

ZELAYA'S ARMY DEFEATED BY INSURGENTS

Revolutionists Successful Over Government Forces At Rama—Washington Learns Of Victory. MEXICO PLEASED WITH P. NGS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Zelaya's troops were routed by the Nicaraguan revolutionists today in a fierce battle at Rama, lasting several hours, according to advices received here this afternoon. General Estrada in command of the revolutionary army is reported to have been successful all along the line. The battle is to be renewed tomorrow, the advices declare, and the Estrada army will bend all efforts to compel the unconditional surrender of the government forces.

There is some doubt as to the exact extent of Estrada's success. From revolutionary sources the word is that the victory over the Zelayan troops is "complete." The State Department has received word from Thomas M. Moffat, United States Consul at Bluefields, that Estrada had "partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya." It is agreed, however, that the moral effect of such initial success on the part of the revolutionists can hardly be exaggerated.

The first announcement of the success of the Estrada army came in a cablegram to Dr. Castillo, the representative here of the provisional government. It was signed "Diaz," Diaz is secretary of state of the provisional government. The cablegram said: "Complete victory is ours. Zelaya's troops are in retreat." Department Hears. Later this evening the State Department gave out the following message from Consul Moffat which had been sent out by wireless telegraph from Colon:— "Estrada forces at Tumbala and Retreco, near Rama, commanded by General Hena at the former place, and Generals Chamorro, Matruzi and Forcés Diaz at the latter place, partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya after desperate fighting of several hours. The Zelayan forces were commanded by General Forcés Diaz. A great many were killed, the number being unknown; 100 were wounded and 150 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists. The Zelayan troops at Retreco have occupied what has been considered a strong position. Estrada is confident of defeating the enemy when he renews the attack tomorrow and of forcing their surrender."

WHAT IT COSTS TO FIGHT CASE IN HIGH LIFE

Brokaw Divorce Suit Furnishes Interesting Statistics—\$50,000 Gone To Date—To Prove Defendant Poor. COUNCIL OUTLINES SCHEME OF DEFENCE

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—"What it costs to defend a separation suit in high life," is the title of a statement given out at Mineola, L. I., today by counsel for W. Gould Brokaw whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year. The tabulated items follow: Stenographer's minutes, \$3,000; attendance of witnesses, fare and board, \$4,000; plaintiff's counsel, by order of court, \$8,000; for preparation and investigation of case, \$5,000; counsel for defendant, \$20,000. Total, \$50,000.

"I will show," added John R. Moher, Brokaw's lawyer, "that Mr. Brokaw's income is not \$20,000 a year. He has been a generous spender, a prince of hosts; he has never engaged in any regular business and his income has dwindled greatly." Mr. Brokaw did not take the stand in his own defense today, though he was prepared for it. For half an hour testimony was put on the stand by the over-wrought husband and the court house, apparently rehearsing the testimony he expected to give, but when court convened there was change of plans. Butlers, maids and more of the many physicians employed in the household of the defendant, testified for the husband and defendant.

Out of Countenance. For the first time since the trial began, Mrs. Brokaw was plainly out of countenance today. For one thing, her mother, Mrs. James A. Blair, is seriously ill of pneumonia at Westchester, her health undermined by the publicity of the trial. For another, the continued mention of cigarettes and cocktails in the evidence plainly irritated the plaintiff increasingly. Sidney Woods, the butler, testified today that he usually mixed cocktails daily for Miss Brokaw, who disappeared with them in the direction of Mrs. Brokaw's room. Olga Olender, a maid, swore she had heard Mrs. Brokaw with port wine in her room. She testified, in addition, that she had heard Mrs. Brokaw's venture on mild profanity, and one of her tasks was to clean cigarette stubs out of Mrs. Brokaw's bath room. Dr. Robert Pou testified that he had heard Mrs. Brokaw tell her husband to "go to" and that she had applied to him one of the epithets which she complained in her testimony he had applied to her "a day or two."

COPENHAGEN SHATTERS CLAIM OF COOK TO THE DISCOVERY OF POLE

Declares Erstwhile Hero To Be An Imposter and His Story a Fabrication from Beginning to End. Deserted by Friends Cook Remains in Seclusion Offering No Statement With Respect to Verdict

Friend Declares That Explorer Announced His Intention of Returning to Greenland. Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen appointed to scrutinize Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole was submitted to the faculty of the university this morning, endorsed by that body and given to the public. The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the Brooklyn explorer's title to such discovery and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world. The public was prepared for a verdict of "not proven," but did not expect its recent hero to be branded as an imposter. Many cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but harbored a delusion.

Faith Shattered. Explorers and scientists almost unanimously have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his observers, supporters, Knud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report. The evening papers attack Cook and severely reprove him for hiding what they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience. The rector of the university, Dr. Salomonson, when questioned as to the possibility of the university cancelling the degree which it conferred on Dr. Cook, said that no decision had been reached, but he thought that the degree could be withdrawn in the same way as a government diploma is given a person of an order obtained under false pretenses. Commodore Gustav Helm, the Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said:—"Yes, boys, I'm about all in. My life's work is near an end. I'm about through with my work in this world and in this life."

Looking pale and haggard and very feeble, Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), America's foremost humorist, made this statement yesterday in the newspaper men following his arrival here on the steamship Bermudian. New York, Dec. 21.—"Yes, boys, I'm about all in. My life's work is near an end. I'm about through with my work in this world and in this life." Cook's claim that he made the observation, 89 degrees, 54 minutes, 46 seconds near the pole, proved immediately that he was not an observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swindler. Now his papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first and agreed unanimously that they were worthless. It is not unlikely that Loose made the observations. He is a clever man, just the sort that Cook could use.

Professor Olufsen, secretary of the Danish Geographical Society, said:—"It is the saddest event in my life. As an explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable." The National Tidende, while deploring that the university conferred the degree in a moment of enthusiasm, finds consolation in the fact that others honored Cook when he returned to civilization. "The president of his own country and its envoy at Copenhagen," says the paper, "were the guarantors for him. Denmark did not blunder alone. Our country must now leave this sad affair to America and Cook."



Dr. Cook surrounded by the men who have branded him as a fakir. The above photograph was taken upon the arrival of the explorer at Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the city of New York and acclaimed by thousands for the length and breadth of the land as the bravest man who ever dared the silent horrors of the Arctic. Dr. Frederick A. Cook stands tonight discredited in the house of his friends. Not a word from him in defense or explanation. Nothing but disavowals from his partisans in the controversy that has raged around him since the time that he first flashed word from Lorkwick, in the Shetland Islands to his wife, "Successful. Well Address Copenhagen."

Interest tonight turns to three questions: Where is the doctor? What will he have to say for himself? What will he do with himself? Charles Wake, a close friend and

asked the doctor in so many words what he would do if the University of Copenhagen found against him. "I haven't thought of that," answered the doctor. "But you must think of it," said the friend. "A situation of this importance must be considered from every angle." "Well," answered the doctor, "if the university should find against me, I believe I should go back among the Eskimos of southern Greenland and try to carry on there such a medical mission as Dr. Greenleaf has made famous."

Henry Wellington Weck, Dr. Cook's lawyer and the friend who is the authority for the statement above were both asked tonight how much money they thought Dr. Cook had made from the sale of his narrative to news-

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SAMUEL CLEMENS (Mark Twain).

one suffocated in Winnipeg fire. Blaze Causes Panic In Hotel Metropole—Forty Guests Escape Unhurt, But Several Employees Are Injured.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—Fire which started in the kitchen of the Hotel Metropole about three o'clock this morning filled the building with smoke, but all the forty guests were got out safely except John Alcock, a C. P. R. employe, who was suffocated in his room. George Baxter and Hilda Brown employes of the hotel jumped from the top story and were badly hurt. The fire was got under control before much property damage had been done outside of the kitchen.

LONGEST JUDGMENT IN BOSTON'S HISTORY. Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—One of the largest judgments ever entered against the city of Boston was given by agreement of the parties concerned in the Suffolk County court today when an award of \$56,410 damages and \$10 costs was made by Judge Simeon F. Baldwin of Connecticut and Evelyn MacCurdy, trustee of the will of Edward F. Salisbury and as such owners of the property at the northeast corner of Washington and Summer streets. A portion of the property was taken by the Transit Commission for use as an entrance to the Summer street station of the subway.



HERBERT GLADSTONE.

of the local government board, will succeed Mr. Gladstone as home secretary. Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, will succeed Mr. Burns and Louis Harcourt, first commissioner of works, will replace Mr. Churchill.

MILITIA TO PREVENT THREATENED RACE WAR. Magnolia, Ala., Dec. 21.—Owing to a threatened race war, militia arrived in Magnolia tonight and sentries were placed around vacant storehouse in which thirty negroes were confined. These negroes were arrested on threats made against the whites or for suspected implications in the murder of Algernon Lewis, by the four Montgomery brothers, negroes. Ernest Slade, who was severely wounded by Clinton Montgomery, who later was shot and burned to death, has been taken to his home in Landon. Surgeons give hope for his recovery. Will Montgomery is still at large with citizens and dogs hunting for

HOLIDAY BULL IN ENGLAND'S BUDGET WAR

Political Orators Forsake Stump For Pen—Sir Robert Perks Repudiates Statements Of Free Church. BALFOUR'S ILLNESS CAUSES UNEASINESS

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 21.—During the next few days there will be little or nothing doing in the political world. The leisure of the holidays will be devoted to letter-writing, and already some of the leading lights are on the warpath with the pen. Sir Robert Perks, in a letter to the press, denounces the Free Church Council and its claims to speak for the Protestant dissenters of the Kingdom. He points out that the Wesleyan Methodists are standing aloof from it in distrust. Secretary Hawkins, of the Eighty Club, speaking today, expressed every confidence that the Liberals would be returned to power, though with a decreased majority. He predicts a majority of 100. Mr. Asquith, speaking in Liverpool, said in regard to the navy:—"Let me say only for all, and I speak with deliberation and after a careful and prolonged inquiry, that the navy today is able to maintain not only this year, but for years before us, our supremacy on the sea, and should the necessary arise which God forbid, will be able to guarantee the integrity of our shores, the protection of our commerce and the inviolability of our Empire, (Cheers.)"

