

KNOX WARNS NEW PRESIDENT

U. S. Official Declares That Madriz Will Be Held Responsible For Safety of Americans.

Washington worried over Disposition of Army—Zelaya Proposes To Quit Country.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Secretary Knox has given formal notice to President Madriz of Nicaragua that the United States Government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western section of that country.

In a quondary. The State Department is in something of a quondary as to what has become of the military and naval forces of a thousand men, belonging to the government forces, which at last accounts held possession of Greytown.

Leaves Today. Managua, Dec. 23.—Ex-President Zelaya will leave here tomorrow and will probably go aboard the steamer General Guerrero immediately.

News of the defeat of the Zelaya army at Rama has been carefully guarded from the public. Various rumors have been current but alleged official despatches from General Gonzalez claimed victory for the Government troops.

General Toledo, who recently was at the head of the Zelaya forces at Rama, which was said to be surrounded by the insurgents, is also here.

Dr. Julian Irias resigned today as minister general. At one time there was talk of placing General Irias in command of the army and it was believed he might be permitted to hold a high position under the present presidency.

\$50,000 FIRE AT MONTREAL LAST NIGHT

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WORCESTER IS MYSTIFIED BY MORE LIGHTS

Mysterious Searchlight Again Makes Its Appearance In The Heavens—Tillinghast Is Non-Committal.

THOUSANDS SCAN SKIES IN VICINITY

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—Following a report from Worcester last night of the discovery above the city of a strange moving light, apparently the searchlight of a dirigible air craft, tonight brought stories from many points of the observance of similar lights this evening from villages east of Worcester and even from Boston.

Many declare that the light had all the appearance of a strong searchlight and while they could discover no framework behind it such as an aeroplane would have, they were positive that the light could not be that of a balloon, as it moved as if under control.

Tillinghast Non-Committal. Meanwhile Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man who recently claimed to have invented a machine in which he had covered the distance between Worcester and New York and return and who, it was thought, might have been the navigator of the supposed air craft last night, remained non-committal today.

As on last night the light was first reported passing over Marlboro about 7:45 o'clock.

Observers at several points reported that while the light was generally steady, occasionally it flashed and once or twice disappeared suddenly.

TORONTO CIVIC FIGHT ON NOW IN EARNEST

Yesterday Was Nomination Day In Queen City—Little Interest Manifested In Speeches—Six For Mayor.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—The municipal nominations today were quiet and but little real interest was manifested in the speeches.

Horatia Clarence Hocken, Journalist; George Reginald Geary, barrister; William Alexander Douglas, accountant; Robert Buiset Noble, gentleman; Joel Marvin Briggs, broker; Thomas Davies, gentleman.

RETALIATION IS SERMON ON THE MOUNT IN NEW GARB, SAYS CHANCELLOR

Lloyd George in Biting Attack Upon Tariff Reform in Tin Plate District.

Bonar Law Speaks at Jarroo Combating Recent Charges Against Unionist Plank.

London, Dec. 23.—It is officially announced that the writs for the general election will be issued January 10.

A Big Pull. With Lloyd-George, John Burns, Sir E. Grey and other cabinet ministers speaking, the ministerialists again had a big pull last night in newspaper space.

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Albert Is Crowned King Of The Belgians

Imposing Ceremony Witnessed in Brussels Yesterday When Son of Late King Leopold Assumed Throne—Night of Hilarity Succeeds Day of Gloom—New King Pledges Life to Country.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert, son of the late King Leopold, Count of Flanders, was crowned king of the Belgians today, assuming the title of Albert I. With his queen, Elizabeth, and their sons Princes Leopold and Charles, the new king rode in state from Laken to the parliament, acclaimed by thousands along the gaily decorated streets.

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BROKAW IS ON STAND NOW IN DIVORCE DEFENCE

Defendant In Famous Divorce Suit Swears That Father-In-Law Threatened To Kill Him.

WHOLESALE DENIALS TO WIFE'S STATEMENTS

New York, N. Y., Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year, took the stand in his own defence today and swore in the courtroom at Mineola, L. I., that his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, threatened to kill him because he loved her too much.

Not Pugnacious. "I never struck anyone in my life," he swore, "Mrs. Brokaw knows I would not harm her. There never was a night when I could get into her room that I did not kiss her goodnight."

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Four Hundred Narrowly Escape Death When Gas Explodes in Illinois Mine.

Workings Abandoned To Flames After Daring Rescue Work is Accomplished.

FREDERICTON BANK MANAGER RESIGNS

Mr. W. S. Benson Severs Connection With Bank Of Nova Scotia To Enter Real Estate Business.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—W. S. Benson has resigned his position as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, and severed his connection with the bank this afternoon.

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# Christmas Will Be Happily Observed

### How The Day Will Be Spent In St. John — A Holiday For Many, But Some Must Work — Amusement In Various Forms To Attract The Crowds — The Season Comes But Once A Year.

Christmas day will be observed quietly and happily by the majority of the people in the city. Practically all places of employment will be closed and the workers will have the satisfaction of enjoying a well earned rest.

For some, however, there will be no holiday. The policemen will go on duty before sunrise in the morning and keep a watchful eye on the streets and maintain order until seven in the evening, when another band of stalwart men who have been sleeping during the day will take their place.

The postman will have a hard morning of it and will probably be many hours behind schedule when he completes his round. Yet he has the satisfaction of knowing he is bringing happy messages into many homes, and besides the postman is not altogether forgotten so far as Christmas presents are concerned.

### Then Comes The Dinner.

After church there will be a great dinner of turkey and plum pudding, and many other good things. What does it matter if turkey costs 28 or 30 cents a pound, and eggs 60 cents a dozen? There is only one Christmas in a year!

In the afternoon a quiet time will be spent. The little girls can play with their dolls and the small boys will probably try their new skates. Big sister will eat the chocolates or read the book that has been sent her; big brother can stay in and play with the kids or else go out with the fellows, while father and mother will also find quiet ways to enjoy themselves.

### Double Wages at the Winter Port.

At the winter port the ship laborers will be in full swing but the ship laborers will receive double wages, as compensation and many will return to their homes at night with more than six dollars in their pockets.

For the many, however, the day will be full of good cheer and happiness. To begin with there will be the delight of staying in bed an hour or two later, that is unless the kids get up at four o'clock and make an awful noise playing with the things Santa Claus has brought them.

Then there will be the pleasure of being happy over the presents received, which signify love and joy and careful planning; probably Willie and Mary have been scheming for many weeks how to obtain with about 30 cents presents for father and mother and five sisters and brothers.

Then after breakfast most families, including many persons who hardly ever attend, will go to church, greeting all their friends with "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" on the way. Everybody will be "one and substantial smile" just like Mrs. Fitz-

### FACE BADLY CUT BY JUMPING FROM I.C.R. MOTOR CAR

### NOT MUCH SYMPATHY IN CANADIAN UNIONS FOR RAILWAY STRIKE

### Leonard Garnett Painfully Injured At Island Yard—Misjudged Distance And Fell On His Head.

While jumping from a moving car near the Island yard yesterday afternoon, Leonard Garnett, an employee of the I. C. R. motor car, fell on the track and cut his face severely. He was taken into the I. C. R. round house and the wounds were dressed. He was then able to proceed to his home.

The accident happened about one o'clock. Mr. Garnett had been to dinner and was walking out when he was overtaken by the I. C. R. motor car. He jumped on the car and when it arrived at the Island yard the switch was open and the car did not stop. Wishing to get off Mr. Garnett jumped, but he had not caused the distance and struck on his face with considerable force.

Mr. Garnett's nose was badly cut and his cheek painfully bruised. He will be confined to his home for some days.

### Local Representatives Say No Canvass Is Being Made—Machinists Badly Bitten In Strike Last Year.

The movement among United States railway employes for higher wages which will probably meet with the most opposition according to local labor leaders, will not find many sympathizers among Canadian employes.

Mr. W. N. Collins, president of the local union of the Canadian Brotherhood, said last evening that it was not true that a canvass was being made among all employes on Canadian railroads to determine whether the unions would support the 75-cent strike increased pay.

The Canadian Brotherhood had a membership of 3,000 and were not bound in any way to the international union. The members belonged to the same class of employes who are seeking better terms, but they are in no way allied, and in fact the employes on the Canadian railroads would go so far as to strike in sympathy with workmen of the same class in the United States. Locally nothing had been yet heard of the matter, he added, but some action might be taken next spring.

### PRESENTATION TO JOHN W. RUSK BY I.C.R. EMPLOYEES

### Freight Department Checkers And Porters Give Popular General Foreman Smoking Outfit With Address.

A pleasant function took place in the freight office of the I. C. R. yesterday afternoon when Mr. John W. Rusk, general foreman of the I. C. R. freight department at St. John, was presented with a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch filled with choice smoking material by the checkers and porters of the I. C. R.

About 5:30 o'clock Mr. Rusk was much surprised on entering his office to see all the checkers and employes standing in the room. He inquired what the trouble was and in reply Mr. John E. Robinson made the presentation and read an address conveying to Mr. Rusk the compliments of the season and wishing him long life and happiness for the future.

Mr. Rusk although very much surprised, replied with much feeling, thanking the men for their kind wishes and for the present. He would never fill the pipe, he said, without thinking of the boys who presented it to him. He wished the men one and all, a very merry Christmas and hoped that all would live to see many more to come.

Three hearty cheers were then given for Mr. Rusk and the ceremony came to an end.

### COPENHAGEN HEARS NOTHING FROM COOK

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—The University of Copenhagen, having received no communication from Dr. Frederick A. Cook since its verdict was rendered no longer expects to hear anything further from the explorer. Dr. Salomonsen, rector of the university, said today that he was convinced that Dr. Cook would remain in hiding as long as possible. He believes that Dr. Cook is in Europe.

—Brussels, Dec. 23.—No trace can be found of Dr. Cook either here or at Ostend, although there is a possibility that he left by steamer last night for Dover. M. Locoinde, director of the Brussels Observatory, said this evening that he had received no word from Cook and that he believed the doctor would certainly have visited or communicated with him if he had come to Brussels.

# HAS POOR OPINION OF PRESENT SCHEME FOR NAVY ISLAND BRIDGE

### Ald. Potts Condemns North End Site—Must Be Central, He Says—Whole Thing Waste Of Money.

Ald. Potts has ideas of his own about a bridge from Carleton coast of the harbor. He does not favor the proposal to have the bridge enter the city at Simons street and to a Standard reporter last evening gave some of his reasons for his stand.

"All the heavy traffic from Carleton," he said, "comes to Dock street, Water street and King street. If the teams have to go around by way of Simons street and the North End they will be more quickly by ferry even if the bridge is built to reach the city at a central point and I favor the bridge proposition but I do not believe," continued the alderman, "that the bridge should be high enough to allow all shipping to pass under and do away with the necessity of a draw. The working operation of a draw means vexatious delays."

### The Ferry Goes On Forever.

"For myself, I am looking after the ferry first, last and all time. No matter how many bridges may be built, we will have to have the ferry just the same. I will not say I am opposed to the bridge proposition but I certainly am opposed to the city expending \$250,000 now for something which we shall get for nothing in a few years, and possibly be able to collect something for the rights which go with the erection of the bridge."

"I believe the Dominion Government will be obliged to build a bridge across the harbor in a very few years, so the Carleton people cross now they pay one cent and if they came by street car across the bridge it would cost them five cents, to say nothing of the tolls if we were decided to impose such charges."

### Times Wins OUT FROM STAR OUTFIT

In a hotly contested match on Victoria alleys yesterday afternoon the Times quartette defeated the Star outfit, capturing three points. The game was very close and though the Star men were handicapped by the absence of Crandall they put up a good fight. McCafferty rolled his usual steady game and Taylor was also rolling strong. For the Sun Howard was high man and did great work. Clarke also rolled well. Yesterday's game winds up the newspaper league. The Telegraph won the cup offered by the group with the series. The Sun had had luck to contend with but showed great improvement in the last two games. The Star and Standard rolled very unevenly but managed to get a fair mark each time.

### HOUSE AT OLD FORT OCCUPIED BY Bliss Cox Burned Early This Morning—Cause Is a Mystery.

Bliss Cox and family living in a one storied structure at the Old Fort Carleton were awakened this morning to find their home in flames by the fire brigade which had been advised of the outbreak and had rushed to the scene of its occurrence. They were rescued from the burning house with difficulty.

Mr. Cox, who is a stovered employed at the Allan wharf, retired last night, with everything apparently in ship shape and is at a loss to account for the subsequent visitation of the fire which destroyed his home.

The fire was first seen issuing from the roof in the vicinity of the chimney and it is thought that a defective workman had been at the house of Mr. Hiram Nice.

### FAMILY RESCUED WITH DIFFICULTY FROM THE FLAMES

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### HOCKEY TEAM GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

At a meeting of the St. John senior hockey players held in Queens rink last evening, Mr. G. M. Paterson was elected captain of the team and Mr. James Kennedy manager. Messrs. E. P. Howard, G. M. Paterson, Jas. Kennedy were appointed a committee to pick the team.

After the meeting Captain Paterson had his team out for practice and they showed up well. "Pat" was after his men all the time and kept them on the go, nor did he spare himself. McMichael acted as coach and kept up a hot fire from the side lines. Paterson refereed the practice game. Those present last evening were: Cribbs, Philps, Sandall, Inches, Paterson, Clawson, Gale, McKenzie, Flood, McAvity, Fraser, McLeod and Kennedy. "Dumps" McAvity and Gale were the new men. Cribbs showed up well as goal keeper and made some difficult stops. Kennedy was as usual working hard and doing lots, while Inches, Clawson, Philps and Paterson kept the boys together.

Then we are all in good shape and promise good fast hockey this season.

### Following is the final standing of the league:

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Telegraph	27	12	594
Standard	17	15	531
Times	15	17	469
Sun	2	30	462

### NEW BRUNSWICK GUIDES IN ANNUAL SESSION

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides' Association was held at the Queen Hotel this afternoon and was largely attended. Reports submitted showed that big game was on the increase but owing to unfavorable weather conditions non-resident sportsmen had not been as successful during the past season as in previous years which means that there was less game killed.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Honorary President, Surveyor General Grimmer; President, Thomas H. Pringle, Stanley; Vice-president, Ed. Ward Menzies, Newcastle; Secretary, Treasurer, R. P. Allen, Fredericton.

Executive Committee, W. H. Allen, Adam Moore, Burton Moore, Lorenzo Savage, Charles Cremin, Arthur Pringle and the President.

Committee on membership, Henry Braithwaite, David Cremin and W. H. Griffin.

# Hand Crushed, But How Is a Yster

### Michael Berbeau, An Indian, Staggered Into Depot Yesterday Afternoon With Mangled Member—Was Too Intoxicated To Talk—Taken To Hospital In Ambulance Where Amputation Was Found Necessary.

As a result of having his left hand mangled in the I.C.R. yard, yesterday afternoon, Michael Berbeau, an Indian, had the injured member amputated at the hospital last evening. Dr. W. W. White performing the operation.

About four o'clock yesterday afternoon persons in the depot noticed an Indian, apparently under the influence of liquor, stagger into the waiting room and on closer inspection saw that his left hand was frightfully mangled. The man was apparently too drunk to answer questions and after a few minutes went out. He made his way to the I. C. R. freight shed on Pond street where Mr. Thos. McHugh, seeing the condition of his hand, took him into the office and notified Mr. L. R. Ross, the terminal agent.

