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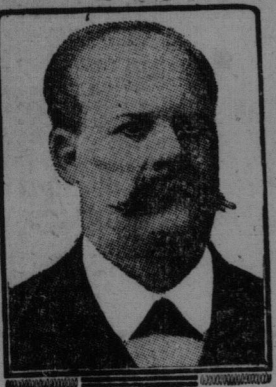
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ZELAYA THROWS DOWN THE REINS OF OFFICE

Nicaraguan President Anticipating End Vacates Tottering Pedestal--- Issues Statement. Declares Himself a Martyr to Country's Good—His Successor Not Yet Named.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of Congress this morning. Apparently there was no other course for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.



JOSE SANTOS ZEYALA.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zezela surrendered himself to an armed guard. Unchecked, the populace have marched through the streets crying for the end of the old, and proclaiming a new regime. Who will take up the reins no one knows or cares. It is sufficient that Zelaya as dictator, will be known no more. There is no doubt that Congress will act quickly on his resignation, for the people have demanded it.

Dr. Jose Madrid, judge of the Central American court of justice, at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya, and is now his choice for president, is on his way here. He will arrive on Saturday. Madrid has his following, strong and influential, even among the revolutionists, but General Estrada, under whose command the great body of fighting insurgents now face Vasquez' troops at Rama, will have none of him. Estrada's word will bear weight in the choice of a president.

Not Acceptable. Zelaya, too, has known that Madrid is not acceptable to the United States, and he has sought to learn who would be looked upon with favor by that government as his successor, but the American government, so far as can be learned, has named no man, and the choice will probably lie with those who have gained the upper hand.

NONCONFORMISTS IN BUDGET FRAY

Mr. Lloyd George Addresses Free Churches in London---Is Pummeled by Suffragettes---Ireland Rapidly Warming Up---Irish League Issues Manifesto Calling Upon Party To Vote Liberal.

London, Dec. 16.—The prominent feature of the election campaign continues to be the strong feeling displayed against the peers and the amount of disturbance and disorder which over the meetings addressed by prominent Unionists was subjected. Austen Chamberlain, ex-chancellor of the exchequer, at a meeting of his own constituents at Broom's Grove to-night, was compelled to resume his seat before he had half finished his speech, on account of constant and noisy interruptions. For twenty minutes he vainly essayed to resume, and was then obliged to desist and the meeting broke up in disorder. Similar heckling, jeering and disorder are the common experience of the Unionist speakers, who venture to address meetings.

Chancellor Lloyd-George addressed a great Free Church demonstration in Queen's Hall, London, to-night, where the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. He complained that non-conformity had no free access to or a champion in the House of Lords. On arriving at the hall, the chancellor had a remarkable experience. Two suffragettes approached his car. One jumped in and the other locked the door and stood on the footboard, while the car proceeded to the side entrance untroubled. The woman within approached and shook the chancellor, who merely smiled. The crowd resented this action and roughly handled the two women.

TO PROTECT CROWN LANDS

Influential Delegation Presses Upon Ottawa Wisdom Of Safeguarding Forests Of Province From Fire.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—The electrification of the National Transcontinental Railway service in Quebec and New Brunswick, so as to connect the forest areas of those provinces was the subject of a conference held this afternoon between the Dominion Government as represented by Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Fisher, and an influential delegation representing the New Brunswick government, represented by Hon. Robert Maxwell, Hon. H. F. McLeod and Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer; that of Quebec by Hon. M. A. Allard. Others present were J. E. Birchell, M. P., Northumberland; James Brown, M. P., Gloucester; Hon. Charles E. Oakes, Bangor; Mr. representing the Miramichi Lumber Co., W. T. Whitehead, Fredericton, representing the New Brunswick Lands and Railway Co., Archibald Snowball, Mayor of Chatham, representing the W. B. Snowball Co., Mr. McLaughlin, Grand Falls Power Co., Achille Bergeron, Montreal and Mr. Hall, Quebec.

Importance of Preservation. The delegation pressed on the federal ministers the importance of preserving the crown lands from devastation by fire caused by locomotives. Speeches were made by Messrs. Birchell, Allard, Grimmer, Oakes, Bergeron, Whitehead and Hall. Facts and figures were submitted as to the damage done by the forest resources affected, the length of the railway and the amount of power which could be produced at Grand Falls. Mr. Fisher said that he and Mr.

CAPTAIN LOOSE CONFESSES HE FAKED STORY

Declares Now That He Perjured Himself To Obtain Money—Dunkle The Promoter, Lose The Workman.

CAPTAIN BERNIER ISSUES STATEMENT

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Captain B. S. Osborn, of this city, secretary of the Arctic Club has written Captain Joseph E. Bernier and others that Captain August W. Loose's story of his dealings with Dr. Cook, as published in the Standard, is untrue.



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lashed in a New York newspaper, was concocted for sale without regard to the truth.

ALL 3 SISTERS Mrs. Mary W. Snead, Aunt And Mother-in-Law Of Bath Tub Victim, Arrested Last Night.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The three sisters who held the life of O'Connell in their hands, have one by one come within the reach of the law, until tonight separate cells hold them all, charged by the authorities of East Orange, N. J., with the murder of their niece and daughter. Of the girl's immediate relatives, only her bedridden grandmother, Mrs. Martha Wardlaw, 83 years old, and Fletcher Snead, the cousin she married, are still at large. A rumor that Fletcher Snead, the missing husband, has been found in hiding at St. Catharines, Ont., was denied tonight by the St. Catharines police.

Events have moved swiftly within the last 24 hours. Shortly after the arraignment today of Mrs. Caroline W. O'Connell, O'Connell's mother, who was arrested last night in an uptown hotel, there followed the third arrest in the case—that of Mrs. Mary W. Snead, Mrs. Martin's sister and, at once, the aunt and mother-in-law of O'Connell. She was taken from her lodgings in New York, charged with being a fugitive from justice from New Jersey, where a warrant similar to that issued against her sister was sworn out today, charging murder.

LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM VANQUISHED IN FIGHT

MORE LIGHT SHED ON SAWDUST DEAL Develops In Evidence That Minister of Property Works Was Advised of Real Value of Public Figure—Mr. Pugsley On The Grid.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The public accounts committee this morning further discussed the purchase of the sawdust wharf at Richibucto. R. O'Leary and Geoffrey Stead, resident engineer at Chatham, were the two witnesses.

Used The Kent Northern. In the examination of Mr. O'Leary, Mr. Crockett brought out a letter to Mr. Pugsley signed "Kent Northern Railway per G. W. R." and dated 20th May 1908. Mr. O'Leary identified the "G. W. R." as being in the handwriting of Geo. W. Robertson. This letter declared that on account of the large increase in business the town was in urgent need of more wharf accommodation, the municipality having no service to the public. This letter, which Robertson wrote on the day of his visit to St. John with Murray to raise money for the purchase, was typewritten. Mr. O'Leary said that it was the first time that he had ever known Robertson to write a letter on behalf of the railway. He also said that the railway had no typewriter in its office and he had never received from it a letter which was typewritten as this was.

Other Papers. Other documents put in were Mr. Pugsley's reply to Robertson's letter, postmarked consideration dated May 23. His memorandum to E. D. LeFleur, chief engineer, directing him to look into the matter also dated May 23rd. Mr. LeFleur's letter to Mr. Stead telling him to investigate the matter, dated May 27th; Murray's offer of the property followed on June 4. It also developed tonight that it was in March that Mr. Stead had surveyed and valued the municipal wharf for purchase by the Government.

DEFENCE BILL JANUARY 12

Imperial Defence To Be Taken Up With Opening Of House After Holidays—Laurier To Cast Die.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Two events today of cardinal importance announced by the Canadian Illustrated, Lord Northcliffe says he found a distinct prejudice against Englishmen in Canada, and almost entirely to the fact that England had made Canada a dumping ground for her surplus Cockney population. "This prejudice," he affirms, "deters a great many people from going to Canada to reside or invest there. The fault is a little on the side of immigration authorities. I found young men from the hop and fruit growing district of Kent and Worcestershire settled on the prairies and their knowledge has been invaluable to British Columbia."

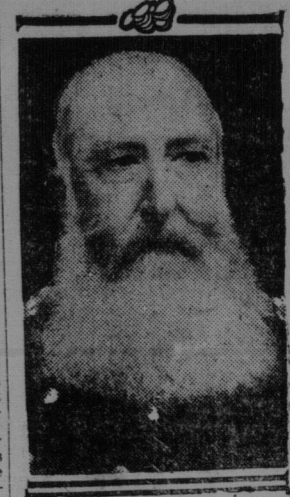
Naval Defence. Regarding naval defence, Lord Northcliffe does not believe that the average Canadian knows anything about the dangers to which his overseas trade is subject. He points out that hundreds of thousands of Canadians have never seen the sea at all and are never likely to. I found people in Vancouver who had seen warships, he said, "and those of the Maritime Provinces are anxious, but the fact that the whole Canadian export overseas trade would be held up by one or two modern fast foreign cruisers is quite unknown to the bulk of the people, who are extremely busy getting their country into shape for residence and trade."

Mr. J. E. Armstrong introduced an interesting bill to amend the act establishing the Conservation Commission. The bill is to prohibit members of the Commission and persons employed by it from acquiring public franchises, water powers, etc., located within the province.

Aged King Unable to Bear Up Under Strain of Recent Operation Died Early Today.

The Dead Monarch's Troubled Career—New King Popular With His People.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—King Leopold died at 2.35 this morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hopes for his recovery.



THE LATE KING LEOPOLD.

bulletin posted at 6.30 p. m. gave the king's temperature, pulse and respiration as practically normal. Apparently the drainage of the wounds was good for no fever was present and during the day the king was able to take nourishment.

PRaise FOR HIS PLAIN ENGLISH

Lord Northcliffe Declares That He Has Been Generally Thanked For His Criticism Of Intercolonial.

London, Dec. 16.—A lengthy interview with Lord Northcliffe appears in the Canadian Illustrated. Lord Northcliffe says he found a distinct prejudice against Englishmen in Canada, and almost entirely to the fact that England had made Canada a dumping ground for her surplus Cockney population. "This prejudice," he affirms, "deters a great many people from going to Canada to reside or invest there. The fault is a little on the side of immigration authorities. I found young men from the hop and fruit growing district of Kent and Worcestershire settled on the prairies and their knowledge has been invaluable to British Columbia."

Born at Brussels. Leopold, II, King of the Belgians, son of the late King Leopold I, upon whose death he succeeded to the throne, was born at Brussels, April 9, 1835. His father was the former Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and his mother, Princess Louise, daughter of King Louis Philippe of France. On August 22, 1859, he married the Archduchess Marie-Henriette of Austria. She died September 19, 1902. Three daughters were born of this union. Louise, Stephanie and Clementine.

The two elder Princesses have been estranged from their father, but Clementine remained in his affection. There being no direct hereditary heir the crown passes to Prince Albert, the only son of Leopold's brother, the late Philippe, Count of Flanders. The new monarch was born April 8, 1875, and on October 2, 1900, married Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. They have three children, Prince Leopold, eight years of age, Prince Charles, six years old and Princess Marie-Jose, who was born August 4, 1904.

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self as extremely sorry that he cannot after repeated efforts, get in touch with Dr. Cook, the explorer. He believes he can help Cook with some money though the captain is not a rich man himself. He thinks that Cook may be ill or disabled in some way or his mind might even be temporarily unhinged by the worries through which he has passed, but he had absolute faith that if given a chance he will be able to convince his judges of the honesty of his belief that he has been the victim of a plot.

