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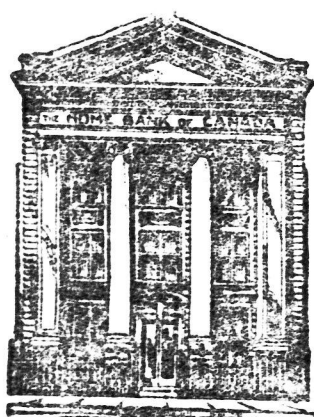
We were fortunate at the last minute to run across a jobber with an offering of Ladies' Fine Cambric Embroidered Handkerchiefs at a bargain. Several different designs. Regular 25c. Special while they last.....15c

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HERMITAGE MEMBERS SPENT PLEASANT TIME

Annual Christmas Tree Was Held Last Night in Quarters in Masonic Temple.

The annual Christmas tree of the Hermitage was held last evening in their handsome quarters. A fine list of presents were distributed to the members, and a great deal of amusement resulted. Every man received something, and was compelled to explain the allusion. The presents and tree were sent to the Protestant Orphans' Home today by the club. Among those present were: E. Victor Smith, Bert Crobie, Chas. T. Martin, Geo. Martin, Gus Anderson, Ed. Gray (Winnipeg), G. Fincham, R. Garratt, R. Davidson, L. Rapley, J. McAlpine, Archie McMahon, Chas. Clarke, C. E. Gunn, Fred McNea, W. Nelles (North Bay), H. Ferren, Ward Casselman, O. Bernhardt, M. Carry, J. Wolfgram, Percy Cope, A. McKinnon (Montreal), F. Pinder, B. Butterfield, Scott Murray (Winnipeg), Chester Stevens, Chester Martin, W. Stevenson, L. Abbs, Ben Pinder, Frank Jas. McMartin, Ken Seabrooke, Frank Miller, A. M. Tovey (Chicago), W. Murray, Lou Robb (Toronto), Reg. Johnson, A. Jones, Gus Anderson, W. H. Robinson (North Bay), H. V. Kennerston, A. V. Weeks, "Bud" McNab, and Ben. Stapleton.

50,000 FROM U. S. FOR PASSION PLAY

Board and Room Already Being Engaged in Oberammergau.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Fifty thousand Americans are expected to visit the Passion Play at Oberammergau next summer. The management expects from a grand total of 200,000 guests from all quarters, and believes that fully 25 per cent of them will come from the United States. Dr. C. L. Babcock, the director of the Berlin branch of the American Bureau of University Travel, has just returned from Oberammergau, where he went to arrange for the accommodation of the several hundred Americans who have had the foresight to engage places in which to sleep and eat eight or ten months ahead. "Long hair and tourist agents are the outward sign of coming events at Oberammergau," said Babcock. "By order of the burgomaster all the residents, numbering altogether 1,500 or 2,000, must let their hair grow without cutting until after the Passion Play is over. Shaggy-headed men and boys greet one on all hands. So does the booking agent from all parts of the world. The fight for beds has been at Oberammergau next summer will be a desperate one for anybody who has not secured them long before-hand."

There are about 4,500 available beds in the town. The burgomaster and town council, who have the Passion Play arrangements in hand, have mapped out a businesslike system of numbering every bed, and have been issuing seat and number in the theatre, which can accommodate with a little crowding about 4,400 spectators. At each performance the visitors will be required to pay for two full days' board and lodging. The prices, inclusive of a good seat at the performance, range from \$4.50 to \$8 a day. "One-third of all the lodging and lodging accommodations of every household has been placed at the disposal of the burgomaster, who will dispose of them to the first comers. The other 3,000 beds have been in most cases farmed out all together to the great international tourist agencies."

The accommodations for July and August are already nearly exhausted for May, June and September good places are still to be had. There will be only thirty-one performances altogether, beginning on May 11 and ending on Sept. 25. "Although the potters, woodworkers, and other simple folk of Oberammergau are going to conduct next year's Passion Play on strictly business lines, I failed to detect any signs that the great drama will be sacrilegiously commercialized, as certain reports are alleging. I had long talks with Anton Lang, who for the second time will act the part of Christ, and who is the leading spirit in the entire enterprise. This remarkable man certainly contemplates next summer's events exclusively from a solemn and traditional standpoint. His view, I think, permeates every man and woman, young or old, who will participate in the Passion Play."

PROGRESSIVE PUPILS

Report of School Sections Nine and Thirteen, London and Lobo.

The following is the report of school sections 9 and 13, London and Lobo, for the fall term of 1909. The names are arranged in order of merit. Those marked with an asterisk missed some of the examinations:
Class IV, Senior—Olga Fonger, Cyril Tuckey, "Myrtle Gadsby, "Leon Fonger, "Norman Gadsby.
Class IV, Junior—Lloyd Alway, Charlie Fonger, Nina Steels, "Harry Hutchinson.
Class III—Marguerite Douglas, Edmore Tuckey, Gordon Higgs.
Class II—Dora Wallis, Stanley Doan, Bernice Tuckey, Hazel Fenner, Wesley Hyatt.
Part II—Marion Douglas, Mary Wallis and Reginald Thody (equal), Fred Higgs, Jean Edwards and Annie Thody (equal).
Part I—Edgar Doan, Harold Fenner, Roy Higgs, Elsie Steels and Inez Tuckey (equal), Charlie Thompson, Charlie Thody.
Teacher—Gwendolyn Langford.

ARVA.
Arva, Dec. 21.—The Lucan stage and transfer wagons find it very difficult at present. From Arva to Lucan good sleighing prevails, but from London to Arva at least one mile is entirely bare.

Rev. Mr. Mahon had a very busy day on Wednesday, having had three weddings to attend.

Mr. Frank Mortimer is home from Toronto to spend the Christmas holidays.

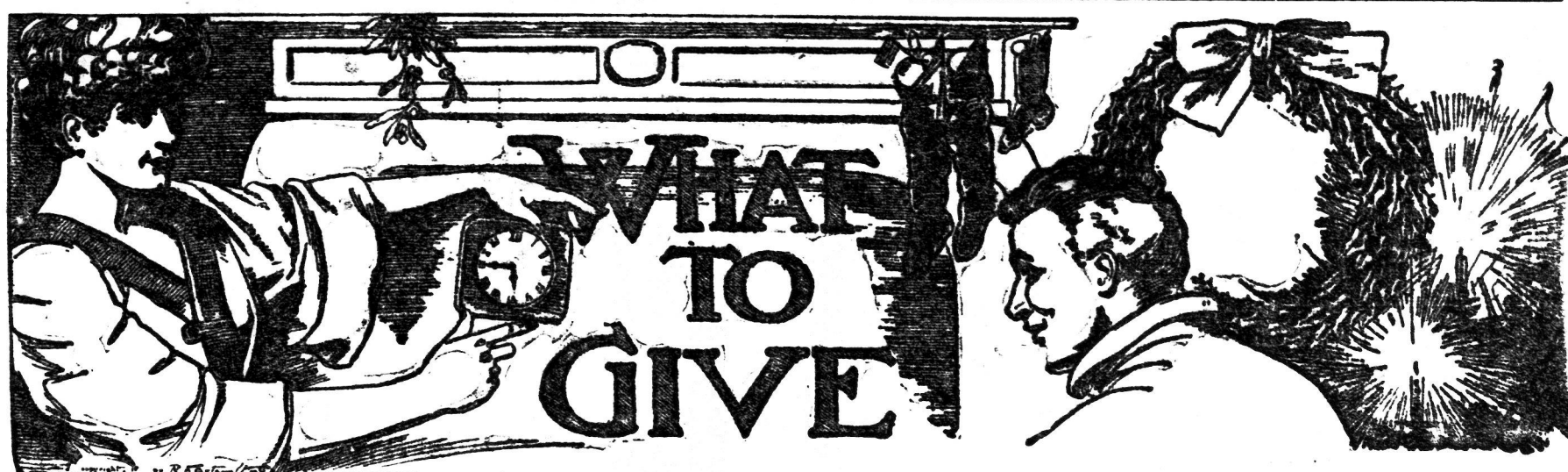
The anniversary services of the Sunday school were held on Sunday last. Mr. A. G. Shaw, of London, gave a very fine address. He also preached at the evening service along temperance lines, his subject being, "Is the Young Man Safe?"

Rev. J. Mahon will preach a special temperance sermon on Sunday evening next.

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IN THE RESTAURANT

Menu For Thursday

SOUP.
Scotch Mutton Broth, Cream of Rice.
FISH.
Baked Salmon Trout, Tomato Sauce.
ENTREE.
Oyster Patties.
MEATS.
Veal Pot Pie.
Roast Sirloin Beef au Jus.
Roast Pork with Apple Sauce.
Vegetable Salad.
VEGETABLES.
Mashed and Boiled Potatoes.
Buttered Beans.
DESSERT.
Steamed Fig Pudding, Cream Sauce.
Apple Pie, Raspberry Tart.
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Milk.
FULL COURSE, 35c.
From 11:30 to 2.
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Morris Chairs, Mission style, fumed oak, spring cushion in seat and back; a variety of designs in upholstery, from.....\$8.50 up

Three-piece Mission Den Sets, rocker, arm chair and sofa, from \$16.50 up to.....\$120

Solid leather Morris Chairs, from.....\$15.00 up

Mission Secretaries, in fumed oak, with compartments, from.....\$7.00 up

Couches, solid leather, from.....\$22.00 up

Hall Glasses and Seats in mission, golden oak and mahogany.

Mirrors from.....\$4.50 up

Seats from.....\$5.25 up

Umbrella Stands in a variety of designs from.....\$2.50 up

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At rear of store—west side—away from the main thoroughfare, occupying a complete circular section; more than doubled in size for the Christmas trade. Come today and avoid the last minute rush.

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Christmas decorations for the home, beautifully tinted. Nothing more appropriate than the national emblems to mix with Christmas holly. 10c a vine.
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See display of Limoges Hand-Painted China. Opposite west side elevators.

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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22.

THE CASE OF DR. COOK.

Dr. Cook's pretensions and reputation have received the final and finishing blow from the scientific authority—the University of Copenhagen—which was the first to credit his story. He went to Denmark straight from the Arctic wilderness, and was showered with honors by king and people. His interest in his own country seemed to be purely commercial. A few days after his arrival in the United States he was on the lecture platform. He sold the copyright of his story before he touched American soil. He made hay while the sun shone. When the clouds began to gather, he vanished. Imagination can scarcely conceive the mental and moral make-up of Dr. Cook, if he has been consciously and deliberately an impostor. It has been suggested that he was self-deceived; that he believed he reached the pole. His legal representative pleads for mercy for him on the ground of his present mental and physical condition. If it is possible to throw over him, for if it is not possible he will have to take a place among the moral monsters pilloried forever.

"A fixed figure for the scorn of time, To point his slow, unmoving finger at."

Think of what he knew he must encounter if his story is an invention. He knew he must pass the remainder of his life with a lie constantly on his lips. He must repeat the lie to all sorts and conditions of people, and meet them with a forehead of brass, day after day, year after year; he must fight for his falsehood against continual attacks; he must live with an accusing conscience; he must be ceaselessly haunted by the fear of the truth, which would doom him to eternal infamy. Fame bought at such a price could not be long endured, if the man had the surviving remnant of a soul to torment. If this is the explanation of his disappearance, his punishment is complete.

CANADIAN PROSPECTS.

The London Statist, a leading English financial paper, is taking a deep interest in Canada. Some time ago a member of its editorial staff, Mr. George Paish, was sent out to this country on a tour of investigation and observation. He reports that in his opinion Canada has entered upon a long period of prosperity. There may from time to time be reactions, but these always come to states making rapid progress, and are necessary to prevent inflation. He does not, however, think there is likely to be a check to the expansion for several years.

The writer finds at the service of Canada every essential to progress, the primary factor being its undeveloped resources of natural wealth, the greatest of which are the great tracts of virgin lands that are merely waiting for farmers to produce a supply of foodstuffs sufficient to support a vast population. Mr. Paish does not think there will be any difficulty in securing the capital necessary to develop this natural wealth, inasmuch as British investors are supplying money freely for permanent investment in Canada at preferential rates of interest.

What this investigator considers a factor of great importance is the ability and far-sightedness of Canada's statesmen. They recognize, he says, that the essential thing to be worked for is to open up the country and to admit population to the mineral and agricultural wealth. All their energies at the moment are directed to the extension of railways, and improvement of transportation facilities generally.

Also of importance is the world's special need of new sources of food supplies at the present time, and the high prices that are now current for food of all descriptions. This is having and must continue to have a great influence in stimulating the rapid settlement of the new agricultural districts. Another condition making for rapid development is the fact that the world's unappropriated lands are fast becoming exhausted, and that Canada is one of the few countries which can still make free grants of fertile land to anyone who will carry out the very simple and easy obligations attached to the grant. That so many farmers are coming from the United States to settle in Canada Mr. Paish considers most gratifying. These pioneers are a great acquisition to a new country. They have skill and

experience in breaking up the wilderness and making it fruitful, and they bring capital with them.