Mr. Ross at once telephoned for the ambulance, which quickly responded and the man who was by that time too much under the influence of liquor to walk was taken to the hospital. Here his hand was examined by Dr. White, who found it necessary to resort to amputation.

How Berbeau came to be injured is a mystery. He arrived in the city on Wednesday evening with a quantity of axe handles which he sold yesterday morning. After selling them he proceeded to celebrate. He was not accompanied by anyone nor had anyone been seen with him at any time during the day.

On enquiry at the hospital last evening it was learned that the Indian had not recovered from the effects of liquor sufficiently to give an account of how the accident happened.

### LEADER OF ALBERTA OPPOSITION SPEAKS OF CALGARY'S GROWTH

### R. D. Bennett In City Yesterday Is Enthusiastic Over Rapid Development—Lays Out An Acre.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, K. C., of Calgary, member of the Alberta Legislature and leader of the Small opposition in that House, reached this city yesterday on his way to Albert county to pay his usual Christmas visit to his mother. Mr. Bennett is not leaving Calgary at present though his name was much used in the press as a probable manager of the cement consolidation.

When asked concerning this he put the question by the remark that Calgary had grown a great deal in the two years since The Standard representatives had been there. "The city of Calgary," he continued, "is a good home, and it is an absorbing interest to me to watch the development of the irrigated area near by."

"What do you say to a million dollars a month in land sales in the belt alone?" asked Mr. Bennett. "Well that is what has been happening."

"What is this land worth?"

"Up to \$30 an acre is the price now and farmers prosper on it at that price. This enterprise has made all the difference in the world with the growth of Calgary. Without the canal and the rapid development the city might not have gone ahead much faster than Edmonton."

"Grain elevators have been built by scores in a country which, when you and I first met in that country, was hardly expected to grow grain at all."

### HIBERNIANS PRESENT GIFT AND ADDRESS TO RETIRING PRESIDENT

### John C. Ferguson Made Recipient Of Gold Headed Cane Last Evening—F. L. Barrett His Successor.

At the regular meeting of Division No. 1, A.O.H., held in their rooms on Union street, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, F. L. Barrett; secretary, J. J. Donovan; recording secretary, J. G. McDermott; fin. sec., W. H. Coates; treasurer, J. R. McCloskey.

Speeches were delivered by the retiring and newly elected officers, and a pleasing incident of the evening was a presentation of a gold headed cane and address to Mr. John C. Ferguson, the retiring president, who had occupied the position during the last four years.

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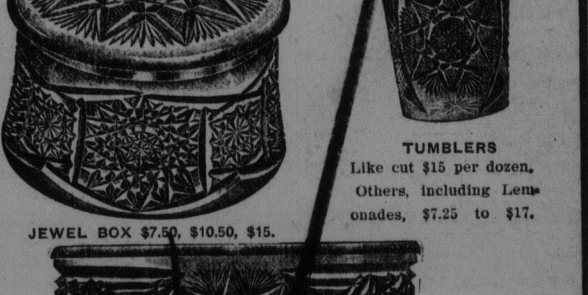
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### NEARING END, CONFESSES TO TWO MURDERS

Special to The Standard.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—With the confession that he had murdered two men upon his lips, Pavel Steffoff, convicted of the murder of Hans Semoff last April calmly went to his death in the Toronto jail this morning. The drop was made at 5:08 o'clock and seven minutes later the doctor in attendance declared that life was extinct. The body was allowed to hang for five minutes more when it was cut down and removed to the medical room. Here the coroner's jury empaneled viewed the remains which were then placed in a pine box and interred in the jail yard.

For joyed ment. sented been t deavour Christma parcels are ne with the boys and tide fe that on for a Bright Mrs. H. receive cream her als Jet (trip) desecrate Mrs. E. silk and white E. "Tad" Mrs. L. Geo. V. Miss F. Mrs. W. Mrs. Scholde Stone. Mrs. eas at noon f Fanjoy receive silk go mother Mrs. E room p Millon, Annie Mrs. has less honour c Mrs. Squares, progress day eve Miss Co per, dan present Pearl E Mr. St guests Miss J. Blizzar Mrs. E. Sturdee del Jac Mrs. Mesars, chos, G. Laurence on Pe Leavitt, Mr. D. St. John holidays Mrs. I. Thursday guest o Miss day for spend the Miss from New the holly isabel Miss ret Mrs. Wednes spend C Mr. E morning Mrs. I. Saturda Even at Mrs. York on of her Kingston and are C. Miss Lowitt returned on Satun Mrs. C. New York with Mrs. McDonald Mrs. H. with Mrs. Tuesday the guest Robert Miss N. a visit Dr. an of Halifax Mrs. Jan mas. Mr. H. leave on to. Dr. Dr. the holly Dr. D. real on Col. and street. Mrs. an. grad arr



Appearings of the Week

day and are the guests of the Misses Sidney Smith, Dorchester street.

AT SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 23.—Today is closing day for all the Mt. Allison institutions.

MONCTON

Moncton, December 23.—Mrs. G. R. Joughin gave a pleasant "at home" on Thursday afternoon of this week at her home Weldon street.

AT HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, Dec. 23.—Messrs. Gordon Steeves, Robert Duffy and Jack Steeves are home from Acadia University to spend the Christmas vacation.

AT ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 22.—Miss Gladys Blair returned home Friday from a pleasant visit with her friend Miss Marie Slesinger of St. John.

SHEDDING Laces and Ruffles For One-time Cowboy

Shediac, N. B., Dec. 23.—The Assembly Hall of the Central school building on Sackville street was thronged on Friday night when the citizens met to listen to the concert of the different departments.



DUSTIN FARNUM IN "GEMO KIRBY," AND MISS MAY BUCKLEY.

New York, Dec. 23.—Off with the cowboy hat; on with the periwig. With the blue fannel shirt; on with the vest.

to "get" Kirby, and while they're hunting him the audience learns that Kirby entered the game only to protect Randall from Moreau, a professional gambler.

AT HILLSBORO

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SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 24, 1909.

### GREETINGS.

For the first time The Standard wishes its readers and friends a Happy Christmas. Many such greetings will be given in future, as this journal and its friends grow older together. It has been the lot of few papers in the first year of their existence to become so much a part of their community, and The Standard's good wishes may also be taken as expressions of appreciation of the kindly welcome and generous support which it has received.

### THE WORLD AT PEACE.

The world comes to this Christmas festival with no war between nations, and no apparent cause of hostility. Beyond a domestic conflict in one of the Central American states, there is no war in progress, none impending, none threatened, and no cause of hostilities under discussion. Every nation has absolutely peaceful relations with all other nations, so far as may be discerned. This is not only technically and diplomatically true, but it is true in spirit and feeling. Governments, parliaments, the press, the platform, are free from international bitterness in their expressions.

But there was never a time of peace when the world was spending so much money in preparation for war. Not often in time of peace has there been so much talk of war as an event to be expected. Great Britain especially has been afflicted with the war nightmare, and popular apprehension has selected the nation with which the conflict is to be fought. This state is on the best possible terms with ours, and there is not a single question of dispute between the two nations. The only reason for these apprehensions is that Germany is building large battleships faster than usual, and that her programme is almost equal to that of Great Britain. The German war scare is subsiding. It reached its crisis after four public speeches by three ministers and one independent Liberal exponent, all of whom, speaking with deliberation and under a great weight of responsibility, told the nation that the situation was extremely serious and critical. Not for half a century have gravest utterances been heard from such high authority. It is not surprising that the nation should have been profoundly impressed.

But now Premier Asquith has become alarmed at the agitation he and his colleagues have done so much to arouse.

"And back recalled, he knew not why  
"Even at the sound himself had made."

If greater preparations for war have been made, and more talk about fighting heard than usual, there has never been a time when the horror and offence of war was so evident and so general. Great captains insist on readiness for the conflict, but they are more restrained and cautious than the politicians and traders in respect to giving cause of offence. They believe that war is best averted by constant readiness for it.

The nations have now such effective expensive armaments that it is a solemn matter to use them. The possibilities of a war between such nations as Britain and Germany are so awful that the mind regards it with horror. Yet to Britain these possibilities seem to compel the enormous preparations which we see. And all the while the two countries have no cause of quarrel present or approaching.

### A CHRISTMAS GUN.

While Great Britain appears to be designing and building the most powerful warship, the United States is producing the largest guns. The latest instrument of destruction tested by the navy department is a rifle throwing a fourteen-inch shot. This projectile weighs 1,400 pounds, and starts out with one-third more "muzzle energy" than that of the twelve-inch guns now in the service. The gun weighs 65 tons, and has an extreme range of twenty-five miles. On board a ship in the Bay of Fundy such a weapon might bombard both coasts at the same time. The effective range, however, is placed at five miles. At two miles the shot is supposed to be able to penetrate 18 inches of Krupp armor, or seven inches more than the belting of the dreadnoughts. The new gun is 55 feet long, and uses 365 pounds of smokeless powder at each discharge.

### A STUDY IN GULLIBILITY.

A kind of admiration is mixed with the New York Sun's reflections on the early success of the Cook myth. The review closes as follows:—"The imposture had been a study in human gullibility. It should repay the philosophical and it has delighted the cynical. Who can forget the picture of Dr. Cook sitting at a royal banquet between Queen Louise and Princess Ingeborg, regaling them with stories of the dash to the Pole, and afterward telling the royal children diverting stories of 'hairbreadth escapes in the icy breach with gigantic polar bears? Who can forget the bestowal of the 'gold medal of the Royal Danish Geographical Society, for the ostentatious gift of the freedom of the city of New York? Those glories, those honors, those positions are secure, as well as the profits of a lecturing tour etc. untimely short. As the first man at the North Pole Dr. Cook may have been an utter myth, but he had two months of sunshine and success as a bold and complacent impostor."

### MR. HETHERINGTON'S LONG-DELT WANT.

Mr. Thomas Hetherington, ex-M.P.P., who is shown by the Auditor General's salary list to be one of the Dominion Government immigration agents in New England, is paying a Christmas visit to this province. While in this city Mr. Hetherington was seen by the St. John Telegraph and made some statements which he should long ago have made to the head of his department at Ottawa. He says that he has not in his office a letter or a pamphlet in which the resources and advantages of this province are mentioned. New Brunswick has contributed her share of the millions expended by the immigration department for advertising and literature. This province is paying her share of the cost of maintaining Mr. Hetherington and keeping up his office. Yet it seems that the department for which he works has not given him "a pamphlet or even an article or a letter in which the advantages and resources of this province are set forth." This unpardonable neglect should not continue any longer. Probably it would not have continued until now if Mr. Hetherington had done his duty.

Mr. Hetherington is said to have been at Boston several years. He has been all this time handling immigration literature advertising the West. This literature was paid for by the Dominion Government. Yet Mr. Hetherington does not seem to have ever asked for similar literature concerning this province. It is not credible that such assistance would have been refused if it had been sought.

Mr. Hetherington and his office do not appear to be very well known in the immigration offices at Ottawa. He is, of course, remembered once a month by one of the clerks in the Langevin Block, but that does not assist in furnishing his office with proper information. But if Mr. Hetherington is about to make some effort to send settlers to this province, it would be a good idea for him to give the Superintendent of Immigration some notice of his design. As like as not that officer will be startled at first, but when he recovers from his surprise he will give Mr. Hetherington such assistance as may be needed. He may even want to know why no one mentioned the subject before.

### NOVA SCOTIA STRIKES.

This will not be a pleasant Christmas to a large number of coal miners in Nova Scotia. For a large part of the year the United Mine Workers formerly employed by the Dominion Coal Company have been idle. It is probably safe at this stage to say that the strike has been unsuccessful. As the members of another organization continued at work the mines did not close down, though the output was so far reduced that the province loses \$100,000 in royalties of which more than three-fourths would be in Cape Breton and the remainder at Springhill. But the company has been able to supply all regular demands and has been spared the necessity of seeking a slaughter market for the surplus output. Of late the number of men at work is said to have increased, and the company appears to be satisfied with the position.

In Springhill the situation is worse. There all the men struck, a little later than the strike in Cape Breton. The company made no immediate effort to supply their place, but closed down operations, except so far as was necessary to keep the mine clear of water. The manager claims that the mine was run at a loss and that it was no disadvantage to the company to go out of business. But it is a great loss to the town of Springhill and to the surrounding country. Springhill is a mining town and nothing else. If the mines should not be reopened the town will practically disappear from the map as an inhabited place. We do not suppose that this will happen. Some settlement will be effected, but it will be a long time before miners with families will have made good their loss.

### ANOTHER LIBERAL OPINION.

The Amherst Press is a consistent Liberal journal. It has the kind of party loyalty which refuses to betray its Liberal principles by defending the miserable Sawdust wharf steal. The Press says:—"We note that a number of the government organs are endeavoring to defend the purchase of the Sawdust wharf at Richibucto. The property was originally bought for SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS and a few months later was sold to the GOVERNMENT FOR FIVE THOUSAND. THIS IS CERTAINLY GOING SOME. We have not heard of any particular boom in real estate in that town that would warrant the government paying such an increase in the price."  
"Hon. Mr. Pugsley was doubtless imposed upon by the report of the resident engineers and OTHERS INTERESTED in the transfer of the property. IT IS NO USE TO ATTEMPT TO DEFEND THE DEAL. SOME ONE BLUNDERED OR GOT A RAKE-OFF and it is the duty of the Minister of Public Works to see to it that THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES SUFFER FOR THEIR ACTION."  
"During the time that Mr. Logan represented Cumberland in the House of Commons there were hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in public improvements in Cumberland and there was not even a whisper to the effect that any middle man had benefited thereby. Other members should pursue the policy adopted by Mr. Logan, and if they did, WE WOULD HEAR LESS OF THESE PETTY SCANDALS which so delight the heart of the Opposition."

### MANY INVENTIONS.

A few days ago the Manchester Guardian published an alleged interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, represented as having been eabled by the Canadian correspondent of that Liberal journal. The Premier was reported as denouncing the course of the British peers, and as commending the position of the Asquith administration. When the knowledge of this publication reached him, Sir Wilfrid cabled to Lord Strathcona to contradict the Guardian's report and to make it known that he had not been interviewed at all.

The Manchester Guardian has been made more cautious, but not more scrupulous by this exposure. This week it publishes a still more vehement attack on the Lords which is represented as the language of one of Sir Wilfrid's colleagues in the Government. The name is not given and as Sir Wilfrid has considerably more than a dozen colleagues, contradiction is difficult. But it is quite certain that no member of the Laurier administration has authorized the use of such language. This story is probably as false as the other, but is less easy to contradict.

When the poet Watson told in New York the story of "The Woman With The Serpent's Tongue." The Standard remarked that only insanity could excuse such a communication. It is found that this is the explanation, and that the present affliction is not the first of the kind. There should then be an end of all unkind criticism.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, who is now in New York, is satisfied of one result from the coming election. He believes that the Irish party will control the next House. This means that the Liberals will lose their present position in which they have a clear majority over Conservatives and Home Rulers combined.

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**OBITUARY.**  
Mrs. Lillian S. Trites.  
The death of Mrs. Lillian S. Trites wife of Mr. George P. Trites, of Rothsay, occurred at her home yesterday morning after an illness of a few weeks. Mrs. Trites was a daughter of the late Mr. R. E. Moore. Besides her husband she leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Calhoun, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. Thomas Bell, of Rothsay; two brothers, Edward R. Moore, of J. E. Moore and Co., Ltd., of this city and Henry T. Moore, now in the western states. Mrs. Trites was a very estimable lady and a wide circle of friends will mourn her death.