Disappointment Expressed. There is naturally the greatest disappointment on the Conservative side at the renewal of Mr. Balfour's indisposition and the absence of the leader will be the greatest possible handicap if it is prolonged. The Christmas lull is thus doubly welcome to the Unionists. Mr. Haldane, the Minister of War, is also on the sick list. John Burns found himself unable to speak in his constituency last night. A big fire near his residence and with his indomitable energy the president of the local Government Board gave the greatest assistance and subsequently arrived at the meeting with scorched clothes, a battered hat and an arm in a sling. As several fatalities had taken place at the conflagration the meeting was adjourned. The Liberal campaign has received a fillip in the shape of a gift of £10,000 to Mr. Churchill by the Dundee jute manufacturers. "We are in a joyful mood," he declared with his customary cheerfulness. "We scent victory."

Sir Edward Grey, at Sunderland, replied to a severely personal attack by the Duke of Northumberland, and also declared the House of Lords would be only a permanent opposition to the Liberal party. Lord Bessford at Pembroke dock, reiterated his determination to speak out unless the utmost were on Lord. The public had been misled by the Admiralty press bureau, which had done away with the good feeling and comradeship of the navy. F. E. Smith, speaking to a Salford audience emphasized the danger of the German challenge of the Empire's naval supremacy. Kier Hardie at Glasgow, referred to the fact that the House of Lords tomorrow gives judgment on the question whether the trades unions possess the right to levy for salaries of Labor M. P.'s and said if the judgment were adverse the party had everything in order for the carrying on of its financial work for at least two years.

Lloyd-George. Lloyd-George had a remarkably enthusiastic reception while motoring through the streets of Newport, a crowd of several thousand compelled him to make a speech. Both sides are conducting a campaign of the utmost vigor in every corner of the land. Lord Rosebery writes to the Times, asking for definite declarations of policy on the question of reform of the House of Lords from both sides. He says: "I can find no pledge in Mr. Balfour's manifesto that his party will undertake to reform the House of Lords, and yet unless some pledge be given, thoroughly and unmistakably, we may see the Conservative Government come into office and repeat the same fatal error of letting the opportunity pass." Lord St. Aldwyn, in a letter which is published this morning, says that he abstained from voting on Lord Lansdowne's resolution in the House of Lords on the budget because he did not wish to oppose his own side, but he saw nothing in the budget justifying its rejection by the House of Lords, nor anything in its proposals which could properly be described as socialistic or revolutionary. At the same time he says he does not approve of the budget, expressing the opinion that small duties will be sooner or later abolished. The other two Montgomeries, Fletcher and Shelby are in jail at Linden and there is no immediate danger of violence to them.

COPENHAGEN BRANDS COOK AN IMPOSTER

Continued from Page 1. papers in this country and abroad and from his lectures.

"More than \$30,000," said Mr. Wack. "More than \$100,000," said the friend. Both agreed that should the doctor elect to spend the remainder of his days in the retirement he has thus chosen, he need never want for comfort.

The Board of Aldermen who voted Dr. Cook the freedom of the city on his return to this country have now before them a resolution to withdraw their grant. The resolution was placed on file today before the clerk had finished reading its text.

Rasmussen Speaks. Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—In an interview tonight Knud Rasmussen said: "The university would not call me at first, because I was one of Dr. Cook's strongest supporters. Later, however, I was invited to the investigation and when I saw the observations, I realized it was a scandal."

"My confidence in Cook has been based on personal impressions, on reports that I had received and also on the testimony of the Eskimos, when they all said that he had made the trip from Cape Sparbo to Etah and such a trip during the dark of winter would suffice to make a man famous. But the papers which Cook sent to Copenhagen University are more impudent. No schoolboy could make such calculations. It is a most childish attempt at cheating. Cook has killed himself by his own foolish acts."

Commodore Hovgaard, the explorer, said: "Although it has not been proved that Cook did not reach the pole, I can only regard Cook now as an impostor."

The Search for Cook. Naples, Dec. 21.—It is the general belief that Dr. Cook is either here or passed through Naples quite recently under an assumed name.

Marseilles, Dec. 21.—An exhaustive search has failed to reveal any trace of Dr. Cook in Marseilles.

Genoa, Dec. 21.—It is asserted that Dr. Cook recently spent some time in the south of France and then came to Genoa. The investigations in Genoa, as no one can be found who saw him and a search to locate him today proved fruitless.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SUBJECT OF COMMISSION

Toronto Learns Of Proposal To Investigate Industrial Conditions Throughout Dominion In Development Scheme. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—Word has been received from Ottawa that the Dominion Government propose to deal with the question of industrial education in Canada by the appointment of a commission of experts. This body it is understood will visit every province and conduct investigations into the condition of industrial development and the particular form of the mechanical training that will prove most fitting.

RED CROSS SOCIETY ELECTS EXECUTIVE

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Canadian Red Cross Society, incorporated at the last session of the Dominion Parliament was organized today and the council elected as follows: Hon. J. M. Gibson, Messrs. D. R. Wilkie, Dr. C. R. Dickson, Major C. A. Hodgott, Col. Sweeney, J. T. Small, Lt. Col. J. B. MacLean, Lt. Col. James Mason, Dr. G. T. G. Roddick, Montreal, Sir Henry Pellatt, Lt. Col. Ponson, M. P. L. Col. G. Sterling Iverson, Lt. Col. Labelle, Montreal, Lt. Col. Hendrie Hamilton, H. S. Strachy and these ladies, Mrs. Edith Boulton, Norwalk, Mrs. Mary Gooderham and Mrs. Florence Amy Robertson, Newmarket. The following is secretary and Lt. Col. Mason, treasurer.

CABINET SIDESTEPS OTTAWA BY-ELECTION

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 21.—It is suggested that the Ottawa by-election may be delayed indefinitely. It was expected that the cabinet which met today would give orders for the issuance of the writ but nothing was done.

DEATHS.

Lee.—At rest on the 20th inst., Fanny M. Lee, beloved wife of Charles H. Lee, Esq., manager of the North End Branch of the Bank of New Brunswick.

Funeral from Mission Church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row, this Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 p. m.

Kee.—On the 20th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Kee, widow of William Kee, in the 77th year of her age, leaving three sons and one daughter.

Funeral this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Service will be held at St. James' church.

Vassie.—On the 21st inst., at 23 Mecklenburg St., Charlotte, youngest daughter of the late William Vassie, age 22 years.

Funeral from residence on Thursday at 2:30 o'clock.

London.—At Montreal, on Dec. 21st, Miss Margaret London of Canterbury Station, N. B., leaving two brothers to mourn their loss.

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER IS HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

Many Recent Improvements Made—Rushing Business Being Done During Winter Season.

Eight men were sitting about a small stove in the Salvation Army shelter last night enjoying its warmth and each other's company, when a kitchen and office have been installed. Some of the men were old, some were young; one at least was under the influence of liquor. But there was not a man in the assembly who would be employed to do good day's work unless in very good last.

Last night thirty men in all occupied beds at the shelter. Adjt. Carter, who is in charge of this department of the Army's work, has completed a number of improvements at the home. A dining room, kitchen and office have been installed. The dormitories have been improved and arrangements made to install ten new beds, making a total of fifty.

There are two dormitories in the building. One of these rooms contains comfortable cots and is reserved for the able bodied man who is in hard luck. The other room contains "double deckers," as they are called, iron bedsteads with an upper and lower berth, and in these beds the less respectable enjoy a good night's sleep.

15 Cents for a Bed. If the man can afford to pay ten or fifteen cents for his bed, but if he has no money it is not likely he will be turned away. The Army is not to be imposed upon, however, and if the applicant is intoxicated he is refused admission unless the night is very cold. "If you can afford to buy liquor you can afford to pay for your bed," Adjt. Carter tells him. The habitual loafer is also refused accommodation.

Industry is encouraged by the Army at the shelter. Employment is sought for the men and they are urged to work. For example, on Monday Dominion Coal Co. telephoned the Army for men to shovel coal for a day. There were only a few men in the shelter at the time and they were all told to go to work or else get out. They all went to work.

Food is provided at a low cost. For five cents a bowl of soup and a piece of bread can be obtained and for ten cents baked beans, bread and tea. On Sundays a dinner is served for fifteen cents. Until the close of the winter port season a rushing business will be done.

MARK TWAIN NEARING END

Continued from page 1. hurts badly. I feel that I am through with the work of this life and in this world, I'm about finished."

Books Under Way. He was asked concerning his new books and replied: "I have five or six books under way besides my autobiography. I have already written 100,000 words of it, but I sometimes feel that I shall never finish it."

It was suggested that he might have been smoking too heavily. "Oh, no," replied the humorist, "it is not that that doesn't injure me."

Speaking of the fight being made by the women for equal rights, the humorist said that he was heartily in favor of it. "No one can expect to gain freedom without fighting for it. Women must fight the same as men. That is the only way they can get their rights," he said.

The humorist's daughter, who was accompanied by Miss Paine, daughter of Albert Bigelow Paine, led him to a cab and instructed the driver to proceed slowly.

GOETENBURG SYSTEM IN ITS WORKING OUT

London, Dec. 21.—Gothenburg, Sweden, is a dry city, and from it the name of the Gothenburg system for restricting the sale of alcoholic liquor is derived. Foreign travelers who are not conversant with this system are often puzzled by its working.

A visitor the other day went to buy a quart bottle of whiskey, but was made within a few minutes the subject of a lecture by the shopkeeper. It was explained to him that it would have to be ordered in advance. The would-be purchaser said that he wanted it at once, whereupon the shopkeeper directed him to a cigar store across the street and asked him to telephone his order to him. It was done and due delivery was made within a few minutes.

