

ROGER HAS AGREED UPON

Bank of Commerce and Townships Bank at a meeting of the directors...

CASH BETWEEN ASH AND PERSIANS

The Reports Several Have Taken Place—Final Ultimatum National Council, It is Said, Resistance.

UP OVER THE TOWN SITE

By Judge Malcoe of the Commission is Receiving Many Losses Have Been a Misapprehension.

DISTRICT NEWS

CASTOR. Bulletin News Service. A meeting of those interested in the formation of a hockey league for this district was held in the town hall on Friday evening last...

RIVIERE QUI BARRE

Bulletin News Service. Rev. Father O'Keefe accompanied Mr. Bard in his automobile to Edmonton on Wednesday.

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These gentlemen being councillors-elect at the last election. The Press, proposed by Geo. Austin and responded to by W. F. Beauchamp, of the Castor Advance.

VERMILION

Bulletin News Service. Miss Williams, of Lloydminster, is visiting with Mrs. Mortimer.

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Bulletin News Service. The first hockey match of the season was played on the local ice on Friday evening last and was a good exhibition of the popular game.

WILL ON SLIP OF NOTEPAPER

Disposed of Estate of Commercial Bank. Toronto, Dec. 15.—A will written in 1905 on a slip of notepaper, was filed in the Surrogate court...

STEAMER SANK OFF PENZANCE, ENGLAND

Penzance, England, Dec. 21.—A large steamer, the "Clyde," sank three miles to the south of Penzance today.

RUSSIA TAKES SCANT NOTICE OF U.S. ACTION

Little Press Comment on the Action of the United States—No Tariff War is the Opinion of the Public Show Little Interest in the Outcome.

ARREST MAN WITH HIDDEN REVOLVER

Keen Eye of Constable Detects Outline of Weapon While Man is Walking Along Street—Spoon Also Discovered in His Pocket.

SURVEYOR'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH

No Information Concerning Cause of Young Kingston's Death. Mississauga, Sask., Dec. 20.—The Mounted police, who went north yesterday to investigate the death of Kingston, the young surveyor...

Big Grief of Legislation is Considered in Committee—Adjournment of the House—The Government Will Assent to a Number of Bills Passed.

PACKERS' TRIAL MAY OCCUPY THREE MONTHS

Ten Defendants Who Face Possible Jail Sentence Intend to Address Government Prosecuting Attorney—Jury Chosen Without Difficulty.

HIS MAJESTY IS OUT ON A BIG GAME HUNT

King George, a Crack Shot, Bags Three Tigers and Three Rhinos—600 Elephants and 40 Automobiles Used in the Hunt.

London, Dec. 20.—The government has lost another seat in the House of Commons owing to the result of the by-election for North Ayrshire, Scotland.

TO IMPORT POTATOES

Shortage in Canadian Crop Makes This Necessary. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—On account of unprecedented shortage in the Canadian potato crop...

TO CHECK OPIUM TRADE

International Opium Conference Calls for Legislation. The Hague, Dec. 19.—Several resolutions directly affecting China were adopted by the International Opium Conference...

DECREASE IN CROPS INCREASE IN VALUE

Total Value of Farm Products in United States This Year Reached \$2,725,262,000—In Most Cases There Was an Increase in Acres.

MALES ARE LARGELY IN MAJORITY IN CANADA

Census Figures Show Fewer Females in Western Canada—Representation in the House of Commons.

NAVY TO PROVIDE ESCORT

American Warships to Meet Driftable Balloon. Washington, Dec. 19.—In all probability the navy department will grant the request of Dr. Paul Gans to have American warships meet the driftable balloon...

PERSIA DECIDES THAT SHUSTER MUST LEAVE

At Last Yields to the Demands of Russia—Administration Dismisses Mr. Shuster—Persian Charge d'Affaires Announces Decision to Foreign Office.

London, Dec. 25.—Persia today yielded to the demand of the Russian ultimatum that W. Morgan Shuster, an American, who holds the post of treasurer-general in the Persian government, be dismissed from the service of the Persian government. The Russian ultimatum also calls for the payment of an indemnity, which is to reimburse Russia for money expended in sending an armed expedition into Persia to enforce the ultimatum.

SUITS AGAINST SHIPPING COMBINE IS TO PROCEED

United States Circuit Court Overrules Demurrer—Interposed Suit Brought to Restrain Transatlantic Steamship Companies From Carrying Out Agreement.

New York, N.Y., Dec. 26.—The full bench of the United States Circuit Court today overruled the demurrer interposed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company and other trans-Atlantic lines, which form the "Atlantic conference" against the government's suit for their disloyalty to the government's contention that the "conference" is, by reason of an alleged pooling agreement on passenger rates, in restraint of trade, and an injunction is asked to restrain the companies from further execution of the agreement.

THOUSANDS WITNESS A MURDER IN PARIS

In Broad Daylight in Crowded Thoroughfare Bank Messenger Is Shot Dead and Satchel Containing \$100,000 Seized—Bandits Escape in an Auto.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The latest sensational murder here occurred this morning in broad daylight in the heart of one of the crowded thoroughfares of the city. A bank messenger, who carried a satchel containing \$60,000, was stopped by four bandits. They invited the messenger to turn the satchel over to them and when he refused and offered resistance they shot him dead. The thieves then seized the satchel and jumped into a waiting auto. The murder and robbery were witnessed by thousands of amazed and frightened citizens.