**FUNERALS.**  
Miss Charlotte Vassie.  
The funeral of Miss Charlotte Vassie took place yesterday afternoon from her mother's residence, 28 Mecklenburg street, at 2.30 o'clock. The funeral was largely attended. A private service at the house of the body was taken to St. John's (stone) church, where the choral service was conducted by Rev. G. A. Kuhnig, Interment was made in Fernhill. Many citizens followed attesting their respect and sympathy for the family.  
Mr. Daniel Fritch.  
The funeral of Mr. Daniel Fritch took place yesterday morning at 8.45 from the residence of his son, Homer, 42 Durham street. The body was taken to St. Peter's church, where there was a Requiem High Mass celebrated by Rev. J. Borgman, C. S. S. R. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

**MARRIAGES.**  
McFarland-Lisson.—At Trinity church, Sussex on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 1909, by Rev. Canon Scovill Neales, M. A., Wm. McFarland, of the Parish of Sussex and Ellen Octavia Lisson, of the same parish.

**DEATHS.**  
Hilyard.—At his residence 221 Douglas Avenue, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, Henry Hilyard, aged 62 years.  
Funeral from his late residence on Friday, at 2.30 o'clock. Service at St. Luke's church.

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News of a Day

To Wed in Syracuse. Fredericton, Dec. 23.—The wedding of Miss Lou Yerra, formerly of this city and now of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mr. Paul M. MacKlin, of Waterbury, Conn., will take place tomorrow at Syracuse.

King Honors Regiment. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—Lieut. Col. Moore, commanding officer of the 13th Regiment, has received word that King Edward has consented to allow the regiment to be named the 13th Royal Regiment. The honor is conferred because of the regiment's efficiency in shooting and other matters. Not Guilty.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—After being out about three hours the jury in the case of John Taglierine, an Italian, accused of being the leader of the Black Hand conspirators who attempted to extort money from a fellow countryman named Sanzone some time ago, yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty.

Dead in Portland. Fredericton, Dec. 23.—Word was received today of the death at Portland, Me., Wednesday, of Miss Louise Thompson Upton, of Lakeville Corner after a short illness of pneumonia. The remains will arrive from Portland tomorrow and will be conveyed to Lakeville Corner for interment.

To Divide Business. Fredericton, Dec. 23.—It is understood that it has been agreed by Mr. Gilbert Smith and Mr. R. W. McLellan, the owners of the McLellan-Smith Lumber Company, of Oromocto, to divide up their business. Mr. McLellan will take over the company's mill at Oromocto and Mr. Smith will become owner of their mill at Tracy Station.

Watson in Cuba. Montreal, Dec. 23.—Holmes Watson, brother of William Watson, the poet, will leave for Havana tomorrow, where William and his wife are now staying. He states that he is the only one who can do anything with the poet when he gets into his present unbalanced frame of mind. Mrs. Watson, he states, is ignorant of the poet's former experiences, and naturally denies statements about her husband's alleged insanity.

Purchase Farms. Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Ontario Government has purchased five farms in the proximity of Guelph city, covering in all 643 acres, for a new capital prison site. The total amount paid for the farms is \$42,500, or about \$70 an acre. The legislature last session authorized the spending of \$50,000 on the site, so the amount paid is well within the appropriation. The work on the new buildings will be commenced almost at once.

Canada's First. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The first Canadian warship will be in commission in Canadian waters next spring. The Government has arranged for the purchase from the British Admiralty of a second-class twin screw cruiser.

Information Wanted. Mr. Wm. Smith, secretary of the department, Ottawa, has written to a sister at Dedham, Mass., in seeking the whereabouts of Miss Gemina Readie St. Clair, a Scotch girl, known as Miss St. Clair, and believed to be living in Canada. The postmaster will be glad to hear of Miss St. Clair's whereabouts.

River Ice Weak. The ice along the river is reported to be very weak and unless cold weather comes will not last. A farmer who was in the city yesterday from Bayview, said that several had attempted to cross there but failed, as

Rainbow, one of the Apollo type of unarmored cruisers and the vessel is now in dry dock in Great Britain undergoing necessary alterations and repairs and preparatory to being sent across the Atlantic early next spring.

Cases Postponed. Quebec, Dec. 23.—Cases against the proprietors of moving picture houses for remaining open on Sunday were postponed yesterday to Jan. 4 on motion of the Victoria Embankments and the attorney for the defendants. The postponement was in order to enable him to notify the attorney general of his intention to appeal to the superior court against the present by-law prohibiting the opening of moving picture houses, which he alleges is unconstitutional.

Royal Charity. London, Dec. 23.—Unknown men for the past two nights have collected the homeless destitute who frequent the Victoria Embankments and given to each man a knitted jacket, gloves, a scarf and a shilling and to each woman a shawl, gloves, and a shilling. They refused to give the name of the donor of the articles. The Daily Mail today says the Queen, stirred by newspaper stories of wanderers who seek refuge on the embankment, has taken this means of providing them with Christmas presents.

Officers Suspended. Montreal, Dec. 23.—District Fire Chiefs Dubois and Marin, two of the officials named in Judge Cannon's report on the civic investigations as having been guilty of malversation in office, were suspended today by Chief Tremblay, acting under instructions from Aid. Yates, chairman of the fire committee. The chief's report on the men will be presented at a meeting of the committee on Monday, when it is likely Dubois and Marin will be dismissed. This is the first actual results of the investigation obtained in any of the civic departments. Most of the others named were either aldermen, contractors or middlemen.

Corinthian Floated. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—Allan Liner Corinthian was floated this morning and is now at Furness Withy pier loading for London and Havre. The ship was floated at 4 o'clock an hour before high tide, with the aid of the C. P. R. tug Cruiser and four Halifax tugs. The steamer came off the ledge easily and without apparent danger as she is not showing any signs of making water. The work of removing the cargo was continued all day yesterday and through the night and at the time of floating some 2,000 tons had been removed. After the steamer had been floated she proceeded up the harbor under her own steam and docked at her pier. All the scows with lumber on board and the rafts of lumber were towed to the same pier, and the steamer with the cargo of apples and grain which had been alongside also proceeded to the pier. Seventy men are now at work and it is expected that the steamer will be ready for sea by Saturday night.

LOCAL The ice would not bear. At Westfield passengers can cross the river on foot. In the Police Court. In the police court yesterday John Emile Bresilio, aged 16, Maurice Favre, aged 18 and Eugene Krish, aged 17, were charged by Captain Henry of S. S. Sardinian for being stowaways on the ship on her recent voyage from Havre, France. There was a fourth, a brother of Bresilio, but he escaped at 2 o'clock yesterday morning by drawing a knife on the quartermaster. The sentence of the court was that they be detained in jail until the Sardinian sails next Wednesday when they will be put on board and taken back to Havre.

THE MISTLETOE BOUGH. The story of how the mistletoe gets from the tree is a most interesting one. According to a writer in The Ladies Home Journal, it is as follows: Covering the mistletoe twigs are nearly white berries. These come in the

DEATH OF THIS RELIC OF HIS RELIGION OF THIS RELIGION

The Latest Chapter in the History of an Egyptian Mummy That Has Left Ruin and Death in Its Wake. London, Dec. 23.—Superstitious persons will find secret satisfaction in the latest chapter—now to be told—of the story of misadventure and death that is associated with the curious Egyptian coffin lid, number 22,342, which stands in a corner of the first Egyptian room of the British Museum.

A scientist who laughed at the superstition committed suicide recently, and an engineer who joined in his derisive merriment met with a serious accident. The scientific professors of the museum naturally scoff at the notion that a painted face on the tough cardboard coffin-lid could exercise occult power over the life and limbs of persons living in London today, and all who are not a superstitious nature will agree with them that the Man in the Moon is a more dangerous personality than the three-thousand-five-hundred-year-old spirit of the Priestess of Amen-Ra.

There need, therefore, be less hesitation in bringing up to date the remarkable tale of misfortune and death which has overtaken some of those who have been associated with the painted face of the priestess of the College of Amen-Ra, who lived in the once great city of Thebes on the bank of the Nile, 1800 years before the birth of Christ.

The first part of the story was told in the Express five years ago. It showed how, since the discovery of the painted coffin-lid, in Thebes, and its transference to England, misadventure dogged the lives of men and women who came in contact with the painted face.

The History. The history of the coffin-lid was investigated by the late Miss Fletcher Robinson, and he narrated in the Express the following series of events connected with the painted face. (1) The coffin-lid, with its painted portrait, was bought by an Englishman at Thebes, from an Arab who found it in the tombs. On the way back to Cairo a gun exploded, injuring the purchaser's arm so that it had to be amputated. (2) The coffin-lid passed into the possession of another member of the party who on arriving at Cairo heard that he had lost a large part of his fortune. He died soon afterwards. (3) A third member of the party died in poverty.

(4) A fourth member of the party was shot. (5) The coffin-lid was given to a lady in London. All kinds of misfortunes overtook her family, who suffered large losses. (6) Madame Hilaritsky, the theosophist, visited the house on one occasion, became very disturbed on entering, and said that there was something with a malign influence in the house. On finding the coffin-lid she begged her hostess to get rid of it.

(7) The coffin-lid was sent to a Baker street photographer to be photographed. The photographer was startled to find that the photograph he produced showed a woman, who seemed to be the living face of a woman, with a malevolent expression, instead of the cold, staring face painted on the coffin-lid. The photographer died mysteriously soon afterwards. (8) The owner agreed to get rid of the coffin-lid and sent it to the British Museum. The carrier who took it there died within a week. (9) A man who helped him met with a serious accident.

His Death. Such was the story of the painted face of the priestess of Amen-Ra as Mr. Fletcher Robinson told it in the Express. The story is also given in the death took place a few months afterwards. For five years since the publication of the account the painted face of the Egyptian priestess has stood in the corner of the First Egyptian room, eagerly sought by visitors who, superstitious fear, and as carefully shunned by others who, in spite of the professors and of common sense, there may after all be some strange power associated with the painted face and features of the Egyptian priestess.

The superstitious view is entertained by some of the Museum attendants, who avoid the priestess's corner as if it were infected with the plague. Possibly this is partly due to the circumstance that since the priestess was installed in the Museum two of the attendants in the First Egyptian room have died.

Another curious story has now to be told. Not long ago two men, whose names are known to the Express, discussed the story of the painted face and its reputed mysterious power. One of these men was a scientist of repute and the other an engineer of position in London.

As a result of their discussion they went to the Museum, inspected the cold, staring face on the coffin-lid and laughed then and there at the notion that there could be any evil spirit hovering over a cardboard coffin lid.

The scientist was known to have occasionally expressed the view that suicide is an unthinkable and unpardonable crime. Some time after visiting the Museum he committed suicide by taking a rare poison.

About the same time his friend, the engineer, had an unaccountable fall, which dislocated his shoulder and caused internal injuries. He refuses now to talk about the priestess of Amen-Ra.

There are some persons at the Museum who would feel relieved if the priestess's coffin lid were quietly wrapped up, sent back to Thebes, and restored, if possible, to the tomb where the remains of the uncovered mummy may possibly still be lying.

GEORGE GEORGE OUTS PEERS

Chancellor Feels That He Has Completely Crushed Noble Opponents and May Now Direct Other Movements. London, Dec. 23.—Radicals like Unions are taking nothing for granted in the fight. On Monday the Free-lancers are taking nothing for granted. £5,000, a gift to Churchill from a wealthy Dundee free trade manufacturer, are opening fifty campaign offices in various industrial centres from which eight hundred speakers be directed, and millions of cartoon leaflets distributed. Reading some of these publications and listening to radical questions at meetings, ignorant electors may be persuaded that the pro-Unionist United States is in deep depression, and with thousands of workmen in each centre searching vainly for work and food, and that Germany, driven by tyrannical tariffs to starvation, lead miserably downtrodden lives. Traces are also found of astonishing assertions that Canadians, because of the tariff, have to pay tea-pence for four pounds of bread, which cost only six pence in England, and the Canadian farmer is only waiting a chance to throw overboard the burdens of wage earners and covetous landlords, and to corrupt. Educated men who have travelled or read do not of course accept such stuff, but though circulated by quite irresponsible speakers it does its work among the un-informed electorate. These platform blazes now find ample encouragement.

Turns on Dukes. In his Welsh campaign Lloyd-George is turning from the dukes whom he believes he has utterly smashed, to what have been called princeling proconsuls of unionism. Following an incident in his princely speech yesterday: "We have four noble lords travelling the country. Milner—(booming). You know him evidently, we have been paying his debts—(laughter). Until they are all paid it would be better for him if he stayed at home. Then there is Curzon, who has a special claim to speak for the people, having been rejected twice by constituencies that know him. (Cheers, laughter). Two other noble lords, Middleton and Curzon, have both been saying rather rude things about me. (Laughter). I do not mind it, really, but I will show them by appreciation of rudeness by telling the truth about them. Who is Lord Middleton? The hereditary system has at least one advantage. It enables a man who used to be called Brodick to call himself Middleton when he was people to forget he ever was Brodick. (Laughter, cheers). As Brodick, he had one claim to distinction. He wanted more public money than any lord except Milner. (Laughter, cheers). He made such a mess of the war office that even the late Tory government—and I suppose I am about the worst this country has ever seen—could stand him no longer, so they sent him to the Indian office to help Curzon muddle the affairs of the Indian empire. (Cheers). You asked Lord Middleton whether I had been too hard on Curzon. He would say I rather understated the case. If you asked Curzon whether he produced a better result than I would he would say I was right. (Laughter). They do love each other. (More laughter). These are thy protectors. (Laughter, cheers). It is a pretty quartette, Curzon, Milner, Middleton and Curzon sing these Christmas carols about the country. (Loud laughter).

Highly Entertaining. Upon all this quiet Englishmen remark as a highly entertaining of course, and in public at least, appropriate in the pantomime season, but only further puts Lloyd-George beyond the pale as prime minister, or even a man worthy of the trust of the great British nation. John Burns entered the fight in the London working class constituency of Battersea last night, where he is being opposed by a well-known Anglo-Canadian, Shirley Burnet. It is common knowledge in political circles that he strenuously opposed some of the Lloyd-George-Churchill measures and with the painter and the painter as yet has avoided anything more than acquiescence in the budget. Last night he found it more to denounce Blackford as a war-mongering Socialist, a mischievous war-monger, whom the Tory newspapers are using to bring about one of the most colossal calamities this or any other nation could suffer—war with Germany. His chief speech was his former friend, Bonar Law, though heavily stricken by the death of his wife, is returning to the political campaign, but naturally his speeches lack his former fire. Balfour is ill with pulmonary catarrh at Whitehall and the doctors forbid his leaving the house for some time. This is almost entirely left for the present almost handicapped by allegations of self-interest and want of experience in electorology.

Joseph Chamberlain's part in the campaign is confined to short letters to candidates dictated to his wife or secretary.

winter season, when food is comparatively scarce, and hence some of our birds eat a cherry he swallows simply the meat and slips the stone away. The seed of the mistletoe the bird carries off and hides. Now when a robin eats a cherry he swallows simply the meat and slips the stone away. The seed of the mistletoe the bird carries off and hides. Now when a robin eats a cherry he swallows simply the meat and slips the stone away. The seed of the mistletoe the bird carries off and hides. Now when a robin eats a cherry he swallows simply the meat and slips the stone away.