The next time the visitor wanted a bottle of whiskey he took care to telephone the order first and then went, accompanied by his son, to fetch the goods. Wrong again! The spirit merchant patiently explained that he was not permitted by law to deliver.

"But," he said, "if your son here will accept a nickel for delivering the bottle, you can let me have it at once."

The son had no objection.

BULLET HEART FOR BULL KILLS YOUTH

North Egremont, Mass., Dec. 21.—The humanitarian methods of Frank Bolco, a local meat dealer, in killing beefs, resulted in the father accidentally shooting his son, Kenneth, today. The 15-year-old boy was holding a rope by which a bull was tied to the ground when the gun in his father's hands accidentally exploded, the bullet entered the boy's lung and he died almost instantly.

LICENSE FOR NORTH ADAMS.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 21.—This city, the only municipality in the state voting today re-elected Mayor John H. Waterhouse over John H. Riley, Democrat, and voted to continue the license sale of intoxicating liquor by the greatest majority in recent years.

THRONGS POURING INTO BRUSSELS FOR FUNERAL

Obsequies of Dead King To Be Attended By Subjects From All Parts Of Kingdom.

Duke of Connaught Who Represents King Is Personally Met By Prince Albert.



BARONESS VAUGHAN, MORGANATIC WIFE OF LATE KING LEOPOLD.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Throngs are arriving from all parts of Belgium and points outside to attend the funeral of the late King Leopold and the accession of Prince Albert to the throne. The demand for cards of admission to the church and parliament exceeds the supply by many thousands while a small army of foreign newspaper representatives are vainly clamoring for journalistic privileges.

The foreign press missions and delegations have reached here. Prince Albert personally met the Duke of Connaught, Prince Henry of Prussia, and Prince Ferdinand of Roumania.

An extraordinary feature at the palace is the wealth of floral offerings from all parts of the world. The grand staircase and halls have been transformed into exquisite flower gardens. Princess Louise, carrying a bunch of orchids today, visited and prayed long beside the coffin of her father.

MODISTES ARRESTED IN SMUGGLING FRAUDS

Twenty-seven Alleged To Be Involved In Sleeper Trunk Systems Taken At New York Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 21.—Twenty-seven modistes alleged to be involved in the vast "sleeper trunk" smuggling systems, one of the many ramifications of the customs frauds which have been brought to light at this port, have been indicted by the federal grand jury and all probably will be under arrest within twenty-four hours. Having obtained all the evidence necessary to proceed, the Government began a general round-up this afternoon with the arrest of nine women and four men. All were arraigned before a United States commissioner and held for trial. Caroline Windmuller, held as being one of the principal offenders, gave bail for \$5,000. The others gave surety in smaller amounts.

It is alleged that the government was defrauded out of thousands of dollars by means of trunks containing broad canes and other articles left on steamship piers and secretly removed later.

LONDON CHEATED OF ITS TURKEYS

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 21.—Before the local housewife or the public could get a show today, buyers from Toronto and Hamilton practically bought up all the supply of turkeys at today's market, paying from 22 to 25 cents a pound, at least 5000 birds were grabbed up.

WHY SELKIRK FAIR WAS POSTPONED

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—It is announced here that the promised all-day Selkirk Centennial fair in Canada, an amounting to three quarters of a million, Sir Thos. Shaughnessy who was first approached by the committee offered a quarter million for the other railways would give a similar amount. Mr. Hay said that G. T. P. would on the condition that the exhibition be postponed to 1913, and the Canadian Northern officials agreed to their share. Before Sir Wilfrid Laurier will give Dominion aid to the extent desired by the West, he must see two million dollars promised from other sources.

YOUNG MAN FLINGS HIMSELF BENEATH TRAIN

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Uttering a hysterical scream, a young, well-dressed man jumped from the platform of the Winter street station of the Washington street subway tonight and was ground to pieces under the wheels of an approaching so-called train. The man was apparently about 20 years of age and had been pacing up and down the station for nearly half an hour.

The suicide is believed to be W. B. Rogers of New York.

DR. HARRISS COMING TO PLAN FESTIVAL

Australasia Enthusiastically Endorses Scheme For Big Musical Congress—Leaves N. Z. For England.

Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 21.—New Zealand strongly supports Doctor Charles Harriss in his mission to the Dominion on behalf of musical reciprocity and his coming festival of the British Empire for their excellencies, Lord Plunkett, Governor of New Zealand, and Sir Harry Barton, Governor of Tasmania, civic authorities, press, public and the entire choir elements throughout the Dominion have promised active co-operation. Doctor Harriss sailed today for London via Canada after having successfully completed his plans in Australasia.

INSANITY, VERDICT IN NELSON CASE

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—Two Monctonians will spend Christmas in jail as a result of decisions in Stipendiary Magistrate Kay's court today. Mrs. Jeffries, a well known character, was given six months for creating a disturbance on the street, while Din Halpin was fined fifty dollars for stealing electric light for three months for peddling liquor. He was unable to pay and will go to jail. The proprietor of a Chinese laundry here was recently discovered to be stealing electric light for heating purposes by ingeniously attaching a wire back of the meter so that the current used did not register. It was discovered he had been doing this for a year or more and after paying \$26 his lights were cut off and he was put out of business.

CIGARETTE CAUSES DEATH OF TWO

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Two men met death by suffocation tonight in a fire which swept through the cabinet factory of Edward B. Jordan and Company, in Brooklyn. Fortunately, the blaze at which most of the workers had left the factory for the day, but more than fifty who remained behind, made their escape with difficulty. The damage to the building and contents was approximately \$125,000.

A cigarette carelessly thrown in a corner is thought to have started the fire.

HILLSBORO.

Hillsboro, Dec. 20.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherwood, Pleasant Street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday morning, Dec. 15, when their daughter Mabel Evelyn was united in marriage to Mr. Donald Neil McTavish, barrister, of Calgary, Alta.

Rev. Z. L. Fash, Pastor of the first Hillsboro Baptist Church, was the officiating clergyman.

Miss Gertrude Sherwood, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the little Misses Grace and Lillian Sherwood sisters of the bride, were flower girls, while the groom was attended by his twin brother, Mr. Peter McTavish, also of Calgary.

Miss Lavina Lewis played the wedding march, and during the marriage ceremony, played "Drink to me only with thine eyes" very effectively.

The bride who was given away by her father, looked exceptionally pretty in a beautiful embroidered lace robe, over white satin with the conventional veil and orange blossoms, she carried a shower bouquet of cream roses and lily of the valley. The only ornaments worn by the bride were a diamond necklace, a gift of the groom, and a diamond crescent the gift of groomsmen.

The bridesmaid wore a very pretty gown of pink silk organdie, with a picture hat of "ashes of roses" and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink roses. The flower girls wore dainty frocks of white organdie with blue trimmings and carried baskets of pink and white carnations.

THE 'PECULIAR CHINEE' TRAPPED IN MONCTON

Proprietor Of Restaurant Side-steps Payment Of Power Bills By Tapping Wires—Out Of Business Now.

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MARKED INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—George Nelson, who shot and wounded Egan Hazon on the night of November 14, was declared insane by a jury in the session this morning. He will be placed in an asylum.

Nelson it will be remembered shot Egan Hazon because he thought the girl had interfered between him and a young woman to whom he was paying attention. The girl was so dangerously wounded that she is still in the hospital.

DALHOUSIE.

Dalhousie, N. B. Dec. 20.—The closing exercises were carried out Wednesday and Thursday in the public schools and those parents who called upon the school, expressed themselves satisfied with the work done.

Mr. Hamilton, for the plaintiff, further adjourned until January 23 next, but with costs. Mr. G. E. Logan appeared for the defendant.

Merchants' Rubber Co. vs. Taylor. Hearing on the application of the plaintiff in the case of the Merchants' Rubber Co. vs. C. Humphrey Taylor to set aside the defendant's appearance and plea and sign summary judgment, was on motion by Mr. C. S. Hamilton for the plaintiff, further adjourned until January 23 next, but with costs. Mr. G. E. Logan appeared for the defendant.

ROMANIAN PREMIER NEAR DEATH YESTERDAY

Bucharest, Dec. 21.—A workman today fired three shots at J. J. C. Brattin, the Romanian premier and minister of the interior. One of the bullets struck the minister, slightly injuring him. His assailant was arrested.

PROTESTS PROPOSED TELEGRAPHIC CHANGES

Mr. A. A. Allan Of The Toronto Board Of Trade Appears Before Railway Commission—Companies' Scheme.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The complaint of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association regarding the proposed alteration in charges by the Telegraph Companies for code messages will be heard tomorrow, but because A. A. Allan, representing the Toronto Board of Trade, cannot be present tomorrow, the Railway Commission heard his statement this evening. He read telegrams from the Boards of Trade of London, Hamilton, St. John, and Halifax protesting against the proposed changes.

The object of the companies is to compel the reduction of code words to five letters. Mr. Allan said this would hamper the commercial community, for it was impossible to reduce every code word to five letters. In his own case his business being mostly with Russia, this would be an impossibility. The Toronto Board of Trade also protested, he said, against any reduction in the size of code words in inland telegrams. As an example, he said, there was no reason why there should be a 30 cent rate to Halifax and 75 cent rate to Winnipeg.

IN THE COURTS

IN CHAMBERS. Kings and Albert County Court Cases. Before Judge Wedderburn of the Kings and Albert County Courts, argument in the case of Isaac C. Bennett vs. Thomas Howard, was continued yesterday in chambers here. The action was on a promissory note and the plea was infancy. Mr. Judson E. Foster, parish court commissioner for Hopewell before whom the case was tried gave evidence for the defendant. The plaintiff appealed and on December 7th inst., gave Mr. George W. Fowler, K. C., appeared in support of the appeal.

