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ALARM CAUSED IN GOLDFIELD Wires of the Power Company Break and Mills Closed Down COMMUNICATION CUT OFF Gen. Funston Cancels Order for Berths and Stays in the City

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 17.—Goldfield is greatly alarmed tonight over the fact that the feed wires of the Nevada-California Power Company are down, and that the company has been unable to find the break or determine the cause.

Jews Ordered Out. St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Vladivostok says that the Jews have been ordered to depart within four days. Jewish property holders, however, are given 15 days in which to liquidate.

St. John Nominations. St. John, N. B., Dec. 18.—The St. John county opposition to the local government tonight chose J. P. Mosher, of St. Martin's, and Alfred Clark, of Fairville, to oppose Attorney-General McKewen and Justice Lowell.

Calgary Dominion Fair. Calgary, Alb., Dec. 18.—By an overwhelming majority the ratepayers of the city yesterday decided to raise \$35,000 to fund the Dominion fair, which is already erected, in order that the Dominion fair which is to be held here from June to July next will have the accommodation which it deserves. There were only 11 votes against the by-law.

Works By Beethoven Found. Vienna, Dec. 18.—Musical treasures in the shape of letters and forty-seven pages of manuscript music in the handwriting of Beethoven have been unearthed in this city by a well-known local collector, who asserts that the manuscripts are of undoubted authenticity. The letters are dated between 1816 and 1822, the time of Beethoven's greatest activity. The documents were found among some papers in the possession of a certain M. Bernard, the Austrian author, who was a personal friend of the great composer.

Lunatic's Self-Destruction. Regina, Dec. 18.—While waiting at Lunenburg for the train from the north last evening in charge of the police on route for Brandon asylum, George Hamilton, a Lunenburg farmer, got away from Constable Jarvis and threw himself under the train as it pulled into the station. The unfortunate man was terribly injured, both legs being almost severed below the knee, and frightful injuries being inflicted to his skull. He was brought to the city and taken to the hospital, where he died today. Constable Jarvis, who had the man under the wheels, had gone into barracks. An investigation will be held by the police.

STOCKHOLDERS OBJECT Proposal at Meeting of British Westinghouse Company Causes Lively Scenes

London, Dec. 18.—A proposal made today by John A. Price, M.P., chairman of the British Westinghouse Co., to pass a resolution by which probably £300,000 of prior lien debentures of the company would be placed before the security of the holders of the 4 per cent mortgage debenture stock, caused a lively scene at a meeting of the holders of the stock.

COAL DEAR IN PRUSSIA Government and Railroad Authorities Seek Means of Affording Relief

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Announcement is made today that the Prussian railroad authorities have decided to make special reductions in the freight rates on imported coal. The reduction will go into effect on January 1, and last for two years. Its purpose is to counteract the present high prices of local coal. It is further asserted in parliamentary circles that the government contemplates placing an export duty on coal if the reduction in freight rates fails to bring down the price.

Had Feet Frozen. Invermay, Sask., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Jackulet, who lives with her husband on a claim in the Nut Mountain district, had her feet badly frozen last week through getting lost in the bush. Mrs. Jackulet, getting lonely, her husband being away, decided to visit her neighbor, Mrs. McGinnis, and in so doing took her wrong trail. Mrs. Jackulet was found next day by some Indians in an exhausted condition. She was brought into Invermay as soon as possible and was sent to the Yorkton hospital. It is believed amputation will be necessary, owing to mortification having set in.

A school teacher refers to the members of the youngest class in arithmetic as "the little things that count."

JAPANESE OPINION Cruise of United States Battleship Fleet Does Not Involve Threat Against Japan

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The Jiji Shimpo, an independent paper which has a circulation in intellectual and business circles, will publish an editorial tomorrow on the dispatch of the American fleet to the Pacific.

REWARD FOR HARBORER Toronto, Dec. 18.—Chief of Police Grasset offers a reward of \$250 for the arrest of Captain Colin C. Harbottle, who is believed to be secretary of the Toronto Club, on the charge of theft. The amount is reported to be between \$1,000 and \$15,000. The reward will be paid by a guarantee company, it is said.