"Do you believe that Dr. Cook was at the north pole?" The Times correspondent asked Captain Bernier.

"I neither believe or disbelieve that either Peary or Cook was there," he replied. "They both might have been at the pole or they might not. I cannot say, it is simply a matter of records. Until Dr. Cook gets his records, he can prove nothing. He should have brought those things back with him. I could have told in five minutes by questioning them and looking at his observations, whether they were telling the truth or not."

Captain Loose.

"What about Capt. Loose's charges that Cook had encouraged him to take observations?"

"I don't want to be associated with Capt. Loose and his charges. I believe what he says. If Dr. Cook asked him to correct his records that is only a matter of mathematics. Two of the employees of the Marine Department in Ottawa are working with me to correct my records. There is no swindle in that."

At Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—Although the members of the committee which is investigating Dr. Frederick A. Cook's Polar records, and sworn to secrecy concerning everything connected with the examination until a decision has been submitted to the university, it is understood the work is well advanced. Meetings are taking place daily in the university observatory.

The method of procedure indicates a most painstaking investigation. Dr. Cook's records and diaries are first read aloud. They are then submitted in sections to the various members of the committee, each writing a report. A general discussion will be held at the conclusion of the sittings and a common report will be signed by the whole committee and finally sent to the university.

It was reported today that the representative of the New York Times has received the sworn statements of Dunkle and Loose, but he denies this. The committee has expressed willingness to investigate statements if they arrive.

Made a Record for River Trips.

The party of adventurers who proposed going up river to Gagetown on the tug Winnie, yesterday, were prevented from so doing by Inspector J. J. Olive, on account of there not being a sufficient number of life preservers on board and the tug not having a license to carry passengers. There was nothing to prevent the owners from going and Mr. J. W. Vanwart, Mr. C. E. Colwell and Mr. B. Vanwart made up the party which started. The day was bright and clear and all went well until Wednesday morning, when the tug began to encounter thin ice and when Carter's Point was reached it was seen that an impassable barrier of ice had formed which prevented any further progress. The officers of the party saw that the whole of the Long Reach was full of ice so they were reluctantly forced to turn back, arriving at Indianopolis shortly after three o'clock. Even though they did not reach their destination, it is claimed that the trip breaks the record for the latest trip on the river and that the party accomplished their object.

Rumor is a Lying Joke.

There was an alarming and persistent rumor spread about the city last night that an unknown man had committed suicide in the vicinity of Broad street. About 10 o'clock a telephone message was sent to the Central police station and Officer Joseph Scott received a broad street to investigate. Arriving there, the officer found everything in its usual peaceful condition, and upon inquiry, learned that nothing out of the ordinary had occurred during the evening. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the report originated from a crowd of boys who had witnessed a fight between some sailors on the balcony in the earlier part of the evening. The boys claimed that one of the men was left lying in an unconscious condition on the wharf which probably led to the report that a man had committed suicide. Search in that vicinity failed to locate the alleged injured man, and as it was not known to what ship the men belonged, that ended it.

Donations to the E. D. C.

At the Every Day Club last evening there was a competition in the game of pins and rings, by members of the club, for a handsome tea set, which had been donated to the organization by a friend, who also through Mr. M. Beldin, presented a handsome hat rack for the use of the club. Mr. A. Turner B. Howard gave a short address on "Trifles," in which he commended the club for the good work which it was doing and spoke encouraging words to the members.

New England Tea.

The New England Tea held by the young ladies of St. Matthew's church last evening was one of the brightest affairs of the season and was well attended. The schoolroom was decorated in Christmas style and presented a pretty appearance. Following is the list of ladies in charge: Tea table, Mrs. A. E. Armstrong, Mrs. Reid, Misses Annie Henderson, Bonnie Henderson, Barbara Irving, Jennie Keen, Jennie McMasters, Nellie McLean and Sarah Cunningham; Candy table, Miss Margaret Henderson and Miss Ethel Hastings. Tea was served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which an excellent programme was rendered in which the following took part: Mandolin and Mrs. Ellis; solo, Rev. L. A. McLean; quartette, Messrs. McEachern, Marley and Waldron; solo, Mrs. George Craigie; address, Rev. J. J. McCracken.

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Managed with him. Reports of a Government victory at Rangoon have been freely circulated and rumors that a massacre of revolutionists had occurred were allowed to spread unchallenged and unheeded. It finally became known that these were without a shred of truth and they rebounded like a boomerang. First one deputy and then another took up the denunciation of Zeleva in the chamber and latter in the public places and soon throughout the city demonstrations were held in which open revolt was voiced. Last night, however, a pro-Zeleva demonstration marked the session of congress but this had no effect outside the walls of the house. The rising was more marked today than ever and the president decided discretion was the better part of valor and withdrew from office.

His Career.

Jose Santos Zeleva has been in command in the republic of Nicaragua for sixteen years. He ruled with a strong hand and has been called the stormy petrel of Central America. He was always noted for his cunning and bravery and he was remarkable, too, for his ability to surround himself with those who were ready to do his bidding. As a consequence in later years he was an absolute dictator. He amassed wealth by taking a large percentage of the profits from concessions and by the formation of a group of men who aided him in exacting millions from the people.

CARLETON-VICTORIA TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Two Days Session Opened Yesterday With Addresses By Prominent Educationalists.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 16.—The sessions of the Amalgamated Carleton and Victoria County Teachers Institute opened yesterday and will be continued today. One hundred teachers are attending the session. Much important business was transacted during the day including the appointment of committees, receiving of reports and other business connected with the institute. Addresses were heard from several prominent educationalists.

The session opened at ten o'clock. President Draper occupied the chair. The report of the secretary, Mr. R. E. Estabrooks was received and accepted. Resolutions were referred to the audit committee.

The following appointments were made: Assistant secretary, Miss Bessie M. Fraser, of Grand Falls; Nominating committee, M. R. Tuttle, Julia Neales, Lena McLeod; Committee on resolutions, F. B. Meagher, C. D. Richards, Burton O. Rinney; Audit committee, Lewis H. Baldwin, Annie Dible, Helena Mulhern. Addresses were delivered by President Draper, Mayor Jones, Supt. Carter, Inspector Meagher, T. B. Kidder, Dr. G. U. Hay, and Frank LeFrance. After the routine business in the afternoon the following papers were read: The Influence of Environment on the Pupil, Miss Bessie M. Fraser, of Grand Falls; How to Procure Home Study, Miss Varda M. Burt; Discipline, Lewis H. Baldwin. Discussion followed each of the papers. A musical and literary programme with speeches by Supt. Carter and other was carried out in the evening.

PREMIERS MAY GET TOGETHER

Toronto, Dec. 16.—It is understood that if there are no elections in Manitoba and Nova Scotia this year an inter-provincial conference will be held. Premier McBride of British Columbia is anxious for such a gathering and all the other premiers likely will concur if the elections referred to are held.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF PROMINENT WOMAN

Paris, Dec. 16.—The mangled body of Mme. Gouin, whose husband was the late Jules Edouard Gouin, governor of the Bank of France, was found under a train near Paris today. The door of the compartment in which she was travelling was almost torn from its hinges and there was a pool of blood on the floor. The relatives of Mme. Gouin first believed that her death resulted from an accident because she was subject to hemorrhages and attacks of dizziness and it was supposed that she was overcome as the train was approaching the station and that while trying to emerge her dress became entangled in the door throwing her under the wheels.

Now, however, the police believe they have found evidence of a crime. Rings and other jewelry are missing from reticule which was turned inside out and the curtain of the door of the compartment, covered with bloody finger marks, was found half a mile from the body. The affair has created a sensation on account of the prominence of the woman, but no arrests have yet been made.

MONEY ON CALL AT 4 1/2 P. C.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Close: Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, 43 1/2 to 44 1/2 for sixty day bills and at 4 1/2 for demand.

Commercial bills, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; bar silver, 52 1/2; Mexican do, 44 1/2. Government bonds, steady; U. S. bonds, steady.

Money on call, firm, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; ruling rate, 4 7/8; last loan 4 1/2.

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ing land grants or disclosing discoveries in advance of their being reported to Parliament. These are the stipulations imposed on members of the geological survey and on surveys, etc., under the Railway Act.

A Knight Excused.

Mr. Speaker Marcell (Bonaventure \$125 per head), brought up yesterday's point of order when Sir Frederick Bolton returned an insulting answer to a question asked by the ruling, put by Col. Worthington. The ruling was: "The answer given to said question in my opinion did not in some measure contravene the rules and practice of this house in that regard, but as the Hon. minister stated the answers were drawn from him in that form in consequence of irregularities in the form of the question. In my opinion the question put by Col. Worthington was in several particulars irregular."

Aids to Navigation.

Mr. A. Claude MacDonell brought up the disaster on Lake Erie, more especially the disaster at the mouth of the car ferries. The Government had been remiss, Mr. MacDonell contended, in not providing aids to navigation such as fog horns, etc. on the Port Stanley, Port Burwell, Roundell Harbor.

Mr. Bordeur declined to make any statement on the ground that he had not received notice in writing, but being made into the circumstances, he said:

Budget Debate Resumed.

Then came the budget debate once more. Dr. Sproule resumed it. He said that the speech from the throne dealt with the subject of naval defence. "On that question," he said, "I do not desire to be understood as making any observations. But I may say in passing that the speech from the throne rather indicated that the bill would be brought before Parliament long ago, and cannot understand why the delay at the present time. The Governor General said: 'Two members of my Government attended the Imperial Conference on the question of defence. A plan was adopted after consultation with the Admiralty for the organization of a Canadian naval service on the lines of the solution of the House of Commons of the 29th of March last. The papers will be immediately brought down and a bill introduced accordingly.'

REACH BOTTON OF COBALT MYSTERY

Toronto, Dec. 16.—By the arrest this afternoon of the stand late in the morning session. He at first gave evidence of a more or less unimportant nature. When asked to divulge the price secured for coal in Montreal, Mr. Cantley refused to do so, alleging that the American instigator of the case was seeking to get private information of this character in order to do some harm to the House.

The magistrate ruled that Mr. Cantley had to answer. A commitment was asked for and at last its issue was insisted upon. Finally the informant was released on a sealed exhibit and an ending satisfactory to all was reached.

At the Gateway.

"Today perils stands at the gateway. It is not safe for me to say now grave it is but I cannot brush it aside. Today it impresses itself upon the gravest statesmen of the old country; today it appeals to Australia until public subscriptions are taken and the government is being impurged to do even more than its settled policy to meet the emergency. Today little money will be spent for this as entirely and offers a second one and today Canada faces that position of peril that imperils emergency."

MONCTON BOYS CHARGED WITH BLACKHAND GAME

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 16.—Three boys, Robert Smith, aged 15 years, James Vanbuskirk, aged 15 years and Frank LeFrance, aged 14 years, were charged with sending a black hand letter to Alex. Torrie, manager of the Grand Opera House. One boy wrote the letter, another drew the picture and a third smeared blood to make the missive appear more dreadful. The boys appear to be dim-noyed readers and say the letter is a joke.

Meeting of Creditors.

A meeting of the creditors of the firm of Phillips and White Co., Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon at the office of their solicitor, Mr. H. H. Pickett. Mr. Fraser Gregory acted as chairman. The financial statement according to the auditor's last report, showed the assets to be \$23,000 and the liabilities \$18,000. The chief reason for the insolvency was not enough stock has been sold to successfully run the business. After the money received in by the sale of stock had been used to purchase a plant for the company. A committee of seven consisting of Messrs. A. H. Hannington, W. S. Clawson, J. H. A. Fairweather, C. W. Brown, J. R. Woodburn, Frank E. Williams and J. B. Keena was appointed to look into the company's affairs and report at another meeting. It is expected that the company will come out of its difficulties in time.