LOWER RATES FOR WEST BY APRIL 1ST

Regina is Informed That Railway Companies Must Put New Tariff in Operation by That Date—In Case of Appeal May Ask Rebate.

Regina, Dec. 26.—In answer to an inquiry of the board of trade, a telegram has been received from the board of railway commissioners stating that the new rates which the railway companies must put into force consequent upon the decision of the supreme court of Canada in the Regina freight rate case, will come into effect on April 1st, 1912.

C. N. R. Depot Robbed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The C. N. R. depot at Sifton, Manitoba, was robbed of \$900. The agent in charge is named Cobb, and he is relieving Card, the regular agent. Detectives are investigating. There is no safe in the depot.



SCENES RE-ENACTED LAST WEEK AT DELHI, WHEN THE KING WAS MADE EMPEROR OF INDIA—One of the above pictures shows the Indian army on parade as it was on the occasion of the grand review, when proclamation was made of the King as Emperor of India—The pictures show the Indian army on parade as it was on the occasion of the grand review at the Durbar—Some of the most striking incidents of the mutiny occurred on the plain outside Delhi, and these incidents are still vividly recalled—The pictures show the veterans approaching the Royal Amphitheatre.

RUSSIA TO BEGIN A HUGE TARIFF WAR

Proposal in Duma to Greatly Increase Duties Against Americans—A Commission Will Consider—The Authority is Given for the Proposed Legislation.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 has been introduced into the Duma by ex-President Guchkov and other signers representing the parties which control the majority of the Duma. The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MAKING 'PROGRESS'

Council of Empire After Three Years Finally Admits Principle of Equality of Religions—State Will Permit But Not Recognize Any Other than Christian Religions.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A more progressive attitude has been exhibited by the Council of Empire at its present session by the passage of the bill for religious freedom, which it had kept in the committee stage for over three years.

A RAILWAY FROM FORT CHURCHILL TO LAKE ATHABASCA

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Canada Gazette contains notice that application will be made for an act incorporating a company under name of "Churchill and Athabasca Railway."

Company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway from a point at or near Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay, or thereabouts to a point at or near the easterly portion of Lake Athabasca.

TELLS OF PROBLEMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Associate Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform Department of the Methodist Church Discusses the Conditions in the Coast Province.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—"The problems of British Columbia are more serious than we have here and we should think sympathetically and fairly of their conditions when disposed to judge them," said Rev. J. W. Akins, associate secretary of the Methodist department of temperance and moral reform in an interview today regarding his recent tour of the west.

HAT TO PUT SINGLE TAX INTO OPERATION

Passing of Charter Amendments by the Legislature Will Give City Much Wider Power Than Held in the Past.

Medicine Hat, Dec. 22.—The legislature at Edmonton have finally approved the city's adoption of the principle of single taxation, the new law will come into effect on the first of January.

GIGANTIC FRAUDS ARE UNEARTHED

As Punishment for Stock Swindles Said to Have Netted Millions in Profits to Promoters, Four Members of Firm Get Year's Imprisonment Each.

New York, Dec. 22.—As punishment for carrying on a stock swindle which netted millions in profit, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, Incorporated, were each sentenced today to a year's imprisonment in Bockwell's Island.

WILL PROCEED TO SEE SON

John Jackson of Stratheona Arrested at Toronto, Will Go On to London, Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—John Jackson, an agent who was charged with a felony this morning in the police court and remanded for a week will not have to spend the time in jail, Jackson, who is 22 years of age, had considered money in his pocket and a return ticket for Stratheona, Alberta, on which plane he had come to see his son who lives in London. He was taken into custody here. The trouble was that he was deaf. There are no signs of mental derangement. In the old man, Inspector Duncan decided to take a personal interest in the matter and Jackson will not have to go to jail. Instead he will be able to continue his journey to see his son.

PRESIDENT ESTRADA OF ECUADOR IS DEAD

Since His Inauguration in September Last He Had Been Unable to Assume Executive Duties—Dying Early Part of Illness Plot to Assassinate Him Was Disclosed.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 22.—Ermilo Estrada, president of the Republic of Ecuador, died here suddenly at midnight. President Estrada was elected to office on January 11th, 1911, and was inaugurated on September 1st. He was taken seriously ill on the 18th of the same month, and went to Quito to recuperate. During his sojourn there a plot to assassinate him was discovered, and several conspirators were arrested.

UNEXPECTED LEGACY TO MINNEAPOLIS MAN

Thos. L. Wann, a Nephew of Lady Harlan, Widow of Sir Edward Harlan, of Shipping and Finance, Receives Bequest Amounting to Over \$400,000.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—A Christmas surprise in the nature of an unexpected legacy of \$2,000,000 pounds in English money, or about \$400,000, has come to the family of Thos. L. Wann, manager of the St. Paul office of the Piper-Johnson Co., of Minneapolis. The letter announcing user good fortune came from England without preliminary warning. About a month ago Lady Harlan, of Belfast, Ireland, and of London, died, leaving no immediate relatives. She was an aunt of Mr. Wann, being a sister of his father, John Wann, a well known pioneer of St. Paul. Lady Harlan, head of one of the greatest shipping concerns in the world.