GENERAL STOESEL STILL UNDER FIRE Accusations of Cowardice Are Made Against Him by Witnesses

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The trial of Lieutenant General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese was continued in this city this afternoon and in the course of the proceedings, General Stoessel was accused of having shown the white feather on more than two occasions.

St. Thomas Troubles. Sir Thomas Troubridge, head of the Blackrock Bay East Atlantic syndicate, has been in New York today, and his colleagues today. He says the British government will not aid any project that does not include the Falkland Islands. It must begin at Liverpool and end at Sydney, taking in New Zealand.

EMPEROR AND DUMA DIFFER ABOUT NAVY Nicholas Determined on Great Naval Programme, Whatever the Cost

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The reconstruction of the Russian navy, which, up to the present, has been in abeyance owing to internal troubles, has suddenly emerged to the surface, and bids fair to develop a potent source of friction between the wishes of the Emperor and the Duma.

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Called a Miracle. Nantes, France, Dec. 18.—A miracle is reported to have occurred in the village church at Erbeo. On two successive days in succession during the services, on the priest placing the host in the monstrance, the image of a wonderful, beautiful young girl was apparent on water. A great number of the congregation testified to the genuineness of the phenomenon.

PAYMENTS FOR THE ROSS RIFLES Auditor General Interposed Objection to Further Advances

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Volume two of the Auditor General's report, presented to the House of Commons today, shows that two members of the House drew no seasonal indemnity last year, owing to absence from sittings. They are Joseph E. Seagram and J. B. O'Brien.

TUBERCULOSIS COWS IN NEW YORK STATE Is Dumping Ground Through Lack of Proper Inspection at Border

Albion, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A startling reason for the terrible prevalence of bovine tuberculosis in New York state and an exposure of the utter inefficiency of the means now furnished by the legislature for the control of this disease has just been made before the Tompkins county medical society.

Belgian Liberals BOLT Refuse to Approve Congo Annexation Treaty After Examining its Text

Brussels, Dec. 18.—Following a careful examination of the text of the Congo annexation treaty, which has just been published, the Liberal members of the chamber of deputies voted unanimously to oppose the treaty, on the ground that it contains therein set down unduly limit the sovereignty of Belgium, and disregard Belgium's path.

OFFERING TERMS TO MINE OWNERS Counsel for Federation Arrives at Goldfield With Proposition

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WIRE BREAK ACCIDENTAL Federation Committee Sends Out an Appeal for Assistance

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DISORDERS IN ODESSA New Governor General Shows Inclination to Adopt Repressive Measures

Odessa, Dec. 18.—General Boulton, the new governor-general of Odessa, issued his first proclamation today. He ordered the police to interfere energetically whenever disorders occurred, and if necessary to make use of their sabres on the disturbers of the peace and arrest them. He declares that all persons guilty of disorder will be sentenced to prison for three months and then expelled from the city.

PHONE SYSTEMS ON THE PRAIRIES Developments in Connection With Public Ownership Plans

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—A lengthy and important conference was held today at the Government Hotel, at which C. F. Sise, president of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, was closed with the entire cabinet discussing the telephone situation. When the conference was closed neither Mr. Sise nor the government had any statement to make as to the result of their deliberations.

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Pasteurized Milk Karlsruhe, Dec. 18.—Nathan Strauss, of New York, will establish one of his pasteurized milk plants in this city. Mr. Strauss was received in private audience yesterday by the Dowager Grand Duchess Louise, of Baden, and explained his efforts for pasteurized milk. The Grand Duchess was much interested, and the laboratory here will be run under her patronage.

TWELVE MEXICANS KILLED BY YAQUIS Bloodthirsty Southern Indians Add Another Massacre to Their Record

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Information which has just reached here, tells of the frightful murder of twelve men by a band of 150 Yaquis Indians 45 miles southwest of Magdalena, state of Sonora, Mexico, last Wednesday.

WESTERN DIVISION WORK C. P. R. Officials Confer at Winnipeg in Regard to Needed Appropriations

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The question of the appropriation to be made for new work on the Pacific division of the C. P. R. was fully considered by the officials of the company today.