Concert in St. Philips.

Those who were privileged to attend the concert and musicale given by the members of the congregation of St. Philips' church, last evening, were amply rewarded for the price of the admission fee, an excellent programme was carried out in which the following well known entertainers took part: Solos, Mr. John Bizard, Miss Ann Bizard and Mr. Herbert Brown; Reading, Mrs. Cassie Maxwell; Quartette, Mr. Stephen Andrews, Mr. S. Bizard, Mrs. Ann Edison and Mr. M. Brown. Rev. Mr. Gibbs, the pastor, delivered an excellent address. At the conclusion of the entertainment light refreshments were served.

Leopold of Belgium Vanquished in Fight

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Baroness Vaughan, who is said to be the king's morganatic wife, occupies a chateau close to the pavilion where Leopold died. She is the daughter of parents of the name of Le Lacroix, who were concierges, or janitors, first at Leige and afterwards in Paris. Her mother is dead and her father is an inmate of an asylum for the insane. She is the mother of two children.

King Leopold spent a great deal of his time with the baroness and gave his ministers much concern on this account. At one time there was talk of his abdication, but, as months went by, his subjects apparently became accustomed to his ways and abdication became a thing of the past.

Another Side.

There is another side to the new king, which appears to popular fancy. He is clean and healthy, and his sport. He is an accomplished horseman and a keen sportsman. He is a flight or two in a dirigible balloon. In his intercourse with others, he is most gracious. His frank, good nature and his intelligence and his tastes and manners, he is, nevertheless, a man of firm decision and kindly dignity.

While always conspicuous before the public on account of the nature of his private life, particularly in recent years, King Leopold latterly had been a recluse. He had not been seen in public since his return from the Congo Independent State. His great interest lay in the development of the country, for he was practically the founder of the Congo Independent State. The Congo Free State in western Africa, was recognized and defined by the conference of European powers at Berlin, in 1885. It was the successor of the International African Association, established by Leopold and organized by Stanley. In that year Leopold was constituted its ruler. He gave expression to these feelings in a speech made in 1890, in which he declared that Congo would play a most important part in the expansion of Belgium. It was because of his whole-souled interest in the development of the Congo in connection with the progress of Belgium that his own people in a measure, overlooked the wrongs which were alleged against him.

Man of Business.

King Leopold was regarded as one of the shrewdest and ablest men of the times. He was essentially a man of business, cold, reticent and calculating. He was of particularly independent spirit, more than once it is said to have told other sovereigns who attempted to advise him in connection with his private affairs, to mind their own business, and to let him alone.

Double Funeral at Hampton Yesterday.

Remains of Victims of Recent Drowning Accident Laid to Rest—Community Prostrated With Grief.

Special to The Standard.

Hampton, Dec. 16.—Seldom has such a flood of sympathy been poured out hereabouts as was occasioned today by the funeral services of John G. Trimble and Irene McManus, the victims of the recent drowning accident.

For four hours in the early afternoon the stores were closed, school classes were dismissed, and the Union Jack displayed at half mast from every available point. Many people from outside places came in to pay their debt of sympathy. T. W. Barnes chartered the St. Martin train to make a trip to Lakeside and the combination car was filled. At the Trimble home a large crowd gathered, coming in teams from many directions.

The Woolen Situation.

In the remainder of his speech Dr. Sproule discussed the woolen situation, advertising to the decline in the number of sheep in the country. He noted the high prices prevailing and criticized the British preference as unfair.

Mr. F. L. Powke, followed. Noting Dr. Sproule's assertion that clothing was cheaper in former years, he denied this, but said that people now don't have to buy cheap clothing.

Mr. W. F. McLean spoke on the naval defence situation. He attacked Mr. Fielding's statement that not much money will be spent for this as entirely inadequate. It was not what the government ought to do and not what the people expected. He advocated the passing of a unanimous resolution by parliament that Canada remain neutral and with the Empire in its hour of peril. Ten millions or twenty millions if necessary should be voted to establish a navy before rendering assistance incurred the danger of being too late. The gift should be without conditions. Secondly, Canada should declare that she was prepared to join the associated states of the Empire in establishing a tariff against the products of foreign countries, part of the proceeds to be applied to joint naval defence.

Easy to Understand.

London, Dec. 16.—Sir Edward Grey, addressing a meeting at Berkeley said that a duty on colonial wheat was not a step towards free trade within the Empire.

"Once we begin to do that," he declared, "we should have embarked upon a system of bargaining with the colonies, and that would lead to retaliation between different parts of the Empire and that would be a most dangerous thing to introduce."

Mr. John Redmond, speaking at a nationalist demonstration in Dublin, said that for the first time in a century they had the greatest opportunity ever offered them to tear up and trample under foot the act of union.

Deaths.

Moses—In this city on the 16th inst., after a long illness, Blanche, daughter of Joseph Moses, in the 25th year of her age.

Boston papers please copy. Funeral will take place from her father's residence on Saturday.

Wm. Montgomery Is Killed by Freight at Grand Bay Station

Aged Resident Met Sudden Death Yesterday Morning While Crossing Track—An Inquest May Be Held.

Westford Park, Kings county, who was in the city yesterday, went to Grand Bay last evening for the purpose of holding an investigation into the death of William Montgomery, an aged resident of Grand Bay, who was killed by a C. P. R. freight train at Grand Bay station, at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

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Late Elder Dempster Head a Great General of Industry-- Was Associated With Many Enterprises.

Sir Alfred L. Jones whose death occurred Tuesday was born in Carmarthen, Wales, in 1845. Brought to Liverpool in childhood, he entered the shipping office of Messrs. Laird, Fletcher and Company, after receiving his schooling at the Liverpool College.

After becoming manager of Messrs. Fletcher's business, he broke out on his own account as a ship and insurance broker, and chartered a steamer to run to the West Coast of Africa.

At this juncture, however, he was offered a partnership in the firm of Elder Dempster and Company, and together with Mr. W. J. Davey, who had been his colleague in the offices of Messrs. Laird and Fletcher's, he began the work which has since made the firm name known the wide world over.

A Plucky Apprentice. Liverpool people were proud of Sir Alfred and never tired of telling how he commenced his career as an apprentice on board certain ships which ran between that port and the West Coast of Africa--the White Man's Grave, as it was at that time.

He continued this delectable existence for five years, when he achieved the secret ambition of most mariners by obtaining a berth ashore.

Alfred Jones commenced his business career on the lowest rung of the ladder, which was represented in this case, by the top part of an office stool! This was in the service of the shipping firm with whom he had served his apprenticeship on the ocean.

His Own Master. Having gained as much experience as he considered necessary before making a bold start for independence, he started for himself as a shipbroker.

From that moment the record of Elder Dempster has been one of constant expansion. He was a banker on a large scale, for in 1874 he founded the British Bank of West Africa; he was a mill-owner, for he founded the African mills in Liverpool; he dealt without delay with the West African palm ground nuts; he was a colliery owner and a great coal merchant, for at the coal stations established by his over a hundred shipping lines get supplies; he was a hotel proprietor, for he has built fine hotels in Jamaica the Canaries, and the West Coast of Africa; he was called "the banana king"; and, finally, he was the founder of the Liverpool School of Tropical Diseases, the various of whose work is now so widely recognized.

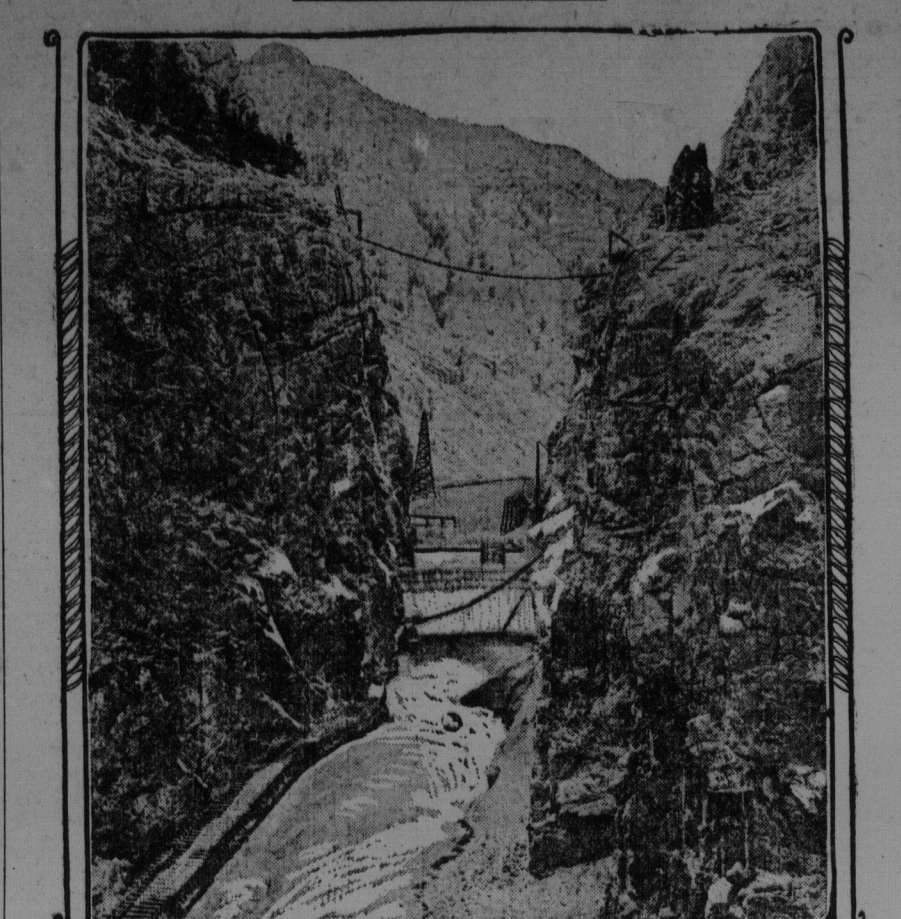
THE TEN MOST FAMOUS WOMEN IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 15.--The women readers of an evening paper have been voting on the ten most distinguished living women in France. The result of the 127,550 votes cast places Mme. Curie at the head of the list with 2,448 votes. Sarah Bernhardt follows next with 9,236. Then Juliette Drouot, the telegraph heroine of the Franco-Prussian War, who died a few days before the poll closed, scores 3,577. The remaining seven are the Duchesse d'Uzes, Mme. Bonaparte, Gyp the writer, Comtesse de Noailles, the poetess, Severine, journalist, and Corot, actress, who says that a woman needs 2,000,000 a year to dress on, and Mme. Lermont, another heroine of the war.

UNIVERSITY CLOSES FOR THE VACATION

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 16.--The University and Normal school closed today for the Christmas vacation and will not resume until January 4th.

TOWN IS DEMOLISHED AND RIVER WIPED FROM MAP TO MAKE WASTE LANDS GOOD



WHERE THE DAM IS BEING BUILT IN THE SHOSHONE CANYON IN WYOMING.

The Most Spectacular of All the Irrigation Projects in the West--Swinging Men and Material Down a Precipice--Directing River Through Man-Made Hole in the Mountain and Creating Cataract Twice As High As Niagara Falls.

Facts About "Dam of Danger" in Wyoming. Height above river bottom, 238 feet. Depth below river bottom, 87 feet. Height of top parapet wall, 3 feet. Total height, 238 feet. Width at bottom, 108 feet. Width at top, 10 feet. Concrete used, 75,000 barrels. Stone used, 90,000 tons.