Yesterday Mr. Frank P. Murphy of Moncton for the defendant presented his argument. His Honor quashed the magistrate's judgment with costs, holding that it should have been shown at the trial that the money was not given for necessities.

Massy Harris Co. vs. Peck. The case of Massy Harris Co., Ltd., vs. Edson Peck was next taken up. This is a review from the court of Daniel W. Stuart, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for Albert county. The action was on a promissory note and judgment was given for the plaintiff.

Mr. Fowler appeared for the defendant in support of the appeal and Mr. M. B. Dixon, K. C. contra. By order of His Honor the case stands as points involved in the suit are now before the Supreme Court. All the points were reserved for hearing.

Carnworth vs. Brewster. In the case of Carnworth vs. Brewster which was argued in Chambers here on December 7th inst., His Honor granted a new trial with costs. This was a review from the court of Justice Wright, Hopewell. Mr. Fowler appeared for the appellant and Mr. Dixon contra.

Milton vs. Garland. In the case of Milton vs. Garland, a review case from the same justice, His Honor granted a new trial with costs. Mr. Fowler for the appellant and Mr. Dixon contra.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

Final Judgments. In Chambers yesterday morning before His Honor Judge Forbes, final judgment was signed in the following cases:

Helen G. Edgewood vs. Herbert Lindsay \$35.00. Mr. H. H. Pickett, Vassie and Co., Limited, vs. Walter A. Smith, \$350.00. Mr. Pickett.

Merchants' Rubber Co. vs. Taylor. Hearing on the application of the plaintiff in the case of the Merchants' Rubber Co. vs. C. Humphrey Taylor to set aside the defendant's appearance and plea and sign summary judgment, was on motion by Mr. C. S. Hamilton for the plaintiff, further adjourned until January 23 next, but with costs. Mr. G. E. Logan appeared for the defendant.

Williams & Co. vs. DeWitt Bros. Hearing on the return of a summons to show cause why a commission should not issue in the case of Moses Williams, doing business as Williams and Co., Liverpool, England, vs. DeWitt Bros., Limited, was made. The plaintiff claims that a number of material witnesses are in Liverpool and asks that a commission issue to take their evidence. Mr. W. A. Ewing, K. C., for the defendant, opposed the issuing of the commission. Mr. Fred R. Taylor in support. His Honor granted the commission but confined it to written interrogatories.

EQUITY COURT.

December Session. The December session of the Equity Court opened yesterday morning in the Equity court room at eleven o'clock, with His Honor Chief Justice Barker presiding.

Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., in the matter of James McGilvery, a lunatic, moved to set the accounts. Reference ordered.

Mr. M. B. Dixon, K. C., in the matter of W. J. Carnworth vs. Henry Berryman and others, infants, moved to take bill pro confesso and to prove bill by affidavits. Granted.

Mr. Dixon moved in the matter of Melbourn McMonaghy vs. Bessie Cox and others, infants, for leave to prove bill by affidavit against three of the defendants. Application withdrawn to get clerk's certificate renewed.

Mr. C. S. Hamilton vs. re Lillie Rodee Hutchinson, a lunatic (committee Grace D. Lovitt and A. H. Hanington), moved to confirm report of referee, J. J. Porter. Papers filed.

Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., in the matter of Alexander D. Robinson vs. Fred F. Shaw and Charles Russell and the Canadian Coal Corporation, applied to have the case postponed until

ST. STEPHEN WARRIORS KILLED IN CALAIS

Frank Mabor Employed As a Stevedor Instantly Killed Yesterday By Fall Of Iron Bucket.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 21.—Frank Mabor, a man about 55 years of age was the victim of a fatality in Calais this afternoon. He was engaged in unloading coal from the schooner Roger Drury at the Washington county dock in Calais and was at work in one of the hatches that had just been opened. When the iron bucket containing five hundred pounds of coal was high in the air, the rope which became entangled in the cogwheels which quickly severed it, and the whole weight fell on the unfortunate man below. When he was taken from the wreckage, it was found that his skull had been fractured and that his death had been instantaneous.

Deep sympathy is felt for his surviving widow, two daughters and one son, in the sorrow that has come to them at this Christmas season. He was held in high esteem and was a member of the Independent Foresters in St. Stephen.

Monday Evening Skating Club. The executive of the Monday Evening Skating Club has made final arrangements with Mr. R. J. Armstrong, manager of the Queens Rink, for each Monday evening during the season, beginning with Monday, January 3rd.

Big Shipments for Havana. The Norwegian steamer Bertha, Capt. Amott, which cleared yesterday for Havana, will complete taking on her cargo this morning and is scheduled to sail this afternoon. Two passengers are going to Havana on the Bertha, Mr. E. McCready and Master A. McCready of Montreal. She has on board a large general cargo, consisting of 1500 barrels of potatoes, 400 tons of hay, 2,000 bags of oats and other goods, and will call at Halifax to take on potatoes and apples for Cuban ports. The S.S. Bonifit is due here on January 3rd from Southern ports to load general cargo for Havana. The S.S. Karen, Capt. Pedersen, is due here tonight from Boston to load cargo for Havana and Mexican ports.

PERSONAL. Lieut. Col. J. M. Humphrey, D.O.C., returned from Moncton yesterday.

Mr. E. J. Robertson, physical director of the Y.M.C.A., will leave this evening to visit his father at his home, Fall River, Mass.

The condition of Mr. Henry Hilliard was reported very serious last night, there being no change for the better.

Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of police on the G. T. P., arrived in the city last evening after spending a few days at the home of his father, Mr. S. B. Edey, of Ottawa, one of the sub-contractors on the Transcontinental, arrived in the city yesterday on his way home to spend Christmas.

Mr. W. A. Wallace, a prominent wholesale merchant in Havana, Cuba, arrived in the city yesterday to meet importers from the West Indies.

January 4th next at Fredericton. Mr. Teed, in the case of B. Frank Ford vs. George B. Willeit, granted a new trial with costs. Mr. Ewing for the plaintiff and Mr. Dixon contra.

The case of Kane vs. McLean was set down for hearing after the holidays. Mr. R. A. Lewish, K. C., for the plaintiff and Mr. Ewing, Powell and Egan for the defendant.

In the matter of Ralph Clouston and others, infants, Mr. W. H. Harrison moves for appointment of a guardian for the infants' real estate situated in Derby, Northumberland, Court considers.

The case of George W. Brennan vs. Charles Henry Brennan was adjourned until the January session of the court. This case involves partnership transactions. Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., appears for the plaintiff and Mr. A. H. Hanington, K. C., for the defendant.

Mr. W. A. Ewing moved in the matter of Alain W. Morse, an infant, for the appointment of a guardian and leave to sell real estate of infant situated in St. John. Court considers.

On motion of Mr. Ewing in the case of the Attorney General vs. the St. John Lumber Co. goes over until the next court.

In the case of Gordon Winslow Taylor, on behalf of himself and other beneficiaries under the last will and testament of Byron Gordon Taylor, deceased, vs. George K. McLean, George O. D. Oty and James A. Bay, trustees. The cause having been set down for hearing on bill and answer, Mr. J. Roy Campbell appears for the plaintiff and Mr. C. H. Ferguson for the defendant. Court considers.

The case of Alvin O. Lombard vs. the Alexander Dunbar Sons, Limited, of Woodstock, was set down for trial at the Fredericton session of the court on the fourth of next month. This is an action for alleged infringement of a patent. The plaintiff claims that he has a patent on a logging engine capable of doing the work of forty horses and disputes the defendant's right to sell the machine. The defence is that the patent is void. L. E. Young, of Woodstock, and Ira Hersey, of the Maine Bar, appear for the plaintiff and Frank B. Carroll, K. C., M. P., for the defendant.

The Court adjourned sine die.

CATHOLIC INSTITUTES BENEFIT. Special to The Standard. Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Nine Catholic institutions of Boston will receive substantial Christmas gifts in cash as the result of the first distribution of the residue of the estate of the late John J. Finnigan, a prominent real estate man of this city.

GEORGE HOLDS STAGE IN ENGLAND

Rapid Rise of Young Welshman the Absorbing Topic in United Kingdom—Hard Work Put Him Where He Is.

London, Dec. 21.—Mr. Lloyd-George holds the stage in England. Just now, taking precedence over even Mr. Asquith. The English, like most of the peoples, like a good-sized personality; and Mr. Lloyd-George has that. They know his remarkable career pretty thoroughly by now, and pay the over-heralded tribute of freshly recalling his history every little while. Here is the newest one—

In all the history of British politics (says this writer) it would be difficult to find a career more remarkable or more astonishing than that of the man who by the rapid rise of Mr. Lloyd-George to the position of premier, and the subsequent figure of Lord Beaconsfield which admits so many imposing pages of that history, provides no parallel to the rapid rise of Mr. Lloyd-George. From the dim obscurity of a Welsh village, set between the mountains and the sea, he has travelled by unexpected paths into the strong light of Downing street, and won for himself the second position in the greatest Empire in the world.

In Manchester. Not quite forty-seven years ago—on the 17th of January, 1883, to be precise—he was born in Manchester, the son of a coal-miner. His father's name is constantly upon the lips of men of every shade—and no shade—of political opinion; cities have accorded him the honor of their freedom, universities have showered upon him their favors, and the whole country is destined shortly to be in the throes of a general election occasioned by the finance bill which he introduced.

What is the secret of this phenomenal career? There are those who contend that it is due mainly to persistent good fortune; there are others who say that his success is his own "and he made it himself."

Mr. Lloyd-George is where he is largely because of his persistent readiness to take his political life in his own hands and fling it fearlessly into whatever cause he might espouse.

When Mr. Asquith became premier and the chancellorship of the exchequer became vacant, Mr. Lloyd-George met with his reward. The control of the national finance passed into the hands of the once obscure village lad.

