

HOW SEVEN WOMEN CLERKS HELPED TO WRECK A BANK

Committed Systematic Forgeries Under Direction of the Manager, Looting Institution of \$1,000,000 — Politics Responsible For the Smash.

Waynesburg, Pa., Dec. 25.—Seven women clerks now are alleged to have wrought the series of forgeries by which the Farmers' and Drivers' Bank was robbed of \$1,000,000 and brought to complete ruin.

Investigation of the books has revealed an amazing state of affairs. No less than eight separate sets of ledgers were kept, and only one, in the sole possession of J. B. F. Rinehart, showed the real status of the institution. Already the failure is described as one of the worst in the history of banking in Pennsylvania.

The facts involving the seven women have been arranged for presentation to Owen T. Reed, special agent of the department of justice. A preliminary enquiry has been completed by Bank Examiner John B. Cunningham, who, before leaving for his home in Pittsburgh, frankly admitted that he was astonished by the ingenuity and daring by which the bank had been looted.

Headed Sunday School Class. The further the probing into the bank the more responsibility falls on Rinehart, the man who twelve years ago was a country school teacher at \$40 a month, and who in five years reaped more than \$1,000,000 from investments in gas and oil lands.

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REGENT STRIKES A NAG. Perla's New Assembly Doesn't Approve Revision of Constitution.

London, Dec. 25.—The Daily Mail's Telegram correspondent says that the regent has come into conflict with the new assembly by proposing a revision of the constitution.

ASSASSIN A STUDENT. Man Who Killed Ignatieff Once Bound Over for Good Behavior.

Tver, Russia, Dec. 25.—The assassin of Count Ignatieff has been identified as a student named Fidler, who was one of the leaders of last year's insurrection at Moscow.

YANK SAILORS IN ROW. Cleveland, Dec. 25.—Sailors from the United States cruiser Cleveland, caused a panic to-night in a public park, where a concert was going on, by engaging in a fight and firing many shots.

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B. C. HOUSE DISSOLVES ELECTIONS FOR FEB. 2 NEW SESSION MARCH 8

Question of Better Terms From Dominion Government Will Be Principal Campaign Cry—Land Scandal May Have Precipitated Appeal to People.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—(Special).—An extra of The British Columbia Gazette was issued late last night after full cabinet meeting.

It contained a proclamation dissolving the legislature and prescribing as most immediate general elections, Jan. 19 is named as nomination day, with elections on Feb. 2, and the new legislature is called to meet for the despatch of business on March 8.

It is expected that the question of better terms from the Dominion will be made an important campaign issue, while the large surplus created by land sales and timber receipts (the largest surplus in provincial history) will be emphasized by the government.

The attorney-generalship and the ministry of lands, the latter vacated by the recent resignation of Hon. R. F. Green, will probably be filled with an appointment of W. Ross and Price Ellison respectively.

The determination of the government to appeal to the country in preference to again meeting the house is generally believed to be based upon the present prosperity of the province and the fact that there was a session of the house held, Mr. MacGowan, (Conservative) had promised to demand enquiry into certain matters touching the lands department, which might not be altogether pleasant for the ministry prior to an election.

Candidates are already chosen in many constituencies, among them the following: Richmond, Hon. F. L. Carter Cotton (Conservative); J. W. Weart (Liberal); Dewdney, Hon. Richard McBride (Cons.); R. Jardine (Lib.); Esquimalt, Speaker Pooley (Cons.); John Jardine (Lib.);

Islands, A. T. McPhillips (Cons.); T. W. Patterson (Lib.); Saanich, E. W. Eberts (Cons.); R. Tanner (Lib.);

Okanagan, Price Ellison (Cons.); Dr. K. C. McNeil (Lib.); Cowichan, W. H. Hayward (Cons.); J. N. Evans (Lib.);

Caples, Hon. E. J. Fulton (Cons.); J. D. Swanson (Lib.); Comox, Robert Grant (Cons.); J. B. Bennett (Lib.);

Alberni, W. Mason (Cons.); H. Brewster (Lib.); Delta, F. J. Mackenzie (Cons.); John Oliver (Lib.);

Socialists will run in about 20 ridings and Labor candidates in perhaps as many. 100. Other nominations will specify follows:

I. C. R. ROADBED DAMAGED. Floods Down East Stop Freight Traffic—Conditions Dangerous.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 25.—(Special).—The heavy floods of the past two days have caused considerable damage to the roadbed of the Intercolonial Railway and seriously threatened it in several places, owing to the washing away of the dumps and approaches.

The ground has slipped away in many places along the Bras D'Or lakes, and it will be necessary to remove the tracks further inland in order to insure safety to trains.

No freight was sent over the road since Monday, and none will be until the road is made thoroughly safe. Express trains are being moved with great care.

SHAH IS WEAKENING. Teheran, Persia, Dec. 25.—The latest information from the palace shows that the Shah's reserve strength is gradually falling.

He no longer rallies when given stimulants.

GREATER THAN TARIFF GRIEVANCE.



SIR WILFRID, (without looking up): "Ah! farmer with grievance, eh? See Fielding." EMBATTLED FARMER: "I'm here to see you and your Railway Minister, boss, and don't you forget it."

GANG WHO RAIDED WARD'S NOW ALL BEHIND THE BARS

Warren Brothers and Fred Marsh Rounded up by Detectives for Complicity in Last Saturday Night's Daring Burglary.

After skilful work on the part of Detective Sergeant Duncan and his corps of assistants, the quartet of daring burglars, who attempted the diamond robbery at Ward's pawnshop last Saturday night, are behind the bars.

Joseph Warren, his brother, John Warren, 25 Centre-avenue, and Fred Marsh, 27 Nelson-street, are believed to have been Milligan's aids. They are known to the police, and with the exception of the last named, are the same gang who operated a year ago Christmas Eve, getting away with a couple of thousand dollars worth of furs from Fred Marsh's.

The ground was broken up by the burglars at the Queen's Hotel, was arrested between 12 and 1 o'clock Monday noon by Detectives Kennedy and Archibald.

The same officers got their hands on John Warren, assistant engineer of the same hotel, about half an hour later. They were not taken to jail but kept in the police station in order to keep their arrest quiet, so that Joseph Warren, the head of the gang, might not get wise.

Monday night the house at 25 Centre-avenue was shadowed all night, and early yesterday morning a carefully planned raid by Detectives Wallace and Kennedy and Constables Robinson, Taylor and Craig resulted in the capture of Joe Warren in his home. He was taken to No. 4 police station, and with his three accomplices will be arraigned to-day on a charge of burglary.

The ground up for the robbery was planned for a week ago Saturday night by the gang, with the exception of Marsh, when Joe Warren hired the rig at Wilson's livery. On arrival at Ward's the opportunity did not present itself and the trio decided to postpone for a while and decided that they needed a fourth man, Marsh, who also has a record, was then introduced.

The whole scheme of the Ward business was planned a year ago, at the time the Lugsdin robbery was pulled off, when the measurement of the door was taken and the books made.

Marsh was to watch for pedestrians, etc. John Warren was to take care of the cutter, Joe Warren was to hurl the brick thru the window and Milligan was to get the "swag." Milligan and Marsh were to ride away. Joe Warren was to go down Francis-street, and John Warren run west on Adelaide-street.

And their plans were carried out to the letter, "with the exception that Marsh either tumbled out of the cutter on Jarvis-street or fell out from the rig. We have also got another charge against John Warren and Marsh of stealing a solid gold watch on Dec. 9 from L. C. Owen, the manager of the Bank of Ottawa, who has a suite of rooms at the Queen's. Marsh practically confessed to this theft and told us where we can recover the watch."

Marsh, John Warren and Fred Marsh are all about 25 years of age. Joe Warren is 45.

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ATTACK ON A CONDUCTOR STARTS NASTY RACE WAR

Several Negroes Killed and Troops Are Guarding Small Mississippi Town.

Wahala, Miss., Dec. 25.—Conductor Robert Harrison of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, who was ambushed and seriously wounded by a negro last night, died to-day. The origin of the racial troubles here was caused primarily by the meeting in a narrow roadway of wagons driven by a white farmer and negro respectively. The negro abused the white man, who reported the occurrence to the white villagers at Wahala. Whites immediately organized themselves, and in a fight with the negroes of the community a number of white men were killed, including one of the most prominent of the villagers.