NOW TELEPHONING WITHOUT THE WIRES Danish Expert Hopes to Be Able to Communicate With America

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—It was announced here today that wireless telegraph messages had been transmitted from the Walsen Zeer wireless station in Berlin and the Lyby station, near two hundred miles.

Creuzots Operate in Chile. Valparaiso, Dec. 18.—The Creuzot works of France have begun the construction of a big steel mill in Chile. This firm has decided to establish the headquarters of its South American iron industry in Chile.

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Relieving Car Famine. Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—The first train from Winnipeg for relief ran over the line yesterday. There was great rejoicing in the little town over the relieving of the famine of grain. Over one hundred thousand bushels are in the elevators, and the bins filled with wheat are scattered all over the town. The farmers holding grain in bushels, thirty of which were hauled out.

Daylight Burglary. New York, Dec. 18.—Four young men and women suspected of numerous daylight burglaries were arrested today. Over \$10,000 worth of jewelry, laces and other valuables were found in their apartments on West 48th street, and were contacted by the police.

Saskatoon Enterprise. Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—A company has been formed here with a capital of a hundred thousand dollars, under the name of the Wilson, Leslie Company, Limited, for the purpose of building and operating grain elevators and flour mills, and to deal in lumber and fuel.

Ontario and Quebec. Toronto, Dec. 18.—An important arbitration of matters affecting the provinces of Ontario and Quebec is in progress at the parliament building. The matter in dispute over the common school fund, which has continued at intervals since Confederation, and which has been four times arbitrated before, is up again for settlement. About \$300,000 is involved.

Methodist Minister Killed. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Rev. Burnish Bristol, Methodist minister, at Jerseyville, was instantly killed this morning by being struck by a Toronto-Hamilton and Buffalo express train.

Fifty-Nine Bodies. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18.—Taking out the dead bodies from the Yalande mine where an explosion occurred Monday, will probably be completed tonight. Up to noon 59 bodies had been recovered.

Police Station Off. St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A colonel of police, named Katchak, was killed, and several officers and policemen were wounded in a fight today, while guardians of the law were searching a house on Vasil Island, a section of the city. The police were finally put to flight, and the revolutionists succeeded in escaping.

Joshua J. Nichol's Death. Toronto, Dec. 18.—The death occurred at his home, 521 Sherbourne street, today of Joshua J. Nichol, once a prominent merchant of Ontario. Death was due to erysipelas. He was 77 years of age. The late Mr. Nichol had at various times been connected with the coal business, inland shipping and the distillery business.

New Ontario Failures. Toronto, Dec. 18.—New Ontario business men are apparently suffering from the present financial stringency. The Northern Supply company, which conducts a general store at Temiscamingue, was assigned yesterday with heavy liabilities. At McRae, general merchant, Bruce Mines, was also assigned and a statement of affairs is being prepared.

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THE GLOBE'S VIEW.

The following extract is taken from the Toronto Globe:
The people of British Columbia seem determined to press for the retirement of Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir because of the action of the Wellington Colliery Company in contracting with the Canadian Nippon Company to import Japanese laborers.

We do not understand why our contemporary should say that the condition of things which it describes is due to anything said by Mr. McBride, in his own defence. It was precipitated by Mr. Templeman, in his anxiety to score a point against the provincial Premier. It began with a statement in the Times, which we need not remind the Colonist is not Mr. Templeman's paper, that Mr. McBride had sought to propitiate the Dominion government by making overtures in regard to the dissolution of the Bowers Bill.

The report is absolutely false. I am greatly surprised to hear of any such report should ever have gained currency. It is absolutely without foundation, which is a great mistake. My attention has already been called to an item appearing in the Victoria Times of September 26, in which Mr. Templeman seeks to create the impression that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor had been advised by me to withdraw the Bowers Bill.

What is the meaning of the persistent set which the Liberal Association and the Liberal Party are making against the Lieutenant-Governor? It is no part of the Colonist's duty to defend the Bowers Bill. We shall comment upon when we can do so with a full knowledge of the facts, but it is our duty to expose the hypocrisy of those who are attacking him and calling for his resignation.