AGED STRATHCONA MAN HOMELESS IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—John Jackson, aged 82, and very feeble, being cared for by the police here after wandering about the Union station all day yesterday. He can remember nothing about himself except that he came from Stratheona, Alberta, and has been in London.

GIRL JUMPED TO HER DEATH WHEN CAUGHT BY TRAIN ON BRIDGE

Shocking Accident Occurs at Calanville, Three Miles From Brantford, Ontario.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—A shocking accident occurred at Calanville, three miles from Brantford, last night, when Jessie E. Gibson, 19 years old, was killed, after she had jumped in the darkness from the G. N. R. overhead bridge to the T. H. and B. tracks, 25 feet below, because of an approaching train on the bridge. A companion, Miss Jean Irving, who also jumped and sustained a broken hip, nose and jaw, and internal injuries, and it is feared they will prove fatal.

MME. LANGEVIN SECURES DECREE OF SEPARATION

Sensational Divorce Case in France—Mme. Langevin Sought Separation on Account of Relations Between Her Husband and Mme. Curie, Discoverer of Radium.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The petition for separation from her husband, presented in the divorce court here by Mme. Langevin, was granted today. Mme. Langevin, a separation from her husband, a professor of general and experimental physics at the University of Paris, on account of his alleged relations with Mme. Curie, the famous scientist. The suit caused a great sensation throughout France, and was the occasion for several duels between partisans of one or other of the persons principally concerned.

HEARING OF WINNIPEG APPEAL BY PRIVY COUNCIL CONCLUDED

London, Dec. 20.—The appeal case of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. against the City of Winnipeg was finished today, the privy council rendering judgment on the appeal. The council continued his address on behalf of the city, and was followed by J. S. Ewart, K.C., who said shortly, on behalf of the company, that they had been waiting to see all the time where the respondents could point to anything prohibiting the introduction of electricity from outside. The case turns on the point whether, under their charter, the company can bring in power manufactured outside the city limits.

PERSIA WILL GRANT ALL DEMANDS MADE BY RUSSIA

Russian Minister Receives Verbal Assurances of Persia's Submission to Russia's Ultimatum—British Officials Advised of the Action of the Persian Cabinet.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 22.—The Persian cabinet has given to Russian Minister Pokievski-Kosell, verbal assurances of its intention to comply with the demands of the Russian ultimatum.

FIGHTING IN TABRIZ

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Russian foreign office expects in the course of today to receive a definite reply from the Persian government, complying with the demands of its ultimatum. The fighting between Russians and Persians, which was reported from Tabriz, yesterday, lasted in the streets of the city throughout the day. The old city was bombarded.

SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—Fred Lieberman, editor of the Germania, held for the shooting of May Ford, the woman of the underworld, this morning released, the shooting having been shown to be accidental. Lieberman was fined \$5 and costs, however, for carrying a revolver.

IS GERMANY SINCERE IN NAVAL REDUCTIONS?

This Question Now Agitating British Naval and Military Authorities...

London, England, Dec. 22.—Is Germany sincere in the hint she has given of her intention to call a halt in the rivalry of naval armaments...

PAYS LIABILITIES OF MANY YEARS AGO

Northwestern Miller After Being Penniless at Fifty Years Becomes Wealthy Again and Pays Off His Old Creditors

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Penniless and \$100,000 in debt, 21 years ago, a Northwestern miller is celebrating the 1911 Christmas season by distributing \$200,000 among men who have absolutely no legal claim against him...

G.T.P. STRIKERS SHOT BY A STRIKE-BREAKER

Arthur Elliford Lying at Point of Death in Brandon, and John Gibbons Suffers From Being Shot in the Stomach at Regina, Held for Offence, Which Occurred at Rivers, Man.

PEOPLE ARE LIVING TOO FAST SAYS TAFT

United States President After Being Dined Five Times in 30 Hours in New York, Delivers This Utterance—Holds a Busy Time.

BRITISH SHIP ENCOUNTERS STORM

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—After having been imprisoned for 30 days of Cape Horn by icebergs, the British ship William T. Lewis, Captain Manning, arrived in port today, 15 days out from Antwerp.

SMUGGLING FURS FROM WINNIPEG

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—G. E. Foulkes, special agent for the treasury department, made a raid on the early train arriving from Winnipeg today and secured a large quantity of furs and silverware that he said had been smuggled over the Canadian border.

TEXARKANA, TEXAS, DEC. 22—THIRTY TO FORTY PERSONS WERE HURT, SOME FATAL, IN A WRECK ON THE TEXAS AND PALLAS RAILWAY AT KILGORE, TEXAS, BEFORE DAYLIGHT TODAY.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED AT REGINA

Regina, Sask., Dec. 21.—Late this evening while crossing the east end of the C.P.R. freight yards, an unknown man was cut clean in two, the portion of the body being completely severed from the other. It is surmised that he was climbing between two cars of a freight train, which was being switched, and, on the train starting, he was knocked down, the wheels passing over him.