The number of negroes killed in the riots has not been ascertained, but dead negroes have been found in many parts of the settlement since the trouble started.

TROOPS CALLED FOR. Meridian, Miss., Dec. 25.—Railroad men who have just arrived from Scooba, report a fresh clash between the races. Several persons are reported killed. This report, however, has not been confirmed. Scooba is seven miles from Wahaleka.

Under instructions of Gov. Vandagriff, twenty-five members of the local military company boarded an engine and left at 10 o'clock for Scooba. Additional troops will leave on a special train as soon as it can be made ready.

It was reported early to-day that a body of negroes had fortified themselves two miles from Wahala, and announce they will resist any effort to dislodge them. They threaten to burn the little town and the white people are alarmed. The whites all around the country have armed themselves and one party of fifty armed persons have arrived there from Columbus, Miss.

Two negroes, Tom and Jim Simpson, are reported to have been killed by whites yesterday afternoon before the arrival of the troops.

A few scattered shots were heard near the centre of the town, but after a few scattering shots quiet was restored and no explanation has been forthcoming.

Col. McCants announces that he will place a Gatling gun in position, and use it if necessary.

Wahala is twenty-five miles south of Meridian, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

Crown Hotel, 75 Bay St.—Communion tickets, twenty-one for \$5.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO. Dec. 26. Separate school nominations, noon. Balm Beach residents, indignation meeting, club house, 8.

Something good, La. Viola Olga. Battery Zinc, all kinds, The Canada's Metal Co.

KAISER GIVES GOLD PIECES TO PEOPLE WHOM HE MEETS

Christmas Custom at Potsdam, When Emperor Throws Aside His Dignity.

Potsdam, Dec. 25.—Emperor William took his usual Christmas morning walk in the environs of the palace to-day and chatted with chance passers-by.

According to the time-honored custom of Prussian sovereigns, he gave at parting to such as were of the lower ranks in life a freshly-minted gold piece, which, like all money for the emperor's personal use, had been highly polished at the mint.

Returning to the palace he received deputations from various bodies, many of whom brought gifts such as the huge cake presented yearly by the Second Guard Regiment.

Among the trees at the Christmas Eve celebration at the palace was a tiny one for the imperial grandchild, who took part in the family reunion. His majesty conducted each Christmas tree, beneath which was the presents laid for distribution.

500 ANIMALS CREMATED. Sableblowers Start Fire Which Kills Horses and Mules by Hundreds.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Five hundred horses and mules were burned in Harper Bros' livery stable this morning. The loss is about \$100,000.

The fire was started by safe blowers, who exploited the safe in the office, the shock overturning the lamp.

CHARITIES WHICH BENEFIT. \$1000 Worth of the Hotelkeepers' Donations Distributed.

The Christmas charity donations from the Toronto hotelkeepers have been partially apportioned as follows: Sick Children's Hospital \$350. Toronto Free Hospital for Consumption \$350. House of Providence \$300.

MARRIAGES. ARMSTRONG-HARPER.—At the residence of Mrs. R. Armstrong, mother of the bride, 108 Berkeley-street, at high noon on Christmas Day, by the Rev. J. E. Hunter, cousin of the bride, Miss Annie Armstrong to Mr. R. Harper of Toronto Junction.

DEATHS. BARRON.—At 2 Car-street, Toronto, on Monday, the 24th December, 1906, Jessie Harwood, beloved wife of Robert Barron. Funeral (private) on Wednesday, the 26th, at 2:30 p.m., interment at Mount Pleasant. No flowers.

LISTER.—At his late residence, 21 O'Hara-avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, Thomas Lister, aged 62 years. Funeral Thursday morning, 27th inst., at 8:30 a.m., to Holy Family Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Holly and laurel wreaths, cut flowers for Xmas decoration, at Jennings, next south gate.

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A GIANTIC PHONE FIGHT LOOMS IN NEW ENGLAND "BELL" BEARDED IN DEN

National Independent Association Invading Extensive Territory With Headquarters at Albany, N.Y.—Means a Bitter Conflict.

Boston, Dec. 25.—(Special).—Appearing, as it unquestionably does at this time, that the numerous independent telephone companies of the country, said to number about 7000, are being absorbed, if they have not already been, by a parent company known as the National Independent Telephone Association, it is evident that the Bell and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Companies are about to enter into a determined and perhaps disastrous combat for business supremacy with an outpost of about their own strength and dimensions.

From cities throughout the country, where independent telephone companies having membership in the National Association are now doing business, came despatches last evening confirming the reports that a gigantic telephone combine has been perfected for the purpose of competing with the big Bell companies.

Arthur W. Hoge, a consulting telephone engineer, known throughout the west, now in Boston, admits that he is behind the Metropolitan Home Company, now seeking a franchise in the city; that he is proud of it and that his companies will give the Bell and the New England companies the bitterest fight of their existence before he is done with it.

Strong Combination. This Arthur W. Hoge is a brother of James B. Hoge, who is president of the National Independent Telephone Association, which, as a matter of fact, controls all the independent companies being formed in Taunton and Brockton, as well as in other independent telephone outposts, which is making ready to savagely attack the Bell and New England companies.

Throughout the western country, where James B. Hoge is best known, he is engaged in a strenuous struggle to dislodge financial backing, and his brother, Arthur W. Hoge, who is now operating in this vicinity is regarded as the representative acting in behalf of the new telephone combination having national ambitions and an ambition to seriously compete with the Bell companies.

As Boston is the home of the Bell telephone monopoly, the independent interests have made a bold strike in attempting to bend the lion in his den and the independent movement which has swept the west and the Pacific coast during recent years has actually gained a firm foothold in this New England country before the Bell companies actually realized what was under way, and by the combination of a number of Cleveland and Boston capitalists, it is the determination of the Bell and New England companies to establish an independent telephone exchange at the head and centre of the Bell system.

Dangerous Competitor. A long distance connection is to be made with the independent system with headquarters at Albany, N.Y., controlled by the Dean electric and affiliated interests of Elyria. These interests have large telephone connections within New York State, which long distance connection with the Keynote system of Philadelphia, headed by the Bell and Robinson banking house of New York City. It is expected now that the independent companies will have connections of their own with Lewiston and Portland in Maine, Lawrence, Boston, Brockton, Worcester, Springfield, Taunton, New Bedford and Fall River in Massachusetts, and about 25 cities and towns in New Hampshire, and from Albany to the south and west, taking in nearly all of the larger cities and towns, where the independent companies are very numerous. With these connections the new National Association of Independent Telephone Companies is expected to be a fairly dangerous competitor of the Bell.

MILDER. Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 25.—(8 p.m.).—The Atlantic storm moved into Quebec to-day, accompanied by heavy winds and snowfalls in many portions of that province. Fine weather, with more moderate temperatures, prevailed in Ontario, while over the prairie province it is turning colder again and some local snowfalls have occurred.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 4 below; 2 below; Allen, 1 below; 24; Port Simpson, 28—32; Vancouver, 28—38; Westminster, 28—40; Calgary, 14—24; Qu'Appelle, 4—22; Winnipeg, 18—24; Port Arthur, 22—30; Parry Sound, 4 below; Toronto, 43—22; Ottawa, 4—20; Montreal, 10—20; Quebec, 10—24; St. John, 32—46; Halifax, 34—46.

Probabilities. Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh westerly to southerly winds; fair and a little higher temperature.

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Nominations for separate school trustees will take place to-day between the hours of 12 o'clock and 1 o'clock in the following places:

Ward 1, St. Joseph's school, corner Church-street and Dundas-street. Ward 2, St. Paul's school, corner Queen and Saskatchewan-streets.

BIGGEST BIBLE CLASS. Emporia, Kansas, Has One Which Boasts Membership of 2500.

Emporia, Kas., Dec. 25.—Kansas lays claim to the largest Bible class in the world. It is held in Emporia and numbers 2500 members.

DEVELOPER SCYRAPER SCORCHED VALUABLE LAW BOOKS BURNED.

Denver, Col., Dec. 25.—The Ernest and Cranmer building, one of the finest of buildings in the city, was damaged by fire to-day.

