MONKEYS MON. AND TUES. MATS. ONLY! In Addition to the Whole new Regular Show, including Vaudeville.

IMPERIAL-TAYLOR & BROWN ACT "THE SALESMAN'S FLIRTATION." A Sparkling Little Song-Comedy, Well Dressed and Pretty.

NEW TENOR Mr. Dolar Chilleau In Picture Songs and in Straight Ballad Singing.

WED. "Why Girls Leave Home" 3 Reels With Singer. Mon. Tues

SECURE YOUR SEATS NOW For Christmas Matinee and Night, also Friday, Saturday and Saturday Matinee

OPERA HOUSE--Thompson-Woods Stock Co. -IN- THE CHARITY BALL By DAVID BELASCO

NOTE--All seats reserved for the Christmas Matinee. Prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents; night prices the same. Saturday Matinee 15 and 25 cents.

HOLIDAY SINGING, XMAS MUSIC, YULE-TIDE DANCING BY THE MERRY MIRTH DISTRIBUTORS PALMER & DICKMAN

UNIQUE | Choicest Gifts Plucked from the Picture Tape Responding to Many Requests "THE RIOT" Worth Seeing a Dozen Times

Our Christmas Programme includes the Thousander Guessing Comedy--"A DEEP SEA LIAR."

HEADACHES ALMOST DROVE HER WILD

Until a Friend Advised Her to Use "Fruit-atives"

Newbury, Ont., May 29th, 1913. "About four years ago, I was in a dreadful run-down condition, weak and hardly able to walk up stairs. Weakness peculiar to women was the chief trouble. I had headaches that almost drove me wild, and most distressing constipation. I took many dollars' worth of medicine from the doctors without any good results.

MAY COMPEL SHIPS TO CARRY WIRELESS

Congress on Safety at Sea Likely to Recommend This - Will Depend on Type of Vessel.

London, England, Dec. 22.—It is understood that the International Congress on Safety at Sea will recommend compulsory installation of the wireless system for certain classes of vessels. This is to be defined by the number of passengers, the distance between ports of call, and the speed of the vessels.

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MARINE OF THE

SIGNAL SERVICE (Issued by Authority of the Marine)

St. John, Dec. 22.—Cape Race, 720—Granplan 400 miles 6 p. m., Saturday 25 ward, 2.30 a. m., Co. east, Inward.

St. John, Dec. 22.—Brier Island, 61—Point Lepreau, 22—Partridge Island—east.

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THE LATEST SLINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

SIGNAL SERVICE BULLETIN

(Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.)

St. John, Dec. 22-10 a. m. - Cape Race, 730-Dec. 21, 4.30 p. m. ... Halifax, 267-British steamer Pretorian arrived from Liverpool at noon.

Gloriana's Christmas Surprise

By Anne O'Hagan.

In the train from New York to Kenosca, the station in the Bearport Mountains to which the New Jersey and Ontario Railroad consigned passengers for Mrs. Derwent Cobb's house, Hillcrest, Gloria had not been surprised to find herself the only person likely to be bound for that centre of Christmas hilarity. The others, she told herself, would be in the parlor coughing and blowing noses, now and then, for her, a teacher in a Bridgeport public school.

She watched the clerkish parson strike off down the road toward a hollow where lights twinkled through the snowy blur. She switched the beam of her flashlight upon a rectangular frame building across the road, which by means of sporadic letters or notices, informed the passerby that it was the "Ontario To-Go." Still the carriage owned of the red mudier made swiftly for the road, which by means of sporadic letters or notices, informed the passerby that it was the "Ontario To-Go."

Gloriana was driving, at an expense somewhat sobering to a young woman whose yearly income was not more than the four-figure limit, up the steep, snowy, five-mile road before it occurred to her that she might have to stop to get a horse, and she started to get out of the car. She was sure, as if it had cost one dollar and ninety-eight cents. And accordingly she had made up her mind to get out of the car.

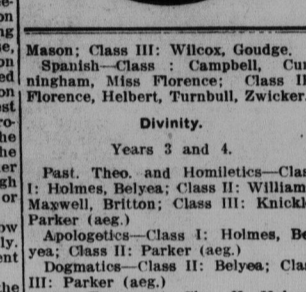
She hurried through the station to find the vehicle which Cousin Fanny would have sent down for her. But the road back of the little, box-like structure was empty, save for a ramshackle affair on runners the very driver addressed the shopper from Paterson as "mar," and told her reassuringly that he was there.