He speaks with a silver tongue and carries his audience away with his impassioned oratory. But, like most impromptu speakers, he suffers in cold print. The speech that appeals thrillingly to the ear seldom appeals to the eye.

And, like the report of one of his speeches, his personal appearance is liable to be disappointing to the person who meets him for the first time. He would be almost insignificantly small but for the power of his features, the size of his head, and that Sphinx-like smile which dominates his face.

"I had heard and read so much about Mr. Lloyd-George," once declared the chairman of a meeting in South Wales, "that I naturally expected to meet a big man in every sense; but, as you can see for yourselves, he is a very small man in stature. Mr. Lloyd-George's retort was equal to the occasion, and characteristic of one so small in body and so potential in politics. 'I am grieved to find that your chairman is disappointed in my size,' he said quietly, 'but that is owing to the way you have here in the south of measuring a man. In North Wales we measure a man from his chin up, but you evidently measure him from his chin down.'"

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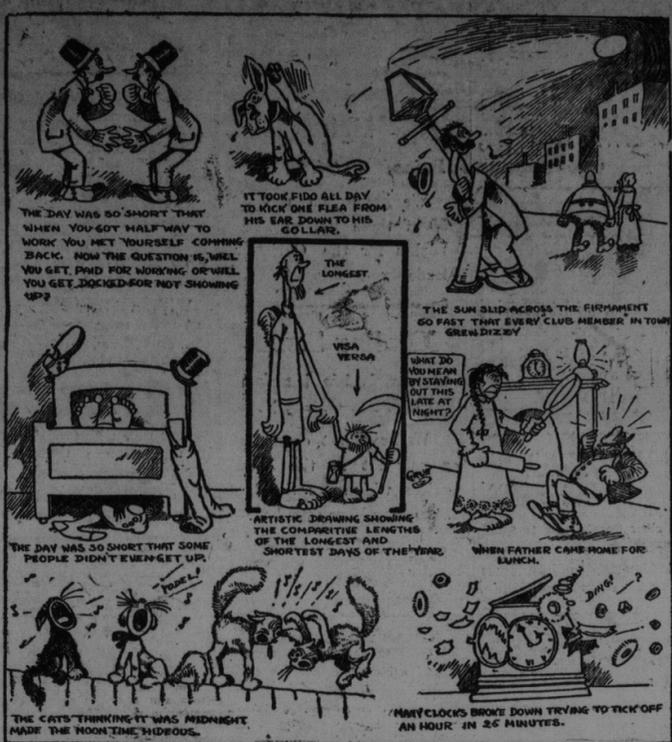
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What Happened Yesterday



YESTERDAY WAS THE SHORTEST DAY IN THE YEAR.

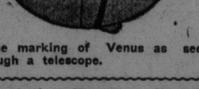
VENUS SHOWS AT MIDDAY

Queen of Stars the Glory of the January Sky—Reasons for Thinking Venus is Inhabited.

ASTRONOMER TELLS HOW TO SEE VENUS. By Father J. S. Odenbach. (The famous Jesuit priest and astronomer.) Venus will be visible in January in the east, a little north of the course of the winter sun, at an elevation of about 30 degrees from the horizon. When last visible, it was in the west, at a similar elevation. It will be possible for anyone with sharp eyesight to see it at noon in the eastern sky on a clear day.

Venus, queen of the stars, will open the year 1910 as the glory of the January sky. That planet is now only 26,000,000 miles from the earth, the closest it will approach us in a long time. For the next few weeks it will be visible in the naked eye in the daytime. In fact, at noon, when the sun shines brightest, the star still can be seen with sharp eyes.

This planet has phases like the moon, appearing variously at the full, half and quarter. Although its outline cannot be seen without a telescope the little speck of light really is crescent shaped.



The marking of Venus as seen through a telescope.

The farthest Venus gets from the earth is 67,000,000 miles. Its color is a brilliant straw hue, and unlike the moon's mellow light, blazes like the flame from an incandescent lamp.

This is true because Venus has the power of reflecting half the light on its surface while the moon being of a rarer atmosphere, only reflects one-sixth of the light it gets.

Venus like the earth, has its years and days. Its full year is 225 days long.

In many respects Venus is like the earth. There is far more reason for believing that it is inhabited than there is for thinking that human life exists on the planet Mars, about which so much has been said and written. The diameter of Venus is 7700 miles, while that of the earth is about 7920 miles.

Though it is so bright, many markings can be seen on the surface of Venus. It has an atmosphere denser than the earth's. There is evidence also of plenty of water on the planet. Both these facts indicate to astronomers that there is everything there to sustain life.

ISLANDS OF IVORY

Famous Geographer Describes Islands of Ivory Hidden Among the Arctic Ice—The Discoveries Explained.

London, Dec. 21.—Islands of ivory hidden among the Arctic ice lying north of Siberia were described in a paper read by Dr. Gath Whittey, at the Victoria Institute the other day. These islands were discovered by Russian explorers at the end of the eighteenth century and have been exploited by traders in fossil ivory ever since. As recently as 1898 about 80,000 pounds of fossil ivory was offered for sale at the fair of Yakutsk.

To the earlier explorers it seemed that one islet known as Liakoff's Island was "actually composed of the bones and tusks of elephants, cemented together by ice sand. The horns of buffaloes, or rather of musk oxen, and rhinoceroses were also wonderfully abundant. The sandy shores and slopes were full of mammoth's tusks."

In 1886 a German, Dr. Bunge, explored Liakoff's Island. The sand and gravel," said the lecturer, "were found to rest in blocks of ice and the alluvial beds were full of the bones of mammoths, rhinoceroses and musk oxen."

These extraordinary discoveries are explained by the following theory:—In prehistoric times Siberia enjoyed a comparatively mild climate and a great tract of country now under ice stood at a considerable level above the sea.

Fast herds of mammoths, rhinoceroses and buffaloes roamed over these plains. A great catastrophe at last overtook them. The land subsided, the sea rose and the animals congregated in great numbers on the mountain tops. Even these were at last submerged and the destruction was complete. After a time the waters subsided slowly and the islands which had formed mountains in the land rose above the sea. Why the climate changed after these upheavals is still a problem to be solved.

AT THE HOTELS

Royal. A O Lombard, Waterville; Walter E Lombard, Boston; H H Lime, Old Town; J E Lewis, Boston; W A Wallace, Montreal; E I Kennen, Boston; F A Edward, Boston; N H Foster, Fredericton; Mrs G A Morrison, Fredericton; J P Burchill, G P Burchill, Nelson; B A Scovill, Welsakwin; A S White, Sussex; J A Morrison, Fredericton; Mr and Mrs D A Stewart, William McGorman, Campbellton; Miss A G Thus, Brookline; Mrs C W Phelan, Ottawa; E O Steeves, Moncton; J F Bentley, St. Martins, Victoria.

W F H Fenety and wife, Fredericton; C H Fuller, St. George; B B Hardwick, Annapolis; Michael Benne Fredericton; J E Snow, Sussex; J M Murray, Beloit, Wis.; E B Edey, Ottawa; Mr and Mrs Hellman, G L Harrison, New York; F E Henderson, Moncton; B H Scovill, Welsakwin; Archie Blackader, Hbbron; E B Sinclair, Yarmouth; E W Seeley, Moncton; W B Jonah and wife, Sussex; Dr Sprout, Campbellton; W C Rourke, St Stephen; D N Cameron, Fredericton.

SWEET VICTIM OF YANKEES

Confidence Game Worked on Unsuspecting Swede in Florence—Was Fleeced of Two Thousand Dollars.

London, Dec. 21.—The gang of international thieves who fleeced American and English tourists in Rome are now working the game in Florence with great success. A wealthy Swede named Samuel Florens made friends with a certain John Lewis, of Brooklyn, who was staying at the same hotel and the two tourists decided to do the sights of Florence together.

Lewis one day met a dear friend named Powers and the two Americans were so glad to see each other that they decided to celebrate the meeting with a grand dinner to which the Swede was naturally invited. Powers had no end of money and he spent a respectable middle-aged gentleman, dropped a jewelled purse. The Swede hastened to pick it up and restore it to the owner.

Profuse thanks followed and the middle-aged gentleman introduced himself as Patrick Murphy of Brooklyn, and invited his countryman and their friends to dinner. Mr. Murphy volunteered the information that he was carrying the sum of \$150,000 to Rome as a gift to the pope, and that naturally he took every possible precaution to prevent its being stolen. There were many thieves in Italy, he said, and you had to be very careful, but of course he knew Italian and besides carried a revolver, so the money was safe with him.

Lewis and Powers begged Murphy as a great favor to keep their money where they would feel safer, and Mr. Murphy consented. They accordingly handed over their money to him and Mr. Florens was tempted to do likewise, so he gave Murphy \$2000 for safekeeping. Shortly afterward Mrs. Murphy was taken ill and her husband had to take her home. Lewis and Powers insisted on returning the money and naturally the Swede lost his money and his American friends.

WOMEN ARRESTED ON FRAUD CHARGES

Two Arrests Made in Chicago Yesterday—Women Accused of Smuggling Expensive Gowns into United States.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Federal officials today took into custody a number of persons who are charged with complicity in a conspiracy to smuggle expensive gowns and dry goods into this country. Arrests were made simultaneously in different parts of the country, two women in Chicago being taken into custody on a charge of having a part in a conspiracy to defraud the government. The conspirators are said to have already succeeded in smuggling across the line more than \$2,000,000 worth of dutiable goods.

Those in the conspiracy are said to number twenty-six. All of them have been indicted by the federal grand jury in New York. The women arrested here were placed under \$10,000 bonds by United States Commissioner Buell. They are Mary L. Webber, also known as Madame Whitney, proprietor of a fashionable establishment in Chicago, and Kathryn Schwartz.