BALKANS SEETH WITH TROUBLE

Fever for Kingship in South Eastern Europe Reaches Fever Heat—Nicholas Proclaim Himself King. London, Dec. 23.—There is a fever for kingship in the Balkans. Last year it was the king of Bulgaria; next year it will be the king of Montenegro, for in August, 1910, Prince Nicholas, now in his sixty-eighth year, will celebrate his jubilee by proclaiming himself king.

The whole business savors of comic opera, for his kingdom is only 100 English miles long and eighty wide, and the total population does not exceed 250,000. Prince Nicholas, as he is ill next August, has been an absolute autocrat, except for one year, since his accession. He is more independent than the czar of Russia, because he is untrammelled by advisers. Montenegro is under a one man rule, and the Montenegrins seem to like it.

The prince is more like a strict father than anything else. He takes an interest in everything, and the strangest thing about this autocratic country is that, after the autocrat, all men are equal. There are no class distinctions at all. Every man bears arms from the age of twelve, and all the women can shoot. They manufacture nothing but the things required for their own housing and clothing and they import their firearms from England and Germany. When not managing family feuds—which are kept up with mediocrity zeal—they breed pigs and make a kind of brandy from the small plums that grow on their mountain slopes.

Living in mountains has made the Montenegrins warlike. A few months ago they were all agog to fight the Austrians, who took Bosnia, Serbia for several centuries they fought against the Turks, who had taken possession of the little kingdom, and after many privations and defeats they managed to drive the invaders out in 1878, when Turkey formally recognized their independence by the treaty of Berlin.

Cetinje, the capital, is a small town stuck up in the mountains. The palace, a ramshackle building, is surrounded by a ring of smoking men in white knitted skirts, and after many jackets and a series of daggers stuck in their belts. But they are friendly to all. In fact, Prince Nicholas likes to see strangers. An etiquette there is, but he shakes hands with everybody, and does not mind standing in the rain. One of his subjects while his visitor is sitting down the palace furniture is a strange mixture of comic opera barbarism and beauty. They are the king's smoking men, supplied with pork and garlic, and when he is alone, he is not particular about a tablecloth. He, in common with his subjects, often sleeps in his boots.

Once a stranger who visited the country said he would like to meet the prince. It was arranged at once, and the old man treated him to pork and brandy in the most hospitable way, and then he began to talk about his country. "It is not the largest country in the world," he admitted, "but it is the largest in the Balkans. But I would not exchange it for any other country under heaven."

The stranger was not very convinced of its merits, and the old prince said rather indignantly: "Now, you must confess it is the best and prettiest country in the world."

The stranger admitted it was pretty but said it had no exports. "Exports!" echoed Prince Nicholas, indignantly. "How can I export anything? One is married to the king of Italy, two to Russian grand dukes, who could buy up my country and not even a man worthy of the trust of the great British nation."

A Handy List

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ASEPTO SOAP POWDER home after a pleasant visit to the mountains. The public school examination took place on Friday last, a large number of visitors being present. The room was beautifully decorated with flags and Christmas bells. Much credit is present and a good time spent by all. Miss Lettie Scovell is visiting her friends and relatives in St. John. The Rev. I. N. Parker, Methodist, is going to take charge of this field during the coming year.

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ELDER Dempster LINE S. S. BORNHOLD, 2541 Ave. A will sail from St. John about the 10th of January for Nassau, Havana and will take cargo for Mexican ports, Cuba and Victoria.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER. New York, Dec. 23.—Active speculation and sharp advance in a few stocks imparted a strong undertone to today's stock market.

COTTON RANGE. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. High. Low. Bid. Ask. Jan. 15.41 35.39 40.00

Wheat. Dec. 116 1/4 114 1/4 116 1/4. Jan. 116 1/4 114 1/4 116 1/4. May 116 1/4 114 1/4 116 1/4.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Morning Sales. Bell Telephone 9@148, 4@148. 2@148. Canadian Pacific Railway 50@179.34, 10@180, 25@179.34, 50@179.34.

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. Wheat. Dec. 116 1/4 114 1/4 116 1/4.

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Chicago Cattle. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Cattle—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 15 1/2; middling full, 16.00. Sales 900 head.

Chicago Hogs. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; market, 5 to 6; receipts, 25,000; market, 5 to 6.

Chicago Sheep. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; market, 5.00 to 5.75; lambs, 6.00 to 6.85; yearlings, 4.25 to 7.00.

Chicago Pigs. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Pigs—Receipts, 10,000; market, 4.00 to 4.50; receipts, 10,000; market, 4.00 to 4.50.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; YES-TERDAY'S TRADING IN WALL ST. CANADIAN PRODUCE MARKETS

(Quotations Furnished by Private Wires of J. C. Mackintosh and Co., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange, 111 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B., Chubb's Corner.) Shares. Sold. Pious. High. Low. Close. Amalgamated Copper. 88 1/2 89 1/2 87 1/2 87 1/2

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET

New York, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Flour—Unchanged with demand slow. Receipts 24,508. Shipments 14,766. Wheat—Spot—Firm. No. 2 red, 1.27 1/2.

Corn—Spot—Easy. No. 2 70 1/4, elevator, domestic, 70 1/4, delivered and 70 1/4, f.o.b. aboat, nominal.

Wheat—Spot—Firm. No. 2 red, 1.27 1/2, nominal elevator, domestic and 1.27 1/2, nominal f.o.b. aboat, to arrive; No. 2 hard winter, 1.24 1/8 and 1.24 1/8, nominal.

Corn—Spot—Easy. No. 2 70 1/4, elevator, domestic, 70 1/4, delivered and 70 1/4, f.o.b. aboat, nominal.

Potatoes—Easy, unchanged. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Wheat—Dec. 1.16 1/4; May 1.11 3/8; July 1.01 3/4.

Corn—Dec. 62 1/2; May 66 3/8 to 1.2; July 11 1/2 to 1.2. Short ribs—Jan. 11.40; May 11.37 to 1.2; July 11.35.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—Beef—Fresh, steadier; whole cattle, 9 to 10. Bran—Unchanged—25.50 to 27.00.

THE COTTON MARKET. New York, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 15 1/2; middling full, 16.00. Sales 900 head.

INDIVIDUAL STOCKS MORE ACTIVE NOW

New York, Dec. 23.—The movements of individual stocks, which have made the feature of the stock market for several days past, were even more violent today, while the general list was even more inert and unresponsive.

Reading 2nd preferred was rushed up to 14 1/2, the movement being due to a sale of the stock by the Rock Island.

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DAILY ALMANAC. Sun rises today 8.09 a.m. Sun sets today 4.47 p.m. Sun rises tomorrow 8.09 a.m. Sun sets tomorrow 4.43 p.m.

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NEWS SUMMARY. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. Bank of England rate unchanged.

PROSPECTS FOR CURLING GOOD

LIGHT SHED ON NEW BY-LAWS

Changes in M.P.A.A. Registration Regulations Not So Drastic As At First Proposed

A copy of the by-laws dealing with the registration of athletes which the M. P. A. A. proposes to adopt, were received yesterday by Mr. A. W. Covey...

The regulations are not as drastic as they were believed to be when discussed last Friday night at a meeting of representatives from the local basketball clubs.

By the proposed regulations it is necessary, first that all athletes be registered by their club with the M. P. A. A. before they can compete.

The object of the new regulation is to put an end to the "tourist player" and draw a distinct line between amateurs and professionals.

For Colleges. "Any athlete registered from a club may, while a student in actual attendance at any college or university, compete for such college or university if he so desires."

"Persons changing their residence may be released by the club through which they were registered providing such change of residence was not brought about by their athletic prowess."

"Every athlete requiring registration shall apply for the same through the secretary of his club and shall neither be allowed to change his club nor compete unattached during the term of registration without the consent of his club."

"Unattached men and members of unaffiliated clubs must before registration be recommended by the sub-committee of the district in which they reside."

"Registration cards are good for one year from date of issue. All applications for registration (unless otherwise provided) must be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five cents."

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DID \$40,000 LOAN CONTROL THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SITUATION



THE NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES IN SESSION. Left to right, sitting: Chas. Ebbetts, Medius, Brooklyn; Stanley Robison, St. Louis; Garry Herrmann, Cincinnati; Barney Dreyfuss, Pittsburg; Max Fleischmann, Cincinnati; Chas. Murphy, Chicago; J. P. Harris, Boston; J. T. Brush, New York. Left to right, standing: Chas. Ebbetts, Jr., Brooklyn; Howard Fogel, Philadelphia; Fred Knowles, New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—Slowly but surely inside facts concerning the deadlock over the election of president of the National League last week are leaking out and are causing all kinds of gossip among baseball men who are in touch with the situation as it stands today.

Without the use of names the story as it was told yesterday can be repeated. It is said that a week before the league meeting a club owner promised to vote for one of the candidates, in pledging himself he entirely overlooked the fact that he had negotiated a loan of \$40,000 on 51 per cent of the club's stock with a well known bank, one of the directors of which is said to be a relative of a club owner in the American League.

When the news was flashed that a baseball war might be declared, therefore this National League club owner, so the story goes, received a telegram from the bank that if there was any such clash between the rival major leagues that \$40,000 loan would be called in. Naturally there was a feeling of dismay over this unwelcome information, but report has it that the deal was pulled off, the deadlock was cleared up, a fellow magnate, with the result that some sort of a financial deal was struck and the election of either H.



TOM LYNCH.

Here is the first picture published in St. John of Thos. Lynch, the newly-elected president of the National League.

W. Brown or John M. Ward was made impossible. Persons who retailed this story yesterday dealt in names which furnished the basis for an interesting bit of gossip. Whether the story is absolutely true or not cannot be determined, but there seems to be no doubt in the minds of well posted baseball men

that in their wrangle over the recent election the magnates discussed matters that none of them dared to make public. It is the prevailing opinion too that President Johnson of the American League got away with one of the biggest bluffs ever made by a baseball official. If Ward had been elected president of the National League, had men say, it is extremely doubtful if a war would have been declared. It is pointed out that the major league club owners have so much money invested in the game that a large majority of them would probably have frowned upon any hostile move. The personal objection to Ward's candidacy expressed by Johnson would not have been a sufficient cause for plunging the great national game into a disastrous conflict, it is argued, and if Ward had been successful Johnson would have been forced to change his views.

As it is Johnson has the good fortune to be recognized as a baseball dictator, with the National League beaten to a standstill by him. Encouraged by this latest triumph it is believed that Johnson's policies in the future will dominate the government of the game in all its phases, including the conduct of the national baseball commission. It is generally conceded that Garry Herrmann as chairman of the commission, so that President Lynch, of the National League, will be compelled to endorse their rulings or remain in the minority. The re-election of Herrmann to the commission which is conceded, will be the result of a deal made between the Cincinnati magnate and John T. Brush of the New York club, it is

said. Before Herrmann would agree to allow Brush to name Lynch as the compromise candidate last Saturday baseball men declare the New York magnate was forced to guarantee Lynch's vote for Herrmann's return to the commission's chairmanship. Having the backing of Johnson and the American League, together with the support of Dreyfuss, Robison and Dovey, Herrmann, it is said, did not experience much trouble in driving this profitable bargain, which, in effect, was another signal triumph for Big Ben. Although, therefore, the recent tangle in the National League resulted in the use of some queer methods.

The slump in John Heydler's boom which came to the surface when Herrmann failed to place that young man in nomination is another topic discussed. From the inside comes the statement that when noses were counted in private these men were violently opposed to Heydler's candidacy; Herrmann, Dreyfuss, Robison, Brush, Ebbetts, Fogel, Murphy and Dovey in other words Heydler did not have a single club owner with him on the level though at least four of them declared for publication that they had nothing against him. This unaccountable opposition to Heydler received a knockout blow, however, when Lynch was elected, for Lynch and Heydler have identical views as to the best way to conduct the league's affairs. At least one more deduction can be made now and that is the undeniable fact that Dreyfuss is no longer able to keep his grip on the helm at league headquarters and will be compelled to take what he can get when favors are handed out.

\$45,000 IN STATE TAXES LAST YEAR

New York, Dec. 23.—It is stated unofficially that the 5 per cent state tax on the gross receipts of race tracks in New York last season amounted to \$45,000, which is ascribed to the result of the enforcement of the Agnew-Hart law, passed in May, 1908. The tax in 1907, when racing was at its height in this state, amounted to \$246,429. As the money thus collected goes to the agricultural societies, it is needless to say that the farmers will suffer considerably as the result of the legislation against betting. The 1909 assessment shows that the gross receipts for seven tracks in the state were \$900,000, with an average attendance of 3,000 persons a day. Saratoga, Sheepshead Bay, Gravesend, Jamaica and Empire City are said to have covered expenses, while Belmont Park and Aqueduct lost money.

The Saratoga Racing Association is making elaborate plans for the summer meeting next year. The directors have planned to hang up nearly \$225,000 in stakes and purses, as against \$187,000 last August. This liberal outlay has been made possible by the raising of a \$50,000 fund by rich patrons of the turf who believe that Saratoga should hold the banner meeting each year.

H. I. Pell has been appointed racing secretary of the Worcester Racing Association in the place of H. J. Morgan, resigned. It is expected that Mr. Pell will make public soon a list of stakes including the Metropolitan Handicap, to be run at the Belmont park spring meeting. Entries for the Suburban, Brooklyn and Brighton handicaps which together with other popular turf fixtures close on January 3, are coming in rapidly and indicate that all of America's best thoroughbreds will be engaged to race here next season. It is said that the Jamaica, Aqueduct and Empire City stakes will not be announced until some time after New Year's.

The Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, at a meeting held Wednesday night, formally passed a resolution disbanding that body and recommending to the A. A. U. of Canada.

MANY TO ENTER BIG CONGRESS KAUFMAN TO MIX IT WITH JACK O'BRIEN



Mayor Brietmeyer of Detroit, honorary President of D. B. T. Co.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—Assurances of a record breaking entry for the 1910 tournament of the American Bowling Congress, to be held in the Wayne gardens, under the direction of the Detroit Bowling Tournament Co., is received almost daily by Secretary Dan Meyers. Reports from Chicago promise 50 teams of five men each, and Cincinnati, where the tournament was held in 1907, has 40 teams pledged. Indianapolis will come with 15 teams, Milwaukee will send 20 each while



Judge Howard of Chicago, he has never missed a tournament.

Toledo and Cleveland are regarded as good for 25 teams. As Detroit is counted upon to send 100 teams upon the floor, there appears to be no reason why a high mark of 400 teams should not be set.

New York, Dec. 23.—After much backing and filling Al Kaufman has signed articles for a six round bout with Jack O'Brien at the National A. C. in Philadelphia on January 19. The club will hang up 70 per cent of the gross receipts for the pugilists, who will divide their share equally. Kaufman and O'Brien met in California nearly four years ago and they were then a greenhorn, was knocked out in seventeen rounds. In the coming Colma arena fight close to 165, it is believed that this punch was peculiarly his own when he fought Choyanski and Pleskemics, and that Joe Gans, who saw him use it with effect, not only adopted it but also taught it to Johnson. Johnson meanwhile declares that he invented the blow himself and that he wishes Corbett was young enough to fight him.