Gloriana considered with a troubled mind. There could be no mistake about the hour of her arrival. She had studied the timetable in Cousin Fanny's notes, and she had accurately adjusted its possibilities to those of her own. She had been speeding to Cousin Fanny's house, and within an hour she had been told that Gloria had a car and a circle to entertain there!

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From the golden wheat berry to the clean new bag or barrel first that touch FIVE ROSES none other is pure enough for you.



Mason; Class III: Wilcox, Goudge, Florence, Helbert, Turnbull, Zwicker. Divinity. Years 2 and 4. Past, Theo. and Homiletics—Class I: Holmes, Belyea; Class II: Williams, Maxwell, Britton; Class III: Knicker, Parker (aeg.)

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STEAMSHIPS. RAILWAYS. RED CROSS LINE. Past direct weekly freight service between New York and St. John, N. B. S. S. "Clothilde Cuneo" Sailing from New York every Monday, taking freight for St. John and interior points.

ELDER-DEMSTER LINE. South African Service. S. S. "KWARRA," or other steamer, sailing from St. John about Dec. 22nd for Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban and Delagoa Bay.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING COMPANY, LTD. Montreal and St. John to Australia and New Zealand. Proposed sailings: From St. John, N. B. S. S. Jester about December 20th, to be followed by steamers at regular monthly intervals.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION. International Line. CHANGE IN SCHEDULE. WINTER FARES. St. John to Portland \$4.00, St. John to Boston 4.50, Boston to New York 1.00.

THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (LIMITED). Until further notice the S. S. Concordia will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B. Thorne Wharf at 10 a. m. for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay or Letete, Deer Island, Eastport and St. John.

THE WHITE STAR DOMINION LINE. Every Saturday to Liverpool. "LAURENTIC," "MEDITERRANEE," "TIBETON," "CANADA." THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO EUROPE.

APOLISTEEL PILLS. The Schooner CALABRIA, of 451 Tons Register, and Schooner ORIOLE of 124 Tons Register, Enquire of J. S. PLANE & CO., 61 and 63 Water St., St. John, N. B.

CANADIAN PACIFIC CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS. The Canadian Pacific Railway will issue round trip tickets as follows: General Public—Local Business.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. Will Sell Round Trip Tickets for XMAS and NEW YEAR. FIRST-CLASS ONE WAY FARE. Going Dec. 24, 25, Returning Dec. 26, 1915.

ALLAN LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS. TO LIVERPOOL. From Wed. 24 Dec.—Corcoran . . . Halifax Wed. 31 Dec.—Gramplan, St. John Sat. 8 Jan.—Virgilian, St. John Wed. 7 Jan.—Scandinavian, Halifax

ALLAN LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS. TO HAVRE & LONDON. Thru. 1 Jan.—Corinthian, St. John

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EMPRESSES LIVERPOOL (FROM HALIFAX) Empress of Britain Dec. 27 Empress of Ireland Jan. 10 TIRESTE SERVICE (FROM ST. JOHN) TYROLIA - JAN. 31 RUHENIA - JAN. 31

MANCHESTER LINE. From Manchester From St. John Oct. 11 Manchester Spiner . . Oct. 25 Oct. 25 Manchester Exchange Nov. 10 Nov. 8 Manchester Inver, Nov. 23 Nov. 15 Manchester Port . . Dec. 6 Nov. 22 Manchester Commerce Nov. 29 Manchester Importer Dec. 29 Dec. 6 Manchester Shipper . .

MANCHESTER SHIPPER HERE. The Manchester Line steamer Manchester Shipper, Capt. Perry, arrived yesterday from Manchester with general cargo.

ROYAL MAIL LINE. The Royal Mail steamer Royal George, for Avonmouth, took away Canadian goods valued at \$68,936, and foreign goods valued at \$152,106, making a total valuation of \$221,042.

THE BATTLE LINE. The steamer Sellasta, Capt. Hatfield, sailed yesterday from Antwerp for Montevideo. Port Talbot, Dec. 19.—Sld stmr Eric, Crossley, for Rosyth, Scotland.

STEAMSHIP NOTES. The Allan Line steamer Grampian was 400 miles east of Cape Race, at 4.30 p. m. Sunday, bound west. The Donaldson Line steamer Sarnia was 223 miles east of Cape Sable Island at 6 p. m. Sunday, bound from St. John for Glasgow.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Monday, Dec. 22, 1915. Star Manchester Shipper, 2,542, Ferry, Manchester, Wm. Thomson & Co., general.