Cody, Wyo., Dec. 16.--The United States is building eight miles from here a dam that will spread the torrent waters of the Shoshone river over an area of four miles wide and nine miles long, although the river is now only 100 feet wide.

The reservoir thus created means department over did, though it is not as costly.

It is more dangerous, it is more spectacular, and in it more lives have been put in peril than in many projects costing ten times the \$300,000 that has been sunk for this dam.

Here are some of the things the Government engineers did to build this dam. They wiped the Shoshone river of the map for several miles, and then they put it on the map again.

They dammed a mountain chasm half a mile deep. They are creating a cataract that will be twice as high as Niagara Falls. They cut a gash in the solid granite of a mountain 600 feet long, through which the Twentieth Century limited could run.

To Demolish Town. And, to cap it all, they are going to demolish the neighboring town of Marquette to make room for more work.

In this wild domain made famous by Buffalo Bill and near this city bearing his name, there is a mighty thrush of water from two directions. The north and south forks of the Shoshone clash with a roar that the Indians of old time could only faintly imitate by the musical name they gave it.

A narrow gorge is cut through the range as though by a Titan's ruling pen. On the south is Rattlesnake mountain. As each mile is passed on its course by the raging Shoshone, the walls of the gorge narrow and the power of the river becomes greater.

At the top the sides of the gorge are only 205 feet apart, and there is an Indian legend that says a redskin here once leaped across the chasm to escape the Avenging Manitou.

The Place. In this wild spot Uncle Sam decided the work was to be done. The place is a terror to engineers. The biggest problem, at first, was to get the rock drills, dynamite, electric plants and concrete mixers on the ground. Three years ago the work started, and it is not finished yet.

Rattlesnake mountain never has been climbed by the hardy hunters who are occasional inhabitants hereabouts. But the engineers laid out a road from here to the gorge--eight and a half miles long. It skirted the mountainside. The building of every foot of it meant danger. The peak slopes up at an angle of 45 degrees.

Under Rock. Under the natural rock of the river bed they tunneled and blasted, and on this bedrock foundation started their concrete foundation. They were below water level and the collapse of the tunnel would have drowned them like rats.

A suspension bridge was swung in the air. As the concrete bulwark grew, the work, strange to say, was less. For instead of lifting the concrete to the 200-foot level needed, it was swung down to the men from a battery of mixers on the mountain side.

More than 1200 cubic yards of concrete were molded in place every 24 hours.

Why does Uncle Sam go to all this expense? The answer is easy. There are 105,000 acres of sagebrush land waiting the water from the lake back of the dam to make them fertile.

The benefit to the farmers around here can't be figured, even in millions. For the good it will do them will endure for hundreds, maybe thousands of years.

Now the land is practically worthless. Later the Shoshone dam basin will be one of the world's garden spots.

True, the mighty lake will creep up more and more until it wipes out the town of Marquette, but the citizens there don't worry. The government has paid them for their homes and their land outside the town will make them rich.

Marie Corelli Takes Up Cudgels in Fight Famous Novelists Plays Socialist Movement in England--At War With Nature She Declares in Statement.

London, Dec. 16.--Marie Corelli's irreconcilable antagonism to woman suffrage does not prevent her from striving to obtain political influence. She has written an address to the electors of the United Kingdom, assuring them that the very life of England is now in the balance. The Empire, Miss Corelli says, is standing like a victim on a rock of suspense, waiting to be hurled into the devouring waters of socialism or rescued and led back to the security of home with peace and honor.

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Rossen made one slip when he suddenly asked Dr. S. Gregory, who is of the Bellevue psychopathic ward: "Didn't William H. Taft visit Bellevue Hospital last night?"

Seabury charged Rossen has been travelling a bit. Last spring he got to Washington. He called up the White House and tried to get Mrs. Taft to ask her why his appointment as "Consul to Germany" was held up. The secret service men found him promptly and he was released on his promise to go to Canada at once.

He finally got to Fredericton, N. B., and wrote a letter to a newspaper there announcing that he had been elected Chancellor of Quebec. The police looked him up and he was brought back here last Friday and committed to Bellevue for observation.

The doctors would have sent him to an asylum at once, but Rossen threw his rights and demanded a hearing. The doctors accordingly asked Justice Seabury yesterday to commit him. On the way down to court Rossen told Dr. Gregory that he would deny that he had any of the delusions attributed to him and wanted to know how it could be proved that he had them when he got to court he found his mother, two brothers, his wife and his sister there to testify against him, but he took charge of his own case confidently.

James Rossen, the brother, was called to identify letters from Rossen whose contents were held up to show his insanity. The court asked Rossen if he objected, and he said: "As counsel for Rossen I don't object to any letters they have. They may put in anything they wish."

Rossen protested against the admission of telegram purporting to be from him on the ground that a telegram bears no proof who sent it.

Sealed Up. Rossen's mother testified that in Bellevue he told her to have the food brought to him sealed up so that he wouldn't be poisoned in his hospital. On one visit Rossen said to her: "Where are these cheques for \$10,000 that Mrs. Taft sent me sealed up in candy?"

Rossen told her that his wife had been in Canada disguised as a messenger boy and had been choked to death.

"You have no way of proving that Rossen said that, have you?" asked Justice of his mother. "You are a prejudiced witness anyhow, aren't you?" "I don't consider that I am," said his mother.

"You brought proceedings to have me committed, didn't you?" "Yes, I had something to do with them," admitted the mother. "Did you hear me say all these things?" "I give them just as I heard them from you."

My respect for my mother is so great that I think it is not fit for me to question her veracity," said Rossen to the court.

Rossen's wife, Lona, said she had not seen him for eight years.

"Have you ever seen Rossen in New York state?" asked Rossen.

His mother said she had never asked her if she hadn't lost the right to his name. She said she hadn't.

Helen Taft. Etta Rossen, the sister, testified that when she went to Bellevue to see her mother last Friday night, she thought she was Helen Taft. He told her that he had just received three boxes of red, white and blue nuts from President Taft, and that they were in the bottom of each bag.

"Did you take those conversations you had with Rossen seriously?" asked Rossen.

"I am only repeating what you told me," said his sister.

Dr. Menses S. Gregory, the Bellevue alienist, testified that Rossen told him during the trial that he was a "Consul to Germany." Rossen said that a man wearing a rubber mask and impersonating him had been reported taking the tests to which he had been appointed.

Rossen said that Miss Taft had visited the insane ward disguised as a nurse and left money there for him. Rossen also testified that he had been elected Lieutenant-Governor of Rhode Island. He told Dr. Gregory that his relatives were all dead and that was the son of a President. Dr. Gregory asked him why he didn't get a rubber mask and defeat the purpose of the other man, and Rossen said that the other man controlled the supply of rubber masks. The alienist said that Rossen should certainly be restrained as dangerous. He had some insane from overwork, although he had a trace of hereditary insanity.

Be Stricken Out. "I ask that all this doctor's testimony be stricken out for the reason that he said the same thing in the other proceedings where I was adjudged sane," said Rossen. The court solemnly denied the motion.

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SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1909.

ALWAYS FAIR AND REASONABLE.

It does not require a public accounts committee investigation to show that whenever the Government arranges to pay several times the right price for land or goods an officer can be found to say that the price is right.

When Contractor Merwin bought an engine from the regular trade at the regular price of \$335 and had it delivered to the Government at \$960, an officer reported that the price was reasonable and just.

When the Arctic was supplied with four tons of pemican at \$1.25 per pound, while the leading manufacturer in Canada was ready to deliver the identical goods at 35 cents, there was an officer to certify that the price was right.

The Department of Railways had no difficulty in getting authority to say that land at Halifax just bought for \$18,500 was worth \$45,400; or land at Moncton, bought in the open market by the middleman for \$5,075, was worth \$13,800; or that land at Winnipeg, bought by the intermediary for \$123,000, was worth \$222,000.

The same department had an officer to certify that four and a half cents per pound was the right price to pay for steel girders, though the contractor was simply turning over the order to the regular trade at the regular price of less than three cents.

The Department of Militia had expert authority for the purchase at \$250 each of sub-target machines, which a group of the minister's friends were making at \$64. Nor was it more difficult to get a certificate that dog biscuit was emergency food, worth ten times dog biscuit prices.

It is just as easy to find officials to make low valuations, as, for example, when the Department of Indian Affairs sold to a friend of the minister for less than \$10,000 certain lands held in trust for the Indians, an expert valuator recommended to the Government by the purchaser fixed this price. At once the property was sold for \$101,830.

In view of these and scores of similar instances it is not surprising that Mr. Punsley is able to say that an officer of his department reported that the Richibucto wharf was worth \$5,000. This officer knew that the property had just been bought for \$700, and that it had been for years in the market at about this price without a purchaser. He knew that Mr. O'Leary would not sell the property for much less than it was worth.

There is no doubt that if an arrangement had been made for the Government to pay \$10,000 for this wharf an officer could have been found to certify to that value. The certificate always matches the proposed take-off.

KING LEOPOLD.

King Leopold has passed away, and friends will now do for him what he refused to do for himself. They will give such denial, defence, or extenuation as may be possible in respect to the public and private offences charged against him. He was a king who kept his own counsel and went his own road in all matters not affecting the Government of Belgium. In the government of his kingdom, he was not despotic, but rather democratic. He left the little nation prosperous, free and progressive.

It is said that Leopold might have taken rank with the successful masters of finance had he not been king. He had business courage and insight. He took up the Congo proposition as a personal business venture and made it yield him great wealth. It is charged that this gain was won at a cost of great cruelty to the natives. Beyond doubt such oppression has prevailed, as it did before Stanley's time. When Leopold took the responsibility of managing the country the duty of putting an end to the system of slavery devolved upon him. It could not be done at once, but the charge is that it was not even attempted. It is now plain that no individual should have been placed in Leopold's position. Such government is a task for a nation. It remains to be seen how the kingdom of Belgium will accomplish it.

The private life of King Leopold has earned much reproach and comment, and the wayward career of some of his family has added to the discredit of the royal household. We may add to this a reputation for avarice, which is the weakness that subjects are slowest to relish in their sovereign. On the other side he was no hypocrite, and was not proud. His people could not revere him, but they regarded him with a kind of familiar comradeship.

THE HOME RULE ISSUE.

The triumphant declaration of Mr. Redmond that the act of union is about to be smashed may arouse great enthusiasm in one part of the United Kingdom, but it will have a disturbing effect with Lord Rosebery's "dominant partner." It is certain that the Home Rule issue will now be a part of the election controversy. While the Government is undoubtedly making great headway in its appeal to the Free Churches and to the Socialists, it may be losing some part of the Whig support, which its free trade platform might have attracted.

The Government party is still on the offensive and aggressive side, which reverses the usual general election situation. It is easier and generally more prestigious in Great Britain to attack than to defend, and the Conservatives by reason of the action on the budget have been placed in the position of the defendant. The speech and boast of Mr. Redmond will give the Opposition a ground of attack which will probably be used.

FOUR WILL GO.

For years Mr. Foster has been criticising the Yukon budget of the Government, at last with some result. Eight years ago there were 30,000 people in the Yukon. They were producing \$20,000,000 worth of gold annually, and were paying into the revenues \$1,750,000.

Today there may be 4,000 people in the Yukon besides Government officers. The gold output is \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000. The revenue last year was less than \$600,000.

But the expenditure is still \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 a year or two-thirds what it was when the population was six or seven times as large, the output five times as great and the revenue more than three times as large. To govern a population perhaps equal to that of St. Stephen there is a commissioner with salary and allowances of \$12,000; three judges at \$10,000 each; two other officers receiving \$6,500 each; two at \$5,000; one at \$5,500; one at \$5,400; one at \$5,200; two at \$4,000 to \$5,000; two at \$3,500; two at \$3,600; a number at \$3,000 and over. Altogether there are some 50 officials at salaries and allowances exceeding \$2,000 each. The cost of Yukon government is over \$200 per head.