DREADNOUGHTS FOR PEACE, SAYS KAISER'S SON

German Naval Plans Discussed by Emperor's Second Son at the Launching of Germany's Eighth Great Fighter.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Additional details of Germany's naval estimates for 1910 show that of the record total of \$109,522,000 to be spent on the navy next year the sum of \$60,887,000, or an increase of \$5,947,500 over the 1909 estimates, will be devoted to new construction and armaments. The cost of the new vessels themselves is fixed at \$28,597,500, the rest representing guns and armor.

The sum voted for new naval construction and armaments in the estimates for 1909-10 by Great Britain was \$51,000,000 or \$9,887,500 less than the sum devoted to the same purposes by Germany. The rapid manner in which Germany is overtaking Great Britain is shown by the fact that in the year 1905-06 Germany's expenditure for new ships and guns was only \$24,845,000, compared to Great Britain's \$56,845,000.

Germany's new construction for next year includes three battleships and one large cruiser. The appropriation for submarines has been increased from \$2,500,000 to \$3,750,000. Under the heading of guns an expenditure of \$18,962,500, an increase of \$2,600,000, is provided for. Torpedo armaments absorb \$2,270,000, an increase of \$202,500, and mines \$250,000 an increase of \$125,000.

Eighth Launched. The eighth of Germany's great ships to take the water within the last twenty months was successfully launched from the Kaiser yards, Bremen, on Saturday afternoon. The vessel, the third of the improved Dreadnought type to be built in Germany, was named Thuringen.

All the Thuringian royal princes were invited by the Emperor to take part in the launching ceremony. The Grand Duke of Saxe-Altenburg delivered the principal speech. This Grand Duchess christened the vessel. No details of the measurements or armament were made public, but it is known that the new battleship will have a displacement of 19,000 tons and will be armed with twelve 12 inch fifty calibre guns. It is understood that her secondary battery will consist of two 6.7 inch guns.

Germany has now seven Dreadnoughts afloat, of which the Nassau and Westfalen have been taken over by the authorities. The Posen and Rheinland will not be ready for service before next spring, while the Ostfriesland, Helgoland and Thuringen will not leave the yards before the summer of 1911.

Prince Speaks. At the banquet given by the Bremen Senate on Saturday evening to celebrate the launch of the Thuringen, Prince Eitel Friedrich, the Kaiser's second son, made a speech in which he appeared as an orator of the German imperial idea.

"The steady and systematic development of our high seas fleet," he said, "is the best guarantee of the maintenance of peace and the tranquil expansion of our commerce. The fleet is ever more becoming the embodiment of the imperial idea."

"Every one to whom it has been vouchsafed to meet German craft on the far seas knows with what delight you see a ship with the black, white and red flag, and how your heart swells when our beloved war flag salutes from the tops. Wherever that flag has flown on the seas, whether at joyous festivals, or in the grim work of war, it has won for itself glory and honor and has reaped the esteem of the whole world."

"But this has only been attained through the indefatigable and never ceasing labors of the officers and crews. Without sparing their lives and health by day or night, under blazing suns, and in winter's cold, they have been inspired by only one wish, namely, to reach the highest point of readiness for war."

"Therefore it is an obligation of honor for every one of us to express our gratitude to these men, my countrymen, who have won for us from the Grand Admiral to the youngest ship's boy, Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!"

On January 1 next the formation of the first German torpedo division will be completed. It will consist of eleven new turbine torpedo boats built in 1908 and 1909. It will be stationed in the North Sea and will be the most efficient and modern formation of its kind.

The record speed for a German torpedo craft of 34.62 knots has been attained by G17 in her recent trials. As a result of the Kiel scandal Herr August Thyssen, the steel iron and coal magnate, has been summoned to the aid of the Imperial Admiralty. It is on his wide, practical experience that the authorities will mainly rely to reorganize the German navy on business lines.

Herr Thyssen is called King Thyssen on account of the autocratic sway he wields over the destinies of hundreds of thousands of miners, mill hands, factory artisans and trades people throughout central and western Germany. In his own mines, blast furnaces and rolling mills he employs 40,000 workmen. His influence in the councils of the entire German industrial world is immense.

He is a type of the German self-made man. He founded the firm of Thyssen and Co., thirty-eight years ago with a capital of little more than \$5,000. Today his fortune is estimated to be greater than that of the Krupps, and his steel and iron products are shipped to the four quarters of the globe.

TOLSTOY STILL MALE STATES INTERVIEWER

In Spite of His 81 Years Russia's Grand Old Man Goes Riding Each Day—Has Many Enemies, He Says.

London, Dec. 21.—In spite of the reports of Tolstoy's poor health and approaching end the special correspondent of the Paris Journal writes that his first impression on seeing this tall, bright eyed vigorous old man with whom he was to have an interview was of an extremely well preserved man between 60 and 65.

In spite of his 81 years Tolstoy goes riding every day and in all weathers. His hearing is very acute. He catches even a whispered conversation. He reads without spectacles and explains that he used to be shortsighted and has therefore kept his sight.

Politics do not seem to interest him greatly. The subjects which attract him at the present moment are metaphysical questions inherent in different religions, the origin of life and the mystery of death. He does not fear death, for he believes in the immortality of the soul and the existence of God. Death, he says, is a bridge of communication between two shores.

Tolstoy told his French interviewer that he has many enemies. He said: "I receive every day horrible anonymous letters and they are a source of deep sorrow to me. I want to live in peace."

The following is the account of the writer's mode of life, as given by his doctor: He rises at 8, often at 6 or 7; eats his meals with greatest regularity, drinks no wine, eats no meat, does not smoke, takes long walks or rides and spends his evenings with his family and the friends who came to see him. Generally he goes to bed at midnight.

FIFTH AVENUE GETS RUDE SHOCK

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Exclusive Fifth Avenue received a demonstration of woman's determination this afternoon when fifteen automobiles, furnished by prominent society women, but containing two score poorly dressed working women, passed up the thoroughfare in the double inter-

est of the striking shirtwaist operators and woman suffrage. The cars were furnished by Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Samuel Untermyer and other prominent women, who have identified themselves with the strikers. Banners labelled "Votes for women" fluttered from the machines while other placards told the story of the strike.

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SAINT JOHN, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 22, 1909.

THE TRAGEDY OF DR. COOK.

If Dr. Cook could expect a favorable report anywhere it would be from Copenhagen. Denmark by its sovereignty and government, its learned societies, and its university have been committed for two months to the genuineness of his claims. He holds the highest honors their school could give and has the gold medal given him at the Danish capital for the first discovery of the North Pole. It is a humiliation and a confession of weakness to give out to the world today a statement that there was never any evidence or record to support the claim that Dr. Cook was at the Pole. It is an admission that rulers and scientists alike at Copenhagen were the victims of deceptions, beguiled by an adventurer to bestow their highest honors without taking the trouble to learn whether they were deserved. This is not a pleasant confession for a scientific body. The thing done was absolutely unscientific.

So much the more credit for the University of Copenhagen and the learned men who dealt with the case. They seem to have left out of the question the effect upon themselves of the finding, and have cleared their minds of all prejudice and partiality. If some of them convict themselves of hasty action and of great credulity, they at least vindicate their own honesty of intent, and their love of truth and right. They come out of the affair much better than if they had lent the weight of their authority to support a bad case.

But Dr. Cook seems to be now altogether discredited. If there was a house of his friends, it was located in Copenhagen. If he had presented any case, it would have been found by the friends who did him such honor when he arrived from the north. There is no one else to whom he can turn. The University of Copenhagen need not have reported whether he was found to be a mere pretender or whether he might have thought that he reached the Pole. It was not the moral issue, but the geographical question with which they had to deal in their scientific capacity. But as citizens of a victimized nation, and members of a deceived university brotherhood, they would be interested to know whether they had been deceived by a deliberate impostor or by one who had first deceived himself.

Dr. Cook will no doubt persist in the claim that he has been to the North Pole. At least he will maintain that he has acted in good faith. The alternative would be to explain that he is a romancer, and that he always intended to make known the deception, and then to live on his reputation as a realistic writer. Most likely we shall hear from him that he is collecting and will furnish fresh evidence from the north. But henceforth believers in his claim will be few. It will be felt that the most lenient jury possible to find has reported against him and his case is hopeless.

Dr. Cook had a fair hearing in the world. When he was first heard from on the Danish ship, his statement was generally accepted. Not until Commander Peary came within reach of the telegraph was much doubt cast upon the story. The tone of Commander Peary's cable attack on Dr. Cook, and of his subsequent references to the other claimant, and to his own achievements created a feeling of sympathy toward Dr. Cook. Afterward, when Dr. Cook's own story was found to contain suspicious features, when he was found to be singularly slow in producing his records, and when his Mt. McKinley expedition was discredited, the public was still slow to convict, and judgment was suspended until the very last.

Possibly he may not now get all the benefit of doubt to which he is entitled. It will be still an open question how far Dr. Cook is an enthusiast who may have convinced himself that he has been at the Pole, and how far he is a fakir who never even tried to get there. He will be the more become an entertaining character in history as a man who hid himself in remote Arctic regions for over a year and then emerged with a story that he had discovered the North Pole, following the claim with a lurid and exciting record of each day's journey, its experiences and its observations. Accepting such a story the world will study the character of a man who could dwell through a polar winter in these awful solitudes, cherishing his scheme of deception and planning in that solemn stillness the details of his plot.

Centuries hence the history of polar research will be studied with interest, and the student pursuing these records of heroism, sacrifice and tragedy will come across the mysterious page of Dr. Cook's romance and will ponder over the mystery of that remarkable pretender, wondering what the true secret of his adventure may be. Some painter will give his idea of the expression of a man who could conceive and carry out such a design. Some Browning may bring him on the stage to explain his own motive in monologues with many parentheses. He will be a theme for the psychologist, the moralist, the student of abnormal types for generations to come.

THE CHRISTMAS LULL.