FUNERAL OF BEREFOED'S BROTHER. Minneapolis, Dec. 25.—Arrangements were made to-day by the So Line to have the body of Deloel J. Berefoed, which was taken from the wrecked car at Enderlin, N. D., embalmed in Minneapolis.

Communication with the English ambassador at Washington will be made to-day by the cable.

THE BEREFOED 'SIGNAL' AGENT AT EL PASO, TEXAS, SUGGESTS CABLEING LORD CHARLES BEREFOED, REAR ADMIRAL IN CHARGE OF THE BRITISH MEDITERRANEAN FLEET, OF THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER.

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VON BUELOW IS HOSTILE TO BRITISH PEOPLE

German Chancellor Makes No Secret of His Dislike for England—People Much to Blame.

London, Dec. 25.—The German reichstag is an interesting but easily misinterpreted institution. It is elected by popular vote and its members have in the house the right of free speech.

During the South African war he was kept accurately informed by the German military attaches in the field, and knew that the behavior of the British troops in their treatment of the Boers was exemplary.

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Not only men, but measures, have been considered, and while the platform is general, three special planks have been put together. There are the construction of a trunk sewer, the preservation and improvement of the waterfront, and the public ownership of all public utilities.

Just who the members are, the officers of the society are for the present somewhat reticent about. It is desired to extend the work planned for the formation of groups of men sympathetically related, and with the main object of the society is to represent the interests of the city.

Advocate of Ecological City Government. Your Vote and Influence are Respectfully Solicited for the Election of P. O'CONNOR AS ALDERMAN

Derby, Conn., Dec. 25.—Thirty-five years ago Joseph Smith and his relatives, his only explanation for his strange conduct is that he had an uncontrollable impulse to keep his whereabouts a secret.

MISSING THIRTY-FIVE YEARS ONLY FIVE MILES AWAY. Derby, Conn., Dec. 25.—Thirty-five years ago Joseph Smith and his relatives, his only explanation for his strange conduct is that he had an uncontrollable impulse to keep his whereabouts a secret.

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Shoots Wife's Protector. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 25.—John W. Benjamin was shot and killed here to-day by a bullet fired from the arm of his wife's protector.

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Remember, the modern children are bright and intelligent and precocious beyond belief, and when you are sometimes brought up short by the big, far-seeing remark of your clever little son or daughter, don't stigmatize it as impertinence and administer a rebuke, but think it over and see if you didn't deserve it.

Children are quick to observe, quick to judge, and you owe it to them to keep as wide awake, as progressive, as advanced as they are themselves. So many parents have neglected to make any progress since they were young, and for this reason their sense of perception has become dulled to an appreciation of the demands of the life they live and so, all unconscious of their own shortcomings, they subject their children to their embarrassment.

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FRATERNALISM THE KEYNOTE FOR THE AGE THAT IS TO COME

Dr. Lyman Abbott Predicts Changes From the Individualism of the Present.

New York, Dec. 25.—Advocating a fraternalism that he differentiated from Socialism, Dr. Lyman Abbott spoke to a People's Institute audience in Cooper Union on "The Coming Age."

"To me," he said, "it seems that it will be an age of fraternalism. It is a future full of great possibilities that we are facing, and I think we are treading it, perhaps slowly, to the goals of unity and fraternity. We have lived in an autocratic age, out of which we may have grown, and we are living in an age of individualism, out of which we are passing. To come to the fraternalism of the future, we must first pass through the individualism of the present."

"God rained down wisdom on us here in America. We have followed the secret-larger-who-can get the most out of it. We have held that commerce is war, and all is fair in war, and we are getting away from that. Right here are population, I think, that indicate a new era."

"I believe, if we will do this, that we will have a new era. Statistics show that 15 per cent of Englishmen have more than \$500,000 each, while the majority of the Americans have less than \$1000."

Why Make Cox, Mackenzie, Pellatt, Richer at the People's Expense? Vote for the Beck power bylaw and make Toronto one of the greatest manufacturing centres in America. This will double the value of all the real estate in the city and suburbs.

No Evidence to Hold. Windsor, Dec. 25.—After being held here for some time, the two Zakoraks, arrested in Detroit on Monday, and brought here on suspicion of being implicated in the Zakorak intoxication case, were released.

Choice of Trains to Chicago. Three trains leave Toronto daily via the Grand Trunk all carrying handsome Pullman sleepers. Non-Stop and 4:30 p.m. have cafe parlor cars to London and Detroit, and the 11:20 p.m., in addition to the sleeper to Chicago, carries Pullman to Detroit. For reservations, tickets and full information call at city office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

WHAT BILEANS CURE

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Hungarians Naturalize and Douks Have a Pull, But Britishers Hide Their Identity.

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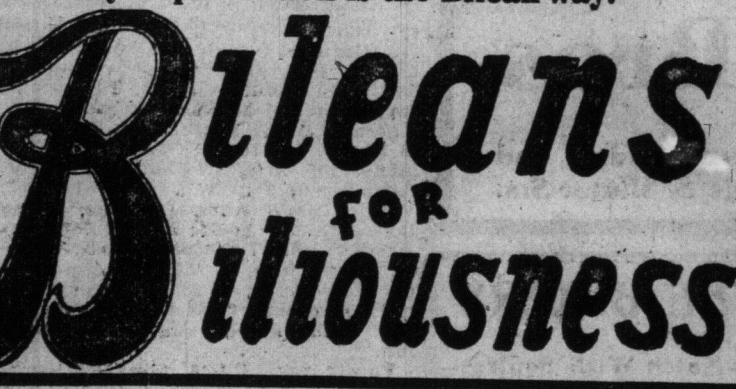
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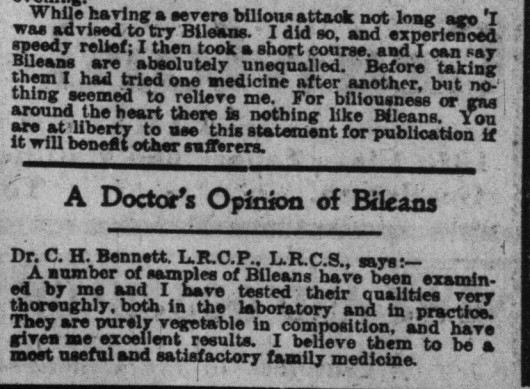
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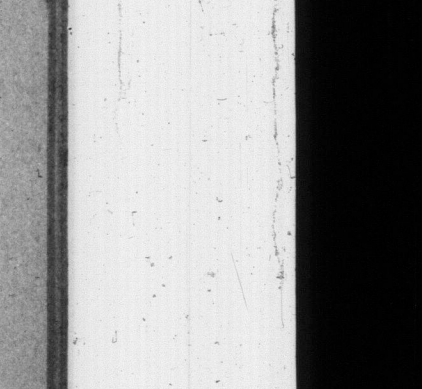
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NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE BOXERS

Jim Jeffries Continues in the Limelight—Match With Squires—Oans and Herman.

For a man of a retiring disposition, it might be said that James Jeffries is very much in the public eye and public ear, writes Big Bill Naughton in his weekly letter. It seems to suggest that it is next to useless for a champion to attempt to depart the pugilistic arena by the back door.

The Burbank man has chosen Johnson and Squires, with many augurs of an easy victory for the champion. There is some talk of a fight between the two on terms of a battle, one time is certain, however, a go between the American and the Australian would seem to be a world's championship affair than any event which has taken place since the day of the famous fight between the two.

Seldom a day goes by but the sporting pages have some reference to Jeffries and the probability of his being back in the ring. The big fellow may seize his boxing gloves and go to the ring, but there is no prospect of this. The absence of big purses and rumors of acceptances pile up, and on his return he is rarely mentioned in the papers. The shadow of Johnson and Squires hangs over him, and while the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson was a bona-fide world's championship affair, it had no significance as an international event. Let anyone who doubts this recall Fitzsimmons waving an American flag in his corner after knocking out Bob, as a matter of fact, he was an American.

Record Crowd at Ascot. Ascot, Dec. 25.—All records at Ascot were broken by the attendance today. More than 12,000 visitors attended the park, crowding the grandstands and overflowing into the aisles, making the betting tables and even the paddock almost impassable.