Both Jack Gleason and Tex Rickard, the promoters of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, say that they will not engage the Colma arena fight. Rickard just to show that the latter has nothing to do with the 'big mill.' Rickard's incessant talk about Salt Lake City as the battleground is not, realized by Gleason, who is telling Prices apart from men that the fight will take place in California or not at all. Corroth meanwhile is going ahead with arduous efforts to exhibit the Jeffries-Johnson moving pictures in England, France, Ireland and Scotland. In London, the other day he said that Gleason and Rickard were both talking through their hats. In view of there is a growing impression that something may happen at the last moment that will prevent Jeffries and Johnson for settling their differences. Friends of Jim Buckley, a local sporting man, are anxious to have him selected as the referee of the Jeffries-Johnson mill. Buckley, who is a wealthy contractor, is a fight fan pure and simple. He is highly regarded by sporting men and is also well thought of by both pugilists.

THE BATTLER READY TO MIX WITH WOLGAST

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Battling Nelson stands ready to close with Ad Wolgast for a fight in America as soon as the Milwaukee youngster posts a forfeit to bind the match. This statement was made by the champion today, after reading a despatch from Los Angeles that Wolgast was begging for a chance to land the title.

M'AVITY FOR ALL ST. JOHN THE RUMOR

Mr. Malcolm McAvity, son of Mr. John McAvity, who is a cadet at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas. It is probable that he will play with the All St. Johns during the holidays. Mr. McAvity saw the Ottawa hockey septette play a few days ago and says they are a splendid team.

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PROSPECTS FOR TOMORROW'S CURLING GOOD

A quarter of an inch of water was put on the rinks of the Thistle Club last evening and the curlers prayed that the weather would continue cold in order that there might be good ice for the annual match on Christmas Day between the presidents and vice-presidents teams. The rinks already have a splendid bottom and all that is required is a drop of a few degrees in the temperature in order to have splendid curling.

Mr. J. W. Cameron is the president and Mr. J. Libby the vice-president of the club. The schedule for the Christmas match follows:

Table with columns for Morning, Afternoon, and Evening matches, listing names of players and their positions (President, Vice-president, Skip, etc.).

MICHIGAN APOLOGIZES FOR MILLER

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 23.—Prof. George W. Patterson, chairman of the board in control of athletics at the University of Michigan, which today declared Captain-elect Joy Miller of the football team ineligible and addressed letters of apology to Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Marquette, Notre Dame and Syracuse Universities, Michigan opponents in games in which Miller played with Michigan last season, said tonight:

"As the matter stands, any of the teams Michigan defeated during the year now has the right of protest and may ask that the game be declared 'no game' or its result reversed. We are expecting some such action. The whole university is sick about the business. The board in an effort to find some extenuating circumstance or elicit some explanation from Mr. Miller has kept the matter quiet until today. Though Miller disregarded our requests for an interview it is quite probable the faculty will have an interesting session with him should he come to Ann Arbor."

SLAVERY AND BASEBALL; A CONNECTION

Wilkes Barre, Penn., Dec. 23.—That the sale of a baseball player from one club to another is a direct violation of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which prohibits slavery, is a point raised in a suit involving the transfer of a player from one organization to another. The suit is expected to attract considerable attention among baseball club owners and players. Last July the owners of the Wilkes Barre Club of the New York State League purchased from the Allentown team of the Atlantic League Joseph Pelequin, a pitcher. The price agreed upon was \$300. Three hundred dollars was paid in cash and a note given for the remainder. The note was allowed to go to protest, and the manager of the Allentown club, who negotiated the sale of Pelequin, brought suit to recover the \$200. A justice of the peace gave judgment against the club. Today the manager of the Wilkes Barre club filed with the court a decision in the suit. He holds that the sale of a baseball player is in direct violation of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, and therefore the note given is void. The manager also filed other reasons why the note should not be paid, one being that the note was not valid unless countersigned by the directors of the club. The court will not take action in the matter until next month.

ADVANCE IN WHEAT

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Urgent covering by shorts in the face of bearish news caused a substantial advance in wheat prices here today. Final figures being up 1-4 to 2-8 to 1-1/2 cents. Corn, oats and provisions also closed strong.



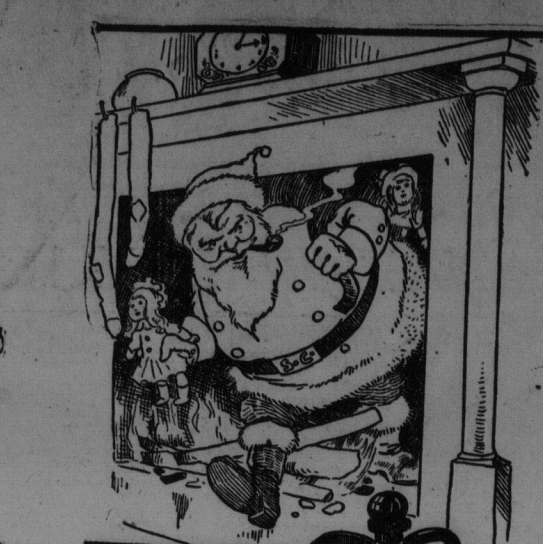
BOB FITZSIMMONS.

Australia may have found of spectacles. The land of the kangaroo, where Tommy Burns dropped his crown a year ago tomorrow, must indeed be hard put for entertainment, when it becomes necessary for old Bob Fitzsimmons to bend his creaking knees and limber his complaining joints to box for the amusement of the natives. Just think of ruby Robert, aged, the battered remnant of former days, going on even with Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight.

TO PLAY MONCTON

The bowling team of the Victoria always have accepted a challenge from the Moncton city quintette to play a game in the city next month. The date of the match has not yet been fixed, but negotiations are now going on to this end. The Victoria team will consist of the same players who won the Balk-colonden trophy last month on the Black alleys. The Moncton team is reported to be composed of first-class players and a good game is looked forward to.

# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;  
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave a luster of midday to objects below;

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name:  
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Comet! on, Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the perch to the top of the wall!  
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all,  
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, moult to the sky,  
So, up to the house top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry,  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.  
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of my ear,  
Said in a low voice, "Now, be quick, now be clear,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose,  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

## SUPERSTITIONS OF CHRISTMAS

Folk Lore and Legend that Lends Peculiar Interest to Festival—Mistletoe—Om the Druids.

The mistletoe sprig is a potent mascot, and the hostess who following a quaint old fancy, presents her guests or callers with a sprig is not only presenting them with good luck and good fortune, but is doing what, of old, the priestly-Druids did when they gave the worshippers of the supreme being a piece of mistletoe, a matter how trifling in the form of a oak, a portion of the parasite plant to keep religiously as long as it lasted. The mistletoe sprig was supposed to give power to perceive witches and evil spirits, and insure prosperity; to those whom the Druids disliked or wished harm, they refused the mistletoe sprig. No one could poison the holder of a piece of mistletoe, no matter how cunningly administered, and save the owner from all harm. To childless folk the mistletoe brought offspring, to the sick health, and to the healthy symbol of health, wealth and prosperity; and the house that sports a branch of mistletoe at Christmas will never be unlucky.

### From Druids.

It is from the Druids, too, that the custom of decorating our churches on Christmas Eve, or on the morning of the first day, comes. They believed that all the spirits flocked together on these nights, there to remain until the warm weather. The one who enters a Druid's sent around sprigs of mistletoe to remind the people to decorate their dwellings with evergreens, in order to propitiate the sylvan spirits and secure protection from frosts and wintry blasts.

Holly berries possess and give wonderful power when worn in the shape of a wreath, which must be made in imitation of the sacred crown of thorns and of berries as red as blood, and the wearer must go alone at midnight on Christmas Eve, and sit in a church in the dark. Second sight will then come to him, and into the church will file all those of his friends who will die during the coming year. Worn on Christmas morning, the holy wreath will evoke visions of spirits coming in the air to sing their new songs, and all the beasts will be seen to kneel down in worship. If preserved for a year, the crown will give the owner safety from violence in some parts of England it is believed that unless every bit of holly be removed from the house by Twelfth Night some ill-luck will come. Mince pies can also bring luck, but only one must be offered and eaten in the house. To take two would be decidedly unlucky. The one eaten in a portion of good luck on a day to come in the ensuing year. To eat two would spoil the luck, as if three be eaten on Christmas in one house ill-luck will follow. If the pie's crust be in the shape of a manger (the first mince pies ever made had crusts of this shape) then the luck is better; to represent the manger, strips of pastry used to be laid crosswise over the pie.

The Yule cake has the same power as the mince pie on Christmas night, for if a maiden place a piece of it under her pillow on Christmas night she will dream of her future husband. Also a portion of the cake should be kept for the next year, as it brings luck to the house.

### Plum Pudding.

The plum pudding must always be kept and again partaken of New Year's day if one would have a successful year. The ancient Saxons burnt the Yule log as a symbol of the turning of the sun toward spring. They, by the way, considered the mistletoe berries unlucky and a symbol of their hell-Niflheim, abode of the death goddess. A brand from the Yule log snatched from the fire used to be carefully preserved, kept dry, and used to light the Christmas fire the next year, because it preserved the house from fire during the year and subdued the spirit of the flames. Its powers were bestowed in the days of the Druids, when the bellows were lighter, and the brands secured from the fire to light the fire next year. Even the moon contributes its share.

## How Christmas Day Was First Fixed

The Story of the Origin of the Festival and the Way in Which the Date was Arrived at—Early Fathers of Church in Dark—First Observed in 98 A. D.

Few probably know just how December 25th originally happened to be fixed as Christmas Day. About 340 A. D. St. Cyril made careful inquiry as to the date of the birth of Christ and reported December 25th as the correct date. Pope Julius accepted this, and some years later established the festival at Rome on that date. Before the close of the century it was accepted by every nation in Christendom. The actual year of the festival is unknown, and it is certain that the month and day can never be recovered. They were absolutely unknown to early fathers of the Church. Critics generally accepted 4 B. C. as the probable year. There are only two known dates to which the birth of the Great One is connected. The first is the founding of Rome, that is to say, he died 4 B. C. as we know it. We know that there was an eclipse of the moon on March 12th, 4 B. C., on which night Herod ordered some Jewish rabbis to be burnt for inciting their pupils to tear down the Golden Temple. It is also known that Herod took place on April 12th, 4 B. C. Christ therefore, must have been born before February of the year 4 B. C.

Tradition says the exact date was first observed in 98 A. D., and was ordered to be held as a solemn feast by Pope Telesphorus in 137 A. D. The first traces of its observance are found about 140 A. D. It is not known who first celebrated it, nor where nor how. There is no record of any commemoration of it during the life of Christ, as Christmas was derived from the celebration of birthdays of the Roman emperors, and even the celebration of the Lord Himself was not excepted. The custom of making presents at Christmas was derived from the Romans, who made gifts to one another during the great winter festival, the Saturnalia. The early Christians made presents to their children on Christmas morning under the pretence that they had been dropped by the Christ child in passing over the house at night.

### Santa Claus.

The word "Santa Claus" is an English perversion of the Netherlands word "Sinter Klaas" meaning St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. The word is also used to designate St. Nicholas Day, which in the Netherlands is celebrated on December 6th. The Bishop of Myra in Lycia, who died about 326 A. D. His personal history is almost entirely unknown, but numerous legends show him to have been a most generous and kind man. In some parts of Germany it is still a custom for some one to dress up as Bishop on St. Nicholas Eve and distribute presents to the children. The custom, however, is practically obsolete, St. Nicholas having been superseded by Santa Claus. Why Santa Claus is always represented as an old man no one knows. Some writers claim that it dates back to the Priapus of Virgil and Petronius who held in his capacious bosom all manner of fruits and dainties. It is more probable, however, that the jolly kindly character of Santa Claus is easier to show as an old man with white hair and beard and ruddy face. In some parts of Germany Santa Claus is called Pelinichol (Nicholas of the Fur) from the fur cap and coat which the impersonator wore, for many years to associate Santa Claus with the North. It was formerly the custom to have some one impersonate Santa Claus and distribute gifts to the children in person. Gradually the custom died out and the presents were left for them on the hearthstone. As the giver was no longer seen by the children, some explanation was necessary and the little ones were told that Santa Claus had come down the chimney, left their presents and departed the same way. Undoubtedly the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," published in the United States in 1822, spread stockings on St. Nicholas Eve (Dec. 6th). Young women in convents all

over Europe also placed their stockings at the door of the Abbess. This was an adaptation of the custom of young women praying to St. Nicholas to provide them with good husbands and a married dowry. According to tradition, St. Nicholas once under cover of the night, threw three purses of gold into the house of a nobleman who was unable to provide for his three daughters. The money was their dowry and enabled them to marry. Some claim that the shape of the purses of that day, which were much like stockings, gave rise to the custom of hanging the stockings, for St. Nicholas. Gradually the hanging up of stockings on St. Nicholas Eve ceased and the custom became incorporated into our Christmas festivities. Santa Claus reindeer are supposed to have emanated from an old Spitzbergen legend. By this tale reindeer bearing certain marks were believed to come yearly from an unknown but inhabited country of the far North. Reindeer, however, do not seem to be associated with Santa Claus in many foreign countries, although the Christmas myth exists there. In the Netherlands for example, Santa Claus rides a white horse. In the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," English names are given to six of the eight reindeer.

The lighting of candles on the Christmas tree was undoubtedly a suggestion from the Jewish Feast of Lights, which comes about the same time as Christmas. It is likely that the lights were twinkling in every Jewish house in Bethlehem and Nazareth at the very time of the birth of Christ. The custom was probably merged into the Christmas celebration of the Christians. Other authorities claim that the candles are a survival of the holy Yule candle used as a sign of the Light that came into the world as prophesied by John the Baptist. The Christmas candle, however, given by the ancient Goths and Saxons to their great festival of the winter solstice, or turning of the year, and the name has survived.

### The Scandinavians.

The burning of the log was a very old Yuletide custom of the Scandinavians who, at the festival, kindled huge bon fires to the God Thor. Burning the log was practiced in Scandinavia, England, Italy, some parts of France and Serbia. The charred ashes were supposed to have magic powers as the Christmas pudding, is said to be emblematical of the Druids made by the Wise Men to the Infant Christ in the stable at Bethlehem. Like the mince pie, it dates back to the early Christians. Both were considered a test of orthodoxy as the elements were held in abomination by the Jews. The mince pie was formerly made in the shape of a cradle emblematical of the manger in which Jesus lay. The custom of using holly at Christmas time is of great antiquity and is believed to have come from the ancient pagan festivals. It was used at Christmas by the early Christians. According to tradition, holly is the bush in which Jehovah appeared to Moses. It grows in every country and there are over 150 varieties that flourish in every climate. The mistletoe was connected with the heathen Saturnalia and was adopted into the Christian festivities as an object of special veneration by the ancient Druids, but only when it grew upon an oak tree. At the time of the winter solstice the Druids gathered the mistletoe with great ceremony and the people hung sprays of it over their doors as an offer of shelter to the gods of the forest during the cold season. It was first hung in the servants' hall in England, but soon invaded the parlor and drawing room. The idea of kissing under the mistletoe is a relic of Scandinavian mythology. Loki hated Balder, the Apollo of the North. Everything that springs from earth, fire, air and water had given him promise under oath not to hurt Balder except the myth enormously in English-speaking countries.



CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE.