DOMESTIC PORTS. Halifax, Dec. 21.—Arr stmr Cear (Rus), Libau; Dec. 20th, schr John Parker, Barbados; 21st, stmr John, Jamaica; Mina, from sea. Sld Dec. 21, stmr Cear, New York and Libau.

BRITISH PORTS. Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Arr stmr Toronto, Portland, Me.; Empress of Ireland, Halifax. Greenock, Dec. 21.—Sld stmr Lake Nia, St. John, N. B. Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Sld stmr Canada, Portland, Me.

FOREIGN PORTS. Vineyard Haven, Dec. 21.—Arr schs Rhoda Holmes, Apple River, Moama; Port Johnson, Kennebec, Calais; Sarah Reed, do. Machiasport, Dec. 21.—Arr schr Willie D. Maxwell, Calais; Portland, Dec. 21.—Arr schs Seguin, Perth Amboy. Boston, Dec. 19.—Arr schr Vere B. Roberts, Hantsport. Antwerp, Dec. 19.—Sld stmr Sellasta, Hatfield, Montevideo.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. December—Phases of the Moon. First quarter, 5th . . . 10h. 59 m. Full moon, 13th. . . . 11h. 0m. Last quarter, 20th. . . . 12h. 16m. New moon, 27th. . . . 10h. 59m.

VESSLS IN PORT. Steamers. Bray Head, 1,958, Wm. Thomson & Co. Frankrig, Wm. Thomson & Co. Kwarra, J. T. Knight & Co. Manchester Shipper, 2,542, Wm. Thomson & Co.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. Portland, Dec. 19.—Seacoast of Maine—Bantam Rock Gas and Whistling Buoy, 18, lighted Dec. 18, having been heretofore reported extinguished. Bantam Rock Buoy, 2, 1st class tall type, nov. replaced December 18, having been heretofore reported missing.

APPEHENSION. The housewife, smit with sudden fear, Stops mixing mince-pie stuff, And murmurs in excited tone, "What if the Turkey's tough!"

Advertisement for 'THE PICTURE TEES' featuring a woman's face and text about the product.

Advertisement for 'THE WHITE STAR DOMINION LINE' featuring a ship's funnel and text about routes to Liverpool.

Advertisement for 'APOLISTEEL PILLS' featuring a bottle of pills and text about the product's benefits.

Advertisement for 'MANCHESTER LINE' featuring a ship and text about routes to Manchester.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Moderate to fresh northerly winds; fair and cold. Toronto, Dec. 22.-The weather today has been generally fair and moderately cold throughout the Dominion, but some snow flurries have occurred in the Western Provinces and Northern Ontario.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Min Max. Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moosejaw, Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and Below.

AROUND THE CITY

Decorating for Christmas. In St. Mary's church, last evening, a band of workers were engaged decorating the church for Christmas. Keys Found. Officer Clark found two keys on King street yesterday. The owner can secure the same at Central Station.

Band at Queen's Rink. The cold weather has again made a beautiful sheet of ice in the Queen's and tonight will see the first night of the season. The season tickets are selling in large numbers and intending purchasers should not delay.

Home for Christmas. A paragraph in the Calgary News reads as follows: Dr. and Mrs. Frankum of Alberta, who have been in the city visiting friends, will leave tomorrow to spend Christmas with Mrs. Frankum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bates, St. John, N. B. On the following day they will leave for Halifax where on December 27th they will take passage for England, where Dr. Frankum will take a post graduate course.

Foreigner Arrested. Trouble among the foreign residents of Peter street about ten thirty last evening, resulted in the arrest of one man charged with drunkenness, and much excitement for many citizens who happened to see the fray. About half past ten a telephone call was received at Central Station that a fight was in progress on Peter street. Officer O'Neill, who has been on duty, hurried to the scene, being joined on the way by Officers Kane and Anderson. When the patrolmen were in sight the fighters fled, one being captured. The prisoner, whose name could not be obtained last evening, it is understood, is employed on sugar refinery construction work.

PERSONAL. A. B. Willnot came in from Fredericton last evening. C. J. Driscoll, formerly a train dispatcher in the I. C. R. station here but now with the Steel Company of Canada, is spending the holidays in the city. B. Reade, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who is leaving for Summerside, P.E.I., today, was given a farewell dinner at Wannamaker's last evening by a number of his friends. Arthur Dearness, who has been stationed in the West in the employ of Gaults Limited, Winnipeg, has arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents in the city. Clifford Wilson, of Winnipeg, arrived home yesterday to spend Christmas at the home of his father, A. A. Wilson, Carmarthen street. Hon. J. D. Hazen arrived on the Boston express last evening. Kenneth and Roy Wilson, who have been attending Acadia College, have returned home for the Christmas vacation.

CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED Yuletide Festivities in Our Great-Grandfather's Time. Years ago at this season our great grandfathers went out into the forest and chopped down and dragged home Yule Log to furnish warmth and comfort for the Xmas or Yuletide festivities. Think of the labor necessary to get fuel in this way. How different conditions are today? You merely telegraph for a load or two of the fuel best suited to your needs, and it is furnished by the Consumers Coal Co., without the least effort or trouble on your part. The Consumers Co. carry a large stock of all kinds of household fuel and can furnish Yule Logs in the shape of hard and soft coal, hard wood or kindling. Whatever you buy, it will be the very best obtainable. The Consumers Coal Co. will see to that. Truly conditions have changed.

PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.

Interior of the Market



Brisk Business Recorded in Market and Merchants Expect Banner Christmas Trade - Handsomely Decorated and Presents Neat Appearance.

With an increased supply of Maritime Province beef and other local commodities the country market is doing a brisk Christmas trade, equal if not superior to that of former years. The interior has been decorated with trimmings of green and flags bearing the word "welcome," and indeed the market presents an appearance, which is proving a great inducement to the public to buy.

A prominent merchant of the market in conversation with The Standard yesterday expressed the opinion that the Christmas trade this year will surpass that of former seasons, and advanced the increased population and general prosperity, in spite of the financial stringency as the cause. Yesterday afternoon the most casual observer could not help but notice the improved appearance and general signs of prosperity about the building and the continued ring of the cash registers told in no uncertain manner of the steady buying in progress.

Maritime Province beef was largely in evidence, and indeed late reports told of prize joints and roasts from this source coming in. American beef was also in generous quantities, while a falling off of western beef was noticeable. Vegetables and all the Christmas necessities were in abundance, and the housewives of St. John will have little difficulty in securing the materials for their Christmas dinners.

St. John Conservative Club Rooms Scene of Increasing Activity - Arranging for Programme. The St. John Conservative Club is probably the banner organization of the party in St. John in so far as the number of members and social activities go. The commodious quarters of the club in the Market building are open every evening, and billiard and pool tables and other sources of amusement give the members and their friends an opportunity to enjoy a pleasant evening. Although with the approach of Christmas other attractions and duties present themselves, the club rooms for the last few evenings have been as well attended as if there was a meeting of some importance in progress. The club during the present year has paid off a considerable debt and put in a billiard table worth \$140, and developed a bank account. As an indication of its activity and the increasing popularity of the Conservative government it may be mentioned that within a short time fifty new members mostly young men have joined the club.

ADDRESS BY HON. MR. HAZEN. Minister of Marine and Fisheries will speak before North End Conservative Club. Hon. J. D. Hazen will address a public meeting, to be held under the auspices of the North End Conservative Club, in the Temple of Honor hall on Monday evening, December 29. A meeting of the North End Conservative Club was held last evening to make arrangements for the meeting. John Thornton, the president, being in the chair. It is some time since Mr. Hazen has spoken in the North End, and it is expected there will be a large attendance. In addition to the address by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, it is planned to have brief speeches by Senator Daniel and Senator Thomas, and a musical programme of considerable excellence.

Recent Charters. Freighters are opening at the present time at fifteen shillings lower than last year. A steamer of 1650 standard tons has been fixed to load at Grimsby Island for the West Coast of England at 40 shillings. A steamer of 1600 standard tons has been chartered loading from the Miramichi at 40 shillings. These are the first spring charters announced and both are for the month of May.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT. Jacob Belyea, of Sagwa, Met Terrible Death - Believed Struck by Fast Train. Jacob Belyea, aged eighty years, was found dead on the C. P. R. tracks near Sagwa, early yesterday afternoon. It is believed he was struck by a train. The body was horribly mangled. It is presumed that Mr. Belyea was walking along the track and met an east-bound train while in a rock out near Sagwa. It is evident that the train crew did not see the old man and he was run down before he could get out of the way.