40 INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Texarkana, Texas, Dec. 22.—Thirty to forty persons were hurt, some fatal, in a wreck on the Texas and Pallas railway at Kilgore, early this morning before daylight today.

EDMONTON BULLETIN

POPULATION FIGURES OF WESTERN CANADA BY CONSTITUENCIES.

Table with columns: Province, Population 1911, Male 1911, Female 1911, Total 1911. Lists provinces like Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia, etc.

HE CLAIMS PUBLIC HAS BENEFITED BY COMBINE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Denying every material allegation made by the government against the ten Chicago packers on trial before the United States district court, Carpenter, for violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman law, Attorney George T. Euk...

FRISCO LABOR LEADER INVOLVED IN OUTRAGES

E. A. Clancy Leaves Government Offices Week and Pale After Involvement in Whittaker Case...

MANITOBA FARMERS OBJECT TO INCREASE

In Telephone Rates Proposed by Telephone Commission—Resolution Passed Calling for Reconsideration of Schedule, or Removal of Excess Profits From Farmers' House.

MINISTERS REMAIN AT WORK

Federal Cabinet Ministers Will Not Take Vacation, Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—The majority of the cabinet ministers will not take their annual vacation...

GERMANY TO REDUCE NAVAL EXPENDITURE

Summary of Imperial Budget Shows Large Reduction in Extraordinary Naval Expenditures—Army Expenditures Very Materially Increased.

SAY FELDING WILL REMAIN IN ENGLAND

Report Says That Ex-Minister of Finance Will Remain in England and Accept Seat in British House of Commons.

NATURAL GAS FLOW STRUCK AT CASTOR

Well Drillers on Property of Bert Penn Tap Strong Flow of Gas at Depth of 200 Feet—Were Drilling for Water.

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MINERS FAVOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 21.—The Western Federation of Miners' convention at Ymir today declared in favor of woman's suffrage by unanimous vote.

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TELLS GRAPHIC STORY OF SHOOTING AFFRAY

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NOMINATION TENDERED TO CALDER IN SALTCOATS

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ALBERTA CASE BEFORE THE RAILWAY BOARD

W. F. Stevens, Live Stock Commissioner, Submits Detailed Regulations for Shipment of Live Stock—The Railways Fight Strongly Against the Proposed Rules.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—At the railway commission sitting here today several cases of interest were considered. The most interesting from a western standpoint was, probably, the application of J. G. Rutherford, veterinary director general, for approval of regulations respecting the shipment of live stock in Canada, which was approved for further discussion.

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Accepts U.S. Notification of Abrogation in Amicable Spirit—Will Not Affect These Relations—The U.S. Senate Formally Adopts Text of Treaty's Notification.

WILL NOT AFFECT RELATIONS

Washington, Dec. 19.—Commercial relations between the United States and Russia will not be affected as a result of the abrogation of the treaty of 1832, in the opinion of Senator William Allen Smith, of Michigan, because the favored nation clause of that treaty has been swept aside by the operation of the maximum and minimum clause of the Payne tariff law, carried into effect by the president's proclamation of July 13, 1912.

TOMB OF CELEBRATED ACTRESS WAS ROBBED

Valuable Jewels Stolen From Casket Containing Remains of Actress—Mme. Lucie Lantheus, Deceased Wife of Millionaire Editor of the Paris Matin.

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Two Hundred Men Dismissed Within Week... Christmas Season—More For Gullition in the Near Future.

Ottawa, Dec. 23—There is considerable comment here over the fact that within the past few days that have elapsed since Mr. Monk declared to his banqueters in Montreal that he was wiping every vestige of the apollis and patronage system out of the Public Works department, over two hundred men in the employ of that department have been dismissed on his order, their places being filled with Conservative workers.

The Ottawa representative recently declared that he had over two thousand applications for places and these dismissals, the Liberals declare, are simply for the purpose of relieving him of pressure.

An elevator man in the House of Commons was dismissed after years of faithful service with no black mark against him, and no political activity. He has a mother and two sisters to support. The elevator man in the East Block, who has taken the members up and down for years, was also dismissed. He went into Premier Borden's office to ask for mercy, but was told that the matter was entirely in the hands of Hon. Mr. Monk.

The dismissals have been pending for some time, but the Government delayed taking action until after the Ontario Provincial elections had been held.

It is reported that as a preliminary to civil service reform, the Government proposes to get rid of every Liberal in the service who can be dismissed, and bring the whole body of the employees of the Government throughout Canada under a new Civil Service Act, which will make them permanent as far as possible.

Mansell as Appeal Toronto, Dec. 22—John McGregor, counsel for Ford A. Mansell, convicted of fraud in connection with the flotation of the Canadian Wire Screen company, has given notice of his intention of entering an appeal for a new trial on the ground that Mansell was convicted on evidence that should not have been submitted to the jury. Mansell who is out on bail of \$8,000, furnished by his brother-in-law, R. Jephcott, will come up for sentence at the end of the session.