It was thought that Jeffries could be induced to fight Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight. This is the match the Gold Camp fight further west, but Jeffries has planted his ponderous foot squarely upon the proposition. He says that he will not box Johnson, but Squires, the Australian champion, can have a match if he comes over here a few days ago there was published in the San Francisco Examiner a copy of a cablegram received by the writer from a sporting editor, Beckett, of the Melbourne Age, which showed that Squires contemplates a fight to the United States. The cable read: "Squires will go for a purse of £4000, 50 per cent. winner, 40 per cent. loser. Will fight at once."

Naughton is in with the boxers, and says of the Tompkins match: "Tom comes from Tompkins that the minor sports have taken quite a fancy to Kid Herman and are bubbling at the short end of an betting in a way which promises to cause a stir in the odds market at the Chicagoan before many days go by. The Tompkins fight followers are probably taking for granted the fact that it is the unexpected that happens in the prize ring in seven cases out of ten. That Gans will be defeated, and thereby defeated, if he stays with the fighting game, is as sure as fate, but who knows but that a change in the world's championship is generally expected with the coming of the new year."

STRAIGHT HEATS AT DUFFERIN PARK

Jessie Won Free-For-All—Nat Ray Drove Prince Greendancer—Big Crowd, Splendid Track.

About 1000 people braved the cold and turned out to Dufferin Park to see the trotters and pacers perform over the splendid ice track. The racing was of the straight heat order. In Class B, the owner of the track, Charles Pritchard, sprung a surprise on the talent with his good un-bubbled pacer, Smutt.

New Orleans Selections. FIRST RACE—Toy Boy, Spion, Spider Web. SECOND RACE—Alonca, Ancestor. THIRD RACE—Debar, Big Bow, Hotway. FOURTH RACE—Meadow Breeze, Lady Heartless. FIFTH RACE—Sir Toddington, Gold Circle, Moralee. SIXTH RACE—Bitter Brown, Ladarnon, Lady Charade.

ALLOWMAIZE, 7 TO 1, WINS THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP

Valentine Was Second and Gild, Favorite, Third—At Oakland and Ascot.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Despite a biting north wind and generally raw day, a large crowd witnessed the races at the fair grounds track today. The Christmas Handicap, the feature of the card, was won easily by Allowmaize, the favorite, Gild finishing third. Weather clear; track good. Summary:

First race, 6 furlongs—Posar, 108 (J. Hennessy), 6 to 1; Posar, 108 (F. Burton), 7 to 1; Fancy Dress, 113 (Garner), 5 to 1. Time 1:14 1/2. Clifton Boy, Gay Adelaide, Cannonball, Tom Hankins, Atlas, Robinson, Red Ruby and Medina also ran.

TRAINING HORSES BUTBOY HEARS THE LIST

Rudy Kip, Kentucky Todd and Other Canadian Campaigners Well Up.

New York, Dec. 25.—The official list of money winning trotters and pacers during the season of 1906 has just been compiled. The figures include not only all the Grand Circuit meetings, but the racing at Windsor, Ont., which directly preceded the opening of the Grand Circuit, and the meeting at Lexington, which followed the Grand Circuit and brought the season to a close.

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GRANITES PRESIDENT AHEAD

Annual Match Began on Christmas Day—New Club Rooms.

The beautiful new quarters of the Granites were the resort of many members yesterday for the exchange of Christmas greetings and the annual holiday game between the president and vice-president's sides. On account of the absence from town and the engagement elsewhere of many members, the big match was not concluded yesterday, but 11 games were played, as yet using the usual rules, as well as on Sunday, so far as the Granites were concerned.

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Presidents of the Pacific Coast Rugby Football is gaining interest steadily. Also many students prefer football there are many staunch followers of the English game. A new high school league has been formed, composed of teams from Pomona, Redlands, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Polytechnic, Long Beach, Compton and Riverside.

Jockey Lewis Killed.

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—Jockey R. Lewis was killed at Ascot Park yesterday afternoon while riding for E. J. Baldwin. Lewis tumbled from his horse and struck his head against a post.

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MR. BRYAN ON COMPANY LAW.

Invited recently by the Constitutional Convention of Oklahoma to submit suggestions for the new state constitution, Mr. William Jennings Bryan responded in an interesting address, touching briefly on what he considers to be its necessary features. A considerable, some will no doubt hold an undue, part of the address is occupied by recommendations touching the method of dealing with corporations which Mr. Bryan divides into three classes, private corporations proper, corporations holding municipal franchises, and transportation corporations, such as railways, interurban electric lines, express companies, sleeping car companies, telegraph lines and long distance telephone lines. His first suggestion in regard to these is that a public board of corporations should be created with power "to pass upon all articles of incorporation before they are filed, to insure compliance with prescribed conditions. The water line of stock and the issue of fictitious capitalization, should," he says, "be forbidden and the issuing of stocks for anything excepting actual money should be carefully guarded. Mr. Bryan holds that no corporation should be allowed to own land except as incidental to its legitimate business. He adds an opinion that "coal, iron, and other mineral lands should be leased rather than sold, inasmuch as the state has control, and the leases should be limited in duration and in the amount that one person or corporation can control."
Among the other corporate evils time and experience have disclosed he specifies two as specially calling for correction. One is the duplication of directorates. No person, Mr. Bryan holds, should be permitted to serve as a director of two or more corporations that either compete with each other or deal with each other. In his own words:

To the extent that two corporations are controlled by the same persons, competition is dominated and this is one of the methods now employing a monopoly in an industry. If the same men control two corporations, which deal with each other, they are tempted to be subjected to temptation to sacrifice one corporation to the other. The minority shareholders have rights that must be respected, and one of these rights is to have directors who have no pecuniary interests adverse to the interests of the stockholders. No corporation should be permitted to hold stock in another corporation.
Had Canada had legislation of the nature just indicated many of the worst difficulties now confronting her provinces and municipalities would have been either avoided altogether or greatly simplified. Such examples of corporation methods as exist in Hamilton, where the street railway and Cataract companies are controlled by Mr. Gibson, the late attorney-general of the Ross government, to the prejudice of the public interest, could not have arisen. Similar abuses are found wherever there are corporations. Toronto presents splendid specimens in the relations between the Niagara Power Syndicate, the Niagara and Toronto long-distance transportation company and the Toronto Electric (the distributing) Company, and the connection between the street railway and radial companies. All these intimately associated enterprises have been engineered to extract the maximum of profit from the public, with the minimum of public service.
The second evil which should be prevented, in Mr. Bryan's opinion, is monopoly of the product. On this point he says:

Except where the corporations own a patent right, no corporation ought to be permitted to control enough of the total product to enable it to fix the market price or the terms of trade. The proportion of the limit to fixer than an arbitrary

limitation upon the capital stock, because a capitalization sufficient to monopolize one industry might be insufficient to enable the company to control any considerable part of the product of another industry. The object of the law should be to prevent monopoly rather than to prevent association together for production on a large scale. As long as competition operates freely the public will get the benefit of improved methods, but when competition is eliminated the purchaser has no protection.
No corporation should be permitted to discriminate between purchasers for the purpose of driving a rival out of business; it should be compelled to treat all alike. The trusts have very frequently resorted to the practice of reducing prices in a competitor's field, while they maintained or raised them in other parts of the country.
These suggestions occur to me, but they do not exhaust the subject. The board of corporations should be given ample power to require publicity as to the financial condition of the corporation, to supervise its relations with other corporations, and to suspend or, subject to appeal, revoke charters for violation of articles of incorporation.

Some of Mr. Bryan's suggestions touch closely various points made in the draft provincial company act, issued the other day by the government. But all of his recommendations are reasonable and designed to effect vast improvements in company legislation for the public interest, and are well worth careful consideration by the provincial cabinet. Mr. Bryan deals later and at length with franchise-holding corporations, and his views will be noticed in a subsequent article.

GRAND JURIES.