All this has been discussed in the Commons several times, and now the Government has taken a step. Four of these fifty are to be retired; one to take work at Ottawa, the others to be dispensed with altogether.

EXIT ZELAYA.

Zelaya has found that he need not stand on the order of his going, and has decided to go at once. His sentence was pronounced at Washington by the Secretary of State, and confirmed by the presence of warships and the open and regular supply of arms from the United States. The matter is one which is not likely to awaken any concern outside of Central America, though there may be some academic discussion over the obligations of a neutral state. Great Britain paid a high price for allowing a ship to be fitted out at one of her ports for the use of the Confederates. But no one will be interested in pressing a claim against the United States. The party which got the arms has been victorious and the party against which they were used has disappeared from view. Nicaragua as she will be constituted, will not only forgive the breach of neutrality, but will be thankful for it. Zelaya has probably got what he deserved, and will share the exile of other Latin American ex-presidents who are ending their lives in Europe in exceedingly good financial circumstances. It is not likely that they will enjoy fellowship with the former Sultan or the former Shah, but they have fellow feeling in their fall. In one respect a president of Nicaragua or Venezuela is like an eastern monarch. He retires only when compelled by armed forces.

Hunting is far worse than football in its toll of human life. The statisticians make out that 34 lives were thus lost in the Maritime Provinces and New England last season. Maine alone sacrificed 15 persons, while this province got off with one fatal accident. Six were shot by hunters who thought that they were firing at deer. Mr. Lewis, M. P., has sought to amend the criminal code by making it manslaughter to kill a person by mistake for an animal. Another bill introduced, but not passed, required hunters to wear a uniform that could not be mistaken. It has been pointed out that in practice the penalties imposed upon hunters who kill a female moose by mistake for a male are heavier than those incurred by killing a man by a similar error.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has thought well to cable to the Times that he is not giving advice to the British electorate in their political campaign. The Premier has altogether repudiated the alleged interview printed by the Manchester Guardian, in which he was made to reflect severely upon the Lords, and to ridicule the idea of hereditary legislators. It seemed to be excellent campaign capital for the Liberal party, but will now have lost its usefulness. The Standard ventured to say at the time that the interview was quite unlike Sir Wilfrid, and to predict that he would refuse responsibility for it.

Evidently there is a general desire that this Christmas season should be made comfortable and happy for the poor. At best the Christmas gift cannot give permanent relief in many cases. But it can make the season more cheerful and happy for those who receive and for those who give with an earnest desire to help. The bond that united all classes is recognized in the effort that is made to seek out all that are neglected or friendless, or in poverty, that none may fail to get some brightness out of the anniversary.

It is a pity that Colonel Worthington should object to the issue of the Ross rifle to the cadets. What else is the Mark One good for? The mounted police long ago sent it back. The permanent force does not use it. The militia prefer the Lee-Enfield. Bisley teams take another rifle—said to be very good—made at the same factory, and costing a good deal more. Why not give the Ross rifles to the lads to be used in drill, with the understanding that the weapons are not to be loaded?

Canadian friends of Lord and Lady Aberdeen will sympathize with them in their sorrow over the untimely death of their son. Lord Archibald Gordon was injured in a motor car accident, and died in Winchester Hospital. Cable reports have stated that he was engaged to be married to Miss Asquith, daughter of the Premier. This lady has been made a kind of public character by an erratic poet, but appears in a kindly and attractive light as a watcher by the couch of her lover.

Two crack teams of Canadian players gave exhibition football at New York to show how the game could be played without killing anybody. Having witnessed the operation the experts of college football decided almost unanimously that the Canadian game was not sufficiently interesting.

Mr. Stead need not be troubled because he forgot to mention to the minister that the Sawdust wharf could have been bought for \$1,000 or less. Dr. Pugsley has already forgiven him.

The torpedo which "picks up a sound" and goes straight to its source is a great invention. But if the instrument pays attention to everything it hears it is liable to make a fool of itself.

Captain Bernier announces that he could have told in five minutes by questioning Dr. Cook and Peary whether they had been at the pole or not. Why didn't he say so before?

Captain Loos seems to be fully as much a fakir as he tries to show Dr. Cook to be. But Captain Loos is not the man who is on trial.

It seems probable that the Cape Breton coal mine strike is about over. There is no prospect that men now at work can be called out.

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THE OLDEST POSTMASTER

To the Editor of The Standard:
Sir,—We notice in a recent issue of your paper that the oldest postmaster in Canada hails from Halifax. We beg to correct this statement, as we believe the oldest postmaster in New Brunswick, if not in Canada, is Squire Weeden Fowler of this place. He was appointed postmaster about 63 or 64 years ago. At that time all such appointments were made in London, England, through the Colonial Office. He is 86 years of age and has been postmaster since he was 22 or 23 years old. He is still in perfect health.

ONE INTERESTED.
Hammond Vale, 16th Dec.

IN THE COURTS

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.
Mills vs. Porter.

In County Court Chambers yesterday morning Judge Forbes in the case of Mills and Edwards (contractors) vs. Porter (owner) was concluded after hearing argument of counsel His Honor dismissed the suit with costs.

This was an action commenced under the Mechanic's Lien Act. The defendant is the owner of a house at Brookville and employed the plaintiffs to reconstruct the building at a price agreed upon. During the reconstruction the plaintiffs claimed that they did extra work not called for by the contract and put in a claim for six hundred and fifty dollars. This was contested on the ground that the contract called for this work. After several adjournments the case was disposed of as previously stated. Mr. J. King Kelley appeared for the plaintiffs and Dr. L. A. Curry, K. C., for the defendant.

An Appeal Case.
The case against George Cusack of Marsh Road who was convicted by Magistrate Ritchie for selling intoxicating liquor to a drunkard will be heard on appeal this morning before Judge Forbes in chambers.

W. B. Wallace, K. C., will appear in support of the appeal and Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., contra.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS.
In Re Francis Kerr Co.

In the Supreme Court Chambers this morning Mr. Justice MacKeown will appoint a permanent liquidator in the matter of the winding up of the Francis Kerr Company, Limited.

DEATHS.

Mrs. P. E. Murphy.
The death of Mrs. Catherine Frances Murphy, of Reddy street, Fairville, occurred Wednesday night at her home. The deceased had been ailing for more than a year. Besides her husband, Mr. Patrick E. Murphy, she leaves three sons and four daughters, all of whom are at home. The sons are Edward, William, and Louis. The daughters are Mary, Catherine, Josephine and Loretta. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning to St. Rose's Church.

Mr. J. M. Anderson.
The death of Mr. John M. Anderson occurred yesterday at the ripe age of seventy-seven years, the greater portion of which were spent in St. John. Despite his years, Mr. Anderson until

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COAL MEN DECIDE TO HOLD STOCK

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Dominion Coal Company shareholders were given till today to decide whether they would hold their shares for merger with the Dominion Steel Company or accept \$95 per share for their holdings the same as James Ross. Of the replies received 25,000 decided to hold for merger and 3,950 to sell.

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Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; market 5@10 cents higher. Choice heavy, 8.50@8.60.
Sheep—Receipts, 15,000. Market strong. Sheep, 4.00@5.75; lambs, 6.75@8.50; yearlings, 5.25@7.50.

WHEAT ADVANCES.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—Wheat for December delivery sold here today at 1.14 1/2 per bushel, a new high record for the crop and a gain of 2 1/2 cents compared with the previous close. The more distant deliveries also advanced sharply owing to the bullish news from Argentina. Corn and oats were affected by the strength of wheat and closed strong. Provisions also made material gains.

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**STOVAINE PUT
TO SEVERE TEST**



**ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF PROF. JONNESCO, ALSO SHOWN
ABOVE, OPERATING ON A BOY, WHO IS CONSCIOUS BUT IN
PAIN, BY THE AID OF STOVAINE. THE PATIENT'S EYES ARE OPEN,
AND HE IS FULLY AWAKE.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Dr. Thomas
Jonnesco today gave successful de-
monstrations in two cases at a clinic
in the University Hospital of his
method of administering stovaine to
produce insensibility to pain. In the first
case, an operation to remove a tumor
from the breast of a woman, the de-
monstration was considered by physi-
cians present to be of only doubtful
value.

In the first two cases the patient lay
upon the table with eyes wide open
and several times smiled at the sur-
geons. Throughout the operations they
conversed comfortably with those
about them. The operations were suc-
cessful and a 3 o'clock the patients
were walking about the hospital ward.
In the third case a very severe test
was imposed upon the Rumanian sur-
geon, in which the only case of the
three in which the site of the
operation lay in the upper region of
the body and in which the injection
had to be made at a point high in
the spinal column.

Much to the disappointment of the
spectators it was necessary half an
hour after the operation had started
to fall back upon ether. The operation
then was continued to a successful
conclusion.

When it was seen that the effects
of the stovaine were wearing away in
this third case Dr. Jonnesco advised
the administration of ether and then
left the hospital. He afterward said
that the necessity for the use of ether
arose from the fact that the operation
took too much time. On the other
hand Dr. Martin, in whose clinic the
operation was held, and other physi-
cians present regarded this as a vind-
ication of their view that stovaine
in the upper regions is not safe.

**TANGLED
OVER THE NEW
FRENCH TREATY**

**Reckless Haste of Laurier Gov-
ernment in Pushing Pact for
Ratification Already Bearing
Fruit—United States Active**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Taking
the cue from the message of President
Taft to Congress, the Foreign Tariff
Board is looking about to find if there
is justification for the United States
to link up with Canada's tariff treaty with
France lest it be construed as unduly
discriminatory and bring on a tariff
war. Outside of that division of Con-
gress which would pass the Mann bill
extending the time for introducing ef-
fect of the maximum and minimum
rates it is hoped that a happy solu-
tion can be found of the perplexing
question.

"No one is seeking a tariff war or a
condition in which the spirit of retali-
ation shall be aroused," said President
Taft, and the trade straightway be-
came hopeful. Just how the President
will be able to apply the maximum
and minimum rates to Canadian trade
and still recognize Canada's treaty
with France and the duties imposed
by her provinces is now awaited with
great interest.

"Fear has been expressed," the
President said, "that this power con-
ferred and duty imposed upon him
the executive is likely to lead to a tariff
war. I beg to express the hope and
belief that no such result need be
anticipated."

Complications Arise.

Canada furnishes complications in
plenty to engage the attention of the
President and his advisers who will
assist in the application of the two
sets of rates. She has brought about
another very peculiar situation. When
there is no exportation what under
the new law is the basis of assessing
the duty? In the Province of Quebec
a levy of sixty-five cents a cord is
levied upon the exportation of pulp
wood in logs. In case it is for home
consumption the duty is reduced to
twenty-five cents. In the neighbor-
ing Province of Ontario the exportation
of pulp wood from crown lands is
forbidden.

Under the Payne-Aldrich bill it is
provided that wood pulp and logs
shall be free when the exportation
which the export is made does not
discriminate in her duty imposed
against the United States.

Against the Province of Quebec the
United States may, if she will, assess
the maximum duty plus the new tariff,
while with Ontario, under her tariff
restriction, there is no basis for the
assessment of an additional duty. So
the United States has a tariff which
is one thing for one section of Can-
ada and another to a second geograph-
ical division close beside it. Other
serious problems have already been
encountered.