Money Will Be Recovered. Winnipeg, Dec. 22—One man arrested in connection with the Canadian Northern robbery at Regina, and who is in jail in the city, made two confessions. What they are the officials of the railway company would not say, but the money that was stolen amounting to about \$40,000 in money and papers will be recovered very shortly. Although the real culprit is still at large, it is believed that a few very days as detectives are now on his track.

THE PROCESSION OF THE AGES. On first thought it would seem difficult to crowd centuries into a Saturday afternoon but this feat was actually accomplished last Saturday, November 11th, on the 500 acre farm, which covers the action until after the beyond the great plat of the Oliver Plow Works as you look southwest toward the open country from the railroad station at South Bend, Indiana.

Here it was that the procession of the ages wended its way across the field and was caught in one motion picture that can be projected on the screen in fifteen minutes' time. The procession consisted of a wooden road-board plow used in the days of the revolution and for many years owned by Daniel Webster; a one-horse Oliver (booster) steam chisel plow; the famous Oliver No. 40 chisel plow; the Oliver No. 11 sulky plow; the Oliver No. 23 medium hit sulky plow; the Oliver No. 1 high hit sulky plow; the Oliver No. 1 central draft high hit gang plow; the Oliver No. 22 low hit gang plow; the International 20-horse power tractor pulling six 14-inch plows; one 40-horse power Mogul pulling ten 14-inch plows; one 45-horse power H.C. Mogul pulling twelve 14-inch plows; and three 48-horse power H.C. Mogul gasoline tractors pulling fifty-five 14-inch plows and an I.C. tractor pulling three 14-disk Deering harrows and three 12-march Keystone grain drills.

We never saw the grand caravan with its many teams of camels and elephants that once made its majestic and pompous journey from St. Petersburg to Peking, but we venture to say that the International and Oliver procession rivalled any procession of caravans of former times. The back yard of the great plow plant, as the Oliver farm is known, was the scene of the world's greatest triumph in agriculture. The great Mogul gasoline tractor pulling fifty-five 14-inch plows and an I.C. tractor pulling three 14-disk Deering harrows and three 12-march Keystone grain drills.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Most Violent Shock Ever Recorded at Georgetown University.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 24—The most violent earthquake ever recorded at Georgetown University was recorded tonight. It is estimated that the shock was about 2,000 miles from Washington. The university has five seismographs and the records were identical on all. The quake started at 11 p.m., increased in intensity until it reached the maximum at 4.26 p.m. San Juan, Dec. 24—One of the strongest earthquake shocks in many years was felt here today and it has been said much damage has been done in the surrounding country.

MURDER MYSTERY IN NELSON IS SOLVED

Man Who First Said That Negro Had Shot Down Two Men Eventually Confesses Having Killed them a Himself.

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 24—The mystery of the horrible double-murder which occurred in the Manhattan saloon in the early hours of the morning has been solved by the confession of Albert P. Dalsom, the man who declared that the foul deed had been committed by a big negro.

Dalsom, apparently broke open the door of the saloon while Cape Barton and Jack Gould, the dead men, were away at supper. While riding the safe, Dalsom was disturbed by the return of Barton and Gould and he immediately opened fire. Gould was instantly killed and Barton was also killed after a struggle in which Dalsom was drenched in blood.

Dalsom was apparently unconscious when the sound of shots brought the police, but said later that the crime had been committed by a big negro who had demanded money and been refused. The police found the story untrue and charged Dalsom with murder, and he then confessed. The coroner's jury today brought in a verdict of murder.

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C.N.R. SURVEYORS SUFFER HARSHIPS

Were Starved Out Through Inability to Get Food Supplies Over Snow Covered Trail—Had to Subsist on Rice Diet Alone.

Vancouver, Dec. 24—Starved out through inability to get food supplies and unable to journey south through the impassable snow which covered the trails in their base at Blue River, fifty miles distant, a Canadian Northern engineering party of twenty-two men, in charge of J. W. Covert, were compelled early this month to abandon their camp at the North Thompson crossing and return to civilization, an overland tramp of 60 miles to Tete Jaune Cache.

In a four day's walk, the half famished men were obliged to cross a summit and wade through deep snow until they reached a point near Tete Jaune Cache on the Fraser river, where better travelling conditions prevailed.

The surveyors, having run out of their food, were obliged to subsist on a rice diet. Each member of the party, when the distribution took place on the date of the rush-out, was allotted five pounds of the rice-sustaining cereal. Fifteen men in charge of Mr. Covert reached Vancouver today.

SWIFTS & CO. ARE EXPANDING.

Have Purchased a Toronto Packing Plant—Now Have Three Canadian Branches. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23—Swift & Co. have just bought the Toronto plant of Martin & Co. and have doubled the capacity of the Swift Canadian company, organized four years ago, to take care of the business of the branches founded at Winnipeg and Edmonton. This addition to their Dominion holdings puts the Swift interests in considerably stronger position among Canadian packers.