Two of the paragraphs in the presentment of the grand jurors of York County to the court of general sessions deserve special attention. One of these, and the last in the presentment, the not least in importance, stated that, having regard to the better conditions existing at the present time, as compared with the past, the grand jury system is not now a necessary part of the machinery of the law, and that a simpler and much less expensive arrangement might with advantage be substituted for it. In so far as this expression of opinion relates to the finding of true bills in ordinary criminal prosecutions, the opinion of the present grand jury seems to be justifiable.
But might the functions of grand jurors not with advantage be extended to the investigation, on their own initiative, of all public scandals in which the general interests of the citizens are concerned? A power of this kind has proved highly advantageous in various states of the republic, and its exercise has made greatly for the public good. It was thru grand juries that Attorney-General Polk of Missouri was able to unveil the serious political and other offences against the people prevalent in that state and in the City of St. Louis. The power the grand jurors possessed to initiate enquiries and place witnesses on oath led directly to the purification of public life in the State of Missouri, as it has in other states of the Union. Grand jurors in Canada should have the same privilege of initiating and conducting investigations and instituting prosecutions when circumstances requiring so drastic a remedy are disclosed.
Quite a substantial part of the presentment of the grand jurors is devoted to a report upon the Central Prison and the jail. While the condition of the Central is described as excellent, emphasis is laid on its patent lack of accommodation, and the government is asked as early as possible to take steps to remedy the deficiency. As regards the prison labor the jurors offer a reasonable and carefully-weighed opinion. Recognizing that profitable labor is necessary in prisons, they also admit the hardship of allowing the products to affect the ordinary labor market. The problem, as they say, is a difficult one, and they suggest that the government call into its council expert manufacturers and representatives of labor. This is an excellent proposal and deserves the best consideration of the government. As for the jail, its interior arrangements are described as not at all satisfactory.

BURNING THE ORCHARD.

In his speech bringing down the budget, Mr. Fielding, as minister of finance, related an episode that so far has attracted little attention. It appears that the C. P. R. borrowed \$15,000,000 to be paid, let us say, in 1930. The Dominion government guaranteed the loan and took as indemnity a lien upon certain lands owned by the C. P. R. The railway company has sold the land and the mortgage has been released. Meanwhile the \$15,000,000 has been used up by the government, which is now compelled to pay the interest and trust for something to turn up whereby money may be found in 1930 or thereabouts to pay off the principal. The C. P. R. has taken property by the hand and cut off an annual interest burden of \$600,000. The government, in its place, plays to the creditor this \$500,000 a month, or nearly \$2000 a day. It is thus that a part of this \$15,000,000 went to pay off some pressing debts of the Dominion. But the whole transaction illustrates the shiftless slipshod financial methods of the present government, as contrasted with the business administration of the C. P. R. Another disclosure, by no means unfamiliar, is to the effect that

THE RAILWAYS AND THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.

There is perhaps no one in Canada interested in the question of cheap transportation who is not ready to acknowledge that the board of railway commissioners is a distinct disappointment. In seeking an explanation of the reason for their failure to perform the duties entrusted to them there are three things which stand out prominently as contributing thereto, and for the information of the government and people we will state plainly and succinctly what they are.
First: The fact that the individual members of the board are not qualified by previous training to deal intelligently with transportation questions. The government must assume the responsibility for the composition of the board.
Second: The board of railway commissioners is overwhelmed with work. They are somewhat in the same position as the Ireland of the orator's imagination when he said, "Ireland's cup of misery has been for ages overflowing and is not yet full." The board of railway commissioners' cup of work has been overflowing for some time, and the government keeps pouring on additional responsibilities.
Third: Many of the complainants who appear before the board of railway commissioners do not realize the necessity of stating their case in plain language and sticking to the facts, but allow themselves to be drawn into complex questions introduced by the railways for the purpose of covering up the real issues at stake.
All three of these causes can be readily overcome by the adoption of straight business principles.

First: There should be a separate board of commissioners for each province, and at least two of the men comprising each board should be thoroughly competent traffic experts.
Second: The work of the board of railway commissioners could be materially decreased by compelling the carrying companies to settle their own disputes thru the ordinary channels of litigation. The railway officials are very fond of telling the public that if they consider themselves unfairly treated they are at liberty to obtain redress thru the courts of the country, and they should be quite willing to take their own prescription. In any case the people of Canada should not be called upon to pay the expenses of a special tribunal provided for the purpose of settling disputes which arise between the carrying companies. The major portion of the time of the board of railway commissioners is occupied with work of this kind, and they should be entirely relieved of it.
Third: The people should be given to understand that the time of the board must not be taken up with the discussion of theories or complex questions which have no direct bearing on the case under consideration, but that they must confine themselves to a plain statement of their grievance, whatever it may be.
Even such an influential body as the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is not free from blame in this respect. They allow themselves to be used in exploding ideas which are of no practical value and which, if carried out, would effectually prevent an equalization of rates. The suggestion advanced by the traffic officer of that organization that the time of the board of railway commissioners should be taken up with an investigation of the propriety of basing railway rates on the earnings of the carrying companies will not meet with the approval of the public. If such a scheme was adopted the basis of computation would necessarily be the net earnings of the railways, and anyone who is at all conversant with the methods of railway officials knows that they would never permit the net earnings to reach a point where reductions in rates would become obligatory, for the extra profits would all be eaten up in working expenses.
Transportation tolls should be founded on justice and common sense; and there is no necessity for using any other basis of computation. Until they are built upon that foundation they will not be satisfactory to the people.
There are certain well defined lines which should govern the preparation of railway tariffs.
When a railway company for any cause whatever publishes a low rate from one point to another, that rate should be at once established as a standard. This would prevent discrimination in favor of certain points and particular lines of trade.
Local territory should receive the same facilities and rates as are given to common points.
Rates to intermediate points should not be higher than to points beyond. The long and short haul clause should be applied on Canadian traffic.
There is no necessity for giving consideration at this time to theoretical propositions in connection with the transportation problems of the country. Let us confine our attention to securing the removal of the disabilities and discriminations which exist to-day and deal with these questions in a straight businesslike manner.

Legislation governing common carriers should be based on common sense in the interests of the people generally.
(These articles have appeared daily since Monday, Dec. 3.—Ed.)
the proceeds from the sale of public lands are included under the current revenues of the year. This style of financing could only be paralleled by a farmer who has sold his farm to a farmer who has no money, and then to pay the money received from the land, as he would the money realized from the sale of grain.
Another unpleasant item glossed over by the minister is the fact that he is paying six per cent. for money in London, and the rate may automatically advance to seven. And so far from reducing the national debt, we find at the end of the year, that in spite of the "surplus," the Dominion government is more than \$300,000 deeper in the hole than it was a year ago.
If the so-called intermediate tariff means anything, it furnishes to the governor in council authority to lower the general tariff in favor of the United States. That such a step would largely increase importations and swell the customs revenue is plain enough, and that this dangerous remedy may be resorted to, is evident when attention is called to the fact that our export duties for the year ending March 31, 1926, is estimated at \$108,000,000.
These facts have been called to the attention of the country, after a fashion. The financial situation was discussed at some length by Mr. Foster, in reply to the budget speech. As a matter of fact, his speech received scant attention. The new tariff that night naturally engrossed newspaper space and comment. But the reckless manœuvring of the present government is not a thing of yesterday. It has been apparent for years. Each year shows a worse condition.
Strangely enough, the business men of the country are indifferent. No protest comes from the boards of trade, from the banks, from the leaders of finance—and why?
Many corporations are either receiving money directly from the government, or they are exploiting the pub-