I stand today, as I have always done, anxious and willing to my utmost for the protection of white labor in this country and the prohibition of Oriental immigration.

At this point the matter might very well have rested, until the facts were brought out in a regular constitutional way, because there is always danger of incorrect versions of public transactions getting abroad, when any of the parties to them is under a temporary obligation of silence.

The wisdom of the policy adopted by the British Columbia government and so ably carried into effect by Capt. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, in sending large and high-class exhibits of our fruit to England, is being demonstrated daily.

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CONSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION
We make no apology for directing the attention of our readers from time to time to questions affecting the constitution of the country.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS
Mr. R. G. Macpherson said in the House of Commons, that "it does not require the action of a constitutional lawyer to recognize the fact that the British Columbia was entirely out of its jurisdiction when it passed the determination as soon as the person who is to be a lawyer, not to say a constitutional lawyer, to see that Mr. Macpherson did not know what he was talking about."

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BERRY SPOONS, each, plain \$2.00, gilt. \$2.50
AFTER DINNER COFFEE SPOONS, box six. \$2.00
OYSTER FORKS, plain or fancy, box six. \$3.00
CHILDREN'S SETS of Knife, Fork and Spoon, plain patterns, set \$1.75, fancy designs, set \$2.00
AVON SETS, 3 pieces, consisting of Sugar Shell, Butter Knife and Cream Ladle, set. \$3.50
BUTTER KNIFE AND SUGAR SHELLS, set \$1.00.
SUGAR TONGS, several designs, each. \$1.75
BOULLON SPOONS, set six. \$4.50
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H. M. S. Shearwater May Be Ordered to Search for the Silberhorn Survivors

FATE OF THE MISSING SHIP

Delayed Report Indicates Coal Carrier Was Burned in South Pacific

(From Thursday's Daily) H. M. S. Shearwater may be ordered to the South American coast from... The Silberhorn was burned at sea...

The general impression at Lloyd's is that it was the Silberhorn that the crew of the Silberhorn had seen...

The Silberhorn left Newcastle with a cargo of coal for Iquique June 12... and two days later the German bark...

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FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, December 19, 1867. Another day or two at least, as we shall have fine skating for Christmas...

Cleared—The schooner Superior has cleared for Burara Inlet to load with lumber at Stamp's mills for a South American port.

New Distillery—The erection of a building to be used as a distillery has commenced at the head of Hanson street. The proprietor has chosen a locality convenient to Spring Ridge...

From Fraser River—The steamer Enterprise left Fraser river here at 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon...

Wesleyan Tea Meeting—There was a large and joyous gathering of young and old folk at the Wesleyan church last evening. The attendance was as large as that on any previous occasion...

Central Free School Examination—The public examination in connection with the Central school comes off tomorrow, commencing at 9 a.m.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Sir Thomas Sutherland, chairman of the Peninsula & Oriental Steamship Company, who has been making a pronouncement regarding the feasibility of the All-Red scheme...

Poultney Bigelow, the famous traveler, was giving some advice to a young man who was about to join for the first time the great army of tourists...

Captain J. F. Loder-Symonds, of the South Staffordshire Regiment, was married on Saturday at the Church of Our Lady at Victoria, Kensington...

Henry Trotter, The inscription, cut into the base of the monument erected in memory of Major-General Sir Henry Trotter, G. C. B., O. M., joined the Grenadier Guards in 1822...

The Duchess of Aosta recently returned to Rome from England, where she had been treating the Duke and Princess Louise of France. Owing to which the Duchess is liable, her doctors ordered her to leave immediately...

The Bavarian legation at Rome has issued a note absolutely denying the reports now known as "Claridge's case" into existence at the corner of Denison street and Brook street.

New Year's Eve is to be celebrated at Claridge's this year, for the first time, by a supper in the dining hall in commemoration of the fact that it is just one hundred years ago that the hotel known as "Claridge's" came into existence...