The British political campaign will be mitigated during the next few days by the Christmas festivities. This period the opposition leader will improve by trying to get well enough to speak, a thing which he has not been able to do since Parliament prorogued. Mr. Balfour is much missed in the field. He is not an impassioned and exciting orator like Mr. Lloyd-George, nor so picturesque in his phrases as Winston Churchill. He is reasonable, persuasive and moderate, who makes people believe him more easily than many vehement speakers. There is no other man in the Unionist party able to speak with authority, and none whose words will have weight at all comparable to his. The sin-

gular charm of the leader's personality, the trust that is felt in his honesty of purpose and his sagacity are elements in the campaign that lose part of their value if he is not permitted to take a share in the conflict. Lord Salisbury had an even greater command of the personal confidence of the nation. But he had not the same attractiveness, and while he was leader, he was a member of the House of Lords, and took little public part in election campaigns.

When Christmas is over and the conflict is resumed we may expect less hysterical appeals, more reasoning, and more examination of facts. The agony with which the struggle began was too intense to continue for six weeks. We may look for a gradual subsidence, with probably sufficient fury remaining to prevent an absolute anti-climax.

THE CHIEF LIBERAL ORGAN AND THE SAWDUST WHARF.

The Richibucto wharf deal is too much for the Toronto Globe to undertake to defend. The chief Liberal organ pathetically expresses the hope that Mr. Pugsley will see that the honor of the department is involved in this matter. We print the whole of the Globe's observations:—

"The public will be content to await a full disclosure of the facts in the purchase by the Department of Public Works of the wharf at Richibucto. So far as disclosed they are VERY MUCH IN NEED OF EXPLANATION, and the curiosity of the Opposition with regard to them seems not unnatural. The paying of \$5,000 for a property that had been sold a few months before for \$700 is a transaction that on the face of it MAY WELL EXCITE SURPRISE. Richibucto is scarcely in the class of places where values appreciate with that rapidity. If the Department has been made the victim of some faithless official THE SOONER HE CEASES TO BE A PUBLIC SERVANT THE BETTER. The smallness of the amount involved has nothing to do with it. If it is necessary to convey the lesson that HONESTY MUST RULE IN THE EXPENDITURE OF EVERY DOLLAR OF PUBLIC MONEY, IT SHOULD BE CONVEYED IN THE MOST STRIKING AND MOST SALUTARY WAY.

"We feel sure that Hon. Mr. Pugsley sees there is something here in which BOTH THE HONOR AND THE METHODS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE INVOLVED, and that he will be as zealous as any member of the Opposition to make it clear either that no wrong has been done, or if there has that a signal example will be made of everybody who has had hand or part in it. If methods are at fault THERE SHOULD BE A CHANGE IN THEM. Where public funds are concerned THERE CANNOT BE TOO MANY SAFEGUARDS surrounding their expenditure. The report of one official on the value of any piece of property purchased by the Department is perhaps not sufficient. There should be an independent valuation whenever the sum to be expended is considered enough to warrant it."

This Monday morning leader is not the first of the kind that has appeared in the Globe. Unfortunately that journal usually drops the subject when it finds the ministers and their press generally not only defending the transaction that "needs explanation," but assailing all who undertake to expose it. When the McAvity dredging rake-off was brought to light, the Globe declared that this matter demanded full inquiry, but it did not continue to insist. The future attitude of the Globe on the Sawdust wharf matter will be observed with interest.

A GROWING TIME.

That this is "the growing time" is made manifest by the manner in which the side of the graft is increasing. Some years ago if a middleman was paid 100 per cent. by the Ottawa politicians he did pretty well. But now the figure is as high as 700 per cent. The politician who bought the "Sawdust Wharf" netted the higher profit. Some of the earlier transactions compared with that at Richibucto, are interesting. Here they are:—

Middlemen Government paid.	paid.
First Moncton deal	\$ 5,375
Second Moncton deal	13,550
Hull deal	8,300
Hull deal	18,588
St. Boniface deal	99,200
Sawdust Wharf	700

It will be noticed that the Richibucto politician drew a prize.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The other day Mr. Lloyd-George declared that British goods required no preferential tariff to sell them abroad. People in other countries bought them because they were better than other goods, and that people would continue to buy British goods whether they had a tariff advantage or not. About this time the Great Western Railway of England was giving a contract to the Krupp of Germany for \$400,000 worth of steel. These goods were sold in the English market in competition with staple English manufacture. If then the British people themselves buy foreign manufactures in preference to their own, how can it be expected that outside countries will return to do so?

The Chatham World points out that the destination of the Sawdust wharf rake-off has not yet been traced. Chatham hears from Richibucto that the middleman gave only \$1,000 out of the \$4,200, and kept \$4,000 for himself greatly to the disgust of his political associates. Another story current in Kent county is that Mr. Murray got but little of the money, but that practically all the rake-off was forced from him for the election funds. In that case Mr. Murray was placed in the unfortunate position of taking the odium without getting the profit.

Now we have the Free Church Council of Great Britain divided against itself. Sir Robert Perks, the parliamentary chairman of the Non-conformists denounces the action of the Free Church Council in endorsing the Lloyd-George programme and declares that the Wesleyan Methodists are standing aloof from the organization. Sir Robert himself is well known in Canada as the most prominent layman in the Methodist body. He is also a strong Liberal. But the budget does not suit him.

The Montreal Herald prints a cartoon in which a fat and prosperous looking civic grafter stands in the dock beside a common thief. The thief stands with bowed head and a look of shame, while the city grafter smokes a cigar and looks as if he owned the premises. To be complete there should be a third figure—the Dominion grafter or rake-off man.

The Montreal aldermen convicted by Judge Cannon of much graft refuse to resign their seats. They have found several verbal inaccuracies in Judge Cannon's report, and contend that this nullifies the whole conviction. They must have learned this from the dredgers, and the Central Railway grafters.

Lord St. Alwyn, who says that the Lloyd-George budget does not seem to him to be socialistic or revolutionary, but that he does not consider it sound finance, is better known as Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. He was Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1895 to 1902 in the Conservative administration.

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MADAM IN HOULTON DECLARE POLICE

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 21.—Douglas McAdam, who has caused a sensation by disappearing at Woodstock is a son of Mr. Harry McAdam of this city, and is 19 years old. This afternoon the young man's father, almost heartbroken, came to the Gleaner office in response to a telephone message from his boarding house, where a reporter was making enquiries. He said he had not heard from his son Douglas since last July and was suffering from the shock of having received word that his son was probably dead.

While Mr. McAdam was in the office a reporter got into communication with Chief of Police Owen Kelly of Woodstock, who said that he believed that young McAdam was in Houlton, Me., and that there was nothing whatever to substantiate the suicide theory expressed in the note the young man had left behind him in Woodstock. Chief Kelly found out that young McAdam had been in Houlton, Me., on Monday night and Sunday night and apparently went on to Houlton on Monday. The father is this afternoon communicating with Chief of Police Houlton for further information concerning his son.

WEDDINGS.

Glover-Butler.

The marriage of Mr. Lionel R. Glover, of Lacombe, Alberta, to Miss Ida Butler, of Southport, Eng., took place in this city on Monday. Rev. David Lang performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Glover left by the I. C. R. for their home in Alberta. Mr. Glover who is a rancher in Lacombe, came here to meet his bride, who arrived on the steamer Tunisian last Sunday.

Jewitt-Simpson.

At Campbellford, Ont., on Wednesday, December 15th, Miss May Simpson, daughter of Mr. L. Simpson, was married to Mr. Frederick C. Jewitt, of New Brunswick. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown at the residence of the bride's father, Miss Grace Crooks, Hamilton, was bridesmaid, and the groom's brother, Mr. J. Jewitt, was best man. Miss Nellie Jeffrey, Toronto, played the wedding march. The bride wore a handsome wedding gown of satin and real lace. After dejeuner, Mr. and Mrs. Jewitt left on a wedding trip to Montreal.

Neville-Chase.

Rev. David Hutchinson united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 41 Douglas Avenue, Mr. Harry W. Neville of South Alton, Kings County, N. S., to Miss Abella R. Chase of the same place. The young couple were unattended. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Neville left for their future home.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Francis C. Whitehouse.

Mr. Francis C. Whitehouse, treasurer and general manager of the Pejepscot Paper Company, died suddenly at his home, Topsham, Me., on Monday night. He was well known in St. John, St. Martins and other parts of New Brunswick because of his lumber interests.

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FOUL PLAY IN DEATH OF OTTAWA EX-MAYOR

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Stories reported to the police department bear directly on circumstances leading up, it is alleged, to the illness and subsequent death of ex-Mayor George Cox.

According to the story related by one of the police informants, the late ex-mayor was subjected to much rough treatment at the hands of a man in whose house he had spent the earlier portion of the evening of Dec. 4. Mr. Cox was seen about 9 o'clock in company with the individual in question, after leaving the latter's house, and his actions towards Mr. Cox were such as to attract attention. The detective department is in full possession of the facts.

The late Mr. Cox it is ascertained was confined to his room on the day following the incident recorded and gradually became worse until he passed away last Saturday morning.

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Balfour's Illness Spreads Confusion



DAVID WILSON'S NOW FAMOUS CARTOON IN THE LONDON CHRONICLE, DIRECTED AGAINST THE DUKES AND LORDS.

London, Dec. 21.—The whole Unionist cause seems to be in a way upon Balfour that something like consternation spread through the Unionist clubs last night when the news came through that Balfour had been forbidden by his doctors to go on his journey from his house, Whittinghame, to make a short speech at Edinburgh.

Stands Alone. Unionists refuse to contemplate the confusion and dismay that would result should Balfour fail to lead the campaign next month. If Asquith fell behind, at least five men, including Grey, Lloyd-George and Churchill, could take his place at the front of the fight, but that Chamberlain is disabled, Balfour stands alone as the possible Unionist leader.

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Celebrate Anniversary. Toronto, Dec. 21.—At St. Peter's Catholic church yesterday, a large congregation gathered for the purpose of expressing their felicitations to the parish priest, Rev. H. Minahan, on the occasion of his silver jubilee.