lic credit for their own benefit, or they are permitted, without inspection or restraint, to receive deposits, handle trust funds, and exercise the most far-reaching powers and important franchises. The men who control these corporations must smile at the Milcaberque financial deal at Ottawa; but they have their own reasons for not exposing or denouncing it. To a large extent they also influence the press and public opinion.
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(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
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(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
London, Dec. 25.—The Admirer says that Bryce is to have a Canadian on his staff, and that it naturally pleases Canada.
LOST \$10,000 IN STREET.
Many Persons Arrested for Forgery to Cash Pay Cheques.
Chicago, Dec. 25.—A despatch from Dayton, Ohio, says:
An express messenger lost packages containing cheques amounting to \$10,000 here last night. The cheques were for the employes of the Indiana, Columbus & Western Traction Company. The packages were lost in the express wagon, and were scattered along the streets in the city. Part of them were restored to the traction company officers by Charles Mintoff and Excelsior Councilman Adams. Some of the cheques were cashed by merchants here, names of employes being forged. Numerous arrests have been made of persons who cashed the cheques.
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RIOTOUS SOLDIERS.
Leavenworth, Kans., Dec. 25.—Several members of a squadron of the Ninth United States Cavalry, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, created a disturbance on a suburban electric car here yesterday.
They kicked all the windows out, beat the conductor and motorman, locked them in and raced with the car through Leavenworth, where the rioters were placed in the guardhouse.
Quarrel Ends in Murder.
Macon, Ga., Dec. 25.—Gordon McDonald shot and killed Colby Cheney and Herschel Burns at Cochran, Ga., yesterday, as a result of a quarrel.
McDonald went to Burns' home and engaged in a dispute, and when Cheney intervened, he showed a disposition to fight, and McDonald shot both. He has not been apprehended.
All the parties are white.
Will Pile Infection.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—E. T. Young, attorney-general, for Minneapolis, will file his papers in an injunction suit on the part of the state seeking to prevent the additional issue of \$60,000,000 in stock by the Great Northern Railway.
Canadian Northern Railway.
Gross earnings for week ending Dec. 21, 1926, were \$117,500; from July 1 to date, \$3,744,400; corresponding period

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The biggest Christmas clothing business we ever received from you has been our share. And the same applies to all branches of this men's furnishing business.

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And, you know, big buying calls for the limit of price concession which our orders have demanded from the mills that made the cloth, both in Europe and Canada.

No store tries harder to lessen the cost of your wearables than this one and no store has succeeded quite so well, and not a line of quality sacrificed either.

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BACK FROM POLAR REGIONS
Crew of "Roosevelt" Reach New York in Time for Xmas Festivities
New York, Dec. 25.—With practically all the members of the Arctic expedition which left in July, 1906, under command of Robert E. Peary, on a voyage to discover the north pole, the ship Roosevelt arrived in New York Bay last night and anchored off West 42nd street, almost in the place from which she started. Commander Peary has been in this city for some weeks, having left his vessel at Sydney, C.B., it was long after dark when the Roosevelt came to anchor, but the men aboard were jubilant at reaching New York, where they could eat their Christmas dinner in civilization, instead of the far north, where last year the Christmas meal consisted of scant rations.
The Roosevelt, although pretty well ice-covered, showed few signs of the wear and tear entailed on the voyage, notwithstanding that her foretopmast had gone—lost in a gale of wind in Baffin's Bay, on her southern journey—and that she has to be towed by a tug. That she had to be towed was due to the fact that three of the four blades in her propeller were out of action, two being bent up in corkscree fashion, while the third was missing, having been completely snapped off.
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Many lines of new and seasonable goods—to which are added the numerous broken lines and odds in all departments resulting from Christmas selling—will be laid out at attractive prices.

JOHN GATTO & SON ATTEMPT TO SHOOT BRIDE

Called to Door During Reception and Two Shots Are Fired. Rutland, Vt., Dec. 25.—The officials of Mrs. V. L. a village nine miles from here, began to-day an investigation of the mysterious shooting of Mrs. Mary Parker Gilmore, wife of Charles Gilmore, while she was entertaining friends last night at a reception following her wedding.

ICE FORMED RAPIDLY

Kingston, Dec. 25.—The ice made very rapidly to-night and to-day. William Card of Wolfe Island crossed from the island to the city with a horse and sleigh. Yesterday steamers were running, but had to cut their ice. The stage line will be opened as soon as possible to Cape Vincent, N.Y., crossing over Wolfe Island.

His Cigar Doesn't Taste Right

And Yet It Is the Same He Was Smoking With So Much Relish After Dinner, Last Night, Out of the Very Same Box. It isn't the Segar—it's the Stomach

Every smoker has experienced this peculiar condition of the stomach and liver, the result usually of improper digestion of food. And the blame is usually put on the cigar and not where it belongs.

Such men are usually high livered, hard workers mentally, living under high pressure and high draught, and do not take a great deal to disorder the stomach or render the liver torpid.

They should make it a practice to use some tried and reliable remedy like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, that will aid nature and not force it and take care of the sudden attacks of acute indigestion.

WHY CITIZENS WILL SUPPORT POWER BY-LAW IN TORONTO

"If Corporations Oppose It, Then Electors Should Support It," is One Reason.

Thomas Roden of Roden Bros., silversmith manufacturers, is another of those expressing themselves as being in favor of the power by-law.

"A saving in the expense of power is a big step forward in the progress of manufacturing," said Mr. Roden. "Cheap power, like low rent and low taxes, is an essential thing for a manufacturer to consider in estimating his fixed expenses."

"And there is another thing that must be considered in connection with this scheme," continued Mr. Roden. "It is important as showing that the limited class, which is at the head of the manufacturing industries, is not the only one which will benefit."

"What I like about the by-law is that it applies to the people as a whole, the man with the factory and the man without, the employer and the employe. This by-law affords Toronto an opportunity to share in the wealth at Niagara Falls."

"I have been pretty busy," said James T. Reid of Reid & Doidge, on Saturday, and until recently he has been busy with the by-law. "I have decided, however, to vote for the by-law, and I think you had better vote for it, too."

"I am not going to help carry the by-law and let the corporations get hold of all that power and money," said Mr. Reid. "I am not going to let the corporations get hold of all that power and money."

SLAVES TO THE RING. Are the voters and ratepayers of Toronto disposed to go into the slavery of a great electric ring? Senator Cox and Millionaire Ross of Montreal are doing their best to get them into it.

A West Queen St. Factory. The Queen, Mackay Company have taken out a permit for a new five-story brick factory on the southwest corner of Queen and Crawford-streets, to cost \$60,000.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The municipal campaign is now fairly under way. With the nomination ceremonies over, the waiting public is now possessed of knowledge as to the candidates in the civic arena.

"The oldest contest for mayor the city has ever known," is the comment of a lifelong resident of Toronto, and a substantial taxpayer. It would be hard to find a stranger combination of candidates in the city's past history.

"Where Will Spence Vote? It mustn't be forgotten, either," is pointed out by one of the ex-controller's supporters. "That vote isn't going to be cast at all, at least, unless a very small section of the voters will actually vote."

Whatever may be the individual fates of the other by-laws, all indications point to a sweeping majority declaring for cheap Niagara power, under the present commission's terms.

The board of control proposes to be the most interesting contest at large. The field, with its tea contestants, offers a generous variety of choices to the public in general, plays no favorite. It treats everybody alike. That's good enough for me."

Controller Jones during his first year on the board of control, has proved himself a capable manager. He has insisted from the first that the power by-law should be submitted without delay, and he has insisted that it should be submitted without delay.

Has Not Withdrawn. Mr. W. H. Warrington, who was nominated for alderman in Ward 4 on Monday night, has not withdrawn, as stated in the World of yesterday.

A BEAUTIFUL FACE. All the old methods of securing beauty and a perfect complexion are replaced by the RUBBER COMPLEXION BULB.

The employees of the bottling department of the O'Keefe Brewery Company presented their foreman, J. B. O'Keefe, with a handsome gold watch on Christmas Eve. The presentation was made by Chas. McDowell on behalf of the staff.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision for over 30 years. Alleviate no one to deceive you in this. Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments, and endanger the health of Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA? Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Fennel, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee.

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THE LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN

111 Municipalities to Vote for or Against Liquor Prohibition. The local option campaign is extending this year over 111 municipalities, which is much larger number than even the campaign of the Dominion Alliance and the United Farmers' Party.

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the British America Assurance Company will be held at the head office of the company, corner of Front and Scott-streets, in the City of Toronto, on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1906, at 12 o'clock noon.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Canadian License of the Montreal Casualty Company has been amended by a by-law approved at a special general meeting of the shareholders of the company, held on the 4th day of July, 1906.

Hot Water Heating Steam Heating Combination Heating Hot Air Heating

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LETTER'S AUTO KILLS 'BOY'

Washington, Dec. 25.—The 60-horse power touring car of Joseph Letter, in which were riding Mr. Letter, Mrs. Levi Z. Letter and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Remington of New York, to-day ran down and instantly killed Samuel West, a 14-year-old negro boy, on Columbia Heights.