GOOD TIMES RETURNING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

There was a pardonable note of jubilation in Mr. Churchill's speech at Southampton the other day. Here is one passage:

"Take first of all Lord Lansdowne's assertion that the budget created panic destructive of confidence and credit, in consequence of which unemployment has come into our midst. Now I say that is absolutely untrue. (Cheers.) I say there are no facts whatever to sustain it, but, on the contrary, there are innumerable facts to disprove it. There has been no shock to credit and no panic. Business on the stock exchange in London—which is the great heart of the nation from the House of Lords point of view (laughter) has been exceptionally active. The great Alliance Assurance Company, over which Lord Rothschild presides (laughter), has so improved its business that its shares have advanced in value. The value of the principal securities have actually advanced—since Mr. Lloyd-George (cheers) made his budget statement. The value of the 37 leading securities is more today than it was on the day before the Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced his budget proposals. Trade has revived. Exports and imports—I know all about this through my position at the board of trade (cheers)—have increased every month. There is increasing export of manufactured articles. There are great purchases of raw material, a sure sign of increasing exports in the future."

"Unemployment has been better every month since Mr. Lloyd-George's budget was announced (cheers), and it is getting better every month. In spite of the seasonal tendency, the other way—because it is usually worse in the winter than in the summer. (Quite right.) Unemployment in the month of October, which is the last month for which we have statistics, is 25 per cent better than in the same month last year. (Cheers.) Well, what age you do think of a man—I beg your pardon, what are you to think of an irremovable marquis, a permanent and God-granted legislator who founds his argument at this crisis upon a total and absolute misstatement and perversion of simple and notorious facts. (Cheers.)"

Mr. Churchill's argument was given a keener edge by the publication of the trade returns for November. The exports for that month showed the substantial increase of £3,336,483 over November, 1908. The imports increased £7,492,000 over November, 1908, the bulk of it representing raw material. The foreign trade for November of this year was even greater than in the same month in the "boom" year, 1907.

The revival of British trade is absolutely destructive of the case against the budget. That case has been built upon the assumption that the budget would deal an irreparable blow at industry, trade, and finance. The new financial proposals have had the force of law since April, and until a month ago there was no thought of the rejection of the bill by the House of Lords. The budget is, therefore, entitled to the full credit of the steady improvement noted by Mr. Churchill. This improvement has been effected in spite of the concerted efforts of opponents of the budget to depreciate British credit for campaign purposes.

Dr. Cook's mental aberration did not affect his business faculties.

Lloyd-George and Churchill are a great pair of political Drednoughts. Something surprising has happened in the local municipal election. The public is really taking an interest in it.

The Canadian who gives his sympathies to the anti-budget peers at the present time exhibits a phase of human nature which Thackeray dissected in his "Book of Snobs."

The illness of Mr. Balfour will be a setback to his party in the election campaign. The loss of its platform heavyweight leaves the Liberals almost a monopoly of electioneering talent.

The Canadian House of Commons has earned the Christmas holiday. Its rapid dispatch of business has justified the calling of Parliament in November, and it will be the fault of the wind-bags if prorogation is not reached in the early spring.

Even the hide-bound Toronto Mail and Empire says the hereditary principle ought to be eliminated from the House of Lords. The London Free Press stands in a position of isolated funkyness by arguing that any nincompoop ought to be a legislator if he is the eldest son of a man who wears a coronet.

The Pere Marquette will equip its car ferries with the wireless telegraph. The system should be made compulsory upon all navigation companies running ships on the great lakes in the winter months. As soon as possible every lake steamer, certainly every passenger vessel, should be similarly protected in all seasons.

The argument for the direct representation of Canada at Washington is not impaired by the fact that Ambassador Bryce has kept in close touch with the Canadian Government. Mr. Bryce may be succeeded by a diplomat of the old school, and Canadian business have to be transacted again through the circumlocution office.

Mr. F. W. Thompson, vice-president of the Ogilvie Milling Company, says that imperial tariffs will be served if Great Britain takes foreign flour and wheat. Mr. Thompson seems not to have heard that British tariff reformers would tax Canadian flour and wheat. It would be more interesting to have his opinion upon that side of the question.

DEFENDERS OF PRIVILEGE.
[New York World.]
So long as the privileges of their own class were not tampered with, the Lords

proved willing partners in socialistic measures. They were ready to aid in the creation of a more numerous privileged class, on condition that they were let alone. They fondly imagined that they were fortifying themselves and the Tory party, of which they are the standing ally, in the affections of the British people. But a huge and fatal deficit was made inevitable by sweeping social reforms such as these and by the frenzy of militarism and clamor for more Dreadnoughts which jingo agitators contrived to arouse at the slight of Germany's war preparations. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was called on to raise \$80,000,000 of additional taxes. But the moment he stretched out unfeeling hands toward the wealth and property of the country, and proposed to raise a small part of the national revenues by taxing the peers' land, they rose like one man in a revolt. Lloyd-George was a Jack Cade who sought to sack the citadel of British society. His scheme was pure socialism, and the House of Lords stood as the nation's sole defense against irretrievable disaster.

THE SHIPS OF YULE.

When I was just a little boy,
Before I went to school,
I had a fleet of forty sail,
I called the Ships of Yule.

Of every rig, from rakish brig,
And gallant barkentine,
To little Punde fishing boats,
With gunboats painted green.

They used to go on trading trips
Around the world for me;
For though I had a stay on shore,
My heart was on the sea.

They stopped at every port of call
From Babylon to Rome,
To load with all the weird things
We never had at home.

With elephants and ivory
Brought from the King of Tyre,
And shells and silk and sandal wood,
What sailor men admire.

With figs and dates from Samarcand,
And squatty ginger jars,
And scented silver amulets
From Indian bazaars.

With sugar cane from Port of Spain,
With monkeys from Ceylon,
And paper lanterns from Peking,
With dragons painted on.

With coconuts from Zanzibar
And pines from Singapore,
And when they had unloaded these
They would go back for more.

And even after I was big,
And had to go to school,
My mind was often far away
About the Ships of Yule.

POLITICAL ROMANCERS.

[Toronto Star.]
An English curate has expressed the opinion that the spelling of the crops by wet weather is caused by the wickedness of the Liberal Government. We once thought that the limit had been reached by the Canadian members of Parliament who said that the National Policy had made the hens lay bigger eggs.

CARELESS AUNT.

[Illustrated Bus.]
Mistress—Did you have company last night, Mary?
Mary—Only my Aunt Maria, mum.
Mistress—When you saw her, will you tell her that she left her tobacco pouch on the piano.

DRESSED HAM.

[The Sketch.]
The Provision Dealer's Wife (getting ready to attend a local function)—Now, Mary Jane, tell me how does it look?
Mary Jane (a good girl, but tactless and over-used to the sight of the master's stock)—Oh, mum, you look beautiful—just like one of them lovely Christmas hams.

WHERE IS THE SOCIALISM?

[Lloyd-George at Carnarvon.]
"Why exempt a man from rendering an account on taxable property purely because he has one man to fix his collar and adjust his tie in the morning? A couple of men to carry a boiled egg for him at breakfast (laughter)—a fourth man to open the door for him, a fifth man to show him in and out of his carriage, and sixth and a seventh to drive him. All men for whom the community provides such privileges as these ought really to pay for them. (Hear, hear.) All we say is that we treat them no worse than either professional men or tradesmen or workmen. We want equal rights for all white men. (Great cheering.)"

Where is the socialism of it? It is simply fair play and equal treatment.

MODERN MEN.

[Boston Herald.]
Lady St. Helier, in her "Reminiscences of English Society," just issued, says that, while English women have improved in physical strength and beauty during her time as an observer, Englishmen, on the other hand, are not as handsome or strong as their grandfathers were. Is it not as true of New Englanders?

HE DIDN'T MIND.

[Saturday Evening Post.]
Cy Warman's young son had been naughty, and had been sent to bed supperless.

Presently, when Mrs. Warman wasn't looking, Cy slipped upstairs and whisked the throat of the old man in the room: "Son, could you eat some honey in the comb?"

"Dad," the boy said, "I could eat it in the brush."

CONGRATULATING THE BISHOP.

[Kingston Standard.]
We congratulate Rev. Dr. Fallon on his appointment as Bishop of London, but Bishop Fallon is an old Kingston boy, who received his early training at the Kingston separate school and Collegiate Institute. His advancement in the church has been very rapid, for he is a comparatively young man, but it is no more rapid than his undoubted abilities and sterling character deserve.

THE STRATHY WILL.

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Left to Widow and Son.

Barrie, Dec. 21.—The will of the late Henry Hatton Strathy, K. C., has been filed in the surrogate court here. It is understood, however, that the will, which is quite short, is supplemented by a written direction to the executors, which deals with a number of matters, and which, of course, is not filed with the will. The executors named are Marjorie Milne, Irene Bartlett, Trevor Holm, Harry Wooster, Irene Stevens, Myrtle Harvey, May Osborne, Ethel Ryle, Mabel Ellis, Edith Oiler, Fred Andrews, Barbara Cushman, Queenie Stevens, James Meston, Robbie Annett, Warren Stanton, Florine Crumner.

Over 50 per cent: Ellen Tolhurst, Georgina Hoffman, Grace McVannell, Mabel Conley, Winnie Trudell, Dot Trudell.

Handkerchiefs Daintily Boxed

Ladies'

Linen Hemstitched, plain or with embroidered corners. Special 15c

Cross Bar Handkerchiefs, 5 in box. Special.....25c

Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and with embroidered corner, 3 in box.....50c

Hand-worked Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, with or without initial; each.....50c

Gentlemen's

Linen Handkerchiefs, large size, tape border, each 18c. One dozen in Christmas box. Special \$1.25

Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, excellent quality, 5 in box \$1.00

Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, each 25c and 50c

Colored border, "Excella," each 15c; 5 in box.....75c

Colored Silk Handkerchiefs 18c

Hand Bags, Satchels, Finger Purses, Etc.

Handbags of black leather, moire lined. Special... 58c

Finger Purses in all colors. Made of good leather. Some leather lined, some moire, with one, two and three apartments, some with strap on back. All with non-tarnish clasps. Prices 50c to \$1.25

MUSIC CASES—With handle and shoulder strap. \$1.75 to \$3.50

Thursday at Kingsmill's

Hosiery for Christmas Most Appropriate

Ladies'

Fancy cashmere, embroidered in dainty shades of wash silks... 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1

Black cashmere, full fashioned. All made of selected wool. Regular 90c, special at 75c

Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, seamless. Special 23c

Gentlemen's

Fancy Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, all colors, very durable, in dainty patterns, stripes, etc..... 50c

Finest Black Cashmere—Made by the best English mills 60c

The "Rollo" Hose—Seamless, full fashioned..... 40c

Seamless Cashmere Hose, 21c pair. Special, 5 pairs for \$1.00

Gentlemen's Neckwear

Our range of Ties at the popular price of HALF A DOLLAR is particularly worthy of your inspection. The new flowing ends are here; all the newest stripes, etc., as well as the new silk-knitted neckwear 25c. 50c

Men's Shirts

30 dozen new arrivals, neat patterns, good cloths, Special prices... 59c, 75c, \$1.00

Fancy Linens for Presents

Battenburg Centerpieces

We ask your inspection.

12x12.....12½c, 15c

18x18.....30c, 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c to.....\$1.25

24x24.....60c, 75c

30x30.....85c, \$1.00, \$1.10 to.....\$4.50

SCARFS.

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WEST LONDON

Another case showing the need of a doctor in West London came to the notice of the residents last night, when a physician was needed immediately, but could not be secured until this morning.

A lady who resides on Dundas street west was taken suddenly ill, and her husband being also laid up with a very sore eye, was unable to go for a physician. The children were at once dispatched to the nearest phone to summon an up-town doctor. The hour being late, the owner of the phone had retired, so this delayed the message being sent for some time. At last the connection was made and the following conversation took place:

"Hello! Is this Dr. W—?"
"Yes."

"Can you come at once to Mrs. B—? She has been taken suddenly ill, and is suffering intense pain."

"Sorry, but it will be impossible for me to go away over there at this hour, but if someone is sent to my office I will have the required medicine prepared and waiting."

The result was that the sufferer lay till morning before her ills were relieved, as the children were too young to make the trip alone to the doctor's office at that hour of night.

Instances are coming to light frequently nowadays which prove the need of a doctor's office in this section of the city.

A little boy who resides with his parents on Surrey avenue, West London, was talking to his father discussing with a friend whether Cook or Perry really discovered the North Pole. The discussion lasted for some time, and the little fellow listened intently, but as soon as he could squeeze in a word he said:

"Papa, if you want to know who was at the North Pole, why don't you leave a note at Christmas Eve asking Santa Claus? He lives at the North Pole, you know, and perhaps he has seen them."

John Beach, a West London youth, was placed under arrest yesterday for stealing a pair of fur gauntlets from George Upgrove, a farmer, who had left them in his cutter in front of a store. Beach, it is said, has been in trouble on former occasions. The case was adjourned until tomorrow. Two first-time drunks were let go.

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Over 60 per cent: Ellen Tolhurst, Georgina Hoffman, Grace McVannell, Mabel Conley, Winnie Trudell, Dot Trudell.

Mrs. Birmingham, 38 Dundas street west, is suffering at her home with a severe attack of la grippe. She will be detained in bed for some time.

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MADAME'S WARD

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CHAPTER XXV.