Action on the part of Canadian dealers
in lumber in raising the price of
that product \$1 a thousand has caused
the men who fought over the reduc-
tion of the lumber tariff last spring to
become cynical. It is asserted by cus-
tomers men enforcing the act that the
gain is to the landlady, and the loss
is about seventy-five cents a thou-
sand under the administration of the
new law. This was startling informa-
tion to those who believed that they
were to appear in the police court
tomorrow and answer the charge of
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- FOR FATHER**
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Overshoes \$1.80 to \$3.25 Boots \$2.00 to \$5.50
- FOR MOTHER**
House Slippers 50c to \$1.50 Overshoes \$1.25 to \$2.65
Comfort Shoes \$1.50 to \$2.50 Rubbers 70c to \$1.10
- FOR BROTHER**
Polishing Outfit 50c Hockey Boots \$1.75 to \$3.50
Ankle Supporters 25c Shoe Pads \$1.45 to \$1.75
- FOR SISTER**
Snowshoes \$3.00 Leggings 85c to \$1.50
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Gaiters 35c to \$1.00 Slippers \$1.25 to \$4.00

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News of a Day

Auto Mishap.
London, Dec. 16.—The Hon. Arch-
bald Gordon, son of the Earl of Aber-
deen, died today from injuries received
in an automobile accident. He was
born in 1884.

Robbed Judge.
Kingston, Ont., Dec. 16.—White
Judge Price was upstairs presiding at
the county court yesterday, a thief
broke into his quarters and stole a
valuable cameo scarf pin.

Struck By Train.
Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 16.—D. C.
Reuter, of Sutton, was struck by an
express while crossing the C. P. E.
track yesterday. His horses escaped
injury but Reuter was so badly hurt,
that he died within a short time.

Bitten By Dog.
Glencoe, Ont., Dec. 16.—Dr. J. Walker,
of this town, has gone to the Pasteur
Institute, New York, for treat-
ment as a result of having been bit-
ten last Saturday by his own dog,
which was afterwards found dead. The
head of the animal has been sent to
Ottawa for analysis, but Dr. Walker
has gone to New York meantime as a
precautionary measure.

Wisashickon Ashore.
Little Current, Ont., Dec. 16.—The
new steamer, Wisashickon, of the An-
chor Line, which has been reported
missing for some days ran on Outer
Duck Island, Lake Huron, on Sunday
night in an easterly gale and blinding
snow storm. The lower decks and
masts of the steamer were completely
cut off. All supplies are cut off from
the crew, who escaped to the island, but
have had no food since Sunday night.

Unique Defence.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—David Smith,
sued by Mark Maynard for \$250 as
contaminator on a Yacht, deal, set
up the defence that Maynard had
shown him property on Sunday and on
no other day and that this under the
Lord's Day Act, was an illegal act.
Judge Deane refused to allow the
contention and gave judgment for the
plaintiff, ordering Smith to pay the
amount claimed by Maynard with all
costs.

Censure Minister.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The Dum-
ra has adopted a vote of censure against
M. Chicheglovitch, minister of justice,
for issuing a circular barring lawyers
from access to the prisons, whereby
the defendants in political cases are
deprived of the right of conference
with their counsel. The minister said

that he would disregard the Dumra's
vote.

Crown Prince Escapes.
Berlin, Dec. 16.—Crown Prince Fred-
erick William was in an automobile
accident early today, but escaped ser-
ious injury. While driving in Char-
lottenburg, his motor car collided
with another machine. The Crown
Prince was severely shaken up, but
otherwise uninjured. His adjutant,
Lieut. Col. Oppen, was thrown to the
ground and badly cut on the head. The
occupants of the other car were ap-
parently unhurt. Their identity was
not learned.

Hon. Wm. Campbell Dead.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 16.—
Hon. Wm. Campbell, the veteran war-
rior, died yesterday, aged 73, at his
home, Seaview. He was first elected
to the local legislature in 1873 as a
Liberal, and subsequently became a
Conservative. He was Commissioner
of Public Works from 1880 to 1887 in
the Sullivan administration. Since
then he contested First Queen's sev-
eral times unsuccessfully. He was a
vigorous stump orator and a man of
forceful character.

The Ames Disaster.
Boston, Dec. 16.—The loss of the
five masted schooner, Governor Ames,
which was wrecked off Cape Hatteras
on Monday, was the hardest blow that
has befallen the house since the
year. The Ames was the first five
masted schooner built and during her
twenty-one years career she had a
number of accidents and was complet-
ely dismantled on her maiden trip. Capt.
A. M. King, who with his wife and
twelve men of the crew, are reported
lost, lived at Everett. He and his
wife came from Lunenburg, N. S.

Military Training.
Fredericton, Dec. 16.—Chancellor
Jones and Judge Barry as a special
committee from the Senate of the Uni-
versity of New Brunswick, had a con-
sultation yesterday with Major Fiset
the officer commanding No. 3 military
depot, this city, relative to the intru-
sion of military drill at the Uni-
versity. Major Fiset will supply in-
structors from the staff at the military
depot and will make satisfactory ar-
rangements regarding the periods for
drill. It is likely two companies of
cadets will be formed and that drill
will commence soon after the first of
the year. The Department of Militia
and Defence will furnish the accom-
modations. The University authorities will
furnish an armory.

**CONDITIONS IN
THE STEERAGE
TO EXPLODE
OLD THEORIES**

**You Don't Find Horrors Aboard
Us, Say Big Lines --- As to
Ellis Island, the Food Man
is Under Investigation.**

New York, Dec. 16.—Steamship
agents are inclined to think that some
of the agents of the Immigration Com-
mission, whose report to Congress
has just been published, have exag-
gerated conditions in the steerage.
The experience of the woman agent
who returned from abroad in the
steerage of a twelve day ship, it was
said, could not have been duplicated
on any of the big fast liners. John
Lee of the International Mercantile
Marine said he would be able to talk
more intelligently about the report
when he had read all of it, but that
the conditions this woman described
could not exist on ships of his com-
pany. Proper protection for the
women in modernized compart-
ments.

The Cunard Line.
A representative of the Cunard Line
said that meals were served at tables
in the steerage of even the oldest of
the Cunard ships, and that third cabin
passengers on the Mauretania and
Lusitania were berthed in two, four
and six berthed rooms and had as
much privacy as some of the passen-
gers of the first class.

At the Anchor Line office it was
said that the woman investigator had
been reared under conditions much
inferior from those to which the
steerage passengers were accustomed
and was therefore not in a position
to judge accurately. On the British
liners there were compartments for
single women and compartments for
married women and their children,
and men and women were together
only at meals.

The Hamburg-American Line office
said the report did not concern it, as
steerage passengers sailing on its
ships were always treated with con-
sideration and that photographs of the
steerage under all conditions told
their own story. Gustav H. Schwab
of the North German Lloyd Line said
that he would not discuss the report
until he had read a copy of it. The
French Line agent said its ships were
unaffected by the report, as no such
conditions as described existed on
them. Agents of other lines called
the report an exaggeration.

William Williams, Commissioner of
Immigration, was inclined to take the
same view of some parts of the re-
port as that entertained by the steam-
ship men. He said, however, that he
preferred not to express an opinion
until he had read a complete copy. He
has no control of the treatment of im-
migrants on ships, his duty beginning
after they are landed at the island.
The charges of the woman investi-
gator against employees of Fitz Brod-
who has the feeding concession at
Ellis Island, will be looked into. The
investigator says the employees forced
many immigrants to buy the dollar
boxes of food and cursed those who
refused to do so. Mr. Brod has been
under investigation. There has been
no report of the result.

Mr. Swalm, the American consul at
Southampton, says he never heard
such complaints regarding the Ameri-
can and English lines.

**SCIENTISTS ACTIVE ATTEMPTING
TO SHOW THE RELATIONSHIP
EXISTING BETWEEN HEREDITY
AND ENVIRONMENT.**

"Take two baby brothers. Farm one
of them out in a slum, with drunken
foster parents. Let his companions
be thieves and thugs. He winds up on
the gallows. His brother is gently
nurtured; his surroundings are those
of gentleness and refinement. He is
wisely guided through youth, gradu-
ates with honors from a university,
and finally enters politics and be-
comes Cabinet Minister. What is
this 'kag' that has been sprung so of-
ten, that scientists who delight in ex-
ploding old fallacies have been giv-
ing their full attention, and there is a
possibility that next May the popular
theory of environment may be a ser-
iously punctured rear tire.

Environment vs. Heredity.
In that month there is to meet in
England a congress of experts on
child life, and in preparation there-
for two professors of University Col-
lege, London, Karl Pearson, F.R.S.,
and David Heron, M. A., are at work
on an investigation of the relative
parts played in human development
by environment and heredity. At the
present time students of eugenics have
not much solid data to go on. Us-
ually they depend on generalities, and
instances that may be exceptional.
These professors, however, have set
out to get real statistics, solid tables
and schedules that will do much to
decide whether a child's surroundings
or his inherited character is the more
important factor in his development.
Already some facts are being gathered,
and as Prof. Pearson says: "I shall
not be surprised to find that the na-
tion has for years been putting its
money on environment when heredity
wins in a center."

A Middle Class Inquisition.
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**FREDERICTON ALDERMAN
SUFFERS RELAPSE**

Condition of Ald. John Moore is Not
Improved—Many Recruits Occur-
ing For Enlistment—Robert-
son Sentenced.

Fredericton, Dec. 16.—Ald. John
Moore, who was seized with a paralytic
stroke on the street several
weeks ago, and has since been con-
fined to bed at his home on Brun-
swick street, suffered a bad turn yester-
day, and his condition is giving
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**JAPAN MAKING FOR
PEACE AND PROSPERITY**

Political Leaders of Flowery King-
dom in Conference Reach Agree-
ment Respecting Japan's For-
eign Policy.

Tokio, Dec. 16.—A conference be-
tween Premier Marquis Katsura and
ex-Premier Marquis Sayonji, held re-
cently was ostensibly for the purpose
of making assurance most assur-
ed that the death of Prince Ito would
cause no change in the policy of Ja-
pan either at home or abroad.

A semi-official report of this con-
ference appearing in what may be re-
garded as the organ of the premier,
the Kokumin Shinbun, states that
a full agreement between the two
statesmen was reached and that the
policy outlined by Marquis Katsura
during his term of office for the last
two years, namely, peaceful develop-
ment of Japanese resources and in-
creasing friendship with foreign
countries, was adopted as the slogan of
the Kokumin Shinbun for the coming diet.

Popular misconception has since the
death of Prince Ito made Marquis Ka-
tsura a militarist anxious to plunge
Japan into war. Nothing could be fur-
ther from the truth. Marquis Katsura
is an earnest advocate of peace and
his whole course since he assumed
the premiership has been shaped with
a view to increasing the friendly re-
lations of Japan with the outside world
especially with China.

**A NEW ONE IN
IMMIGRATION LAWS**

Montreal, Dec. 16.—A peculiar case
has come to the notice of the civic
authorities, through the deportation
from the United States to this city of
Andre LeVigne, from St. Albans, Vt.
LeVigne has resided 49 years in the
United States, having gone there when
he was 13 years old and is now 62.
He married and brought up a family
in the States but they all died and
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the Great Northern here, was here
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this city.

**BUTTE SWITCHMEN
TO RETURN TO WORK**

Butte, Mont., Dec. 16.—The switch-
men's strike is practically at an end
as far as Butte is concerned.
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LOCAL

Dominion Exhibition.
The Exhibition Association has en-
gaged an office in the Bank of Mon-
treal building, where they will carry
on the business connected with the
Dominion Exhibition. Mr. Horace A.
Porter was appointed secretary yester-
day.