An actor told the other day a graceful story about Heinrich Heine. "At a reception," he said, "the loss of various words as to his leaning to a young woman, a grand opera singer of considerable beauty, said to Mr. Heine: 'Which would you rather be, deaf or blind?'"

BRITISH OPINION

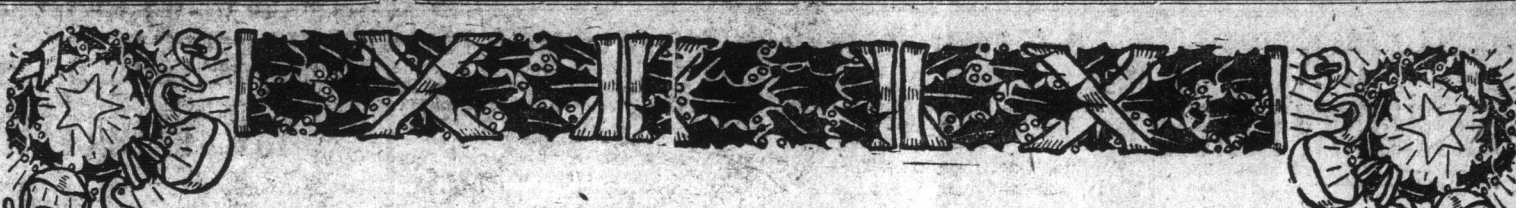
London Standard—In pledging himself once again to the faith (of reform) Mr. Balfour has made it plain that tariff reformers need have no lingering doubts as to his leaning to them. If we have been frank in referring to the hesitation which he expressed...

London Globe—In all Socialism, that is, resort to violence for the imposition of his ideas is recognized as just and inevitable, and anti-Socialist is not a higher and better, but a ruinous universal adult suffrage, male and female.

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London Times—If there is no principle in sex, so as to the franchise, it is concerned, well and good. We shall know exactly where we stand. We are pleased to observe that the Montreal Gazette takes a similar view of the case.



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As it is anticipated that as a result of the recent visit here of an expert sent out by the Dominion government some practical steps will shortly be taken to ascertain the opportunities for developing our iron ore deposits, the appended Ottawa dispatch appearing in the Toronto Mail appears of interest to our readers.

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The unemployed problem in the large cities of Eastern Canada is apparently very serious. It seems only yesterday that we were all clamoring, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for unskilled labor to emigrate from the West, but who had no other assets than muscle and a willingness to work there were abundant opportunities for "getting on." That the situation has completely changed is clearly shown when we find the Montreal Star feeling called upon to declare:

The fact is that Canada is becoming less and less a country to which men should emigrate who have no capital to fall back on. It is all very well for men who have a little money with them to stock a farm in the West, to put their money on the land, to start a business in the East in order to learn the business under Canadian economic and climatic conditions, for when they are discharged at the end of the season, they can go West and take up their old jobs. But it is a different story with the farm laborer with empty pockets. He is a member of the unemployed, his only advantage over other members being that he is fairly certain of work at certain seasons.

There is a doubt in some quarters as to whether Germany will be able to proceed with its ambitious programme for naval expansion. That country is now in the throes of a great industrial depression, and it is believed by some critics of the situation that the government may be compelled to refrain from any extraordinary expenditures at this time. The Montreal Star believes that the situation is so serious that that enterprise must be regarded as a national one, rather than provincial, saying: The railway to Hudson's Bay will run through Manitoba territory because the geographical position of this Province gives it an overwhelming claim to the territory between its present boundaries and the Bay; but it should be—and will be—a national railway built under national auspices and subject only to the people of Canada, through their delegated authority. The only value of the resolution which was submitted to the Regina convention, was in revealing a feeling in the sister Provinces which makes it increasingly desirable that the Hudson's Bay Railway should be a Dominion, not a Provincial, work.

any nation in the world ought to be wasting any more in battleships than is strictly necessary—battleships which are more rapidly than the tenderest maiden of the tropics.

She Had Gessed it. Fleming's wife went into the country for a needed rest, leaving three children in his care and that of a trusted servant. She heard frequently from her husband, but his letters contained no reference to the state of the child or the servant who had been full of regrets at her absence and of hopes that she would enjoy her rest. So she wrote him a rather sharp note, in which she said: "Please let me know how everything is at home. I am beginning to be worried."