"Really, Ned, you had better ask Adonis to take up his abode beneath this humble roof for the rest of his natural life," Alice Deering declared, merrily.

We were all in the big morning-room—Alice and her major, and a pretty girl, Rosa Thrale, a cousin of hers, Nat and myself. The three from the rectory had walked over to Chavasse in the morning and were to stay for an early luncheon. Madame and the governess were not there. On the following night we were going to give a grand ball, and Chavasse was in a state of bustle and excitement in consequence. The ball was to be something quite out of the usual run of Chavasse entertainments, which Madame always had upon a grand scale when they took place at all; and it was an understood thing besides that at Nat was to make his real formal entry into the society. But the morning-room was free from the general stir and bustle, being left in its usual state of cozy comfort, and I do not think that just now any of the group in it much missed either Madame's stately figure or her maidens' pale face. Gathered about the fire and talking to our hearts' content, glancing up in the middle of some jest with which she was making us laugh, Miss Alice's bright eyes encountered a figure coming up the drive, of which the window commanded a view, and she gave vent to the speech I have set down. By the nickname of "Adonis," the lively young woman had dubbed Raby St. George upon the day of his first introduction to her, and by it she always called him.

So far there was no sign of his having left the house, he never spoke of it or mentioned the probable length of his stay. He had left the draughty Station Hotel, and had taken up his quarters, over Haddon's shop—Haddon was the High Street tailor—next door to Bover's the saddler, where the Rev. Titus Poinsett lived. Every day he came to Chavasse and gave him the best of her power, while "Adonis" remorselessly chided and snubbed him, and told him in check.

I may add that after his second visit Madame contrived to extract from me all that Nat had told me, and although I do not think she spoke to the little lady about it, she was not inclined to regard the dark-faced young fellow favorably in the light of her lover, rich as we had by this time found out that he was. Madame hoped and meant great things of her precious ward, knowing how charming was the sweet little dark-skinned girl after the faces of most English girls. Certainly to have her whisked back to Jamaica would not be at all to her taste. So, although she was always gracious to St. George, I do not think that Madame herself would have been sorry had Whittlesford seen the last of him.

I looked up at Alice's speech from the orange I was peeling for Rosa Thrale, while Nat, perched upon the edge of the table, and swinging her feet in a manner which would have horrified Madame had she seen it, jumped down with a frown and a shrug.

"You're coming again, is he?" I said.

"He is, and most uncommonly chummy he looks. Nat, my dear, if you betow a friend upon him, who he appears, you will positively freeze the last spot of life out of the poor man."

Nat looked as though she wished she could.

With an amused look upon his fine face, Major Constable rose and approached the window.

"Who is Adonis, Alice?"

"He is," answered Alice, nodding her 'ar-capped head toward the drive. "Oh, you can't see him now—he has just 'round the corner! Never mind—you will directly, and then both you and Ned had better openly confess that you never saw a prettier face in your life!" Alice cried, laughing, as she called at one of Nat's curls.

"You never saw, George, such a perfect bit of gipsies as these two make. Seriously, though, he's awfully handsome, isn't he, Nat?"

"Ugh!" said Nat, expressively, making a comical grimace.

Major Constable, turning his bronzed face and kindly dark eyes upon the willful little figure, laughed. He always treated her more or less as

a child. So did Alice, for that matter.

"So Adonis isn't a favorite of yours, Miss Natalie?"

"I hate him!" said Nat, promptly. Alice's blue eyes went from my face to hers, and she laughed teasingly.

"And after the poor fellow's coming all the way from Jamaica, too, and getting so horribly seasick! It's too bad, Nat. And now he stays here just freeing himself from death, and hating England and the English with all his might. You might find it in your heart to pity the poor martyr, at least."

"I don't then," Nat returned, ungraciously. "He need not have troubled himself. Nobody asked him to come, any more than any one wants him to stay, so far as I'm concerned."

"What a thing it is to be so sought after!" quoted Miss Deering, satirically, and then we all laughed.

"Who is Adonis?" Rosa Thrale queried, looking from one to another, perplexed, as well she might be. "Does he belong to Whittlesford, Mr. Chavasse?"

"The fates forbid!" ejaculated. "He belongs to Jamaica, Miss Thrale, and has a mighty poor opinion of England after it, as Alice was saying. His name is Raby St. George."

"Oh, what a love of a name!" the young lady cried, clasping her hands, enthusiastically. "And an Adonis into the bargain, too! Alice, you must tell me, or I shall never know who he is."

"I do not think any of us, with this exception, were glad to see the young man, and Nat gave him a reception so very chilling that it would have been rather more complimentary had she left him unmolested altogether; but his entrance did not check the talk and laughter that were going on."

Presently came Madame, with the pale governess in close attendance, as usual, then luncheon was brought in, and being no other place in which to eat it, and at its conclusion, the visitors rose to go—that is, the two girls and the major, for St. George showed no signs of budging, seeming perfectly unconscious of the many side-glances which Miss Rosa shot at him from her bright eyes. It was not until she was in the hall, into which she had all unconsciously followed that Alice suddenly turned round to speak to my mother.

"Oh, Madame, I declare I was nearly forgetting! I have such a rattle of a head. Father wants to know whether, if you would drive over and call the rectory today?" He says he must see you about the school festival, and the time is getting so short."

"The rectory, I must say, was laid up with a sharp attack of gout—the consequence of too much Christmas indulgence, old Dizard said. Madame hesitated and looked doubtful.

"I really hardly know, my dear; I am so terribly busy, you see, in consequence of this Christmas ball. It is very important."

"I think so or father would not have asked you. Do try to come, Madame," Alice urged, and she clasped glove within my mother's arm with one of her most coaxing smiles. "The drive will do you good. You are only overtaxing yourself, and if you do that, how will you play the grand dame to Daleshire in general at the ball? Besides, Nat is dying to see my dress, she says."

This last artful ploy conquered Madame, and the young lady probably expected, although I have no doubt that my mother would have contrived to comply with the rectory's request without it. But, of course, if Miss St. George wanted a thing, she must have it, and Madame promised to be at the rectory as early in the afternoon as possible.

(To Be Continued.)

STRENUOUS DAYS THESE FOR POSTOFFICE FOLK

Christmas Mail Both Out and In Bound Is Very Heavy.

These are busy days around the postoffice, all day long the lobby is crowded with people wholly or partially submerged by an array of parcels. And clerks are busy weighing all manner of packages in every imaginable shape and size. Some of them are decorated with Christmas stickers, and the little red cross stamps for the consignment of parcels, some people tie them up with fancy strings and bows, and some people leave the contents to speak for themselves. One man spends his whole time weighing and another clerk has been added to the stamp desk, but despite this fact there is always a long array of people waiting their turn, like a bargain day at the glove counter.

Mails Are Heavy.
The mails are going out simply loaded down with parcels. The English Christmas mails have gone, but those for the west are still heavy, and the amount being sent is increasing every day. And when there is a slackening off for a moment of the outgoing matter there is always enough incoming mail to absorb everyone's attention. If there is one person to whom the Christmas season is likely to be a nightmare it is the postman. It would almost seem impossible that one man could travel about with so many parcels attached to his person. A total eclipse, in board daylight, is the experience of a postman starting on his rounds at the close of year, but withal he is cheerful individual, and when now and then his face appears from behind his parcels it is usually smiling.

NEILSON INSANE

Toronto Man Who Shot Girl Committed to an Asylum.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—George Neilson, who shot and wounded Esther Hazel on the night of Nov. 11, was declared insane by a jury in the sessions this morning. Judge Denton presiding, and will be placed in an asylum. Neilson, who is remembered, shot the girl whom he thought had interfered between him and a young woman whom he was pursuing. The girl was dangerously wounded, and she is still in the hospital.

THE BATH TUB MURDER

Prosecutor Believes That He Can Indict Murdered Woman's Mother.

New York, Dec. 21.—I believe I have evidence enough to obtain three indictments," was Prosecutor Mott's declaration today when marshalling his witnesses for the presentation of the facts concerning Mrs. Dees' death, to the jury in Essex County, New Jersey.

Mr. Mott said he had evidence, not only to connect the victim, Virginia law, maiden aunt of the bath-tub victim, with the crime, but to establish the presence of Mrs. Caroline R. Martin, the young woman's mother, on the scene of the tragedy shortly before its discovery. Miss Wardlaw reported the death to the East Orange police on Nov. 29. On that day Mr. Mott asserted that Mrs. Martin was seen by two persons on an East Orange street. A veil which he says Mrs. Martin dropped in her haste, and which the prosecutor states he has in his possession, was expected to figure as an exhibit before the grand jury.

The alleged discovery that a quarrel occurred between the sisters and that Mrs. Martin left hurriedly the East Orange house, of death, is another point the prosecutor was said to intend calling to the grand jury's attention.

Just what evidence is in the hands of the New Jersey authorities to warrant their asking that Mrs. Mary Dees be formally charged with complicity in the crime, Prosecutor Mott declined to state in advance of the presentation of the case to the grand jury.

PANIC IN MANCHURIA

Belief that Japan Is Preparing for Further Aggressive Action.

Pekin, Dec. 21.—Mukden reports say that panic prevails throughout Manchuria growing out of the conviction that Japan is preparing further aggressive action.

The vigorous demand of the Tokio press that the Japanese Government again resort to forceful measures toward China, followed by rumors of increases in the Japanese forces in the Antung-Mukden zone, causes widespread alarm among the Chinese.

This Japanese press crusade is based on reports of alleged raids by bandits upon the railway zone. Chinese officials declare these reports are wholly fictitious. They believe the Japanese, by failing to pay the Chinese employed on railway construction, are endeavoring to provoke them to desperation and create a situation furnishing an excuse for the claim that the Chinese police are inadequate and should be replaced by Japanese soldiers.

The Tokio Yodoku, a Jingo newspaper, declares the Government's contemplated abandonment of Port Arthur as a naval base, and its opening as a commercial port, declaring that this is due to "white heat fear of America."

UNEXPECTED REALISM

Dramatic Scene at a Sham Fire in Old London.

London, Dec. 21.—There was a dramatic close to the annual tournament of the London Private Fire Brigades' Association at the London Rifle Brigade headquarters, Bunhill Row, E. C., on Saturday night, and the players made quite a display which, by a mishap, proved far more perilous and realistic than had been intended.

In order to illustrate the manner in which a person could be best rescued from a burning building, a temporary structure was erected in a corner of the hall with a framework of wood and sides of painted canvas. Inside the structure was a red light to give a touch of realism to the scene. One member of the Clarinco Fire Brigade mounted the structure, and another member ascended. Pomper ladder with a lifeline to attempt the rescue.

By some means the structure caught fire, and by the time the rescue had reached the top of the ladder it was well alight. The anxiety of the spectators turned to excitement as the rescuer was seen to stop and tug at his waist, while the flames began to circle round the top of the ladder. He was unable to move, and it was realized that the signal of his belt had caught in the woodwork and that both men were in imminent danger.

Cries were excitedly made for a fire escape, and the London Fire Brigade were summoned. Before their arrival, however, the Clarinco's chemical engine was brought into operation, and the

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flames were extinguished just in time to prevent the ladder from being burned through the middle. Both men were quickly removed, and one of them, William Lovett, of Combes road, Victoria Park, hurried off on a fire engine to St. Bartholomew's hospital, suffering from serious burns. At the hospital yesterday it was stated that he had passed a comfortable night, and was progressing as favorably as could be expected. The other man, who received first aid at the hall, was less seriously burned.

DEATH IN DARK ROOM

Poisoned Photographer's Dying Letter to His Wife.

Portsmouth, Dec. 21.—A remarkable description was given of the death of Mr. E. J. Webb, a well-known Portsmouth collector, at the inquest upon his remains.

Mr. Webb died from poisoning by cyanide of potassium. He was an able amateur photographer, and had fitted up a cellar at his home as a dark room. Here he was at work by the light of the usual colored lamp, upon a photographic enlargement, having taken into the room with him a glass of beer.

He dropped by mistake some cyanide of potassium into the glass and drank the mixture. Suddenly he remembered his error, which he knew must be fatal, and fully aware that he was a dying man, he hurriedly wrote the following letter on a piece of bromide paper:

"In real darkness have made awful mistake. Most have poison cyanide into glass. Only a few seconds to live. Cannot call. God help you, my pet. Brain reeling. Tell — to —" The writing towards the end of the letter was almost indecipherable.

The letter was found on the developing bench beside the drained vessel that had contained the ale, and Mr. Webb was discovered dead in a crouching position, the feet of the chair he had been sitting in, he had evidently endeavored to get upstairs, but the poison, which it was stated, would temporarily stimulate the brain and enable him to write a farewell note, had then paralyzed him.

Mr. Webb, who was stated to be a sober man, leaves a widow and several children, and it was his elder son and widow who found him dead.

The verdict was "Death from misadventure."

ANGLED FOR BANK NOTES

Englishman Arrested in Paris for an Ingenious Crime.

Paris, Dec. 21.—An Englishman has been arrested here for an ingenious crime. He was well dressed and carried a gold-headed cane, and was caught pocketing \$80 in banknotes which did not belong to him.