So far their operations have been limited to a capacity of 400 employees, but the methods in use in the Chicago stock-yards have been installed at the Canadian plants, and the new industries have been put in active competition with the older northern firms. As is the case with numerous other American companies operating in Canada, a separate identity of the northern branches is maintained, and Canadian labor is employed as much as possible.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23—If Roosevelt had not been elected in 1912 we will never get him out except first. This was the statement of Col. Henry Waterhouse, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal.

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NEWSPAPER OFFICE BLOWN UP. Chicago, Dec. 25—Dynamite last night destroyed the publishing office of the Daily Calumet, a newspaper published in South Chicago. The printing press and typesetting equipment were blown to pieces. George W. Boling, editor of the paper, had been active in a crusade against writers of black hand letters, and had received many threatening letters since he was instrumental a year ago by sending to the federal prison several men who had been sending through the mails demands for money.

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ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES—Good winter accommodation for horses. Terms reasonable. Apply George Barker, Paddle River. A-27

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WANTED—Excelsior S. D. No. 427, first or second class teacher required after the Xmas holidays. Apply stating salary required and giving references and testimonials to G. W. Marrett, secretary-treasurer, Excelsior, Alta. J-5

WANTED—Teacher for the Bolton School District, No. 1099, first or second class professional duties to commence on 2nd of January, 1912, and continue until the end of the year. Applications will be received until December 26, stating salary and experience to D. Avery, Bolton S. D. No. 1099, Fort Saskatchewan. J-10

WANTED—Two teachers for the Lavoie School District No. 1598, male or female, holding second-class certificate; must be good disciplinarians; duties to commence January 2nd, 1912. State experience and salary expected. George Walk, secretary, Lavoie, Alta. J-10

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POULTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of Association Held in Connection With Exhibition—Second Day of Show Attracts Large and Interested Attendance—Prize Winners.

(From Thursday's Daily) The Exhibition grounds proved the Mecca yesterday for chicken fanciers and many others more or less interested in this popular industry.

The exhibition was given added impetus last night when the annual meeting of the association was held in Exhibition hall, on second street.

For next year prize lists the association decided that when ten or more entries are received in any one section that an additional prize should be awarded for every five over ten.

Another matter decided was that in the future a pen shall consist of one male and four females, instead of the females and one male, as at present.

Considerable discussion developed over the question of where to place the Rutherford Challenge cup next year. It was finally decided to offer the cup for the best pen of brown leghorns, rose or single comb.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President—Hon. A. C. Sloan; Vice-president—Geo. Harcourt; Secretary—H. V. Shaw.

Executive committee—J. B. Nixon, H. Southworth, A. W. Phillips, H. C. Christman, C. McSparran, Francis T. Garbutt.

The office of secretary-treasurer was left open. Incumbent, declining re-election, with the exception of those and prizes, the judges completed their work of judging the poultry. The following were awarded prizes this morning:

- Single Comb Rhode Island Reds: E. C. Christian—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen. C. Sloan—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen.

- Red Fife Game: W. J. Dyson—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen. Single Comb Black Minorcas: W. J. Dyson—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen.

- Partridge Wyandottes: F. B. Palmer—1st, cockerel; 2nd, pullet; 3rd, hen; 4th, cock. Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds: E. C. Christian—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen.

- Game Bantams: W. R. West—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen. White Game: W. R. West—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen.

POULTRY EXHIBITION IS MOST SUCCESSFUL

Was Formally Opened by Mayor Armstrong—Necessity of Partial List of Prize-winners Given Out by Judges—No Less Than 1500 Entries.

(From Thursday's Daily) The ninth annual exhibition of the Edmonton Poultry and Pet Stock Association was formally opened yesterday afternoon by Mayor G. S. Armstrong, who spoke briefly in fitting terms. What the attendance lacked in numbers was more than offset in the interest and enthusiasm of those present, indicating that the splendid work undertaken by the association is gradually gaining ground.

The mayor's remarks, mingled with the din of crowing roosters, were hardly audible at times, but he held the close attention of the audience while he urged the importance of the poultry industry to Central Alberta.

With the best agricultural land in the world and conditions favorable for the raising of fowl, Mayor Armstrong said that every encouragement should be given members of the association in their efforts to place the industry on a better footing. He declared there was no valid reason why the supply of poultry should not exceed the demand for home consumption, instead of depending on outside sources.

Major Armstrong complimented members of the association on their perseverance in keeping the subject alive and getting results. The following is a partial list of the prize winners so far as the judges have been able to cover the fifteen hundred entries.

Barred Rock: Cook—1 and 2; J. B. Nixon; 3, J. E. White; 4, Clute and Walker; 5, R. W. Caswell.

White Rocks: Cook—1, J. E. White; 2, Mrs. R. T. Telford; 3, T. S. Mattison; 4, J. E. White; 5, J. E. White; 6, T. S. Mattison; 7, T. S. Mattison; 8, T. S. Mattison; 9, T. S. Mattison; 10, T. S. Mattison.

Buff Cochins: Cook—1, Thos. Garbutt; 2, Hon. W. C. Sutherland; 3, F. Cullimore; 4, F. Cullimore; 5, F. Cullimore; 6, F. Cullimore; 7, F. Cullimore; 8, F. Cullimore; 9, F. Cullimore; 10, F. Cullimore.