PRENTICE BOYS IN ANNUAL MEETING. King Edward's Lodge Elects Officers - Grand Chaplain Gooderich Conducts Ceremonies. The annual meeting of King Edward's Lodge, Protestant Association of Prentice Boys, was held last evening. The election of officers which was conducted by the Grand Chaplain, Robert Gooderich, resulted as follows: L. Ed. Rolston, W. M.; John Appleton, Deputy Master; W. J. Smith, P. M.; J. Griffiths, R. S.; R. Jones, Asst. Secretary; A. Belyea, Treasurer; I. McLeod, Chaplain; Oscar Taylor, Director of Ceremonies; F. Chittick, Lecturer; C. Arnold, Asst. Lecturer; D. Wells, C. Whalen, S. Carvell, Wm. Belyea, R. Jones, committeemen; Geo. Cook Carlin, Inside Tyler; Herbert Nichols, Outside Tyler; D. Wells, Wm. Smith, I. McLeod, trustees.

INTERESTED IN PROGRESS OF ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE SECRETARY RECEIVES LETTER FROM PROMINENT ENGLISHMAN ASKING FOR INFORMATION. The great interest created through out Great Britain by the recent campaign of James Gilechrist, superintendent for immigration for New Brunswick, and the excellent results of his efforts are showing signs of a revival, which has been received by the secretary of the board of trade. Boscombe, Bournemouth, Dec. 8, '13. HENRY T. HOAG, Secretary Board of Trade, St. John, New Brunswick. Dear Sir, - I met you Mr. Gilechrist, immigration officer, at the office of Mr. Bowden in London a few days ago, when he handed me one of your leaflets, entitled "The March of the Cities." I have been very much interested in reading it and will be obliged by your sending me a supply of them also any other literature you may think helpful to my firm in their business as shipping agents, in inducing intending settlers to try St. John before going further, if you have a cheap plan or map of the city it would likely be useful.

PRICE INCREASE REQUEST AN INCREASE

Petition that Officers be Paid 25 Cents a Day Extra Turned Down by Council.

At the meeting of the city council yesterday the petition of the policemen, praying that they be paid the twenty-five cents a day increase for which an appropriation was made in January last, was turned down. The petition which was signed by a large number of officers, stated that in view of the increasing cost of living, the men found it difficult to support their families properly, and needed the money, especially for Christmas.

Com. McLellan - simply present this petition as a medium, I have no recommendation to make. The mayor said the money had been voted, and was ready to be paid the men, but he understood the commissioner of safety's position was an awkward one. Com. Agar said the extra pay was appropriated on the understanding that the force was to be reorganized, and he did not see that they could do anything without the recommendation of Com. McLellan.

CURTAINS CAUGHT FIRE, COUPLE BADLY BURNED. Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Williams, of 24 Harrison Street, had narrow escape.

What would have resulted in a bad fire occurred early yesterday morning in a bedroom of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, carpenter and contractor, at 24 Harrison street, when the curtains on the window were discovered blazing, and in an attempt to extinguish the flames both Mr. and Mrs. Williams were badly scorched about the hands and face. They consider, however, that they are fortunate in not having received more serious burns. It was about 5.30 o'clock in the morning when the fire was found burning. An occupant of the house had occasion to go out to the kitchen to light the fire in the range sometime previous, but it was rather difficult to understand how the fire had caught in the bedroom. When Mrs. Williams noticed the curtains in flames she attempted to beat out the fire, and it was while attempting to do this that the flames caught her night gown, inflaming slightly. Her husband, who was in the room, was rather difficult to prompt action of Mr. Williams prevented serious injury, seizing a quilt from the bed he smothered the fire and succeeded with difficulty in rescuing his wife from danger. In attacking the fire Mr. Williams himself had his moustache burned and his face scorched.

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Another sale of English made satin petticoats at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. Prices \$1.60, \$2.89, and \$5.95. Just the thing for a Christmas box. Each underwear in a cellophane box. They can give you these in paddy green, cerise, black brown, tan, navy, cream, white, sky, heliotrope and purple. A ladies' non-water rain hat would be a nice Christmas present. Prices 75, 80 and \$1.45.

There is no pleasure on dull blades. Now that the skating is good at the lakes and in the rinks leave your skates at Wetmore's, 143 City Road. They will make them a pleasure to you.

WANTED - Two kitchen girls for the Clifton House.