For some time past the Paris police had been trying to find out how large numbers of banknotes disappeared from the counters of several banking institutions in Paris. The notes always vanished as the clerk was counting them, and their disappearance was the more remarkable as no stranger was ever noticed near the bundle.

Yesterday two detectives noticed the man at a desk several yards away from a clerk who was counting notes. Apparently he was very busy with some calculations, and on the desk lay his golden-nobbed cane, with the female under Galway's hand. The detectives were surprised to notice a spring issue from the gold handle of the cane and tuck from the handle round a parcel of notes, which were then quietly drawn towards Galway.

FIRE CHIEF INJURED.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21.—In attempting to dodge a team at Thirteenth and Magazine streets late this afternoon, Benj. Dillen, chief of the Louisville fire department, was probably fatally injured while responding to an alarm.

Thomas Callahan, aide of the chief, suffered a broken arm, and Alvin Durrant, and Stanley Ryan, newspapermen, were badly hurt.

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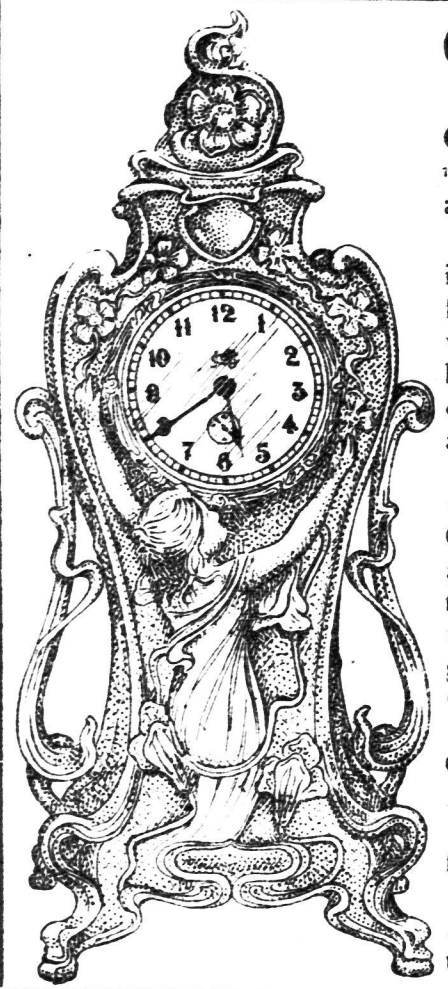
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We carry one of the largest and best assorted stocks of watches, clocks and jewelry in Western Ontario, and buying in large quantities enables us to sell goods at very low prices.

We guarantee every article sold in our store as represented. Make your selection early and avoid the usual last-hour rush. No payment required down to reserve purchases desired for future delivery.



CLOCKS

Our bargain list of Clocks is long, but it will save you to call and look around.

For \$10 we are offering a Clock that will run for 400 days with the one winding. This is the biggest bargain ever offered in Clocks. Call and see them.

We also have a solid oak Eight-Day Striking Clock, striking the gong at the half-hour, and carries the longest guarantee given with the best of Clocks, for..... \$3.75

A Three-Pillar Mantel Clock for..... \$5.00

And one for..... \$6.50

The Berlin Golden Oak for \$5 and..... \$6.00

And complete line of Alarm Clocks from 60c up.

GENUINE ROGERS' 1847 GOODS

TEA SPOONS.

Berkshire pattern, per dozen..... \$2.90
Avon pattern, per dozen..... \$2.90
Plain tipped, per dozen..... \$2.60

DESSERT SPOONS.

Berkshire pattern, per dozen..... \$5.20
Avon pattern, per dozen..... \$5.20

TABLE SPOONS.

Berkshire pattern, per dozen..... \$5.85
Avon pattern, per dozen..... \$5.85

DESSERT KNIVES AND FORKS.

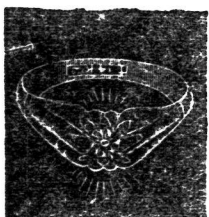
Plain Dessert Knives, per doz. \$3.50
Plain Dessert Forks, per doz. \$3.50

DINNER KNIVES AND FORKS.

Plain Dinner Knives, per dozen \$3.75
Plain Dinner Forks, per dozen \$3.75
Shell Tip Knives, per dozen..... \$4.35
Shell Tip Forks, per dozen..... \$4.35

COLD MEAT FORKS.

Berkshire pattern, each..... 85c
Avon pattern, each..... 85c



RINGS

Signet Rings, in solid 10-k. gold, from \$1 to \$10.

We engrave Signet Rings to suit your free of charge.

Ladies' Fancy Set Stone Rings, in solid 10-k. gold for \$1

Ladies' and Gents' Diamond Rings, complete cut stones, mounted in 14-k. solid gold, for..... \$10.00

5-Stone Pearl Rings at \$7.00

Birthday Rings, in claw set, 14-k. gold, for..... \$15.00

Beautiful Baby Rings at 75c

OPERA GLASSES AT HALF-PRICE

Two pairs vest pocket Glasses, regular \$6, for..... \$3.00

One pair vest pocket Glasses, regular \$10, for..... \$5.00

Two pairs Lemaire, Paris, regular \$3, for..... \$1.50

One pair Lemaire, Paris, regular \$7.50, for..... \$3.75

One pair Lemaire, Paris, regular \$11.50, for..... \$5.75

One pair black finish, regular \$3.75, for..... \$1.87

One pair Colmont, regular \$5, for..... \$2.50

One pair Colmont, regular \$5.50, for..... \$2.75

BRACELETS

Sterling Silver Scotch Bracelets, all sizes, at each..... 75c

One pair gold-filled, invisible joint, Oval Bracelets, guaranteed to give satisfaction, from..... \$3.00 to \$9.75

14-k. and 14-k. Gold Bracelets, plain, chased and stone set, ranging from..... \$4.00 to \$35.00

Gold-filled Expansion Bracelets, all guaranteed to give satisfaction..... \$2.00 Up

CUT GLASS

We are offering an 8-inch Berry Bowl, beautifully cut \$2.50

Cut Glass Napkins, regular \$1.50, for..... \$1.00

Pepper and Salt Shakers, in cut glass, with sterling silver tops, at 25 PER CENT OFF the regular prices.

PENDANTS



We carry a beautiful line of Pearl Pins, Pendants and Necklets.

We have a Sunburst of Pearls with safety catch and ring for chain, 14-k. gold, for..... \$9.00

Pearl-Set Crescent with forget-me-not centre, in 14-k. solid gold, for..... \$4.50

Pearl-Set Crescent with three stars, all set with pearls and in 14-k. solid gold, for..... \$5.00

We have a big line of Lace Pins, set with pearls, mounted in English, 9-k. solid gold, at each..... \$1.50

Above is a list of a few of the many bargains we are offering in Pearl Goods.

UMBRELLAS

We have a full line of gold-filled, adjustable and stationary handles. Umbrellas ranging in price from..... \$4.00 to \$20.00

Also sterling silver and gunmetal handles, at very low prices. Call and see them. We are always pleased to show goods.

We also have a full line of Leather Goods, Pearl Necklets, Sterling Silver, Silver Plate, Carving Sets, Hand-Painted China, etc.

WATCHES

The list below is the best value ever offered for the same grade of Watches.



Ladies' 6 size, 14-k. gold-filled case, Waltham movement, for..... \$8

Ladies' 0 size, 14-k. gold-filled, open face, Elgin movement, for..... \$10.50

Boys' Nickel, open face, stem wind, \$1

Gents' 16 size, gold-filled, hunting case, American movement, for..... \$9.00

Gents' 16 size, gold-filled, open face, fortune case, Waltham movement, for..... \$8

Gents' 18 size, gold-filled, open face, Fortune case, Waltham movement, for..... \$7.50

Gents' 18 size, gold-filled, open face, Fortune case, 15 jewels, Waltham movement, for..... \$9.00

Gents' 18 size, gold-filled, open face, Fortune case, 17 jewels, Waltham movement, for..... \$10.00

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FROM SECTION HAND TO THE PRESIDENCY

Such Is Career of Daniel Willard About to Become Head of Baltimore and Ohio

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—According to information received here from New York, Daniel Willard, second vice-president and general manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, has been tendered the presidency of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, to succeed Oscar G. Murray, who, it is understood, will retire from active railroad management.

Mr. Willard, it is added, is now considering the proposition, and upon his decision will depend the duration of Mr. Murray's management of the office. It is understood that if Mr. Willard accepts the office the change will be made near the first of the year.

A report was widely current in shipping and financial circles today that Mr. Murray had already sent his resignation to the board of directors, and that it would be acted upon at a special meeting next week.

The directors are said to be anxious to retain the benefit of Mr. Murray's knowledge of Baltimore and Ohio affairs, and it is understood he will be offered the position of chairman of an advisory board which will be created, if he is willing to act.

Mr. Willard was at one time assistant general manager of the Baltimore and Ohio. He began his railroad career as a track laborer.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Mr. Willard's office here it was declared that he was on his way home from New York. Nothing was known, it was said, of any intention on his part to leave the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.

JURY DISAGREES.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The jury in the night-rider cases reported today that they were unable to agree and were discharged.

THE "FIXIN'S."

Wareham, Mass., Dec. 21.—Half a hundred freight cars will be required this week to move the "fixed" water and Christmas dinner from the Cape Cod cranberry belt.

FIRE AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 21.—Fire originating last night in the basement of the Siegel Company's cloak store in this city resulted probably in losses aggregating \$150,000, in the heart of the downtown shopping district.

BACKACHE GOES AND YOUR KIDNEYS ACT FINE AFTER TAKING JUST A FEW DOSES

Out-of-Order Kidneys Are Regulated and the Most Severe Bladder Misery Vanishes.

No man or woman here whose kidneys are out-of-order, or who suffers from backache or bladder misery, can afford to leave Pape's Diuretic untried.

After taking several doses, all pains in the back, sides or loins, rheumatic twinges, inflamed or swollen eyelids, dizziness, tired or worn-out feeling and other symptoms of clogged, sluggish kidneys simply vanish.

Uncontrollable urination (especially at night), smarting, itched water and all bladder misery ends.

FOUND MONEY BUT ALAS! OWNER TURNED UP

And Port Huron Girl Will Not Make Merry Christmas for Her Friends After All.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 21.—Hazel Duncan, 12 years old, of 403 Fourteenth street, found three \$10 bills and some bills of smaller denominations rolled up in a neat little package in a local 5 and 10 cent store. The little girl looked at the money and thought of the many pretty Christmas presents she could purchase for her friends, and of the merry, merry Christmas she would enjoy.

The little Hazel was happy as she tripped along the frosty streets of the city. She visited half a score of the stores in the city, and bought presents for every one of her friends. Everything from a glass jar of goldfish to a bottle of patent medicine for a lady who had not been feeling well was purchased by the little girl.

But Hazel's joy was soon to be turned to grief. The officers had been notified that the woman who had received the bottle of medicine.

The police officer resembled a miniature Christmas tree when all of Hazel's presents had been brought in. In addition to the presents the value of which, together with \$11.70 in cash which the little girl had given her brother, is \$28, the presents will never go to the persons they were intended for, but they will be returned to the different stores, so that the money can be returned to Mrs. Cameron.

The automobile demand in Mexico is shown to be on a steady increase. That the taxicab system has proven a success is shown by the fact that a number of new taxicabs for Mexico City are now en voyage.

NOW IT'S UNCLE SAM WHO WANTS BIG ARMY

Opponents Could Put 300,000 Men in Field Before Defensive Force Could Be Organized.

Washington, Dec. 21.—There is no first-class respectable power with which we are in the slightest degree liable to have any complications or a conflict which cannot be put into the background immediately at least 300,000 men. They would put them wherever the conflict would be more rapidly than we could move arms, organize troops and deliver them on the ground to oppose them.

This statement was made by Brigadier-General Crozier, chief of ordinance of the United States army, at his hearing before the house committee on military affairs, just before the army appropriation bill was reported to the house.

"The reserve of ammunition which we consider desirable to have," added General Crozier, "considering facilities for manufacturing both in government and private firms, has been fixed, tentatively, perhaps, at 300 pounds per rifle for 600,000 rifles. If we have that upon our shelves, we are active preparation for war, with the facilities we have for manufacture, operated at their full capacity day and night, we will be able to keep up the supply that will be needed."

"At the rate at which we will go under the estimate before you after June 30 next, it will require twelve years to reaccumulate the reserve. Manufacture is under way to run the supply on hand up to 125,000,000 rounds by June 30 next."

MORGAN'S BIG DEAL INTO 'PHONE FIELD

Gobbles Up Six More Independent Companies in Rich Territory.

Toledo, Dec. 21.—The acquisition this week by J. P. Morgan & Co. of telephone interests in the middle west was extended today by the purchase of six independent telephone companies of Ohio and Indiana, making eight companies now in control of the New York banking house.

The announcement made tonight with authority by Clarence Brown, general counsel, of his return from a conference with Morgan & Co., is:

"In addition to the acquisition of the stocks of the United States Long Distance and Cuyahoga Telephone Companies, J. P. Morgan & Co. have purchased for their own account a majority of the stocks of the Toledo Home Telephone Company, the Citizens' Telephone Company of Columbus, the Dayton Home Telephone Company, the Indianapolis Telephone Company, the New Long Distance Telephone Company of Indiana, and the New Telephone Company of Indianapolis."