Clement Clarke Moore, author of "The Night Before Christmas," the poem which millions of American children have learned by heart, and many millions more have enjoyed, was born in New York, July 15, 1797. He was a professor in the General Theological Seminary in New York for 30 years, retiring in 1850 to devote himself to literature. The poem, "The Night Before Christmas," or, more properly, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," was written for his children 87 years ago, and was first published in the Troy Sentinel, December 23, 1823. Moore died in 1863.

## Christmas Curiosities

### THE FIRST PANTOMIME.

John Rich has the credit of producing the first pantomime ever seen in England. This was performed on December 26th, 1717, at the theatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Rich had found himself unable to compete with the legitimate drama at Drury Lane, so he brought himself of the comic masques, occasionally performed in private houses in the reign of the Stuarts, and the result was "Harlequin Executed." The advertisement of that day describes it as "A New Italian Mimescene, between a Scaramouch, a Harlequin, a Country Farmer, his Wife, and others." There was all the bustle and confusion of a farce, and the palaces, shops into gardens, houses into trees. Of course the "earnest student of the drama" protested against this innovation, but Harlequin, Columbine and Co. have maintained their hold on public favor until the present year of grace.

### AIRSHIPS SUPPLANT AUTOS.

Toy-makers have been busy since last Christmas, as Toronto toyshops will show. Flying machines have taken the place of automobiles. The bears and elephants take a back seat while the sleepy mule and automatic clown have been succeeded by the cowboy and his bucking broncho. The latest arrivals of dolls are clad in fur from head to foot, and even the terrible African lion could not be kept out of toyland. Most of the aeroplanes and other flying machines are inexpensive and sell about in an interesting manner when suspended by a thread or cord. The propellers are revolved by mechanism. This is a German product and is attracting the attention of old and young alike. The American production is more expensive but is substantially better and sails independent of any suspension.

### HOW TO MAKE WASSAIL.

Of Christmas drinks, the Wassail bowl is by far the most ancient. When made with ale it is prepared as follows:—Put a pint of good ale or beer in a pan with a half a pound of sugar, half a grated nutmeg, a pennyweight of powdered cinnamon; bring it all just to the boil, then pour in still stirring, about one and a half pints of ale or beer and a bottle of sherry. Then pour it into a bowl, place some baked apples on the top, and serve.

## Old Fashioned Xmas For Royal Children

Christmas Tree to Delight Children at Sandringham Tomorrow—Quaint Custom Still Insisted Upon Though Dying Elsewhere—Queen Leads Festival and Enjoys Buying and Giving Presents.

London, Dec. 23.—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, nearly all the early Victorian fashions, nearly all that had German origin, the idea has ceased to appeal to a generation which even the children are realists, and which prefer the gifts in the more solid form of checks, automobiles, aeroplanes—none of 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 which has been the cause of the enormous dimensions, planted in the middle of the great ballroom with its top brushing the painted ceiling. To joyous, childish laughter and shouts of delight from the grandchildren of the King and Queen, the Queen Alexandra touches the switch which unveils the tree and transforms it into a brilliant, scintillating piece of electric magnificence. Sometimes for the "baby" members of the party, they trees are provided in addition to the big one, and, in real earnest, laden, too, small tables, one for each member of the royal household, laden with presents and the inevitable "surprises."

### Never Happier.

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 the 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 on approval must be marked in plain figures, because their majesties are no more inclined nowadays than any one else to pay exorbitant prices for the things they buy.

There is no expectation in the court circles that the political situation will involve any radical rearrangement of the opening of the London season. According to the present intention there will be a brief Windsor sojourn in the second half of January. The main purpose of which is to enable the royal family to attend the customary commemoration of the death anniversary of Queen Victoria at Frogmore, by the way, made their annual appearance in linen when they march in the procession to the Houses of Parliament for the state opening. Their bright red coats make them a conspicuous sight.

### Will Repair Palace.

King Edward has decided that the much needed repairs to St. James' Palace shall be taken in hand next year. His Majesty has a great liking for the old palace and a large sum of money is to be spent in putting it into proper order.

### Report Contradicted.

There is no ground for presuming that the first two evening courts and the first two levees of the season, which are generally appointed for February or thereabouts, will need postponement, as has been suggested by correspondents in certain of the weekly papers. King Edward is quite likely to leave for his usual holiday by the first week of March at the latest, if not before.

Some twenty years ago or so His Majesty was on the verge of buying a villa close to Cannes. Negotiations however, fell through at the eleventh hour and the matter has never been renewed. Queen Alexandra has no liking for either Cannes or Biarritz and it is improbable that the present reports have any truth in them.

One of the most notable social events of the coming year will be the great levee King Edward will hold at St. James' Palace next February, immediately after the assembly of the new parliament. To this will be invited all the members of the new House of Commons, as well as the King and the diplomatic representatives in London. It will be one of the largest levees ever held. A court will be held some nights later, and this will also be of an official character, the number of representatives being very large.

As at present arranged these will be the only court functions to take place before the King and Queen leave for their annual spring holidays. Later in the season two courts will be held, while the Prince of Wales, representing the King, may hold a levee before His Majesty returns to England.

Under any circumstances it is extremely probable that there will be fewer entertainments at court next year than has been the case hitherto during the present reign. This is in consequence of the strain they entail upon the Queen's health. King Edward has been making inquiries respecting the condition of the state barge, which is maintained at old Windsor, and this is believed to indicate that next summer His Majesty may make another trip in this venerable vessel. The royal barge is now more than two hundred years old, but according to His Majesty's bargemaster, Mr. W. C. East, it is as sound today as when it was built. The last time the King used this vessel was during the coronation festivities, when he, with Queen Alexandra and other members of the royal family, visited Eton and were escorted back to Windsor Castle by the Eton boats. The Queen is particularly interested in the barge and took several snapshots on that occasion.

For two or three years the King has expressed a strong desire to visit Henley during the regatta week, and there is now some belief that His Majesty may decide to gratify this desire next year and to utilize his barge which may be towed up to Henley for the occasion. The King's Watermen, by the way, made their annual appearance in linen when they march in the procession to the Houses of Parliament for the state opening. Their bright red coats make them a conspicuous sight.

## THE CHRISTMAS SHOW WINDOWS

Studies in Harmony Made by High Priced Artists—Display More Expensively Simple than Ever.

New York, Dec. 23.—"The window," says one of the best known decorators in one of the best known department stores, "is the eye of the store's soul."

He has been speaking of the advance of this special form of art which reaches its zenith in the holiday season and he furnishes some surprising facts and figures in regard to it.

"Absolutely no expense is spared to make the shop window attractive," he continues. "The professional decorator who has charge of the business for one of these big establishments has a salary which ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year and a corps of helpers—sometimes ten, sometimes twenty men. His artistic faculty is of a peculiar kind. It is trained expertly in this sole direction.

"Just at present the window decorations are neater and more expensively simple than ever before. We don't seek any longer to allure the passerby with a conglomeration of materials and furnishings which represent large outlays, rather to each it by a choice selection in which every object is red, dot, offset to form a harmony of color and form.

"This is because the general intelligence is higher than ever before. Listen to the remarks of the shoppers and you will discover this. Women are more critical and they keep the window decorators busy guessing what they will like and why. "Color is the important thing. At the Christmas season naturally we employ masses of scarlet, for fashion has to bow to tradition and the red berries of a holly, the floating streamers of red, do not offend the most fastidious taste. But generally speaking it may be said that the softer tints, the pastel shades and novel combinations of color, which are produced in fabric, by dyeing and in the form of dyes absolutely unknown a few years ago, are necessary to meet the modern demands. This is the reason for the disappearance of the Christmas flower of this winter.

"Every year the head decorator of this establishment, and the same rule is followed in other stores of importance, goes abroad for inspiration on vacation so termed, but in reality on that unceasing search for new ideas which makes America the market for the whole world. He usually comes back in a disappointed mood, for there is no other city in the world where this art is so studied and brought to such perfection as right here in little old New York.

"Take the petticoat boulevards of Paris for example, the arcades of Brussels, where only one sort of merchandise is sold, and you get wonderful examples of window art, but on the other hand the disappointment of American shoppers when they first visit the department stores of Paris, which have a world wide reputation, is extreme. They do not see any such artistic examples of window decorating as they are familiar with on Broadway and Fifth avenue, and there is during the tourist season a chorus of wailing American voices. 'You don't mean to tell me this is the Bon Marche, or Galeries Lafayette, as the case may be. Outside of these big places are cheap stores, pre-empting the sidewalk space, heaped with bargains of the crudest sort.'

"During Horse Show week the cost of the window decorations in the establishment where this information was given reached \$5,000 or \$7,000, an outlay represented by all sorts and kinds of fixings appropriate to the occasion, the hangings, the ribbons and the flowers, which last were incidentally real, not artificial, and were renewed when their freshness failed.

"There are fifty-two windows in this store under the decorator's care and the space to be filled behind many of them approximates that of large rooms. One big corner means furnishing over forty feet square, and as the demand for novelty means a change every week in the display it is easy to believe that the decorator earns his salary.

"The natural anxiety that has been felt regarding the health of Prince Leopold has evidently given rise to rumors and exaggerations. He is making very good recovery from the after effects of the attack of influenza from which he suffered. I learn that Princess Henry of Battenberg hopes to go with her son at an early date to Mustapha Superieure, a pleasant suburb of Algiers, where the invalid Prince is to recruit.

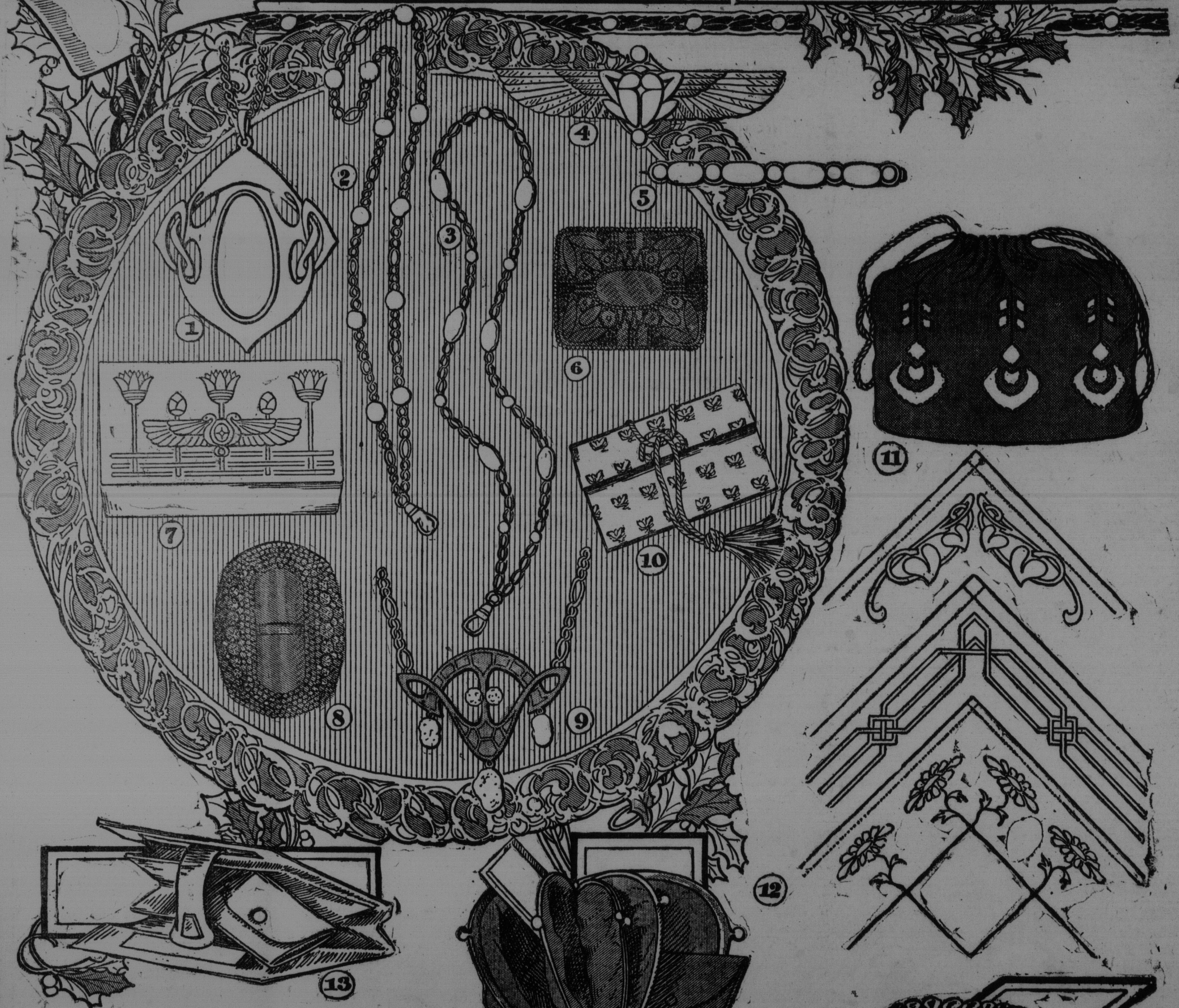
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# The Well-Dressed Woman

## SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY SHOPPER



BY MARJORIE

WHILE many of us started to buy holiday gifts even before the Thanksgiving turkey loomed on the horizon, there still remains a number of names to be scratched from our lists, people no doubt who are the hardest to please.

As a rule this class of recipients may be counted upon to admire in- dividual gifts—those one cannot duplicate at random, possessing a character quite their own.

In the mad, holiday rush, with shop counters piled high with a confused assortment of articles, the question of choosing wisely and quickly is not always possible, unless the tastes of the receiver have assumed some definite form in the mind of the purchaser.

The sketches appearing on this page may all be duplicated in the city shops and have not only been chosen because they are among the very latest accessories of dress, but for the reason that they have much to recommend them individually in both color and design.

Jewelry was never more in demand for holiday gifts than today, never more cleverly designed or artistically, even among the really inexpensive styles. It is no uncommon occurrence to see an artistic article worth twenty-five dollars to be duplicated at five dollars and less. Quantities of French novelties about this year easily within range of a modest purse.

All sorts and varieties of neck chains are much in demand designed with rare and semi-precious stones. Among the latter are found some of the

most charming designs. Take the first sketch for example, here a large pendant, typical in style of gray silver, carries an oval centre of lapis, suspended on a silver chain. Matrix, jade, coral, uncut amethyst and topaz are available in the same pattern. Oxidized silver is also much used with semi-precious stones.

Another individual pendant totally different in treatment and metal is shown in the ninth sketch. Here, a gold pendant with the new English finish (which is particularly smart this year) is very simply and effectively designed with baroque pearls as pendant drops. The chain is attached at the side; this is in the new link pattern.

Besides this new art jewelry there are fascinating things in French enamel, seed-pearl designs, French brilliants and large pearls in delicate, lace-like patterns and other combinations of stones. There is a decided craze this season for lockets, all sorts and sizes, and in the above named stones. The newest are circular in shape and rather flat. Exquisite ones in enamel are patterned in classic style.

Largely and in chains abound, and watches are also carried. For a sailormade girl nothing could be more desirable. The second and third sketches show chains in English, finished gold with corals and silver combined, with uncut topaz shading to a deep brown. By the way, sea brown jewelry is quite a fad and a pretty one, carried out in all sorts of pieces.