Blue Andalusians: Hen—1 and 2, Capital Poultry Yards; 3, J. B. Nixon; 4, J. B. Nixon; 5, J. B. Nixon; 6, J. B. Nixon; 7, J. B. Nixon; 8, J. B. Nixon; 9, J. B. Nixon; 10, J. B. Nixon.

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Black Orpingtons: Cook—1, E. W. Duffus; 2, J. E. White; 3, J. E. White; 4, J. E. White; 5, J. E. White; 6, J. E. White; 7, J. E. White; 8, J. E. White; 9, J. E. White; 10, J. E. White.

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AN UNPRECEDENTED VOLUME OF MAILS LEAVING THE CITY

Twelve Extra Men and Ten Boys Added to Post Office Staff For Rush.

(From Thursday's Daily) Thousands of dollars in cash and presents are being mailed in Edmonton each day for all parts of the world. Certainly, it has never had a precedent in the history of the local post office. Nothing like it has ever been seen here before, indicating that the year has been a most prosperous one for the citizens of this thriving city and surrounding country.

The interior of the post office presented a lively scene this morning, although there will be no cessation of activity for another week. Outside mail is keeping the office force busy most of the time. The greater bulk of incoming mail will not begin to arrive until tomorrow, and then for four or five days the clerks and carriers will have their hands full.

Huge stacks of letters, papers and packages of every description are to be seen on all sides, and as fast as they can be dispatched are replaced by just as much more mail.

Postmaster May has twelve extra clerks and ten boys assisting the carriers outside, besides two rigs for the delivery of large parcels. These are on the jump from early in the morning until late at night. Every employee in the post office, both regular and extra, is working overtime, and so far the force has been able to cope with the immense task confronting them.

No estimate can yet be made in figures of the holiday business of the post office. That the figures will reach large proportions is certain.

SEEK SUPPORT OF THE BUSINESS MEN OF CITY

Vegreville-Pakam Railway Delegation Wants President and Secretary of Edmonton Board of Trade Urging Construction of Line of Railway From Edmonton Northeast.

(From Thursday's Daily) Twenty-five representative citizens from Vegreville and Pakam, constituting the same delegation that met in Edmonton last week, called at the board of trade rooms last night and discussed with President F. J. Morgan and Secretary F. J. Morgan the urgent matter of a railroad from Edmonton for a distance of about 150 miles east, through one of the richest districts in Alberta.

The delegation, headed by its president, J. D. Green, of Vegreville, pointed out that while Pakam has a population of approximately 3,000 and is constantly growing, it was isolated from the world, both in a commercial and social way, because of a lack of railway facilities. He stated that fully \$8,000 more people reside in the country tributary to Pakam, and their progress was retarded under existing conditions.

With a railroad line extending through this district Mr. Lessard declared that everything would take on a new aspect. The results would be highly satisfactory to Edmonton as well as those who were anxious to get in closer touch with the outside world.

Mr. Lessard's talk was aptly supplemented by remarks of J. D. Green, of Lake St. Vincent, and Frank Wilson, secretary of the Vegreville board of trade, all of whom urged that the business men of this city co-operate with them in the effort to have a railroad constructed to tap the Vegreville and Pakam districts. President Morgan promised to bring the matter to the attention of the board of trade at its next meeting.

It was stated that the projected line from North Battleford would, in the event it was constructed, serve the needs of the Vegreville and Pakam districts to Saskatoon and other cities in Saskatchewan. If this was done, it was asserted, it would be a matter of regret that the line had not been back in the Edmonton district, where it naturally belonged.

Big Real Estate Deal in Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 18.—One of the largest real estate deals in Toronto's history was completed this afternoon when the Manufacturers' Life building at the northwest corner of King and Yonge streets, the busiest point in Toronto, was purchased for \$850,000 by the Dominion Bond company, of Toronto and Montreal. The sale was confirmed tonight by Garnet F. Grant, president of the bond company. It is understood that company will occupy a portion of the building as Toronto offices, while the remainder will be used by various divisions of the trade and with the bond company. Less than two years ago the Manufacturers' Life bought the building from the Lawler estate for \$1,600,000, and the price paid today constitutes an advance of nearly 50 per cent per annum.

GERMANY EVIDENCES FRIENDSHIP FOR TURKEY. London, Dec. 20.—A Sofia despatch to the Times says that a special train conveying war material from Germany has passed Zibetina, on the Turco-Serbian frontier, on its way to Salonika. Another similar train is reported to be following. The greatest success in aiding the Turkish cause is being achieved by the correspondent adds that the Turkish government has conveyed its thanks to the German Emperor through the Turkish ambassador for this convincing proof of German friendship.

RESUME WORK ON HUDSON BAY BRIDGE. Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Orders today were sent to MacKenzie and Mann's workmen at the bridge to resume construction on the Hudson Bay railway bridge there.

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REV. FR. DONNELLY EXPLAINS FAMOUS NE TEMERE DECREE

Declares It Is Not Attempt by Church to Interfere with Civil Law—Marriage Held to Be Sacrament—Compares Decree to Decree of Wile-Sister's Bill in England.