The system thus acquired by Morgan & Co. embraces 101,500 telephones and 49,000 miles of long distance lines, covering Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. The companies have an aggregate capitalization of \$12,500,000 bonds, \$1,500,000 preferred stock, and \$11,000,000 common. The actual value of the physical property is estimated at \$2,500,000. Morgan & Co. are said to have paid approximately \$10,000,000 cash for the holdings.

NEW PARK FOR FALLS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The establishment of a national park on the American side at Niagara Falls is recommended in a letter of Secretary of War Dickinson to the House today, transmitting the recommendation of the committee appointed to consider improvements at Niagara.

"A small annual tax per horsepower should be levied," says the committee, "on all power generated at Niagara Falls on the American side or imported into the United States from Canada, this fund to be converted into a fund for the purchase and maintenance of a national reservation."

WOULD END IT ALL BY TAKING HIS LIFE

Hamilton Young Man Attempted Suicide When Accused by Police.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Joseph Mitchell, who, previous to his appearance at the police court this morning, was considered a respectable young man, tried to commit suicide this evening by shooting himself in the head.

Mitchell resides on Victoria avenue north, and police suspected him of being connected with several cases of theft. He was arrested last night on the nominal charge of vagrancy, and this morning the police were prepared to lay several charges of theft against him.

This afternoon he was allowed out on bail, and later the police visited his house, and discovered a large amount of stolen goods, such as coats, trunks, etc. There was so much stuff that it could not be piled into one wagon.

Mitchell, as soon as the police made the seizure, evaded the game. He was up, for he wandered away. This evening, about 8:30 o'clock, Constable Goodman found him leaning against a building at the corner of Sherman and Delaware avenues, near blocks from his home. Blood was streaming from a wound in the head. He was taken to the police station, where a 22-calibre revolver was found in his pocket. He was then hurried to the City Hospital, from where it was reported at 10 o'clock tonight that the unfortunate man had no chance of recovery.

It is presumed that the exposure and disgrace were too much for Mitchell, who attempted to end it all by shooting himself. Mitchell is unmarried.

DRYDOCKS NEEDED

Mr. Allan Says Better Build Ships in Old Country.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21.—"Canada is not yet ready for steel shipbuilding yards," said Andrew Allan, who arrived here last night. "The cost of building ships in Canada is too great as compared with the cost in Great Britain. If shipyards were established the men who would do the work would have to be imported, and as they would do the work at less cost in Great Britain, it would be just as well to have the work done there."

"What are really needed in Canada," continued Mr. Allan, "are drydocks with good repair shops in connection with them. Halifax has a very good dock, but there should also be docks at Antigonish and St. John, capable of accommodating the largest ships in the Canadian trade."

"In Canada there is much to be developed and the greatest prosperity is just beginning."

SUFFRAGETTE-BURGLARS.

London, Dec. 21.—Vera Wentworth and Edie McKenzie, two suffragettes, were arrested in Swansea last night and arraigned in court today on the charge of having been found by night on inclosed premises, and with having in their possession certain housebreaking implements.

The two women were found concealed in Albert Hall, Swansea, where David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, was scheduled to speak tonight.

The "housebreaking implements" consisted of a screwdriver, a nail driver and a toy pistol.

The women were remanded.

Billiards was invented by a pawnbroker in the sixteenth century. He used to push the three brass balls—the insignia of his trade—about his counter with a yardstick, using boxes fastened to the sides of his counter, for pockets.

TRAINMEN IN CANADA NOT GOING OUT

Montreal, Que., Dec. 21.—It is not likely that the threatened strike of trainmen of American roads east of the Mississippi will affect either the C. P. R. or the G. T. R. Inquiries at both general offices this morning showed so far there was no cause for disquietude. G. T. R. men are working under an agreement which will not expire for two years, and the officials of the company say there is no danger of a strike. C. P. R. officials also declare they do not fear the strike will spread to this side of the line.

GERMAN OFFICER SUICIDES.

Kiel, Dec. 21.—Chief Naval Engineer Rognesack, of the cruiser Danzig, who had been convicted of financial irregularities, committed suicide by shooting at his home today. He had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and dismissed from the service.

LAID UP FOR THE WINTER.

Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 21.—The passing down of the steamers Mapleton and Haddington yesterday, with grain cargoes from Port William to Thorold, practically closes navigation at this port for the season. Lock-tenders are busy securing the lock gates, bridges, and everything about the works for the closing of the canal. Tugs have been all laid up besides the steamer United Lumberman and two consortships. Contractor Hogan's fleet of dredges and drills and scows, which are wintering here. The steamers Haddington, Iroquois and Mapleton, now at Thorold, with storage grain, will discharge their cargoes during the winter months for the Hedley-Shaw Milling Company of that place.

Dropsy Given up by Doctor

"I had dropsy, and was told by my family physician that there was no chance for me. My family also gave me up. My limbs and body were swollen one-third larger than natural, water collected around my heart and I had to be propped up in bed to keep from smothering. I took Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy until I was entirely cured. This was in 1902, and I am now able to do any kind of work on my farm. My cure was certainly marvelous."

L. TURLEY CURD, Wilmore, Ky.

Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy has been wonderfully successful in relieving heart trouble. Its tonic effect upon the heart nerves and muscles is a great factor in assisting nature to overcome heart weakness.

Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy is sold by all druggists. If the first bottle does not benefit, your druggist will return your money.

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THE retail merchant's telephone serves not only as a salesman, but also as a purchasing agent.

When a merchant finds that he is going to run out of a line of goods, he calls up the wholesaler or factory and not only orders a new stock, but comes to an agreement on the price and the time of delivery.

The unexpected needs of his customers can be met with the least possible delay.

If the merchant cannot find what he wants in town, the Long Distance Service of the Bell System brings him into immediate communication with other cities and other markets.

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STANLEY KETCHEL
SIGNS THE PLEDGE

Michigan Lion Will Lead the Simple Life From Now On — Goes Abroad Soon.

LITTLE FOR MANAGER

Goes in With Jack Johnson's Boss on His Return From Australia.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21. — Before leaving for his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., today, Stanley Ketchel, champion middleweight of the world, said George Little would be his manager.

"Shortly after I arrive in Grand Rapids I will meet George Little, Jack Johnson's manager," said Ketchel, "and I am going to enter into an agreement to have him manage me. Of course, he may not act in this capacity until I return from my trip abroad. He will have his hands full with Johnson for some time to come, but when I return from my trip to Australia, Little will handle my business. I have made up my mind he is the best man in the business to handle a fighter."

Ketchel said he proposed to lead the simple life from now on and that he had signed a pledge not to take an intoxicating drink for a year.

KAUFMANN TO MEET JACK O'BRIEN AGAIN ON JAN. 19

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21. — Jack O'Brien and Al Kaufmann were expected last night to meet in a boxing match at the Casino, but the fight was postponed until January 19.

The fight was postponed because of a bad cold which O'Brien has contracted. Kaufmann is expected to be in good condition for the fight.

The fight was expected to be a close one, as both fighters are in excellent condition. Kaufmann is a former champion and O'Brien is a rising star.

HOCKEY PARAGRAPHS

The Quebec team to play a game in New York on Dec. 29 will be: Galt, goal; McKenzie, point; Lockett, cover-point; Campbell, rover; Crawford, centre; Dobson, right wing; George, left wing.

Cobalt are trying hard to get Angus Campbell, the Varsity boy, to play again this season, but Angus has passed it up, and will content himself with refereeing O. H. A. games.

The team that will likely represent Varsity at New York will be: Good, Richard; point, Galt; cover, Coder; rover, Evans; centre, Little; left wing, M. Shaw; right wing, undecided.

Henry Matthews was the home of contention between Parkdale and St. Michaels' last night at Mutual street rink. Matthews was claimed by St. Michaels, but yesterday is said to have signed a Parolite certificate.

Toronto Amateur Athletic Club will in all probability play Stratford Senior O. H. A. team at Stratford on Christmas Day. Arrangements for the game are now being made.

That the "Husks" intend to hold the Interprovincial Amateur Hockey Championship was made quite evident last night, when at their second practice they trotted out Alex. Currie, who last year was easily the best all-round player in the City League. He captured two goals in the first three rounds in a local play-off, which was held on Jan. 12 in the superior court, Hamilton, Ind.

ROLLER BEAT ZBYSZKO. Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Zbyzsko, the Polish wrestler, lost a handicap match last night to a local wrestler, Roller. Zbyzsko agreed to throw Roller twice in one hour or forfeit the entire receipt of the match, but he failed to get one throw.

STATE LOSSES BY ANTI-BETTING LAW

Legislation Has Lost \$200,000 for New York, Claim Racing Men.

New York, Dec. 21. — Embodied in the forthcoming report of the New York State racing commission will be a statement, taken from the books of the various racing associations, to the effect that the state has lost more than \$200,000 by the operations of the anti-race track gambling laws.

Before the passage of these laws the state collected a 5 per cent tax on the receipts of the association. In 1907 the most prosperous year of the turf here, more than \$250,000 was paid over to the state under this tax law.

INJURY TO HIP COSTS STONE JOB WITH SOX

Comiskey Abandons Negotiations for the One-Time Hard-Hitting Brown.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—President Comiskey of the White Sox has given up the hunt for Outfielder George Stone, of the St. Louis Browns. A few words in private conversation yesterday with Jimmy McAlister, former leader of the Mount City bunch, convinced the president of the Sox that he could well afford to keep the one-time slugger Stone off the local club.

Stone has been troubled for several months with an injury to his hip, according to McAlister, and the Sox were unable to get into a majority of the games last season. The injury also affected his slugging ability. It is said Comiskey isn't so keen on ball players who are on the to-be-hired list as he is on the case with Stone.

The New York meetings the local American League owner considered a change whereby he could secure Stone, but the Sox's offer was refused.

WATERLOO BEATEN.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The opening hockey game of the season was played last night in an exhibition game between the Berlin and Waterloo professionals, and resulted in a 6-2 victory for the Berlin team. The Waterloo team was defeated by a score of 6 goals to 2. The second half was much more keenly contested, as the half-time score was 2 goals each. The ice was in splendid condition, and the rink was filled with spectators. Al Knicker, of Preston, refereed.

DANNY MAHER BUYING.

London, Dec. 21.—Sporting Life says that Danny Maher, the American jockey, has just bought the house and estate known as Cowell Hall, near Nottingham, for £3,500. It is with easy reach of the country hunted by three famous packs of foxhounds, namely, the Harrington, Belvoir and Quorn, which fact accounts for the purchase, Maher being very fond of hunting.

ANTI-BETTING LAW IS CONSTITUTIONAL

San Francisco Court Upholds Walker-Otis Bill for Third Time.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21. — For the third time within as many weeks the Walker-Otis anti-betting law was declared constitutional. Judge Danahy overruled a demurrer in the case of Charles Schwartz, arrested last July for betting on a baseball game.

GIVES TRIP FOR RISKY TRIP.

Power Boat Association Sets Prize for Motor Dash Through Rapids.

New York, Dec. 22. — The National Power Boat Association has offered a \$500 gold trophy to the first motor boat making the hazardous trip through the Whirlpool Rapids, below Niagara Falls, and powerboat enthusiasts have added a cash prize of \$1,000, which will go with the trophy. The trip has been made but once, and then by a large steamer, the Maid of the Mist.

GOSSIP OF THE PROS.

Rowley Young has signed with the Waterloo pro team. Art Ross is said to be after Billy Keen, of Winnipeg, for All-Montreal, and Jack Winchester may also be seen on an eastern tour.

It is said that Harry Kennedy, of the Winnipeg Shamrocks, has signed to play with Renfrew. The loss of the Winnipeg Shamrock Stanley Cup games means the loss of four or five thousand dollars to the Ottawa Club.

The Galt Hockey Club sent word last night to President D'Arcy McGehee, of the Ottawa Hockey Club, accepting Jan. 5 and 7 as the dates for their Stanley Cup matches. Russell Bowie and Duncan Campbell will be the referees.

No word has yet been received in Ottawa from Winnipeg, but a dispatch published was to the effect that the Shamrock trip was off, although they had got down to practice in preparation for the games.

The Haliburton Club made an attempt to accomplish the impossible task of kicking Taylor, Walsh, and Kerr from the Ottawa. All the offers were promptly rejected.

The trip of the Winnipeg-Shamrocks to Ottawa in search of the Stanley Cup has been abandoned. This statement was given out by officials of the club. The reason assigned is that several of the best players have refused to go, and there is not sufficient good material to fill their places.

KINGSTON HAS ACCEPTED A BYE

Toronto Star. The local senior O. H. A. situation was unexpectedly settled last night without recourse to the sudden-death game, by the Kingston Frontenacs taking a bye in the first round.

The Frontenacs were in Group No. 1, with Argonauts and Toronto Canoe Club, and consequently upon their willingness to take a bye, the groups have been rearranged as follows:

Group No. 1—Kingston Frontenacs, a bye.
Group No. 2—Osgoode Hall, Argonauts, Rowing Club, Toronto Canoe Club.
Group No. 3—University of Toronto, Parkdale, Toronto A. C.
Group No. 4—St. Michael's College, Catholics, Toronto Rowing Club.
Group No. 5—Stratford, a bye.