Returned To Their Vessel.
Joseph Miller and G. W. Miller, sail-
ors, who were arrested on Wednesday
at the instigation of Captain Joseph
Smith for deserting from the schooner
Ravola were taken aboard the schooner
yesterday afternoon by Cap-
tain Smith and Officer Guesine, short-
ly before the vessel sailed for Boston.

Issue Of Bank Stock.
At a recent meeting of the directors
of the Bank of New Brunswick, it
was decided to dispose of the remain-
der of the stock which they were au-
thorized to issue some time ago. The
amount is \$250,000. The stock will be
sold to shareholders at \$275.

Special Trip To Boston.
S. S. Calvin Austin will leave Bos-
ton today on a special freight trip and
returning will sail from St. John to-
morrow evening. This trip is made
to relieve the freight congestion at
Boston, but it will afford a special op-
portunity for a trip to Boston direct

from this city. Accommodation will
be provided for any passengers offer-
ing.

Sale Of Unclaimed Goods.
Mr. T. T. Lantlam conducted the
sale of unclaimed goods at the Custom
House yesterday. Quite a number of
packages of gin were offered, but buy-
ers were few. The gin was in cases
and quarter cases. The upset price
was the duty. Among the quarter
cases, however, was one that was of-
fered without any restrictions of the
Customs, no guarantee of contents be-
ing given. The package brought \$4.25
and the purchaser will now be able
to treat him friends with "white-
key blanc" but with water. The sale
realized \$200.

Business Difficulties.
Mr. Joseph E. Danaher, tailor, Union
street, has made an assignment to
Mr. George H. V. Belyea. He has lia-
bilities of about \$1,000 and assets
about \$500. Mr. Chas. H. Colwell, a
North End feed merchant, is in finan-
cial difficulties and has called a meet-
ing of his creditors. He has liabilities
of about \$5,000. Mr. Miles D. Morrell,
grocer in the North End, has made an
assignment to Mr. C. W. deForest. His
liabilities are under \$700.

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St. John, Boston and Cuba Steamship Co's S. S. KAREN Will Sail Direct For HAVANA DECEMBER 22nd.

In The Supreme Court. In the matter of Francis Kerr Company, Limited, and in the matter of the Winding Up Act before His Honor Mr. Justice McKewen.

ELDER DEMPSTER LINE S. S. BORNHOLD, 2874 tons, will sail from St. John about the 10th of January for Nassau, Havana, Kingston, Nassau, and Victoria.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; WES- TERDAY'S TRADING ON WALL ST.

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AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET HALTING AND IRREGULAR

New York, Dec. 16.—Flour—Firmly held, with a quiet local market. Receipts, 27,988. Shipments, 2,630.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—Wheat—Dec. 14 1/2; Dec. 15 1/2; Dec. 16 1/2. Corn—Dec. 14 1/2; Dec. 15 1/2; Dec. 16 1/2.

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CANADIAN PRODUCE MARKETS

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 16.—There continues to be a good demand for foreign buyers for spring wheat flour and cabbins.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The Winnipeg market was the bull's center today. December wheat, 83 1/2.

Asbestos Bonds. Bid. Ask. Black Lake 120 1/2; 121 1/2. Canadian Pacific 100 1/2; 101 1/2.

THE COTTON MARKET. New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Cotton: Spot closed quiet. Middling sales, 16,150; middling up, 15,400; sales, 969 bales.

GRAND CEMENT BONDS

First mortgage upon all the present or future real or moveable property and upon all shares, stocks, bonds and debentures of the Canada Cement Co.

J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange, Telephone, Main—2329.

The Mercantile Marine

Arrived Yesterday. SS. Kanawha, 2,488, Kellman, from London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co. agent.

Departed Yesterday. SS. Heperian, 1,600, Burhill, for Liverpool via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co. agent.

Shipping News. Canada Cape, 4286 tons, will sail Feb. 10. Monarch, 7355 tons, will sail April 10.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. New York, Dec. 16.—The general action of today's stock market was rather disappointing to the more sanguine believers in higher prices.

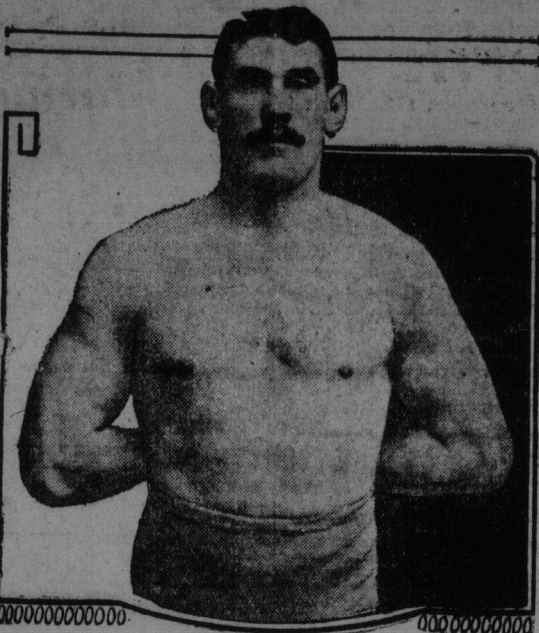
CLOSING COTTON LETTER. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. New York, Dec. 16.—The action of today's market was such as to indicate a patient weariness and even uneasiness on the part of the large but scattered following of the big bull interests.

MONTEAL MARKET NOTES. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. Montreal, Dec. 16.—Textile Pfd. is 103. It pays 7 per cent. and gives the investors a yield of 6.79 per cent.

DEADLOCK FOR PRESIDENCY OF NATIONAL

SPORTS BOWLING, BASEBALL THE RING, FOOTBALL

GIANT SCOTSMAN AFTER THE GOODS



JIM ESSEN.

This big Scotzman, who hails from Aberdeen, is credited with being boss of the heavyweight grapplers in the land of the thistle and the braw man.

COMISKY COOL WHILE OTHERS ARE WRANGLING

St. Louis Browns' Captain a Maker of Champions--How He Rose to a Position of Wealth and Influence.

New York, Dec. 16.--While the baseball magnates are wrangling this week over various questions at least one veteran remains cool headed and reserved.

FRANK KLAUS A TOUGH MEMBER



FRANK KLAUS.

This is the Pittsburgh middleweight who gave Bill Papke, the Spring Valley Thunderbolt, the time of his life in a six-round session not long ago.

RUGBY GAME SUITS CORNELL COLLEGE MAN

Lewis J. Henry Sees Much To Admire in Canadian Variety of Football -- The Essential Differences.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 16.--That the Canadian style of game would remain as a guest of the New York Herald at Saturday's exhibition game, said Lewis J. Henry, formerly editor in chief of the Cornell Sun, who was a member of the Cornell football team.

Deadlock Continues In Baseball War

Heydler Withdraws His Name from Consideration to Draw Out Fogel's Vote, but Situation Is Not Bettered--Compromise Candidate May Now Be Decided Upon With Heydler Mentioned.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.--No president of the National League of Professional Baseball clubs was elected by the club owners in their five-hour session in the Waldorf today.

As was expected, Fogel voted for Robert W. Brown, a Louisville newspaper man, John Heydler, the present incumbent refused to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for re-election with a view to clearing the air and determining how Horace Fogel, who represents the newcomers of the Philadelphia team would vote.

A Previous Deadlock. The deadlock is similar to that of eight years ago, when four clubs desired the election of A. G. Spalding and four others the continuance of Nicholas E. Young in office.

DOUBT AS TO INTENTIONS OF THE BATTLER

New York, Dec. 16.--Hitting Nelson says in Chicago, that he has accepted an offer to box twenty-five rounds with Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight champion, in London.

Comisky played first base and captained the memorable St. Louis Browns, who won the championship of the old American Association four years in succession, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888.

When the break in the Players League came the following year Comisky took hold of the Cincinnati club, owned by John T. Brush, but he soon drifted into the Western League, where he first came in contact with Johnson.

Johnson says white men are easy to beat. By Tip Wright. Jack Johnson says he never met a white man who was strong enough to consider hard to beat.

Athenians won. In Class B boys' league at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon the Athenians defeated the Romans by a score of 10-0.

Jack Johnson, champion, is a different man from Jack Johnson, the fighter who was going along at a bit of a clip a few years ago.

RED HOT! THE STANDARD'S FIGHT STORIES by JACK Johnson and JIM Jeffries

Exclusive Sporting Page feature by world's leading pugilists. The only paper in St. John to print these stories will be The Standard. WATCH FOR THEM THEY'RE GREAT

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C. & E. EVERETT, 11 King Street, ST. JOHN

LOW SCORES NOTHING IN SECRET PACT THE RULE IN THIS MATCH STORY, HE SAYS

The pin boys had a "cinch" in yesterday's game between the Telegraph and Sun quartettes in the Victoria bowling academy. The feature of the game was the Sun pin pickers winning one point, and shaking off the hoodoo which has clung so tenaciously to that scientific quartette throughout the series.

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes McManus, Boyce, Morrissey, Mullings, Patterson, Crawford, Sage, McCafferty.

HARVARD MEN NOT WEDDED TO OUR GAME

Boston, Dec. 16.--William F. Garcelon, graduate adviser in athletics at Harvard, and Percy Haughton, head football coach, have just returned from New York. Both gentlemen were present at the exhibition Canadian rugby contest in New York city last Saturday, for the purpose of obtaining ideas that would help to modify the present college game.

TURKISH WRESTLER INJURES HIS SIDE. Chicago, Dec. 16.--The victory of Yussif Mahmud over "Americus" in the wind-up of the wrestling show at the Coliseum on Tuesday night did not come without its cost. The greatly improved Bulgarian was around yesterday but complained of pain in his left side, having injured a rib in the second fall of the match.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds, mostly westerly, partly fair with a little lower temperature. Toronto, Dec. 16.—A cold wave has set in over the western provinces today and will spread eastward in order of a disturbance which has moved from Manitoba to Lake Michigan since the morning. There has not been much change in the weather from the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces. Winnipeg—23, 24. Fort Arthur—2 below, 16. Parry Sound—13, 28. London—22, 26. Toronto—23, 34. Ottawa—18, 24. Montreal—22, 26. Quebec—22, 26. St. John—30, 34. Halifax—32, 38. New England Forecast. Washington, Dec. 16.—Forecast: Fair in south, local snows in north portion Friday; warmer in west portion Saturday, rain or snow and colder; variable winds becoming east and possibly brisk.

AROUND THE CITY

Heavy Shipments of Grain. The grain exportations from the port of St. John this year promises to be the largest in the history of the winter port. More than 1,000,000 bushels have so far arrived and been placed in the elevators and there are at present about 300,000 bushels awaiting to be unloaded from cars.

500 Comfort Bags for Sailors. The committee of the Seamen's Mission in charge of the sailor's Christmas entertainment report that they expect to have 500 comfort bags ready for Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Yesterday nineteen bags were received from the Frederick W. C. T. U. and six from Mrs. L. MacLaren.

Hand Badly Cut. While chopping wood at his home last evening, Mr. Fred Burke, of Victoria street, had the fingers of his left hand badly cut. Mr. Burke was holding a stick of wood with one hand and using an axe with the other, when the axe slipped, inflicting a painful wound.

Death of Miss Blanch Howes. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howes will have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their daughter, Blanche, which occurred yesterday at their home, Sheriff street. Miss Howes was in the twenty-fifth year of her age, and had been ill for some years, although she was not confined to bed until a few days ago. The funeral will be announced later.