BYRRH The Best

PASSENGER TRAFFIC. CANADIAN PACIFIC NEW YEAR'S EXCURSION RATES

RETURN TICKETS, between all stations in Canada, east of Port Arthur, and to Detroit, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Buffalo, on sale at

SPECIAL Tropical Excursion 42 DAYS. Messrs Elder, Dempster and Co. will run a special Tourist Excursion on their R.M.S. Shamrock Dec. 28, from Halifax to Nassau, Cuba and Mexico, 24 days at sea and at Havana 4 days, Mexico City 8 days, Merida (Yucatan) 2 days and Nassau 4 days.

THE TRUSTS & GUARANTEE COMPANY LIMITED

Dividend Notice. Notice is hereby given that a HALF YEARLY DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT. for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1906, has been declared upon the paid up Capital Stock of the Company on and after

THE CANADIAN SAVINGS LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION

Notice of Meeting. Take notice that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Savings Loan and Building Association will be held at the Head Office of the Association, "Canadian Savings Chambers," 43 Adelaide-street East, Toronto, Ontario, on Thursday, the 17th day of January, 1907, at 3 p.m.

ESTATE NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE Matter of the Estate of Robert W. Gooch, Late of the City of Toronto, Deceased.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY THERAPION

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ROYAL MAIL SERVICE. "EMPRESSES". FROM ST. JOHN, N.B. TO LIVERPOOL. Dec. 28, Friday—Empress of Ireland.

posed, his host replied, "Of frogs. The church has decided that frogs are not flesh; but as the soup would not be nourishing enough, we added a little veal to it. The abbe, who aware of the deception, is so good a man that he forgives the wretched soup and abstains from it."

**Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation
HALF-YEARLY DIVIDEND**

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three per cent. (3%) on the paid-up capital stock of this Corporation has been declared for the half-year ending 31st December, 1906, and that the same will be payable on and after Wednesday, the second day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the fifteenth to the thirty-first of December inclusive. By order of the Board.
Toronto, Nov. 28th, 1906. GEO. H. SMITH, Secretary.

**INTERFERENCE IN CONGO
URGED UPON ROOSEVELT**

J. P. Morgan, Lyman Abbott and Others Point Out Abuses Which Demand Remedy.

New York, Dec. 25.—A letter signed by J. P. Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of this city, was addressed to Secretary of State Elihu Root to-day, directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State, where, it is asserted, "flagrant inhumanity exists," and urging him, on behalf of the American people to urge the "moral support" of the United States government to correct the abuses the Congo natives are alleged to be suffering from. The communication follows:

"Over a year has passed since the report of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereign, the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following:

1. The exaction of a labor tax so oppressive that many natives on whom it falls have little if any freedom.
2. Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory.
3. The employment under the authority of the government of natives of cruel, brutish blacks, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people, and whose actions the government is avowedly established.
4. The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies.
5. The binding of little children to years of labor at uncertain wages by contracts, they do not understand, and, even, more serious, maltreatment of children supported under the immediate care of the government.
6. Great injustice in the administration of the courts, as the natives dread the name of Boma, the place where the judicial system is centralized.
7. The sending out of punitive expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace and order, but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying a tax, which, as administered, even the commissioners consider as inhuman.

Facts, Not Imaginings.
"It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission appointed by the chief executive of the government, to investigate and report on the facts. As stated upon these facts, a second commission also appointed by the king, has recommended measures of reform. No steps have been taken to adopt them. The government is undertaking the Congo to remedy these evils. The power to create the Congo government have clearly a right to call that government to account. Inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Congo government, it is justified in giving its moral support to any amendments to correct conditions in the Congo that will not disgrace civilization. We wish to assure you that for any measure you may adopt in order to give the powers such moral support of the United States, you will have our earnest and urgent approval."

Strong Support.
The letter is signed by the Rev. Drs. Lyman Abbott, Henry Morfit, Wilford L. Robbins, George William Knox, Charles H. Parkhurst, John P. Peters, William R. Richards, Amson P. Atterbury, the Rev. Percy S. Grant, Thomas Messers, Rev. Jay Schiffelin, William J. Douglas, Charles A. Schieren, Spencer Trask, George Haven Putnam, Everett P. Wheeler, Robert C. Ogden, J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Willis James, R. Fulton Cutting, J. Cleveland Cady and W. J. Havensmyer.

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Old inhabitants lay all the blame on the sudden coming of wealth to the town and to the corrupt game of politics that followed. In the last four elections prices for votes have run from \$50 to \$200. To embrace fully the tragedy of to-day it is necessary to go back to the time when Waynesburg lay isolated in the hills, a rural community that became active only once a year, when the farmers flocked in to town to sell the wool sheared from their fleeces of sheep.

Sheep Raising Only Industry.
In 1895 sheep raising was Waynesburg's only industry. There was 200,000

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sheep in the surrounding hills and valleys. At that time the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank was as solid as a rock. Every year the farmers deposited their money in the institution, of which Ezra Sayres was chief owner and president. Sayres now 82 years old, and still owing the majority of stock in the bank, he lies dying in the town without knowledge of the blow that has struck his many fortunes and the fortunes of the friends of his lifetime.

In the early days the Waynesburg section was a quiet and isolated one, the sheep-raising parts of Montana, and frequently traveled referred to the similarity between the two regions. The town was discovered under the hills, and in a day Waynesburg altered. Over the narrow gauge railroad that perfect spot in the hills, a specious course thru the hills speculators began to pour into the town. These speculators after fortune met more than a match in Rinehart, the country school teacher, who, seeing the opportunity for wealth, obtained short options on many thousands of acres for a mere trifle, and turned over the property at a tremendous profit.

The financial address of the young man caught the fancy of Sayres, and he offered him the position of assistant cashier in the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank. Rinehart grabbed at the opening, and immediately began to use the office as a moral power to further his own interests. He bought the bank from the parents of the children he once had taught the alphabet, and he became the owner of the bank in less than five years. Then the gas began to give out, and it seemed that the town would sink again into its old isolation. But Rinehart was learned that where there is gas there is likely to be coal. He employed engineers to prospect for the mine, and was rewarded by the discovery that the whole region practically is a rich coal bed.

Natives Are Prisoners.
Again he began to trade in leases, and his fortune began to grow by tens of thousands. Three years ago Rinehart boasted of the development of all his coal lands would give him more than \$10,000,000, and that he might die with money to burn. But now the gas had begun to dribble in politics, and he followed this fetish until it led to destruction.

"Politics and a desire for revenge are the joint causes of my failure," says Rinehart. "The troubles of the bank were caused by my political ambitions. We got in a death struggle, and they were too powerful for me."
For many years the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank has been active in politics. On election day Rinehart's name was on the list of names that was drunk for all voters, and where the doubtful voters were made the objects of practical arguments. In 1904 James McNeil was elected county judge. He was the candidate of the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank, and \$400,000 was spent on the election. The fight was in the open between Rinehart and former officers of the bank, several of whom were prominent in the organization of the Citizens' National Bank. Once this new institution was in the field Rinehart's star began to wane, and his complete extinction culminated in the disaster of the present. The buying of votes by the rival faction was an open secret, and prices were quoted for days before the election. It is said that the last straw in the downfall of Rinehart was the election of last November.

Eight Separate Sets of Books.
The revenge which Rinehart set his heart on the driving out of politics of Judge Crawford, one of the old directors of the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank, began to wane, and the founding of the rival institution. Rinehart had the satisfaction of defeating Crawford for office, but Crawford continued an antagonism that in the end hastened Rinehart's ruin.
After Rinehart got complete control of the bank, he at once introduced the system of eight separate sets of books. His own set he balanced with the books kept by the women clerks, and he kept his books in a safe in his office.
The women, ignorant of the offences, are said to have forged the notes for \$1,000,000 in this way; Rinehart would instruct one of them to credit \$10,000 to the account of some prominent person in Waynesburg. He would give the clerk a blank note, telling her to fill it out for \$10,000, and sign the name Crawford for office, but Crawford would sign a note for a similar amount was about to mature and that the person whose name was on the note was to give new paper. The note would be given to Rinehart and he would then have it rediscounted by some other bank, using his position as cashier of the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank and director in the Colonial Trust Co., one of the strongest banks of Waynesburg, to influence the other banker. He would then order the woman clerk to mark the account of the prominent man closed with an entry that the \$10,000 had been withdrawn. The money realized on the note would go into Rinehart's pockets.