Sketches four and five show admirable styles in veil and collar pins. The former is in antique finished gold, Egyptian in style, with an asp in turquoise matrix. The latter is one of the very long bar pins in silver gray with pearls and uncut amethyst alternating. This style is available in almost every combination of fashionable stones.

Gold and silver, in various finishes, not to forget

the old oxidized silver and enamels, are in plain effects for those who prefer them. Styles are not as ornate as formerly. The enamel buckles are inlaid with gold in classic wreath patterns. All colors are shown in enamel, even the fashionable raisin, old gold and peacock blue. Pin sets for shirt waists may be matched with the buckles. Hand-wrought styles in buckles bearing crystals as buds and scrolls are among the high-class novelties. French brilliants in ovals, squares, oblongs and circles, with fanciful centres, comprising floral, bird and insect patterns worked in color, are most charming.

Two slipper buckles, respectively numbers 6 and 9, are typical in style and material. The former is a large square buckle cut in all sorts of subtle ways. Three good examples are shown in the twelfth sketch. The top has a centre and border of watermelon pink lines, the floral pattern is in white with a hand-embroidered edge. The effect is striking. The second one has its hemstitched

border and interlaced border of buttercup yellow, a very smart combination. The last is the dearest little thing with a Nile green background and hemstitched edge relieved by natural hood details, the stems forming squares through the body of the herringbone. Limited space forbids me describing any cents to 25.

The very individual looking collar bags are displayed in numbers 11 and 12. The top is of gray linen with a strictly conventional pattern worked in blue and yellow silk or mercerized cotton. This is a typical German pattern and is repeated in pillow tops, scarfs and bags galore.

The lower one of emerald suede with a simple

border in joined circle carried out in gold braid with centres of jeweled sequins or beads. Another suggestion for the woman who is clever with her needle is shown in the tenth sketch. Here, a gray brocaded satin forms a veil case supplemented by a thick silver or blue silk cord and tassels. A box for handkerchiefs, veils or gloves is shown in the seventh sketch. This is fashioned of deep cream moire, designed in Egyptian patterns, hand-painted.

The thirteenth sketch is a fitted envelope purse, in raisin colored saphron with dull gold trimmings. The last article is a new-old hand bag in gray patent leather fitted with a mirror, powder box and purse.

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# Best Local Option Law of Any Province

## Rev. A. A. Graham in Canadian White Ribbon Tidings Warmly Commends Advanced Legislation of Local Government--Valuable Amendments Made To License Act.

Local Option in New Brunswick by Rev. A. A. Graham, pastor of St. David's Presbyterian church, St. John, N. B.

Since the year 1896 the Province of New Brunswick has had a Local Option section in its Liquor License Law. This section provided that any ward of a city or town, or any parish (township) might become dry if a majority of the voters on the list would vote against the granting of licenses. If there were 1,000 voters on the list, 501 votes were needed to close the bars. This regulation was manifestly unfair. Only those who were opposed to the traffic need go to the polls, and mere fact that an elector voted on the question would betray how he cast his ballot. If he were in favor of license he would not need to go to the polls. Every contest was one in which the temperance people were required to poll a majority of the votes on the list. Should they succeed in the case just cited in getting 500 votes, and even if not one vote were registered against them they would be defeated because 501 were needed. Every dead man, and every sick or absent voter and every man not voting counted against them. This law remained for twelve years upon our statute books before any serious attempt was made to apply it in St. John, and thus prove its worthlessness. It had been declared to be unfair, but it had never been demonstrated to be so. It had frequently been cast up to temperance people that they did not make use of the law which they had. It was felt that the law should be changed, but we could not reasonably ask the Government to amend it without first proving that it was unfair and unworkable. The temperance people in the parish of Harcourt, in the county of Kent, had already prepared three petitions, and had been unable to secure an opportunity to vote on the license question, but it had never been tried in the city.

**A United Effort.**  
Accordingly an effort was made last winter in St. John to put the law in operation and show how far it could be applied to the situation and prove its impracticable nature. A union of all the churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, was effected, and the cooperation of all the other organizations working for the good of the city was secured. Petitions asking for a vote on the question of the granting of licenses were prepared and received the required number of signatures. These were presented to the Mayor and at the same time request was made that the poll be held on the same day as that on which the city elections would take place. This day was considered necessary in order to preserve the secrecy of the ballot. When a voter cast his ballot for the election of Mayor and aldermen, we asked that he be given an opportunity at the same time to vote upon the question of license or no license.

The City Council was not willing to grant, or profess to find difficulties in the way of granting this request. The moral reform workers would accept no other day than that for which they petitioned, and they refused to go into the battle under such unfair conditions. They were satisfied they had carried the terms of the law far enough to demonstrate its impracticable character as a piece of supposed temperance legislation. They could not hope to have a fair expression of public opinion under circumstances in which a man, by merely going to the poll, would show how he was voting.

**Saloon Men Rejoice.**  
The petitions were therefore withdrawn, and the announcement was made to the Council that the party of reform would seek from the Legislature at Fredericton for that legislation which would enable the petition to freely express itself upon this question. There was great rejoicing among saloon men, who of course did not understand the plan of campaign under which the work was being pushed. That plan could not be publicly announced, because of the very nature of the case. Even some good temperance people were greatly discouraged, and others went so far as to condemn in no measured terms those who were responsible for the withdrawal of the petitions. To some who took part in the work this was the most painful element in the whole fight.

Before the next step could be made a delay of a few weeks had to take place. The Temperance Federation, which has done valiant service in the cause throughout the Province, had at that time on hand a petition signed by about ten thousand people asking the Government to enact a prohibitory law. An answer must first be received upon this request. If a prohibitory measure were granted the purpose of the local option movement in St. John would be attained. In due time the Government declined to grant the prayer of the petition, but at the same time promised to introduce amendments to the License Act, one of which was a change in the local option section which would make the conditions fair.

**No and Yes.**  
Feeling that a negative answer was coming from the Government, the moral reform forces in the city continued their work. Certain amendments to the License Act were carefully drafted, and when the refusal regarding prohibition was received everything was in readiness to take the next step. A meeting of the Moral and Social Reform Council of New Brunswick was called. All the churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, and all the temperance and other moral reform organizations were represented. The meeting resolved itself into a caucus of the forces of Moral Reform. The draft of proposed amendments to the License Act was submitted, and after full discussion it was approved as embodying changes which were regarded as reasonable and necessary. A deputation, consisting of three Protestants and two Roman Catholics, was appointed to meet

on the following evening with a Committee of the Government. His Lordship Bishop Richardson was in the city next day and joined the deputation. A conference of two and one-half hours took place with Premier Hazen and Hon. Messrs. Grimmer and Maxwell. Mr. W. F. Hatheway, M. P. P., was also present. The draft approved by the Moral and Social Reform Council was submitted and fully and frankly discussed. The deputation was impressed with the evident desire of the Government to recognize by some advanced legislation the growing temperance sentiment of the Province. In nine counties out of fifteen in the Province the Scott Act has been in force for a generation. Only six counties are under license, and the petition in favor of prohibition showed the inevitable trend of public opinion.

The draft was left in the hands of the Premier, and he and his colleagues were assured that we did not contend for the literal form of the document, but that it embodied the principles for which the Moral Reform forces were prepared to stand. There were three in number—the secrecy of the ballot, the British principle of majority-rule, and an opportunity to vote in four wards in St. John on the day of the civic election in 1909 (April 20th). All these were embodied in the bill which was afterwards submitted to the deputation and their solicitor before it was introduced in the House as a Government measure.

**The Wisdom Of Secrecy.**  
During all this period of labor and negotiation nothing was given to the press. The Government took the representative of the Moral Reform Council into their confidence, and that confidence was not betrayed. Nothing concerning the nature of the proposed amendments was publicly known until the matter came up in the House. For once in their life temperance people did not publish abroad what they were doing. The Legislature met late in March, and the Government's assent was given to the Bill on April 6th. This gave fourteen days for the campaign in St. John.

The contest was a spirited one. The forces of the united churches rented committee rooms as headquarters in the different wards, and the usual machinery of an ordinary parliamentary election was in operation. There was no undisciplined mob, but a concentrated and well-organized band of workers earnestly engaged. Meetings were held, but the best work was done in the personal canvass. The situation was not complicated by the hotel question, as there were no clubs or hotels in these wards, but saloons only; and the watchword adopted was "The Home Against The Saloon."

**A Still Hunt.**  
The campaign against us was a still hunt. They held no public meetings, nor did they appear at our meetings to present their side of the case. They went on the still hunt, after the electors. They published in the daily press at advertising rates the names of the citizens who signed the petitions, which was a serious tactical blunder, as it reacted strongly against them in the contest. You can argue or plead with men and hope to win them, but when you attempt to drive them you have lost the day. It was an open challenge to the electors to go to the polls and sustain their action. Some of our men travelled over two hundred miles home to vote. Thus intimidation failed.

A system of boycott was also set in signed the petitions, paid their operation against many who had signed the petitions, people went into the stores of merchants who had accounts and announced they would buy nothing there in future. But no man or company of men can threaten the expression of public opinion. On the evening before the day of voting a misleading statement was issued and freely distributed from house to house. But, anticipating such a move, the moral reform men had warned the electors to be on the lookout for such a pamphlet, and the eleventh hour step failed to have any appreciable influence on the vote.

But while intimidation and boycott were used, unflinching courtesy was shown towards those engaged in the reform movement. Both parties worked together round the polling places in a good-natured strife to get out the vote. In three out of the four wards the electors decided against the saloon. Several causes were at work to account for the defeat in the fourth ward where the liquor majority was 23. A little more effort on the part of the Christian people in that part of the city would have won the battle. They must wait three years before they have an opportunity to vote again.

**Saloon Tactics.**  
Several acts of personation were detected during the day. A street railway employe succeeded in voting twice, and evidence of his guilt was secured. He acknowledged his offence but on pitifully pleading for the sake of his wife and children he was not prosecuted. In future contests all such cases will be severely punished. The notable feature of these efforts after better temperance legislation and of the first local option conflict in this Province is the united action of the churches. The movement began in the church, and all the moral elements in the community were mobilized about the church to fight in the defence of the Home.

Our local option measure is manifestly superior to anything found in the laws of the other Canadian Provinces. It is of a most practicable character. It is even better for the present than a general prohibitory law because the bar can be banished from one ward after another in a city or town or from any parish or county where public opinion is sufficiently ripe, and such is the only locality in which prohibition could be a genuine success. Bars can be banished from one residential ward after another and confined temporarily to the certain



# CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY

Plenty of Appropriate Reminders For All Who Have a Place On Your List

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- Couch Covers, each--\$1.60 to \$7.00
- Sofa Cushions, each--\$1.80 to \$5.25
- Art Silks for Mantel Drapes, Screen Fillings, Work Bags, Mantel Drapes in Silk, each--\$2.90 to \$7.25.
- English Wool Blankets, pair--\$2.90 to \$7.25.
- Scotch Wool Blankets, pair--\$9.25 to \$14.00.
- Canadian Wool Blankets--\$3.00 to 8.25
- Bed Comforts, each--\$1.40 to \$2.90
- Down Quilts, extra soft quality, vented-lace, each--\$5.25 to \$30.00.
- Shirtwaist Boxes--\$2.00 to \$5.00.
- Cedar Chests, moth proof, each--\$7.25 to \$17.75.
- Sewing Screens, each--\$4.50 to \$7.00
- Children's size, each--\$3.00 to \$5.00
- Teddy Bear Rib Blankets, white wool pink and blue borders, each--\$1.50
- Draft Screens, heavy oak frames, in early English, burip or denim filling, or with oak panels, each--\$7.25 to \$13.50

### IN WHITEWEAR SECTION

- Ladies' Wool Shawls, hand-made, blue and white--\$1.50, \$1.85, \$2.00.
- Silk Undervests--60c. to \$3.00.
- Underskirts, white lawn--\$1.00 to \$10.
- Night Dresses, white lawn--75c. to \$5.
- Corset Covers, white lawn--50c. to \$3
- Aprons, white lawn--35c. to \$1.50.
- Fancy White Aprons, short--60c. to \$1.10.
- Sponge Bags--30c. to \$1.25.
- Dressing Jackets, cashmere and velvet--\$2.35 to \$4.25.
- Dressing Jackets, silk--\$6.75.
- Infants' Short Cashmere Kimonos, trimmed with silk facings--\$1.75
- Infants' Hand and Machine-made Bibs--15c. to \$1.75.
- Infants' Baskets on Stands, trimmed with point d'esprit and ribbon and lace linings in blue and pink--\$6.00.
- Trinket Boxes, hand painted, very choice--\$1.15 to \$2.25.
- Infants' Hot Water Bottles, with crocheted silk covering, very cute--\$1.50
- Baby Carriage Straps, covered with hand painted ribbon and clasps, pink and blue--\$1.50.
- Ladies' Knit Shawls and Jackets--\$1.25 and \$2.25.

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- Infants' White Wool Sweaters, pale blue trimmed--80c.
- Infants' Short Cashmere Kimonos--\$1.75.
- Infants' Wool Jackets--60c. to \$1.75.
- Infants' Robes--\$1.25 to \$6.00.
- Infants' Short Dresses--55c. to \$7.00.
- Infants' Krinkledown Blankets--\$2.25
- Infants' Boots--17c. to \$1.00.
- Infants' Krinkledown Blankets, in white, blue and pink--Per set \$1.50
- Infants' Wool Jackets and Boots, all hand made and newest shapes, in pink and blue and white--85c. to \$1.
- Infants' Moccasins, hand made--85c.
- Infants' Shawls, hand made, in round and sleeve styles--
- Infants' Robes and Short Dresses, also long Cashmere Coats--
- Infants' Carriage Covers, in Oriental colorings--80c.
- Children's White Corded Silk Coats, hand made--\$6.00 and \$7.00.
- Infants' Long Coats--\$2.75 to \$10.00
- Children's Dresses, hand made--\$2.25
- Infants' Long Dressing Jackets, hand and machine made, in very dainty colorings, such as pink, blue, white embroidered with blue, white work and blue--
- Infants' Long Coats, all white, in flannel and cashmere.

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- Shaving Sets--\$3.00 to \$6.00.
- Shaving Paper Pads--5c. to \$1.10.
- Shaving Soap Boxes (sil.)--\$1.10 to \$1.50.
- Razor Cases for 2 or 3--85c. to \$1.25.
- Travelling Toilet Sets--\$1.60 to \$20.00
- Handbags and Glove Cases--16c. to \$2.25
- Neck Tie and Stud Cases--\$2.25 to \$35.00.
- Collar Bags--\$1.00 to \$2.00.
- Letter Cases--45c. to \$4.50.
- Bill Folders and Books--15c. to \$4.00.
- Coin Purse--15c. to \$1.35.
- Cigarette Cases--75c. to 85c.
- Cigar Cases--45c. to \$4.75.
- Tobacco Pouches--30c. to \$1.20.
- Card Cases--20c. to \$2.00.
- Pig Skin Photo Frames--\$2.00.
- Military Brushes--\$1.75 to \$4.75 a pair
- Cuff Links--50c. to \$1.75.
- Scarf Pins--25c. to \$1.00.
- Mufflers--30c. to \$3.00.
- Drinking Cups--40c. to \$2.00.
- Umbrellas--\$1.00 to \$11.50.
- Walking Sticks--50c. to \$5.00.
- Neck Ties--25c. to \$1.25.
- Mufflers--30c. to \$3.00.
- Fancy Braces--50c. to \$2.25.
- Gloves, Lined--90c. to \$5.75.
- Gloves, Unlined--\$1.00 to \$4.00.
- Gloves, Woolen--35c. to \$2.75.
- Hdkfs., Lined, Initialed--\$1.35, \$2.75, \$2.25 for 1/2 doz.
- Hdkfs., Silk, Initialed--25c., 35c., 50c., 75c., each.
- Silk Half Hose--75c. to \$1.65 pair.
- Shirts and Pyjamas.
- Coat Sweaters--\$1.35 to \$5.00.
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- Immense array of Hand Embroidered and Japanese Drawn Work Linens, including D'Oyleys, Centres, Tray Cloths, Bureau Covers Sideboard Covers, Pillow Shams, Five o'clock Tea Cloths, etc.