(From Friday's Daily) That the "Ne Temere" decree is in no way an attempt on the part of the Roman Catholic church to interfere with the civil law, was the statement made in St. Joachim's on Wednesday evening by the Rev. Fr. Donnelly, in the course of an eloquent exposition of the attitude of the church towards marriages solemnized by ministers other than those of the Catholic church.

By way of introduction to an explanation of the much-discussed decree, pronounced by His Holiness in 1908, the reverend father drew upon the sacredness of marriage as the basis of civil society.

"What God hath joined together let no man put asunder," and "Unto death do us part," were the texts of his discourse.

In the eye of the church, he declared, that marriage was a sacrament, and it was essential to the nature of the sacrament that the ceremony should be performed by a priest of the Catholic church.

The church insisted, however, he continued, that in the case of a marriage of a Catholic to a Protestant, where these claims were paid by Mr. John Fraser, auditor general of Canada, Mr. Villeneuve explained that all the deputy returning officers had signed their expense forms in blank, the amount being subsequently filled in, and that each officer in the hundred odd polls called upon having seen the accounts presented to the government had signed a declaration to the effect that the statement afterwards filled in was a false one.

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UNION BANK SHOWED BIG EXPANSION IN 1911

This Financial Institution Now Has 242 Branches, 175 of Which Are in the West—Headquarters Changed From Quebec to Winnipeg by Vote of Shareholders.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The forty-seventh annual general meeting of the Union Bank of Canada was held at the banking house of Quebec on Monday, December 18, 1911.

The statement showed net profits for the year of \$662,437.04. During the past year twenty-four branches and agencies of the bank have opened. In the province of New Brunswick 1, of Quebec 2, Ontario 9, of Saskatchewan 4, of Alberta 2, of British Columbia 4, in Manitoba 1.

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The removal of the head office of the bank to Winnipeg was spoken of by the president with approval. Experienced shareholders has increased by 415, making a total of 2,875. An increase of over \$7,800,000 is noted in the deposits this year.

The general manager succeeded the president in his remarks, giving the status of the operations of the bank. Large Number of Employees West. The status now shows 1,300, the manager testified to their zeal, loyalty and efficiency.

In 155 branches of the western district the bank has 715 employees. The Winnipeg clearing house returns for 1911 to December 7th total \$2,447,411, an increase of \$8,466,000 over 1910.

The bank's charter will be amended by the House of Commons to remove the head office to Winnipeg. This was adopted unanimously.

Directors for the ensuing year: Hon. John Sharples, Wm. Price, E. J. Hale, Wm. Shaw, Geo. H. Thompson, R. T. Riley, E. L. Drewry, E. Kenyon, J. Galt, W. B. Allen, M. Bull, Samuel Barker, M.P., E. E. A. Du Verne, Geo. P. Reid and Stephen Hax.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly elected board the Hon. John Sharples was elected president and Wm. Price, vice-president.

ACTION AGAINST WATCH TRUST. United States Files Suit Under Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The federal government late today filed suit in the United States circuit court against the Keystone Watch Case Co., declaring it an unlawful combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act and asking that it be restrained from carrying on an alleged monopoly in the manufacture and sale of watch cases.

The government declares that the company now "manufactures and sells" watches and that it is the intent and purpose of the defendant that the company shall monopolize the remainder of the trade and commerce. In addition to the Keystone Watch Case company the Pennsylvania corporation, individual defendants named in the bill are: T. Zubrus, of Philadelphia, N.J., until recently president of the company; C. Fox, Philadelphia, acting president; F. T. Stetson, vice-president; J. F. Mueller, secretary; Charles M. Fogg, treasurer; P. H. Kain, assistant treasurer, of Philadelphia, and Irving Smith, of New York, a director.

FOUND DEAD ON TRAIL. Mystery Surrounds Death of Dominion Lang Surveyor. Mistamin, Sask., Dec. 19.—Lying on his back across an abandoned to-boggy trail and within two miles of the camp, in such a position that it appeared as though he had laid down of his own accord, his head and shoulders resting against a heap of straw, the body of Kenneth Kingston, Dominion land surveyor, was found yesterday by a couple of Norwegian trappers. What took him to this place is not known, as there was no work to be done there, and as the searching parties found no traces of him anywhere.

The deceased was about twenty-five years old and was always in the best of health. He was a graduate of McGill university. The Mounted Police have gone to investigate and bring in the body upon which an inquest will be held. There are no details as to the cause of the death yet to hand. He had been subdividing timber lands.

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SIGNED FORMS IN BLANK. Montreal, Dec. 20.—That all who had made claims against the government in connection with the federal elections held last September in the division of Maisonneuve had thrown themselves open to arrest by signing false accounts, was the statement made last night by Mr. E. W. Villeneuve, in the John Baptist market hall, where these claims were paid by Mr. John Fraser, auditor general of Canada.

Mr. Villeneuve explained that all the deputy returning officers had signed their expense forms in blank, the amount being subsequently filled in, and that each officer in the hundred odd polls called upon having seen the accounts presented to the government had signed a declaration to the effect that the statement afterwards filled in was a false one.

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