Asphyxiation Case Still a Mystery. George D. Spear, the P. E. Island fisherman who was nearly asphyxiated by gas in Whittaker's boarding house in Mill street on Tuesday night, was reported to be considerably improved at the hospital last evening. He is still unable to account for the fact of the gas escaping in the room while he was asleep. It is expected he will be able to proceed to Boston in a day or two.

Sick Children's Christmas Tree. According to custom next Sunday will be gift Sunday in Trinity church Sunday school. As usual, the pupils in the advanced department are giving towards the basket for the poor. This year the children in the primary department are to contribute gifts for a Christmas tree for the child's ward of the General Public Hospital. To this end the teachers of this department wish each child to take next Sunday a toy, book or tree ornament to help to make Christmas merry for those sick children.

Y. M. C. A. Educational Classes. About forty-five members of the Y. M. C. A. are enrolled in the educational classes that were recently started. The first lecture, on "The Commercial Sales in the Commercial Law Course" will be delivered today by Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C. The next five lectures on bills of exchange will be given by Mr. J. King Kelley. The other subjects are mechanical drawing, penmanship, and commercial arithmetic and French, elementary and advanced. The classes will not meet during the week between Christmas and New Year.

What's in a Name. During the past week two names, the original proprietors of which are at present very much in the public eye have been inscribed on the register at the Victoria Hotel. A few days ago visitors to the hotel noticed the signature "Jim Jeffries, Chicago," and wondered. Yesterday another distinguished name—that of Jack Johnson, Chicago was added to the list. On examination it was evident that the names were written or rather drawn by the same hand. The staff handwriting expert recognized in the same fine Italian hand the signature of "O. U. Kidd" which adorned the register some weeks ago.

High School Closing. The closing exercises of the St. John High School will take place on Friday, when the various medals which have been won by scholars in different grades throughout the past year will be presented. The exercises will be divided into two parts. Mr. W. J. S. Myles, principal of the High School will preside at an interesting programme carried out by the pupils and the chair will be taken by Mr. R. B. Emerson, chairman of the board of school trustees for the presentation of the medals. The mayor, Senator Ellis, Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., and Chief Justice Barker will be present and will aid in the presentation of the medals. The High School orchestra will furnish music.

Presentation At The Y. M. C. A. The Royal Bachelors, an organization of choice spirits who room at the Y. M. C. A., gave a dinner last evening in honor of Mr. Emile A. Gleize, the vice-president of the order, who leaves for his home in Paris, France, today. Mr. E. J. Robertson, the physical director of the association, had charge of the menu and made a reputation for himself as a chef. At the conclusion of the dinner, Mr. Hugh Reid was elected vice-president in the place of Mr. Gleize, and Mr. Frank Kinnear, the president of the order, in an appropriate speech, presented Mr. Gleize with a gold signet ring bearing his monogram and having the following words engraved inside:—"Presented by the Royal Bachelors, Xmas, 1909." Mr. Gleize made a suitable reply. For the past year Mr. Gleize has been employed in the insurance department of Thomson & Co.

McKEAGUE OF GAGETOWN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH IN WOODS

Well Known Lumberman Pinned To Earth Yesterday By Falling Tree And Killed Almost Instantly—Brothers Hurry To Scene To Find Him Breathing His Last—Gagetown Grief-Stricken At The News.

Word reached the city last evening of a shocking accident in the lumber woods near Gagetown, in which Mr. John McKeague, a member of the lumbering firm of McKeague Brothers, Gagetown, was killed almost instantly. Mr. McKeague was superintending the laying-out of a new yard near the camp of his company in the woods on The Millstream four miles from Gagetown, and was struck on the head by a falling tree. Some of the crew were felling a large tree at the time and in coming down the branches caught in a dead trunk which also came down to the ground, pinning Mr. McKeague to the earth. A projecting knot pierced his brain and he was breathing his last when the stub was removed. His brothers were engaged in swamping out the road and camp hurried to the scene of the accident. A rough litter was improvised and the dying man was carried to camp. He expired when the men had gone but a few steps and on the arrival of Dr. Caswell, of Gagetown, at the camp, he found Mr. McKeague beyond all earthly aid. The body was taken to his father's home at Gagetown. A gloom has been cast over the village as a result of this latest tragedy of the woods. Mr. McKeague was about 40 years of age and was well known along the river as a prosperous farmer and lumberman. He was a son of Mr. William McKeague and his aged parents survive. He leaves a widow, two daughters, six brothers and two sisters. One brother resides in Boston and the others at Gagetown.

STREET RAILWAY CO. CHANGES SYSTEM OF FIRE INSURANCE

Offer From Lloyds Brings Old Companies To Make New Terms—Total Risk Carried Now About \$350,000.

Commencing today a radical change will be made in the manner of insuring the property of the St. John Street Railway Co., which consists chiefly of electric light plant street car sheds and gas works with their contents. Formerly the company's property was specifically rated, the various buildings, etc., being each insured for a fixed amount. Under the new arrangement the whole property will be insured for a fixed sum with a co-insurance or average clause. The change follows an offer made by Lloyds to the company a short time ago to insure their property by the method which is now being adopted. The offer was favorably considered as the amount to be paid in premiums was less than under the old system. Thereupon the insurance companies in which the property had been insured, consisting practically of all the British and most of the American concerns made an offer of a similar rate which was accepted. The insurance companies state that the new rate is just as satisfactory to them as the old, for which the premiums are less, the amount to be paid in case of loss will be smaller. Under the old arrangement the property most liable to be destroyed was insured to its full value and the other property was only lightly insured. Under the new arrangement all the property is insured for a fixed sum and in case of any loss the company will be liable for only a fraction of its value. The amount of insurance carried by the St. John Railway Company under the new arrangement is in the vicinity of \$350,000. Formerly the amount was a little over \$231,000.

CHANGES PLANNED IN DISTRICTS FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

Committee On Evangelistic Movement Suggest Three In City Proper—Several Outside Evangelists Secured.

A meeting of the executive of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign committees was held last evening in St. Andrew's church school room, Rev. F. R. Flinders presiding. The committee on finances made a report in which they recommended that Centenary group be strengthened by transferring St. David's church from the St. Andrew's group to the former. The recommendation was discussed at some length and it was suggested that the churches in the city proper be grouped into three instead of four divisions. It was decided to submit the suggestion to the representatives of the churches interested in the matter. The nomination committee reported having received word from several preachers and were instructed to secure the services of Rev. T. Shields of London, Ont., Rev. Mr. Cameron of Toronto and Rev. John H. Elliott of Boston. They were also instructed to secure evangelists for the other groups. The advertising committee advised the printing of cards and leaflets to be distributed throughout the churches and posters to be placed outside of each church co-operating. The matter of display advertising in the newspapers will be submitted in detail at the next meeting. Mr. W. H. White and Mr. J. Hunter White of the finance committee were added to the executive. A letter addressed to the churches of the province stating the nature of the campaign and urging them to assist in the plan was submitted and accepted.

DECISION IN SEEGE CASE HELD OVER UNTIL TOMORROW

Argument of Counsel Heard Yesterday In Action Brought By Turnbull Estate Company—Two Witnesses Examined

Hearing in the case of the Turnbull Real Estate Company vs. J. A. Segee was concluded in the police court yesterday afternoon before Police Magistrate Ritchie. After the closing argument by counsel, His Honor decided that he would further consider the evidence submitted and deliver his decision at noon tomorrow. Isaiah W. Holder and Ward Stephens, a carpenter, gave evidence for the defence. The latter said that he had known Mr. Segee for 20 years or upwards, was permitted to do the ordinary acts of ownership but thought he had a perfect right to do what he was doing under color of right. In support of his contention Mr. Curry cited a similar case in the Ontario courts, where a verdict had been given in favor of the defendant. He claimed that Mr. Segee, from his long occupation thought that he was within the pale of the law in his operations on the property. He therefore asked the court that the case might be dismissed. Hon. J. Hazen, for the plaintiff pointed out that the defendant did not claim his right to ownership through purchase or inheritance, but admitted that he had taken possession without any authority whatever. If in 1872 the defendant had put a fence around the property, when the real estate was sold, said Mr. Hazen that no person had ever seen the stakes. Admitting that Mr. Segee claimed a title from 1872, when as a boy he had assisted his father in putting a fence around the property, Mr. Hazen pointed out that no minor could acquire a title of possession and he was of age. He characterized Mr. Segee's evidence as unworthy of belief, and said that he had contradicted his own witnesses. After citing several cases in the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in support of his contention, Mr. Hazen submitted that a fine should be imposed according to the statutes. As previously stated His Honor reserved his decision.

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Brigadier Adby of the Salvation Army desires to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts which have been kindly sent in to him on behalf of the annual distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor. A Y.M.C.A. member, \$1; D. L. Nobles, Esq., \$5; G. E. Fairweather, \$11; A. P. Barnhill, \$5; J. K. Schofield, \$1; Peters, \$1; Cameron & Fisher, \$5; J. A. Likely, \$5; H. W. Wetmore, \$5; S. E. Aldward, \$5; G. A. Kimball, The American Dye Works Co., \$2; J. Mowatt, \$1; T. D. Walker, \$5; W. Vassie, Esq., \$3; T. H. Estabrook, J. A. Tilton, \$5; H. A. Allison, \$1; F. R. Fairweather & Staff, \$2.50; E. A. Schofield, \$1; D. R. Jack, \$2.50; Anon, \$3; G. W. W. \$1; Anon, \$10; J. V. Anglin, M. D., \$10; E. A. Smith, \$5; R. P. Pearce, H. E. Schofield, \$1; J. Baxter, \$5; J. B. Robinson, E. L. Jarvis, \$1; Robert Thomson, \$2; W. G. Estabrook, \$5; W. Rankine, \$2; C. O. Foss, \$10; Anon, \$5; Anon, \$1; J. Vassie, \$5; J. T. Robertson, \$20; J. H. Frink, \$5. The officers of the different corps are busily engaged in investigating needy cases, and there will be ample opportunity to dispose of the usual number of baskets this Christmas. Gifts in food, clothing and cash should be sent to Brigadier Adby, 259 Prince William St., or if any of the citizens desire anyone to call, they should ring up Main 314.

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Canton LaTour Fair. Keith's Assembly Rooms were crowded again last evening by visitors to the Canton LaTour fair. All the booths were well patronized and the excellent music discoursed by the Carleton Cornet Band was much enjoyed. In the voting contest for the most popular Oddfellows, Mr. E. E. Staples had a comfortable lead. Mr. V. B. Sanderson is leading for the most popular fireman. The other prize winners were: Tumbling contest, Miss A. O'Brien; air gun, Mr. H. Norris; bagatelle, Mr. A. D. Snider; John Myles and Wm. Burke. A special programme is being arranged for the children tomorrow afternoon.

Watches EVERY BOY WANTS ONE. Ingersoll, Nickel \$1.00. Defiance, " 1.25. Maple Leaf, Gun Metal 1.25. Guide, Gun Metal 1.50. Gun Metal 2.50. Buren, Nickel 4.00. Omega, Silver Case 9.00. " Gold Filled Case 11.00. W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N.B.

New Evening Dress. Opinions differ as to the truth of the old adage "As you are out of the world as out of style." But the desirability of exact correctness in Evening Dress is generally recognized. We have just received a worthy line of new Evening Dress Suits which are priced at \$25. The cut is absolutely correct. The materials and tailoring are unusually good. We feel that we can recommend these suits to our most particular customers. Also, new white dress vests, correct in cut and faultless in finish, at \$2.50. New lines of Blue and Black Suits in "advance styles"—the strictly down-to-date models that will be worn through 1910. Moderate prices and QUALITY GUARANTEED.

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