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- Brass Beds.
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- Costumers or Pole Racks.
- Handsome Hall Chairs.
- Regulation Card Tables.
- Wall Medicine Cabinets.
- Exquisite China Closets.
- Luxurious Buffets.
- Massive Buffets.
- Massive Sideboards.
- Extension Tables.
- Dining Room Chairs.
- Rockers for all the Rooms.
- Wicker Tables.
- Wicker Work Tables.
- Morris Chairs.
- Chiffoniers in Birch and Elm.
- Prairie Grass Arm and Rocker Chairs Parlor Suits.
- Patent Morris Chairs.
- Odd Parlor Chairs.
- Odd Divans and Sofas.
- Over Mantel Mirrors.

### IN FURNITURE DEPARTMENT

- Gilt Parlor Chairs.
- Genuine Imported French Parlor Cabinets.
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- Secretary Book Cases.
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- Oak Photograph Cabinets and Stands
- Willow Rockers.
- Willow Stationary Chairs.
- Lounges.
- Couches.
- Willow Easy Chairs.
- Quartered Oak Dressing Tables.
- Mahogany Dressing Tables.
- Oaken Chiffoniers.
- Parlor Tables in Solid Mahogany.
- Music Cabinets.
- Tabourettes.
- Wall Paper Racks.
- Parlor Tables in Oak and imitation Mahogany.
- Prairie Grass Reception Chairs.
- Babie High Chairs.

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- Overcoats--\$7.50 to \$30.00.
- Suits--\$5.00 to \$26.00.
- Reefers--\$3.75 to \$8.00.
- Waterproof Coats--\$5.00 to \$18.00.
- Rain Coats--\$10.00 to \$28.00.
- Frosters--\$1.25 to \$7.50.
- Fancy Vests--\$1.50 to \$6.00.
- Smoking Jackets--\$2.50 to \$15.00.
- Bath Robes--\$3.75 to \$7.50.
- Fur lined Coats--\$4.50 to \$110.00.
- Fur Coats--\$15.00 to \$125.00.
- Fur Caps--\$2.75 to \$3.00.
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- Boys' 3-Piece Suits--\$2.50 to \$10.00.
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- Boys' Reefers--\$2.75 to \$7.50.
- Boys' Fancy Overcoats--\$3.50 to \$8.50.
- Boys' Regular Overcoats--\$4.25 to \$13.50.
- Boys' Bath Robes--\$4.25.
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- Sleeveless Vests, quilted--\$1.50.
- Wool Shawls, white and colored--75c. to \$1.75.
- Jaeger Scarfs--\$1.00 to \$1.80.
- Motor Scarfs--85c. to \$1.50.
- Moirette Underskirts, white and colored--\$6.00 to \$7.50.
- Evening Dresses, white and colored--\$7.50 to \$37.50.
- Girls' Storm Capes, navy blue--\$4.50
- Girls' Novelty Sailor Suits--\$2.75 to \$12.00
- Girls' Wool Clouds--35c. to 90c.
- Girls' Sweater Coats--\$1.10 to \$1.30
- White Fur Sleigh Pockets for Baby.
- Silk Umbrellas--\$1.00 to \$12.00.
- Black Silk Waists--\$3.25 to \$6.00.
- Black Silk Waists--\$3.75 to \$12.00.
- Net Waists--\$3.75 to \$12.00.
- Lustre and Satene Blouses black--\$1.10 to \$1.75.
- Tailored Blouses colored cotton--85c. to \$1.10.
- Feather Bos, Marabout--\$6.00 to \$17
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- Feather Bos, Ostrich--\$7.50 to \$40.00

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- Dolls' Chiffoniers.
- Children's Revolving Chairs to suit small beds.
- Children's Combination High Chair and Crib.
- Baby's Folding Bath Tub.
- Child's Swing.
- Children's High Chair.
- Kindergarten Chairs.
- Girls' Framers.
- Union Racers.
- Dolls' Brass Beds.
- Children's Rockers.
- Children's Morris Chairs.
- Dolls' White Enamel Beds.
- Boys' Sleds, "Pigstickers."
- Kindergarten Tables.
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- Dolls' Carriages with Hood.
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- Apron Lengths, 2 1/2, 25c. and 35c.
- Ladies' Mullers, special, 25c., 35c. and 50c.
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- Mocha Gloves, lined, \$2.60 and \$4.75
- Superior Mocha, pair \$1.85 and \$2.
- Angora Gloves, pair \$1.00.
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- Special line of Post Card Albums, worth up to \$2.00 each. Sale price to cost, each 50c.
- Superior line of Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, new designs, opened today. Special, each 30c., 35c., 40c., and 50c., each.
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- See our new line of Dainty Printed Organdie Muslins for Christmas Gifts.
- Leather Bags, Leather Belts.

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- Rich Cut Glass.
- Pictures in Etchings, Water-Colors, and Sepia.
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- Electric Lamps, Shades, Candle Shades.
- Banquet Lamp Shades, Newest designs in "Spookie" style.
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- Artistic Den Ornaments.
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- Gilt Chain Bags, in all sizes.
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- Many makes and prices. Please ask for what you require. Special prices for Christmas.
- Special in Albatross Waists--25c., 35c., and 45c. yard.
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- Shell Goods for the Hair, Barrettes, Pins, Pads, Switches, Hair Curls.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, northwesterly and westerly, cloudy with local snow falls, much the same temperature. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—During today a disturbance of some energy has passed northeastward from the vicinity of the Bermuda and is causing strong winds and moderate gales in the Maritime Provinces this evening. Moderately cold weather continues in the western provinces whilst elsewhere it is somewhat milder. Winnipeg—2, 14. Port Arthur—14, 24. Parry Sound—18, 32. London—28, 30. Toronto—26, 35. Ottawa—22, 26. Montreal—22, 28. Quebec—18, 28. St. John—22, 32. Halifax—16, 34. New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Forecast: Partly cloudy Friday, except local snows in interior of Maine; Saturday, partly cloudy, moderate to brisk northwest winds, becoming variable Saturday.

AROUND THE CITY

Tomorrow — Christmas Day—The Standard will not be published.

New Members for St. Andrews. At a meeting of the St. Andrew's Curling Club last evening the following new members were elected: Dr. Gordon Sanctor, Mr. D. Arnold Fox, Mr. C. F. Sanford, Mr. W. C. Whitaker and Mr. D. B. Pidgeon.

A. Y. M. C. A. Presentation. Mr. E. J. Robertson, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. was presented on Wednesday with a beautiful copy of the Status of Mercury by the Intermediate gym class, prior to his leaving for his home in Fall River, Mass., to spend Christmas. Mr. Robertson is very popular with the members of his six gym classes.

Thick Fall of Snow at Shediac. Outlying parts of the province have in places a thick covering of snow, while St. John's streets are still almost bare. At Shediac yesterday travellers by the I. C. R. reported a fall of 20 inches, which gradually melted until the depth was not more than four inches at Sussex, and trailed away to almost nothing as the city was reached.

Prof. Hartman Resigns from Acadia. Acadia students will be somewhat surprised by the announcement of the resignation of Mr. H. G. Hartman, professor of philosophy and ethics since 1908 and one of the most popular members of the faculty. It is rumored that Prof. Hartman is giving way to Dr. George M. Cutten, the new president, who will arrive in February and whose specialty is psychological subjects. Prof. Hartman is a post graduate of Columbia University, New York and has studied in Berlin.

Potato Market Dull. Hon. J. K. Fleming was in the city yesterday and left last evening on the Montreal train for his home in Woodstock. Speaking of the potato market, Mr. Fleming said that there was not much doing in that line at present as the farmers were unwilling to sell at the low prices. Potatoes now bring the farmer about 80 or 90 cents. Mr. Fleming expressed it as his opinion that if the price were raised to \$1.00, there would be much more activity in the potato market.

Lost in Search of Santa Claus. Two tiny tots, Lawrence and Walter Currie aged three and five years respectively strayed from their home in Somerset street yesterday afternoon and failing to return till six o'clock their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Currie became very anxious and the police were notified. Search was begun for the little ones, but no trace of the children could be found until 7 o'clock when Mr. Currie discovered them on Somerset street walking their way home. The elder child explained that they had gone up town to see Santa Claus and had forgot about coming home.

Regimental Inspections. Capt. H. E. duDomeine, acting D. S. A. to Lt. Col. Humphrey, D. O. C., returned to Fredericton last evening on the Montreal train. Capt. duDomeine has concluded his inspection of the 71st, 73rd, 62nd and 67th regiments and will inspect the 74th at Campbellton on January 1st. Speaking of military matters, Capt. duDomeine said the R. C. R. depot at Fredericton was for the first time in many years, up to full strength. The rank and file are looking forward to Christmas with a great deal of anticipation as it is observed in right royal style in Fredericton. The officers will hold a ball in their quarters on January 5. Many of the officers of the local militia have been invited and it is likely that most of them will be present. Speaking of the arrest of Lt. R. C. Bingham for absence from duty, as announced in an afternoon paper, Capt. duDomeine said he knew nothing about it. He did not know of any reason why Lt. Bingham should not be on parade when ordered.

A War Worn Veteran. During the past couple of weeks some peculiar characters have turned up at the central police station and the names of no less celebrated personages than W. Watson, Jack Johnson and John L. Sullivan have adorned the pages of the police records. Not the least interesting of these is Michael Birmingham, a native of the Emerald Isle who applied for protection on Wednesday night. Birmingham was formerly a soldier and according to his story served the Empire in that capacity for 15 years, taking part in the South African campaign. He claims that he was present at the battle of Modder River under General Methuen and is one of the few survivors of the ill-fated Highland brigade, who under the command of Major General Wauchop, were practically wiped out of existence by Cronje's division at the memorable battle of Magersfontein. After the close of the war Birmingham returned to England and finally decided to come to Canada. He has secured employment at different times, but is at present out of a job. Yesterday Birmingham's fighting blood got him into trouble as Police Officer Marshall was called into Mr. Leonard's fish house on Brittain street to eject him for creating a disturbance.

NAVAL VETERAN RECALLS ALEXANDRIA'S BOMBARDMENT

Charles Bassett Here To Settle, Gives Reminiscences Of Egyptian War—Served Under "Jackie" Fisher In Memorable Battle—Saw Beresford's Dare-Devil Dash And Many Deeds Of Bravery—Landed From Sardinian Yesterday.

From the bombardment of Alexandria in Egypt and the quelling of fanatical hordes led by Arabi Pasha to a bare room in the Salvation Army shelter in Prince William street, is a far cry. Charles Bassett, a middle-aged Englishman, told a Standard reporter last evening of many stirring events which had intervened between these experiences.

Mr. Bassett served with the royal navy for ten years but retired in 1891 and has since married and reared a family in London. With two of his boys, aged 10 and 15 respectively, he landed here yesterday on the steamer Sardinian. He is desirous of settling somewhere with his children and yesterday applied to Mr. A. B. Wilton, superintendent of immigration, for assistance in securing a position. Mr. Bassett holds a certificate from the British Admiralty as a stoker mechanic and saw active service in the Egyptian campaign of 1882. This was a year after he entered the navy and he was a mere stripling, but was awarded the Egyptian clasp and Khedive's star.

"Jackie" Fisher in Command. Speaking of the battle, Mr. Bassett said that the British officers displayed remarkable bravery in attacking the fort, before the arrival of the channel fleet. "If the forts had been properly manned," he said, "our ships would have been blown out of the water. I was on the Inflexible, commanded by "Jackie" Fisher, at that time captain and lately one of the Lords of the Admiralty.

"We always thought "Jackie" was the best of the lot. Clean shaven, like Beresford, he was fierce looking with a bull dog aspect, but was the finest officer who ever trod a quarter deck. When the battle was raging, most of the Egyptian shells went wild, but some did their work on our ship. The master carpenter had both legs taken off by a flying piece of iron dislodged

C.P.R. FIREMAN CHARGED WITH RAISING PAY CHECK 80 CENTS

Frank Pinnock Arrested On Warrant At Bay Shore House Yesterday—It Is Alleged He Converted Check For 78.16 Into \$78.96 At McAdam Last June—Watch Was Set And Is Suspected Of Other Forgeries.

Deputy Sheriff G. Herbert Winter of York county, arrived in the city yesterday morning from Fredericton, and in company with Detective Killen, arrested Frank Pinnock, a C. P. R. fireman in the Bay Shore roundhouse between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, on a warrant sworn out on Wednesday before Magistrate March of Fredericton, charging him with having forged a pay check upon the Bank of Montreal on June 25th last. Pinnock's arrest came as a great surprise to his friends. The deputy sheriff on his arrival in the city proceeded to police headquarters, where the warrant previously sworn out before Magistrate March in Fredericton was endorsed by Magistrate Ritchie. About 2 o'clock the officers went to Bay Shore where Pinnock was employed as fireman. After hearing the charge against him, read by the deputy sheriff, Pinnock did not make any statement, but quietly gave himself

AFTER BEATING HIS WIFE DRAGGED HER ON TO THE SIDEWALK

John McGoldrick Arrested On Charge Of Drunkenness And Assault — Neighbors Send Hurry Call To Central.

John McGoldrick was arrested last night about 11 o'clock by Policeman Joseph Scott and Silas Perry on a charge in Water street lookout on a charge of drunkenness. He is also charged by his wife, Ann McGoldrick, with assaulting and beating her in her house on Prince William street.

About 10.30 p. m. a telephone message was sent to the Central Police Station by neighbors of the McGoldrick's to the effect that he had been drinking and was beating his wife and asking that an officer be sent to her assistance. Policeman Scott responded quickly but when he arrived on the scene McGoldrick had disappeared. Mrs. McGoldrick told the officer that her husband had come home in a drunken condition and that without cause or provocation started to beat and abuse her, finally dragging her out on the sidewalk. The police took up the trail and shortly after located McGoldrick on Brittain street and placed him under arrest. McGoldrick was considerably under the influence of liquor. He had in his possession a roll of bills amounting to \$708.55.

A Holiday Necessity A BOX OF NEYLER'S UNEQUALLED CANDIES Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

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CORINTHIAN IS NOT DAMAGED, SAY DIVERS Halifax, Dec. 22.—The C. P. R. tug Cruiser which came around from St. John to assist in hauling off the Allan liner Corinthian called at three o'clock this afternoon. The Furness liner Shennandoah also called for St. John this afternoon. The divers made an examination of the bottom of the Corinthian this afternoon and found no damage. The two thousand tons of cargo removed while she was on the reef will be reloaded and it is expected she will sail for Havre on Tuesday morning. The investigation into the straggling will take place tomorrow.

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