Prithy Sayings Money is either a man's slave or his master. It doesn't take much dough to buy a pair of diamonds. A woman's tears are usually more effective than her words. Don't think of a good thing as one who can boss without bossing. When a pessimist expects to be disappointed he is disappointed if he isn't. Don't tell a man you are as good as he is; show him that you are better. It sometimes happens that the girl who hits a young man does him a favor.

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Coming From Alaska for Officers to Appear Against the Carliotta G. Cox (From Wednesday's Daily) The United States revenue cutter Rush is on the way from Alaskan waters to Victoria, having been ordered here from Sitka by telegraph recently. The reason for the Rush coming to Victoria is to appear in court in a case at the trial in the admiralty court of the sealing schooner Carliotta G. Cox which the Rush seized while bound to the Copper Islands, May 29 last. Capt. Almsworth of the Rush, turned over the Carliotta G. Cox at Fort Simpson to Capt. Hackett, of the steamer Quadra, by whom the vessel was ordered to Victoria. It is held that the schooner in being given over to Capt. Hackett was improperly turned over as Capt. Hackett is not a properly commissioned officer of the Imperial government, which, it is claimed, a man must be before he is competent to receive charge of the vessel seized under such circumstances as was the Carliotta G. Cox. On reaching Victoria last June Capt. Christian reported to the collector of customs, J. C. Newbury, who in turn reported to Ottawa, and the Imperial authorities. Their officialdom apparently forgot all about the seized vessel until her owners clamored for a hearing of the charge. Then Capt. Almsworth of the Quadra, was instructed from London to proceed against the schooner. It is probable that the trial will commence early in January. The news given yesterday in these columns of the settlement of the sealing claims of the schooner Rose Oil Company, Maria, Vancouver Belle and Carmelite against the Russian government, has been met with satisfaction by many Victorians, for the majority of those residents of this city. Some of the claimants have much of the amount of their claims hypothecated. The sealing schooner Thomas F. Bayard is being fitted with a new suit of sails and is expected to sail after the holidays, carrying a full complement of white hunters. It is expected that the fleet despatched this spring will be a very small one.

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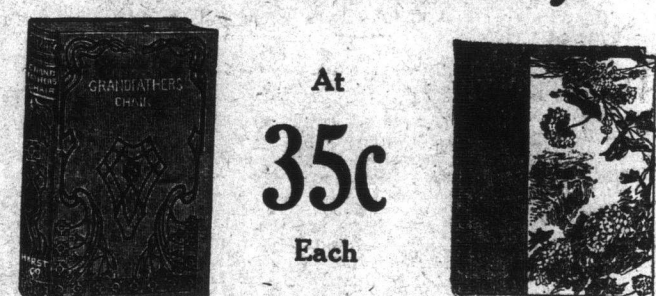
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logical expert, of M. Fowler, of C today to invest the government, surrounding state and whenever co a thorough inq plosion will be r reaching some m frequently vicin can be remedied. Relief has bee towns surroundi within a few m organization will care of the widw unfortunate m

BLOODSHE Men Killed in Troops and W

Valparaiso, C strike of the nit suited already in and is daily gro In Laguna, bee encounter betwe in the course w were killed and At Iquique, on several wounde the authorities. A established at Iq The strikers m than 20,000 m ing done anywh Mellillon or C

President M Indianapolis, D of John Mitche United Mine Wo improved so m physicians say and will recover

Smallpox Winnipeg, Dec. of smallpox of n at Metis. The to seven famili the being entor closed some day

Moorish Trib Paris, Dec. 21 ed from Gen. D declares that tw surrounded a p which the rebri tlemen have

NO SQUAD Admiralty Emp Statement

London, Dec. Press is in a pos authority of n that there is no published in the the admiralty na next May a Pac lantic squadron, probably would Squimait. There is no s for this story, combe. It must who gives the thought that st the last thing w the present mom ment made by o fields of the m The emphasis cates that we the report, b put at rest with any suspicion th