People Loyal to Rinehart.
In the face of all the developments the people of Waynesburg are still loyal to Rinehart. He has had them practically hypnotized for the last ten years, and they seem unable to cast off the spell. It is now reported that Rinehart's popularity stood him in good stead last summer, when by means of an "underground route" he managed to keep control of the Farmers' and Drovers' after he had been deposed as cashier. Examiner Cunningham ordered Rinehart to resign. Cunningham's nephew, Harry George, was placed in the position in an effort to straighten out the affairs of the bank. At a secret meeting of the board of directors Cunningham had himself elected vice-president, and a few days later opened his headquarters in the office of State Senator D. S. Walton, who is also president of the bank, in the building adjoining the bank. Rinehart informed many persons that he was ready to take care of their financial business. A secret passage-way connects the bank with Cunningham's office and Rinehart used this to get access to the bank's books and papers after the institution was closed for the day. The seven women clerks assisted him, it is said, and he was able to keep his grasp on the bank. When Examiner Cunningham finally discovered the "underground route" he closed the bank.

**CHRISTMAS DAY IN TORONTO
CELEBRATED IN THE HOME**

Not Much Moving About—Impressive Service at St. Thomas'—How the Homeless Fare.

One of the quietest observances of Christmas in the city's history was the general opinion of yesterday. The weather was the best that winter can afford. The church services in the morning were fairly well attended, and so were the theatre matinees, the night performances also drawing large crowds. It was essentially a day of home celebration.

Perhaps one of the most memorable services of Christmas in Toronto was held at St. Thomas' Church, Huron-street, yesterday morning when, at the high choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the beautiful church was crowded to capacity. Early services for the season were more in evidence when Rev. Fathers Bryant, Davenport and Rev. C. Enson Sharp, the rector of St. Thomas', officiated. At 10:15 plain Matins were sung. Rev. Father Davenport and H. McCausland officiating. When the church looked beautiful in its simple but artistic embellishments. The principal decorations were employed were evergreens and white flowers, while over the altar road the inscription: "Unto us a son is born." The organist, Dr. Fowler Smith, before the service played "Nazareth," and other selections. The celebration for the first time in Toronto was taken over by a celebrant, Canon J. S. Robertson, secretary of the trustees board, spoke on behalf of the trustees and extended to all the compliments of the season. The service was accompanied by an address, expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by everyone in the hospital. J. S. Robertson, secretary of the trustees board, spoke on behalf of the trustees and extended to all the compliments of the season. The service was accompanied by an address, expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by everyone in the hospital. J. S. Robertson, secretary of the trustees board, spoke on behalf of the trustees and extended to all the compliments of the season.

MOTOR CARS IN JAPAN.
The motor vehicle has invaded the land of the rising sun, but Japan is far from being an ideal country for the modern vehicle. The roads, says The Industrial Motor Review, are as they have been for centuries, designed only for the most primitive traffic, and with the same economy of space which is everywhere manifest. The city streets as well as the country roads average less than 25 ft. in width. People and vehicles mix indiscriminately, and look out for themselves as best they may. A 25 ft. street is considered a wide one. In many places a motor vehicle with a top would be compelled to put it down rounding a corner, to keep from knocking down awnings.

An attempt was made some time ago to have the streets widened, but the inhabitants indignantly protested because if the sidewalks were widened they would not walk in the centre of a business street, and view the shop windows on either side. The streets of the towns are worse. Many are not 6 ft. wide. Between Nogaya and Kobe there are about one hundred and fifty miles of fairly good roads, but there are three large rivers to cross, and to make things worse there are no bridges for carrying them. The prospect of introducing the motor vehicle to such a country is remote. But the fact is otherwise. Motor vehicles of all descriptions have been introduced, and their number is constantly on the increase.

It is an old axiom that the Japanese do everything backward. Here is one example: In other countries the touring car has been the forerunner of the utility vehicles, but in Japan it is reversed. The industrial motor is about one hundred and fifty miles for transport on what they call abbreviated "richness." Therefore, it is evident that such a condition offers a wide field for motor buses. The first company that took up the introduction of industrial motor vehicles with serious intent was Osaka Jidosha Kaisha, to operate in Osaka. Seeing that there was a future in Japan for motor vehicles both for passengers and goods, a large order for chassis was placed with an American firm. The bodies of these chassis were made in Japan. The company started out with the utmost care and conservatism. It hired as head mechanic a young man who had been educated in Glasgow. An expert from America was also employed.

DR. HAWKE IN THE RACE.
Thru an error, the name of Dr. Benjamin Elmore Hawke, candidate for the board of education in the list of nominees in yesterday's issue as Benjamin Elmore.

With the Aged.
Old age brings its own infirmities, but in the Aged Men's Home they were considerably alleviated by the dinner extraordinary and the suitable gifts that the charitably disposed provided. Also women's ministrations were most helpful. The Home, where some of the inmates are centenarians or nearly so, the stream of kindly benevolence had been flowing, carrying in its tide the very things an old lady dearly loves at Christmas-tide.

All the hospitals were well remembered, and the many donations received by each caused those who are so unfortunate as to be the inmates to feel that gratitude and thankfulness which proceed from grateful hearts. St. Andrew's Society this year gave a choice to each one of its recipients as regards their Christmas gifts, as all the gifts were in money with a carte blanche to select what they liked best.

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At Western Sanitarium.
The 53 patients and staff in residence at the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives, near Weston, had a happy time on Christmas Eve. That the hospital was more in evidence when Rev. Fathers Bryant, Davenport and Rev. C. Enson Sharp, the rector of St. Thomas', officiated. At 10:15 plain Matins were sung. Rev. Father Davenport and H. McCausland officiating. When the church looked beautiful in its simple but artistic embellishments. The principal decorations were employed were evergreens and white flowers, while over the altar road the inscription: "Unto us a son is born." The organist, Dr. Fowler Smith, before the service played "Nazareth," and other selections. The celebration for the first time in Toronto was taken over by a celebrant, Canon J. S. Robertson, secretary of the trustees board, spoke on behalf of the trustees and extended to all the compliments of the season. The service was accompanied by an address, expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by everyone in the hospital. J. S. Robertson, secretary of the trustees board, spoke on behalf of the trustees and extended to all the compliments of the season.

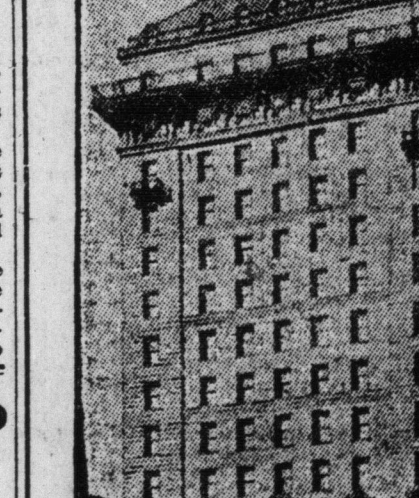
OIL STRIKE ON MANITOULIN.
Leamington, Dec. 25.—Leamington men are interested in what is regarded as a very important strike of oil on Manitoulin Island.
The strike was made at a depth of 320 feet after drilling for eighteen days. The property has been purchased by a Leamington firm, and it is understood that the same firm has options on large tracts of land adjoining.

Rescued a "Mermaid."
From The New York Times.
Peter McNally, who won fame by swimming the English Channel, undertook last night to rescue one of the mermaids at the Hippodrome. He was sitting in a box on the right of the stage. This particular mermaid was on the right of the tank, and McNally thought the girl gave signs of distress and forthwith plunged in after her. He dove twice and was then pulled out of the tank by stage hands, who imagined he must be either drunk or delirious.

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These figures are submitted on an estimate of the results of the company's operations, and it is believed will compare favorably with the official statement which the company will make to-day. In addition to these assets there is believed to be in transit at present silver ore that is worth \$100,000, and as much more is waiting transportation in the property.
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