The Chafing Dish. The Chafing Dish, while making it possible to express the sincerest hospitality, also seems to the true symbol of good-fellowship. A quick, novel and practical way to prepare a warm luncheon. We have them in Copper and Nickel. Prices \$5.30, 5.40, 6.20, 6.30, 7.50, 8.00, 9.50, 11.00, 13.00. TRAYS for Chafing Dishes, \$1.50 to 5.00. SERVERS, \$2.50, 3.60, 4.00, 4.30 per pair. W.H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

Winter Weather Is Now With Us - Are You Prepared? Let us suggest that you get ready for it. We have a big selection of First Quality Rubber Footwear in Overshoes and Rubbers for Men, Women and Children. GET YOUR RUBBERS AND GAITERS NOW. Do your Christmas Shopping early. Our lines for this in Hockey Boots, Felts, etc., are now complete. Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

Beautiful As Well As Useful. They are graceful in form, convenient in size, handsome in finish. There's a design for every taste. Twenty-Two Different Designs. Prices - \$2.75 to \$22.00. Marble, Onyx, Mahogany and Black Enamel Finish. Small Brass and Nickel Dresser Clocks, with and without alarm. Prices - 65c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

M.R.A. Stores Open Tonight Until 10 o'clock. New Voile Waists Just in Time for Christmas Gifts. A very dainty assortment of Voile Blouses have just been added to our Christmas display, and these comprise the novelties intended for early spring and are made in newest designs. Trimmings of fine lace and insertion, yoke effect, long collar, three-quarter and full length sleeves. There are also a few with high neck and long sleeves, opened in front. Sizes range from 34 to 42. Prices, each . . . \$1.15 to \$5.25. BLOUSE SECTION.

Christmas Suggestions in the Whitewear Department. Ladies' Flannellette Night Dresses, Drawers and Corset Covers, Ladies' Night Dresses, machine and hand-made; Ladies' Chemises, machine and hand-made; Ladies' Combinations, lace and ribbon trimmed; Ladies' Skirts, embroidery and lace trimmed; Ladies' Corset Covers; Ladies' Silk Vests, embroidered tops; Black Wool Tights in navy and pale blue; Silk Tights in white; Ladies' Dressing Jackets; Ladies' Long Kimonos, in crepe and silk; Lawn and Muslin Aprons; Corsets; Fancy Silk Suspender; Brassieres, trimmed and untrimmed; Children's White Worked Flannel Petticoats; Children's Flannellette Slips, Night Dresses and Drawers; Infants' Robes and Long Coats in white cashmere; Infants' Bear Coats; Bassinettes; Hampers; Baskets; Infants' Booties; Infants' Cashmere Jackets; Infants' Wool Jackets; Infants' Carriage Robes, hand-made crocheted wool; Infants' Baby Bunting; Infants' Silk Quilt; Infants' Silk Kimonos; Infants' Kid Slippers; Infants' Hand-made Moccasins; Infants' Bibs; Infants' Feeders; Novelties of every description for the Baby; Ladies' Cretonne Travelling Cases; Cretonne Covers. See our great display of Gift Novelties in Brass, Silver, Leatherette, Celluloid, Glass, etc. Something for everybody.

Practical Presents for Men and Boys. For Men: Overcoats \$7.50 to \$40.00, Suits \$10.00 to \$20.00, Reefers \$4.50 to \$8.00, Waterproof coats \$2.25 to \$18.50, Trousers \$1.25 to \$7.50, Fancy Vests \$2.75 to \$5.00, Smoking Jackets \$5.50 to \$15.00, Bath Robes \$3.50 to \$7.75, Dressing Gowns \$6.00 to \$18.00, Fur-lined Coats \$20.00 to \$90.00, Fur Coats \$21.50 to \$88.00, Fur Caps \$1.90 to \$27.00, Fur Collars \$3.00 to \$15.00, Fur Gloves (Gauget) \$6.75 to \$21.00. For Boys: Boys' Two-Piece Suits \$3.25 to \$10.00, Boys' Three-Piece Suits \$3.75 to \$13.00, Boys' Russian Suits \$3.25 to \$9.00, Boys' Sailor Suits \$2.75 to \$7.50, Boys' Reefers \$3.25 to \$7.50, Boys' Fancy Overcoats \$3.50 to \$8.50, Boys' Regular Overcoats \$5.25 to \$13.50, Boys' Bath Robes \$4.25 to \$7.75, Boys' Hockey Caps and Toggles \$5 to \$7.50. Boys' Grey Lamb Caps and Tams 3.00 to 4.50, Children's Bo-Peep Bath Robes \$3.50, Boys' Rubber Coats \$3.65 to \$4.75, Boys' Waterproof Coats \$5.75, Play Suits, Rough Rider, Cowboy and Indian in a variety of styles and prices, Boys' Knitted Jersey Suits including Cap \$1.85, Boys' Jaeger Snow Suits, including Toggles, Sash, Mitts, Sweater and Overalls \$5.50.

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