PRIVATE FIGHTING IN CHICAGO. Chicago, Dec. 22.—Denny Goodman outpointed and outpunched Eddie Lang in a ten-round bout before the Seaside Athletic Club on Sunday. It was supposed to be a private affair, but about 500 spectators were present. The men have been re-matched to meet again in three weeks, the bout being set for twenty rounds, with a prize of \$200.

BOXERS' TRIALS JAN. 12

Gary, Ind., Dec. 21.—The trial of Johnny Coulton and Earl Deming, pugilists, and Barney Green, fight promoter, who were arrested last night after fighting three rounds in a local play-off, which was held on Jan. 12 in the superior court, Hamilton, Ind.

ROLLER BEAT ZBYSZKO. Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Zbyzsko, the Polish wrestler, lost a handicap match last night to a local wrestler, Roller. Zbyzsko agreed to throw Roller twice in one hour or forfeit the entire receipt of the match, but he failed to get one throw.

HOPES TO MEET "BAT" NELSON.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—Kid Dutton, the English fighter, who hopes to meet "Bat" Nelson and others, will make his Canadian debut in Windsor tonight. He has eleven knockouts in his record.

BURKE WINS BY KNOCKOUT. Danbury, Conn., Dec. 21.—Sator Burke, the Brooklyn middleweight, returned to the ring tonight after a long layoff and knocked out Jack Brown, of Pittsfield, in the second round of a scheduled six-round affair. While emerging from a hot box-up, Burke crossed Brown with a right header to the jaw, and the latter went down for the long count.

Local Sporting Gossip

Galt. A dozen motions were put, and as many amendments made, Percy Scott's idea being adopted by a vote of 5 to 2, at the finish.

Woodstock, Paris, Stratford and Galt were put into No. 7, while London goes in with Simcoe, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg in No. 8. All the teams are fast, but London should show up well with the rest of them. Ken Casselman is convener of both districts. Stratford was not represented, but the other clubs figured out what appears to be a fair card. The delegates were: H. W. D. Brown, Galt; P. J. Fisher, Ingersoll; C. A. Yokum, Tillsonburg; F. Cates, Simcoe; Percy Scott, London; J. C. Joyce, Woodstock; W. G. Bain, Woodstock; C. E. Walker, Paris.

Local curlers will figure in the big bonspiel at Sarnia next month. Lovers of the game have been out a couple of times this season at the Thistle rink, but nothing definite has been done as yet. The members of the rinks will make known their intentions in a couple of days.

The London Canine Association has arranged a splendid prize list for the ribbon show to be held Dec. 28. Many entries have been received, and with 29 specials the show should be a record-breaker.

The meeting of the London Amateur Athletic Association, which is to be held shortly, will be postponed until after Christmas, as it would be impossible to get every person out any evening before Saturday.

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 21. — When Jack Newton, the Sarnia boy, who led the '09 Toronto Varsity Rugby team to victory, stepped from a train at the Sarnia Tunnel depot this evening, he was greeted with a cheer from fully 2,000 people. From the depot he was escorted to the town hall by the Sarnia band, the Collegiate Cadet Corps, and torchbearers, and upon the arrival of the procession at that place addresses were made by Mayor Milne, Dr. Logan (chairman of the board of education), and W. J. Hanna, all of Sarnia.

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Following the addresses, in which young Newton received many compliments for his ability as a Rugby player, Mr. Hanna presented him with a handsome gold watch, which had been purchased by the citizens of Sarnia as a token of esteem and pride which they have for him. A banquet was also tendered him at the Vendome Hotel following the reception.

Newton will remain in Sarnia for about a month, and he will then return to his studies at the Toronto University.

PROMINENT YACHTSMAN DIES.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Oliver Eaton Cromwell, one of the best-known yachtsmen in the United States, died here today. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last week, from which he did not rally. He was 62 years old. Mr. Cromwell for a considerable time was chairman of the committee of the New York Yacht Club, and arranged a number of international races. He also has officiated in many regattas. At one time he was commodore of the Seawanhauk Corinthian Yacht Club of Long Island.

HATFIELD HORSES WINNERS AT TAMPA

Three Entries From One Stable Copped Out First Coin Yesterday.

JOCKEY WAS SUSPENDED

Butwell Figured in Rough Work at Jacksonville — Other Sporting News.

Though Hatfield's three entries all came home in front at Tampa yesterday, Osorine's victory was the most impressive. Hens, the favorite, got a bad break, but was very strong in the finish. The management announced today that there will be an increase in the purses within the next ten days.

The sensational finish of the day at Jacksonville was in the sixth race, when Bellevue, with Goldstein in the saddle, made a phenomenal stretch run, and finished a close second to Cuning.

In the third race, Butwell, on Algonquin, was disqualified for rough work on the stretch run. Austin Sturtevant being the sufferer. After the race Butwell was suspended for one week and Austin Sturtevant was given the place.

At Kaufman, the California heavy-weight, will fight Jim Barry and Tony Ross in the near future. He has signed to meet Barry in a six-round bout in Philadelphia next Saturday afternoon, and will probably pick up a good deal of money in a twelve-round bout in Boston on Jan. 4. It required 38 rounds to enable Kaufman to stop Barry at Los Angeles a year ago, and last summer the Californian failed to stop Ross in ten rounds at the Fairmont A. C. in New York city.

Jeffries, who is doing one-night stands these days, says that he intends to train in the Sierras the camp occupied by Corbett when he fought the fight with Fitzsimmons at Carson City. He says that after the mountain air has braced him up, he will shift his training quarters to a place nearer the sea level, presumably Los Angeles. The hotelmaker has placed him on record with the prediction that he will stop Johnson inside of twelve rounds.

Ad Wolgast, the Milwaukee lightweight, has joined the ranks of the buffers. He says he will wage \$1,000 that he can stop Packer McFarland in ten rounds, and agrees to forfeit the entire purse if he fails. But Wolgast insists that the weight should be 125 pounds inside, when he is no doubt well aware that McFarland cannot make that weight without the loss of an arm or a leg.

It was rumored yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria, where turfmen meet daily, that the Brighton track will receive a license for a summer meeting next year, and that sixteen days in July will be allotted to W. A. Engeman by the stewards.

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Four Little Boys Found in Hut
Who Were Ignorant of
Christmas.

New York, Dec. 21.—Four little boys in rags were found living in a miserable, cheerless hut in a forest yesterday. They could not read or write. They had never heard of Christmas nor of its glad significance. No hand ever gave them a Christmas gift. No tongue ever told them the story of The Three Wise Men and the Babe of the Manger. These babies in a wood had never heard of Santa Claus, and knew none of the sweet myths of childhood. They had never been beyond the limits of the woodland where their poverty-stricken, bare little denlike home stood.

To these four children of Archie Johnson, poor woodchopper, came Jared Kimball yesterday. Kimball is a representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and he came to relieve the poverty of the children. But when he found their great poverty in material things was as nothing compared with their poverty of mind, in pity he told them about Santa Claus and the wonderful sleigh laden with toys that makes its mystical journey over the housetops once a year. And they listened in awe—and only partly understood. For they had never seen a toy. So from the hut out beyond West Caldwell, N. J., Kimball brought them to New York.

The grain made them tremble. The street cars frightened them still more. They feared the skyscrapers would fall on them and they screamed in agony of mind when they were placed in an elevator and begged their protector not to kill them. Story after story, such as every child is supposed to know, Kimball told to calm the little heads. And at last, fed, bathed and clad in clean white gowns and conducted to clean beds, they were in a maze. For they had always slept in their rags on piles of dusty hay.

And when old Kris Kringle's bells jingle their arms will be filled with toys and bitter poverty will know them no more.

MORE WITNESSES RE ALLEGED COAL RING

Hon. B. F. Pearson and T. M. Cutler
Tell What They Know in
Connection With It.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—Two more witnesses were examined in the alleged coal conspiracy case last evening. Hon. B. F. Pearson, vice-president of the North Atlantic colliery, and T. M. Cutler, secretary of the Ardenian sugar refinery. They denied the knowledge of a combine existing between the coal companies. Mr. Cutler said he did not know anything about the standard price, as there was not much competition, because few had the kind of coal they wanted.

Mr. Pearson said that he was interested in coal mining in Nova Scotia, was now vice-president of the North Atlantic colliery, and had been secretary of the Dominion Coal Company. He did not know of any combine being held to discuss prices. Mr. Dick had been assistant manager, and sales agent, when he was secretary of the Dominion Coal Company. They had talked a good deal about business, but he had no recollection of any comparison of cost of mining. He frequently found the Dominion Coal Company selling at a lower price than the North Atlantic colliery. He did not know of any arrangement between the companies.

GRANTS TO VETERANS

Petition of South African Association
Not Yet Considered.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Mr. Sheppard Grimwood, general secretary of the Imperial South African Service Association, filed this morning the following communication from Hon. Frank Oliver:

"Ottawa, Dec. 16, 1909.—Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 14th inst. with regard to the petition of the Imperial South African Service Association for a grant of land in return for military service rendered to the country. In reply I regret to say that up to the present time the matter has not been considered with regard to myself, but will probably be dealt with during the Christmas vacation. Yours faithfully (Signed), Frank Oliver."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
New York—Arrived: Duna
decha Abruzzi, Kaiser Wilhelm II.
Oscar II.
Boston—Arrived: Victorian.
Halifax—Arrived: Sardinian.
Glasgow—Arrived: Pretorian.
Liverpool—Arrived: Africa.
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AGENT AT RED WATER BRUTALLY MURDERED

T. N. O. Railway Official Was
Clubbed to Death by Un-
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While waiting for a train a man became hoisterous and Dyson remonstrated with him. A fight followed, and during the scuffle another man rushed in and crushed Dyson's skull with a club.

Another man witnessed the murder, but did not recognize the assailant, who escaped.

Police from Latchford are now hunting for the fugitives.

Dyson came from Toronto and was well liked by all.

CHRISTMAS TREE WANES IN ENGLAND

Even Children Prefer Gifts in the
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and Automobiles.

London, Dec. 21.—For some years the old-fashioned Christmas tree, which used to be one of the greatest delights of the children, has been dying hard. Indeed, it is only at Sandringham, the greatest "home of England," and in the restaurants that the Christmas tree as a social function remains. Like most of the early Victorian fashions, nearly all of which had German origin, the idea has ceased to appeal to a generation in which even the children are realists and which prefers its gifts in the more solid form of checks, automobiles, aeroplanes, and other things which can conveniently be hung on a Christmas tree.

At Sandringham, however, where the King insists on the strict observance of tradition, the Christmas tree is still the crowning event in a day of simple domestic joys. It is always of enormous dimensions, planted in the middle of the great hall, with its top brushing the painted ceiling. To joyous, childish laughter and shouts of delight from the grandchildren of the King and Queen and their guests, Queen Alexandra touches the switch which unveils the tree and transforms it into a brilliant, scintillating piece of electric illumination. Sometimes for the "baby" members of the party tiny trees are provided, in addition to the big one, and in real German fashion, too, small tables, one for each guest, are set around the room, laden with presents and the inevitable "surprises."

Queen Alexandra is never happier than when she is busy selecting and giving her Christmas presents. The buying is mostly done inside Buckingham Palace, which for some weeks before Christmas is like a toy and fancy jewelry store. At the same time, both the Queen and princess do more shopping in Bond street than most people are aware of. The King and Queen now make it a strict rule that every article sent to the palace for approval must be marked in plain figures, because their majesties are no longer inclined to be swayed by anyone else to pay exorbitant prices for the things they buy.

THE BEAUTY SECRET AT LAST REVEALED

Chicago Venus Tells Women
How to Reach Physical
Perfection.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—"Take one quart of cold water and pour into any ordinary porcelain lined bath-tub. Then pour in another quart, and another quart, and another, and another, until it just won't splash over, when you climb in. Then climb in. Then climb out."

That's all!
For its guarantee as the best beauty prescription to be had in Chicago, look at the character of the goods sold by the Fine Arts Society of Oak Park and adorned by art poses in Greek gowns of Helen Loeve, of Englewood, the most perfectly proportioned girl in the city, measurements of whose figure tally with standards set by statues of the goddess Venus.

No conditions for neck and arms, no "dips" for internal organs, no application, no Bulgarian or Fiji Island massages, no breaking of backs over upturned chairs or scoots down the back stairs bunnies, no punching bag nor swinging rings, no ten minute noon naps without any pillow. Being beautiful is just the simplest thing in the world. And, listen, it isn't necessary to begin back ten or fifteen years, neither is good health an essential at the beginning of the campaign for beauty. For five years ago Helen Loeve, the Venus of Chicago, was almost a helpless invalid. Five years of cold plunge and the ordinary life of an ordinary girl have wrought a transformation almost miraculous.

Just a Cold Bath.
"That's the principal thing I do—take a cold bath every morning," Miss Loeve said. "I have been simply an ordinary girl, living an ordinary life. I have no use for all the agencies that the average beauty expert recommends. I generally get up about 7 o'clock in the morning and fix my cold bath. I climb in and get wet all over—no, longer than that. Then a vigorous rub with a crash towel fixes me for the day."

"That is really the only thing that I do regularly or consciously. I get all the fresh air I can, but everyone should do that. I am not in the habit of staying up late, but whenever I want to I do. A little loss of sleep occasionally can do no harm. And only exercise I take is walking, and then I don't walk with the idea that I'm forcing myself to exercise, but because I love to walk."

"It is only through exercise that is absolutely natural that the figure can be made beautiful. I think it is not natural for a girl to dangle her arms about a chair and try to touch the gas jet with her foot. And yet some beauty experts advocate such stunts. I generally take my meals at regular hours, but I'm no stickler for anything of the sort. A meal an hour or so either way out of the way is not going to disturb one's health."

"Five years ago I was an invalid, and had little thought of one day attaining the health I enjoy now. The cold bath, fresh air, and the ordinary life of an ordinary girl did it."

ENGLISH DREYFUS DIES IN POVERTY

The Norwegian Was Wrongfully
Imprisoned for Space of
Five Years.

London, Dec. 21.—Adolf Beck, the victim of one of the most remarkable miscarriages of justice in modern times, is dead in the Middlesex Hospital, from bronchitis and pneumonia. He was destitute.

The story of Beck's wrongful imprisonment stirred so much public comment and indignation five years ago that it earned him the name of the "English Dreyfus."

He was born in Norway, but spent a considerable part of his life in England on business connected with the mining industry. In 1885 he was arrested on a charge of defrauding women, and was sentenced to the Old Bailey in the following year to seven years' penal servitude.

He served five years and a half, protesting his innocence all the while, and was released; but, however, he was arrested again in 1901 on a similar charge. Again he was convicted; but, providentially for him, Mr. Justice Grantham deferred his sentence, and while he was in custody awaiting his second committal to prison, another man was arrested on a similar charge, and happened to pass in front of him.

The man was not his double; this was the strangest part of the case, for Beck had been identified by several women, who claimed to be his victims, but the stranger walked like Beck, and had a small scar on his face, which several of the women said they remembered.

This almost miraculous chance meeting of the two men saved Beck a further term in prison and cleared his name. The haunting yet elusive likeness between the men induced Inspector Kane to begin exhaustive police inquiries, which proved beyond doubt that Beck had suffered for the crimes of another man.

He was granted a "free pardon," which established his innocence; but his business had been ruined, and in consideration of this he was offered a "solutum" of £200 by the treasury.

Public indignation and sympathy had been aroused, however, by his case that the solutum was on every hand pronounced insufficient, and he was finally awarded £500. Since receiving his award he lived in comparative seclusion, never regaining the health which he lost during his undeserved imprisonment.

ALL FRANCE ALARMED BY WAVES OF CRIME

Shocking Brutality in Some of
Cases Explained by Absinthe
Drinking.

Paris, Dec. 21.—A succession of crimes of the most shocking brutality has alarmed all France. Again it has been proved that when the usually mild and home-loving French peasants turn to crime, it is through the influence of absinthe or that of a hereditary taint, they become fiends incarnate.

Two boys in the eastern part of France murdered a barber on a farm to get money with which to start an adventurous life. The boys were Joseph Vienny, 14, and Joseph Jaquiard, 15. They helped to cure for the boys of a peasant named Verriere, who lived with his wife and four children near the boundary of Switzerland.

How Boys Did Killing.
The boys got some dime novels and, selecting one in which two roving characters were pictured, they sought to emulate them. With their wages they bought revolvers, and, returning to the farm at dusk, shot and killed the farmer and his wife. Then they called a servant into the house, shot her, and after chopping her head nearly off, threw her body into a well. Two farm hands sought to capture them, and were killed by the boys. They also shot one of the farmer's sons, a boy about their own age, but he is expected to recover.

The youthful murderers hid in a barn, but when they found that their whereabouts had been discovered, they boldly surrendered. They are now in jail, where they apparently take delight in reciting the details of their crimes.

Before their outbreak the boys always had been mild-mannered, but investigation showed that Jaquiard, when a small child, showed distinct criminal tendencies.

Barkeeper Runs Amuck.
On the same day of these murders, Alexandre Roux, a barkeeper of Marseilles, killed his wife and three children, and then committed suicide. He drank absinthe until he became crazed, and during a slight altercation with his wife grabbed a knife and cut her throat. He then took a revolver from a drawer, and in his mad fury shot his eldest daughter. Going to another room he cut another child's throat and shot two babies who were sleeping.

His wife staggered into the room in an effort to save her children, and, turning upon her a second time, Roux put a bullet through her heart. Finally he turned the revolver on himself. The eldest daughter alone may survive.

Kills Helpless Insane.
From an insane asylum in Eastern France have come meagre details of a wholesale slaughter of inmates by a keeper named Leon Thabais. He was allowed 12 cents for everybody he buried, and he strangled the unfortunate under his care to collect the burial fees. How many inmates he killed is unknown, but it is said that he had a burial every two days for some time past. His method was to select the helpless and stupid, and then with his hands. Most of his victims were paralytics or aged men and women. He has been arrested, and it is found that he was a confirmed absinthe drinker.

Numerous atrocious murders have been committed in Paris, and each one had added to the alarm felt because of the wave of violent crime.

One woman became suddenly insane and killed her daughter by cutting her throat. She then tried to kill herself, but failed to do so.

Another woman under the influence of absinthe spilled kerosene on her grand-daughter, and then dropped a lighted match on the child. The little tot burned to death, while the woman slept and snored in a corner of the room.

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THROAT
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LONDON, DUBLIN & CHICAGO

\$10 All the Cash Required to Buy in a Proposition That Will Surely Make You Independent. You Must Make Your Application Immediately. Thursday Night, Dec. 24, Closing Out Date.

As a final word of warning we wish to explain to the readers of this paper that those who have not forwarded their application for shares in the CHICAGO ALBERTA OIL FIELDS COMPANY, LIMITED, while the price is at 25 cents, must do so immediately.

We positively guarantee that the price will be raised 5 cents or 10 cents per share on Monday, December 27th, and that we will receive no applications at the 25-cent price after Thursday night, December 24th, at 9 o'clock.

The block of stock to be sold at 25 cents is limited, and we feel absolutely certain that the same will all be taken up by the closing-out date. Such an activity will naturally warrant an advance of 5 cents or 10 cents.

The developments which are taking place on the property permit the statement that the stock should be worth and sell for at least 50 cents per share inside of 30 days, and 75 cents inside of 90 days, since by that time the drills should be down close to the oil levels.

Do not overlook the fact that this

Company owns one of the finest drilling equipments ever imported into Canada, the machinery cost about \$20,000, and is a giant two-rig drilling plant, capable of sinking wells to the maximum depth at the greatest possible speed.

The Company controls 9 square miles of oil lands in the Pincher Creek country in Southern Alberta. John W. Warren, the eminent oil expert and for many years in the confidential employ of the Standard Oil Company, visited our property and in his report unconditionally indorses it as one of the finest Petroleum properties he ever saw.

The discovery of a 10-foot seam of the finest bituminous coal running the full length of the property is a most valuable asset to the shareholder, naturally increases the security and will greatly enhance the dividends.

The stock is sold in blocks of 100 shares, \$25. If you pay all cash, a deed—share certificate—will be issued at once. The shares, however, may be purchased on terms: \$10 per 100 shares cash, with application, and \$5 per month for three months, per hundred shares. On

receipt of last payment a certificate will be issued immediately.

We have advised our most intimate friends not to buy less than 200 shares while the price is 25 cents a share, since the stock will surely be selling at 50 cents a share in a few weeks' time, being naturally more active at that price and in greater demand, they could sell 100 shares at 50 cents, and retain the other 100 shares free of cost to themselves.

A considerable revenue will come to this company through the bounty on crude oil of 1½ cents per gallon of the whole output of our wells, which is payable from the Dominion Government.

We want to impress upon the readers that unless they are absolutely sure their application will reach this office on or before 9 o'clock, Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, they should wire us the number of shares they wish to take up. On receipt of wire, the shares will be placed in reserve until application remittance is received.

Address all inquiries and remittances to

The Chicago Alberta Oil Fields Co Limited.

Suite 8, Imperial Chambers, 32-34 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont.

TURMOIL AT ATHENS

Tempestuous Time in Deputies Over
Army Reorganization Bill.

Athens, Dec. 21.—Yesterday's exciting scene in the chamber of deputies, which culminated today, may provoke another political crisis. The minister of war, Colonel Lapathiotis, in submitting the new army reorganization bill, violently attacked the administration of ex-Premier Theotokis, who also held the portfolio of minister of war.

His tenure of office, Col. Lapathiotis asserted, had left the army in ruins. The supporters of the ex-premier protested, and left the chamber in a body, whereupon the minister of war addressed himself to the galleries, sitting, to the effect that he had determined to accomplish the mission confided to him by the people. The officers applauded.

Mr. Rallis, also an ex-premier, joined the protesters and left the house. The sitting was suspended in disorder. M. Theotokis later interviewed Premier Mavromichalis, and declared that he would demand the resignation of the minister of war, under the threat that a majority of the chamber would abstain from taking part in the sittings.

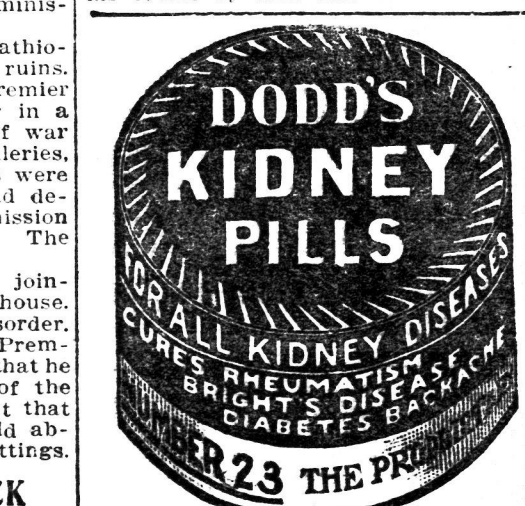
MAY SEND THEM BACK

Hamilton Will Endeavor to Deport a
Man and His Wife.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Charles J. Stratford, of Dundas, who made two deliberate attempts to end his life last week by shooting himself, was before Judge Monk this morning on that charge. He and his wife have figured very prominently in the courts of late,

the latter having been spirited away by some men and located in Toronto. Stratford was so grief-stricken over the acquittal of the man, and his wife's part in that, that he decided to end his life. The judge suspended sentence, and efforts will be made to have the whole family deported, although they have been in the country two years.

In Australia there are ants which build their nests along a north and south line so accurately that a traveller may direct his course by their aid.



MEN AND WOMEN.
Use the 41 for unusual discharges, inflammation, irritations or ulcerations of the mucous membrane. Pains, and not attributed to venereal disease. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 3 bottles \$2.75. Circular sent on request.

**CARLING'S
GOLD MEDAL
ALE & PORTER**

No home is complete without Christmas Cheer. Stimulate Christmas Cheer by ordering Carling's Gold Medal Ale, Porter and Canadian Club Lager. AT ALL DEALERS

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The Gauschaufel is simply an open air sanatorium for healthy people, opened last year by the municipality of Vienna. What the automobile is to the United States the motor boat is to Canada, especially along the St. Lawrence and in British Columbia. As part of the education of the English naval divers, the beginners are taught how to save themselves, should they become exhausted, by allowing their suits to fill with air and shooting rapidly upward to the surface, where they are dragged into the boat by the attendants. All the machinery in the Indian Government mint at Calcutta is electrically driven.

COMPLETE DISPLAY OF FINE GROCERIES

Now Being Shown by T. A. Rowat & Co., 250 Dundas Street, and Also in South London.

T. A. Rowat & Co., 250 Dundas Street, and who also have an inviting store in South London, are showing the finest and most complete display of fancy groceries for Christmas in the city. Their two big stores are filled with a large stock of the choicest fancy groceries, including French fruits, stuffed dates, bottled layer figs, delicious pink-tinted Malaga grapes, imported French fruits in glass jars, figs in Maraschino, and a host of other delicacies that will make a Christmas celebration perfect. One hundred and twenty-five varieties of the daintiest fancy biscuits, including special importations from Huntley and Palmer, of London, England; Jacobs & Co., of Dublin; the National Biscuit Company of New York, and all the best goods of the largest Canadian firms. Rowat & Co. are the largest importers in the city of Christmas crackers and Santa Claus stockings. These are all goods of the highest grade, and make most delightful presents for children. A large and complete stock of the best shelled and unshelled nuts is carried, and also an exceptionally fine assortment of English cream and chocolate candies. They have also the finest selection of oranges that was ever shown here. Rowat's two new stores are up to date in every way, and have the latest and most complete equipment of any firm in the city.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE
AN ACTIVE BRONCHITIS, the world-wide cold and grip remedy, removes cause. Call for full name. Look for signature, E. W. GROVE, 25c.

Pianos to Rent
We will rent a nice piano for \$2 and up per month, and allow six months' rent on purchase. Heintzman & Co., 242 Dundas Street.

EAST LONDON

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT AT KNOLLWOOD PARK

Very Pleasant Time Spent Last Night in the Presbyterian Church. Excitement and gladness reigned supreme last night at the Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church. It was the annual tea meeting, Christmas tree and entertainment for the Sunday school scholars, and the building was filled to its capacity with the children, their parents and friends.

After the tea, an excellent concert was put on by the children. The programme follows: Opening address by the pastor, Rev. P. E. Nichols; chorus, "The Bells"; recitation, Mary Madge; recitation, Rony Fox; duet, Muriel Gray and Arnold Lang; song, Lizzie Williams; recitation, Cyril Dockstader; quartette, May Lilay, Ethel Miller, Jessie Bell and Vera Legg; dialogue, Melford Fox, Cyril Dockstader, and Ernest Scopes; recitation, Gordon Sharp; duet, Daisy Horner and Grace McEwen; doll song, eight little girls; lullaby song, Muriel Gray; recitation, Daisy Horner; chorus, Rony Fox; song, Victor Horner; recitation, Isabel Inlay; recitation, Melford Fox; chorus, Jingle Bells; humorous quartette, Messrs J. Imrie, W. Hawthorn, C. Berford and Cyril Imrie; patriotic drill, eight young ladies; recitation, Grace McEwen.

At the conclusion of this part of the programme Santa Claus made his appearance and dispensed gifts to the children with a generous hand. The ladies responsible for the success of the concert were Mrs. W. A. Hawthorne and Misses Irene Gray and Margaret Bell, assisted by Mesdames Fox, Dockstader, Scopes and Sharpe. The drill was under the direction of Mr. W. A. Letch, the popular principal of the district school, and was splendidly executed. The officers and

teachers appreciated the kindness of some of the friends of the school who contributed candy, oranges and numerous other presents for the tree.

AN EXPLANATION.

In connection with the row which occurred in an east end barber shop recently over a purse, the proprietor wishes it understood that he was not the man attacked first, but that it was his assistant who was struck. The assistant, he states, was not arrested in the shop, but on the street some time later.

NINTH DIVISION COURT

Cases Heard Yesterday by Judge Macbeth.

Fred Lung, a Celestial, who keeps a laundry on King Street, appeared yesterday in the ninth division court, of which Mr. Frank Whetter is clerk. In an action brought against him by Samuel Harris, of Berlin, The plaintiff claimed that he had sent laundry to the defendant valued at \$4.50. The defendant informed the court that he could not remember receiving such a parcel and he had no entry on his books. Judge Macbeth reserved his decision.

The case of the Metal Shingle and Siding Company of Preston, against William Steinbock, was re-entered for hearing. The defendant bought a small barn that had been erected by the plaintiffs on the Western Fair grounds as an exhibit. Finding that the barn would not go through the Campbell street gate the defendant refused to take it and the plaintiff brought action against them. A verdict of \$50 was returned in favor of the plaintiffs.

I wish to inform my many customers that I am in no way whatever connected with the so-called "London East Meat Merchants Association," and that goods purchased at my market on Saturday nights will be delivered as usual. Respectfully, J. W. Metherall.

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On Wednesday and Thursday
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To each purchaser of one pound of Strong's Baking Powder will be given one sample bottle of choice perfume; one sample package Sachet Powder, along with one of our handsome 1910 calendars.

Also one of our new Cook Books free on request.

COPENHAGEN FEELS THE SHAME OF COOK

Finds Comfort in Thought He Was Treated Like a Gentleman.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The morning papers generally find comfort for the Cook affair in the thought that the only fault that may be charged against the Danes is that they accepted the explorer's word as that of a gentleman.

The Politiken says: "Frankly, we regret only that an honorary degree was bestowed on this man by the University of Copenhagen. But one member of the university council advised against the action taken."

The København says: "Cook's abasement of our university is his greatest shame. Fortunately the university itself tells the world of its mistake."

Other papers recall that all the Scandinavian explorers who were acquainted with Cook supported him and insist that under the circumstances any other city would have given the explorer a similar reception. They intimate that the time other cities envied Copenhagen its opportunity to first welcome and honor him.

SUPERB COLLECTION FOR HOLIDAY TRADE

Perfumery and Toilet Articles
Make Handsome and
Delightful Gifts.

There is something fine in the instinct which prompts one to set the best one has before a guest. It is not pride nor vanity, but true hospitality; and so if one would offer a gift it must be, no matter how simple, the best of its kind. Above all, it must be genuine, because it is a symbol of the giver's sentiment. A gift that is itself a sham is a humiliation to both giver and receiver. There is nothing wise in which deception is so easy, so profitable, and consequently so widely practiced as in the matter of perfumery and toilet articles generally. A bottle of perfume not worth ten cents may be put up to look like one worth ten dollars. Of course, careful people have learned to look for such standard names as J. & E. Atkinson, of London, England, and Hulgant, of Paris. Cairncross & Lawrence, the well-known druggists of this city, who carry the best of everything in their line, say that the people of London generally have a taste for goods much more particular in their purchase of perfumery and toilet articles. For some certain reason, leaving the dealer to give whatever make he chose. Now, however, they have become positive about the name of the maker. Nowhere is true refinement and good breeding shown more clearly than in the niceties of the toilet. That the manufacturers realize this is evident in the beauty and perfect taste shown in the packages in which the goods come. They appeal to the eye as pleasantly as their fragrant contents to the other senses; and so it is with everything pertaining to the toilet to be found in Cairncross & Lawrence's store. The toilet and dressing articles fresh from Paris and London are marvels of elegance. There is a pleasant innovation in the matter of monograms on ebony brushes and mirrors. Delicately engraved monograms, with hair-lines of inlaid ivory, have largely replaced the silver and gold mountings. Some of the atomizers shown are beautiful. They are Paris importations, of course. The delicate shadings of color are revelations of the glassblower's art.

Another article in which many an impudence is practiced is that of sachet powders. Those imported from England are the best manufactured. Many sachet powders have the odor, but they are of an evanescent nature and are sadly a disappointment. The stock of sachet powders now on hand and for the Christmas trade by Cairncross & Lawrence are incomparable both in delightful fragrance and variety.

But it is idle to attempt to describe a fraction of the beautiful things displayed. A visit to Cairncross & Lawrence's handsome store, corner Dundas and Clarence streets, will be infinitely more satisfactory.

DOMINION BANK IN NEW PREMISES

Handsome Quarters, Centrally Located,
Opened for Business Today.

The Dominion Bank have today removed to their handsome new premises at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. The building has been thoroughly renovated, and is now one of the most modern and attractive office premises in the city. Every facility has been provided for the public. The office is spacious and the public waiting room is conveniently situated to the left of the entrance. Every courtesy and attention is given to business intrusted to this bank.

The floors upstairs have been fitted up as offices and finished in a uniform style that will make them very desirable. Mr. C. A. Ross, the manager, invites inspection of the premises by the public.

There is a union of hatmakers at Le Mans, France, in which the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer are held by one man. On the shores of Cape Cod there were, during a period of twenty years following 1881, as many as 1,000 wrecks of vessels carrying precious cargoes of human beings and freight.

The first matriculation of women students at the universities in Prussia has resulted in the admission of 62 students, including 43 from America and seven from the United Kingdom.

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Handsome patterns.

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Tasty designs.

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Best of qualities.

Gloves

\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.50.
Perrin's Lined or Unlined.

Umbrellas

\$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00.
Stylish Handles.

Serviceable Materials.

Hosiery

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Fancy or plain.

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MAY BE SMALL at first, but the noticeable feature of Bank of Toronto Savings Accounts is that they grow.

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The first deposit acts as a magnet for the odd amounts that are so apt to be wasted.

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XMAS ADVICE

Worth listening to, too. Get busy with your Christmas buying now and you'll get better choice of goods, and also miss the crush.
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NO POULTRY IN LONDON MARKET

Very Little of Anything Offered Today Other Than Hay.

LOWER PRICES EXPECTED

In All Classes of Poultry—It is Said, However, That the Scarcity is General All Over the Province.

There was no poultry offered on this morning's market, and, indeed, very little of anything else with the exception of hay, which was offered in fair quantities. The farmers who did have the storm report that the roads are badly drifted in some places, making travel very difficult.

Every indication seems to point to a fairly good market tomorrow, the last regular market day before the holiday. It is not thought, however, that the supply of turkeys, or even of other fowl, will be as large as it was yesterday.

The Prices. On the other hand it is considered that most of the dealers' stock, that prices have now reached their limit. Twenty-one and a half cents was the highest regular figure yesterday, though in one or two cases turkeys were sold at wholesale for 22 cents. This was only in very exceptional cases, however. One man who held out for 22 cents had his supply left on his hands, and had ultimately to sell for 20 cents. It is not thought that there will be the same demand in future from outside places as there has been lately, so it will be easier for the local people to get what they need. Even at that, however, the supply is not going to be equal to the demand, so those who are wise will turn out an hour earlier than usual to make sure of it.

Have Filled Orders. Mr. Silverwood, of the Flavell-Silverwood Company, one of the largest poultry shippers in this vicinity, stated that while they have been able to fill their orders for smaller poultry with comparative ease, despite the fact that the orders have been very much larger than usual, the supply of turkeys has been very scarce, and they are filling their orders with great difficulty, and as it is considerably behind.

"It is only in the last few days," said Mr. Silverwood, "that we have begun to realize that the scarcity is indeed a fact. We have heard reports of it, of course, but the reports have circulated every year with the intent of boosting the prices. But this year it seems to be a fact, and the reports from our agents all over the province show that the scarcity is general."

Butcher's Meats. The butchers, too, are beginning to awaken to the situation, as is evidenced by the increased buying. One butcher on the local market yesterday bought 12 carcasses of beef steers, while another bought a load of lambs, which goes to show that they have faith that to public will be indulged in the more usual forms of diet during the Christmas season.

Christmas beef is beginning to sell fairly briskly, \$9.50 and even \$10 a hundredweight being paid.

Other prices are as follows:

Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen, 10 to 12; Honey, strained, lb., 10 to 12; Honey, in comb, 12 to 15.

Poultry, Dressed. Ducks, spring, per lb., 14 to 15; Old ducks, per lb., 10 to 11; Old fowl, per lb., 10 to 11; Chickens, per lb., 12 to 13; Geese, per lb., 12 to 13.

Poultry, Alive. Old fowl, per lb., 12 to 14; Turkey, per lb., 12 to 14; Spring ducks, per lb., 9 to 10; Ducks, per lb., 9 to 11; Young ducks, per lb., 9 to 11.

Butcher's Meats. Beef, by the cut, 10 to 12; Mutton, per lb., 10 to 12; Veal, per lb., 10 to 12; Spring lamb, per lb., 10 to 12; Dressed hogs, per cwt., 10 to 12.

Live Stock. Small steers, per cwt., 10 to 12; Select hogs, per cwt., 10 to 12; Fat cows, per cwt., 10 to 12; Stags, per cwt., 10 to 12; Fat calves, per cwt., 10 to 12; Milk cows, each, 10 to 12.

Hides and Wool. Lambskins, per lb., 10 to 12; Wool, washed, per lb., 10 to 12; Wool, unwashed, per lb., 10 to 12; Hides, No. 1, lb., 10 to 12; Hides, No. 2, lb., 10 to 12; Hides, No. 3, lb., 10 to 12.

Potatoes, per bag, 5 to 6; Turnips, per bu., 5 to 6; Celery, per dozen, 5 to 6; Sugar, per dozen, 5 to 6; Lettuce, per dozen, 5 to 6; Savory, per dozen, 5 to 6; Cauliflowers, each, 5 to 6.

Cobalts on Margin

We require a deposit as follows:

From 60c to 80c, 15c per share; From 80c to 1.00, 25c per share; From 1.00 to 1.25, 35c per share; Over One Dollar, 50c per share.

Market Price. We also handle 20, 50 and 100 contracts. Write phone or wire us your orders, cash or on margin.

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COFFEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Coffee—Futures opened dull at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points, in the face of a partial decline of one-quarter franc at Havre. There was no business at the start, but later the market became a little more active on reports of a demand for coffee from the French market.

The local market closed steady, net unchanged to 10 points higher, with sales reported of 25,000 bags, including 10,000 of No. 7 Rio, No. 8 Rio, No. 9 Santos, No. 10 Rio, No. 11 Santos, No. 12 Santos, No. 13 Santos, No. 14 Santos, No. 15 Santos, No. 16 Santos, No. 17 Santos, No. 18 Santos, No. 19 Santos, No. 20 Santos, No. 21 Santos, No. 22 Santos, No. 23 Santos, No. 24 Santos, No. 25 Santos, No. 26 Santos, No. 27 Santos, No. 28 Santos, No. 29 Santos, No. 30 Santos, No. 31 Santos, No. 32 Santos, No. 33 Santos, No. 34 Santos, No. 35 Santos, No. 36 Santos, No. 37 Santos, No. 38 Santos, No. 39 Santos, No. 40 Santos, No. 41 Santos, No. 42 Santos, No. 43 Santos, No. 44 Santos, No. 45 Santos, No. 46 Santos, No. 47 Santos, No. 48 Santos, No. 49 Santos, No. 50 Santos, No. 51 Santos, No. 52 Santos, No. 53 Santos, No. 54 Santos, No. 55 Santos, No. 56 Santos, No. 57 Santos, No. 58 Santos, No. 59 Santos, No. 60 Santos, No. 61 Santos, No. 62 Santos, No. 63 Santos, No. 64 Santos, No. 65 Santos, No. 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