Schooner Ashore. North Sydney, N. S. Dec. 21.—A message from St. Peter's this morning states that the schooner Beluga, which left here on Saturday last for Lamaline Harbor, with a cargo of 120 tons of fish, is ashore at the entrance of St. Peter's Harbor.

LOCAL Hazen Avenue Fair. Mr. J. S. Stone won the sofa cushion, and Mr. L. Durlock the hat-box trunk at the Hazen Avenue Temple Fair.

New Wharf for Eastern S. S. Co. A civic committee, consisting of Ald. McDermid, chairman of the Board of Works, Ald. Elkin, Engineer Murdoch, Capt. Fleming, Harbor Master, and Mr. LeBaron Thompson, representing the Eastern S. S. Co., yesterday visited Reed's Point with the idea of providing increased accommodation for the Eastern S. S. Co.

St. John Railway Co.'s New Show Room. The Saint John Railway Company announces the opening of their new show room, the corner of Pock and Union streets. They are showing a full line of electric fixtures, brackets, table lamps, gasolene water heaters and warming pads. Their show room will be open every evening until Christmas.

AERIAL MAIL IMPERATIVE FOR ENGLAND

Royal United Service Institution Acts Upon Major General Baden Powell's Warning—Issues Popular Appeal.

TO PERFECT SIGNALING SYSTEM

London, Dec. 21.—Aroused to action by the warning voiced by Major General Baden-Powell before the members of the Royal United Service Institution that England must "wake up" and prepare for the widest utilization in any future war of present day aerial craft, with dirigible balloons and aeroplanes, the Aerial League of the British Empire has sought through the issuance of a formal popular appeal to enlist the services of an army of volunteers as a supplementary factor to this end.

Captain R. A. Cave-Brown-Cave, R. N., chairman of the Executive Committee of the Aerial League, thus explained this national wide movement:—"In the first place we wish to obtain the names and addresses of men who, having knowledge of signalling, are willing to volunteer to practice receiving and replying to signals from air and sea, to look after aerial craft, their signals, such as the seafaring people on our coasts watch today for signals of distress at sea.

As an initial step we wish to compile a register of such helpers for the use of aeronauts; later, if funds will permit, we shall hope to offer some inducement for such services. In time of peace aerial travellers would communicate with friends through these agents, rewarding the man who first succeeded in delivering their messages successfully. Our object is to keep in training in peace men who would be invaluable in war in sending air craft and reading their signals.

Volunteers in Villages. "We also seek the names of volunteers who are willing to organize in their home cities or villages to assist airships in landing safely, following the same scheme that bodies of men now pursue in organizing for the manning of marine life saving apparatus.

"We shall endeavor to provide facilities for giving such volunteers systematic training in the work. "We propose, also, to issue guide books, with maps, for aviators, showing where facilities for landing, anchorage, shelters and organized assistance may be found. To this particular end the names and addresses of men whose business is likely to be of service to aeronauts will be sought—makers of hydrogen gas, dealers in ropes, canvas, or rubber; makers of spare parts for balloons, airships or aeroplanes, proprietors of hotels and inns, and owners of garages or shelters for aircraft.

"It may be desirable, too, to acquire portable airship shelters for use in emergencies, so we will invite submission of suitable designs and suggestions as to sites for the erection of emergency sheds. We will list the locations of natural shelters, especially of large and disused quarries, which would protect airships from winds in many directions and would require the construction only of a few large wind screens to afford complete protection. Information fully compiled as to the location of dangerous wires would be useful, too.

"Sites for Aeroplane Stations. "Then," continued the Captain, "we want definite information as to suitable sites for aeroplane stations near towns, where these craft could safely land and start, and in which their owners could be assured of finding all requisite supplies, so that an aviator starting on a journey would not be exactly where to find halting places on his way.

"We want scientific volunteers, also, who would undertake to reply to pre-paid telegrams or telephone messages from aviators desirous of ascertaining exact atmospheric conditions existing at any time on a proposed line of route. As the objects of the league are patriotic we do not wish to undertake any work which ultimately will be performed by those who embark in continent business, but we do want to collect for the mutual benefit of business men and aviators every possible sort of information which will be of assistance, especially for those airships now being constructed for the nation.

"To prove that our appeal by no means is premature, we may point out that, according to the best information obtainable, the German and French and other nations, in their admirably methodic way, already have provided many airship shelters and anchorages, having accomplished much of the work which we now propose to begin. It is time, certainly, that we were up and doing."

THEOLOGY BARRED FROM UNIVERSITY. Ottawa, Dec. 21.—There was a pleasant surprise for Mrs. Henri Gariepy, Duke street, Hull, when she opened the front door one day last week in response to a ring of the bell.

It was Mrs. Gariepy's husband who had left Hull sixteen years ago, and from whom nothing had been heard since, to tell whether he was alive or dead, had returned.

In 1883, Mr. Gariepy left Hull for the west. He left behind him his wife three daughters and a son, all small. Since then he has been travelling in the northern portions of the Western Provinces. Letters never reached civilization. He was a stone cutter by trade, and three years ago he returned to Winnipeg, where he has been working since.

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Girls' Slippers IN FELT, Sizes 11 to 2, 50c. IN KID, Sizes 11 to 2, \$1.15, \$1.35. IN PATENT LEATHER, Sizes 11 to 2, \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.00.

Children's Slippers. IN FELT, Sizes 4 to 6, 50c. Sizes 7 to 10, 55c. IN KID, Sizes 5 to 7, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50. IN PATENT, Sizes 5 to 7 1/2, \$1.10, \$1.30, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.

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LIVELY SCENES IN GREEK CHAMBER MANUFACTURERS FEAR LABOR FAMINE NOW. Athens, Dec. 21.—Yesterday's exciting scene in the Chamber of Deputies, it is agreed today, may provoke another political crisis. The Minister of War Colonel Lapathotis is submitting the new army re-organization bill, violently attacked the administration of ex-Premier Theotokis, who also held the portfolio of Minister of War. His tenacious office, Col. Lapathotis asserted, had left the army in ruins. The supporters of the ex-premier protested and left the chamber in a body, whereupon the Minister of War addressed himself to the galleries, where a large number of officers were sitting, to the effect that he had determined to accomplish the mission confided in him by the people. The officers applauded the protestants and left the house. The sitting was suspended in disorder. M. Theotokis later interviewed Premier Mavroukialis and declared that he would demand the resignation of the Minister of War under the threat that a majority of the chamber would abstain from taking part in the sittings.

STANDARD WINNER OF TYPOS LEAGUE BOWLING, BASEBALL THE RING, FOOTBALL

SALT LAKE MAY GET BIG FIGHT



THE RICHARDS IS STRIVING ON CATERING TO THE FAIR SEX. HE SAYS THE LADIES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIGHT AND THEY WILL RECEIVE ALL THE LATEST DELICATE ATTENTIONS THEY ARE ACCUSTOMED TO. WHY NOT HAVE A "DECK-TARD" FIGHT FOR A PRELIMINARY? IT COULDN'T MAKE A BIT WITH THE GAMES.

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AND JACK JOHNSON'S ABILITY AT SIDE STEPPING MAY BE ALL THAT WILL SAVE HIM FROM BEING FORCED INTO MORNINGISM.

WHAT WE MAY EXPECT IF BILL SMITH TAKES 335 OF HIS WIVES TO THE BIG FIGHT, AND LEAVES THE OTHER 999 AT HOME.

WHY NOT HOLD THIS BRUISE AFFAIR IN THE MORNING TEMPLE AND LET THE SKIRTS USHER AND SERVE PINK-TEA.

BURNS FIGHT MOST IMPORTANT TO ME

Jack Johnson Tells The Standard How He Bet-tered Canadian in Big Fight.



By Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world. Naturally the fight which I consider the most important in my career was with Tommy Burns, at Rusheeters Bay, N. S. W., Dec. 24, 1909, when I realized my ambition and became the world's heavyweight champion.

I don't think anyone will contradict me when I say that I outboxed, out-broke and outgeneraled Burns. He put up a wonderfully game fight, but I being so much more clever and stronger he did not have a chance to win. And the same was true of Stanley Ketchell, as game a boy as ever climbed through the ropes.

I beat Burns in 14 rounds. I had chased him half around the world and took the short end of the purse, \$3000—whereas he returned \$30,000 at least—because I wanted the title, I knew I could win and I won as I pleased.

STANDARD THE WINNER IN TYPOS LEAGUE

Prince William Street Outfit Nails Pennant—Standard Defeats Sun—London Life Defeats Metropolitan.

Falling to follow the good example set by the scribes, The Standard typos after having taken the first point from the Sun, had a bad attack of the "nerves" and seemingly could not locate the pins, losing the second string by 34 pins. They took the third string, but could not overcome the lead which the Sun men had gained and the teams broke even. The game was the last of the series and The Standard are winners by 2 points.

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The bowlers from The Standard office took the Sun into camp yesterday afternoon, taking all four points, and winning out with the large margin of 95 pins. O'Leary showed some little improvement over his poor showing on Monday, while O'Connor rolled his usual steady game. Hazen was absent from the fray, and was forced to take the lowest score of the Sun team. Clarke was evidently discouraged at the horrid showing of his team mates, and fell away considerably in the last two strings. By winning yesterday's game, The Standard men demonstrated that they are strong on the home stretch, and their feel confident of vanquishing the Star, when these teams meet this afternoon. The scores were:

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HARVARD PROUD OF WITHINGTONS



Famous Brothers Who Are Now Making Names for Themselves in Athletics.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Sons of the west, of the real west, Honolulu boys, at the close of Harvard's athletic season stand out head and shoulders over the other Crimson stars. They are Lothrop Withington, just elected captain of the football eleven for 1910, and his brother, Paul, admitted to be the finest athlete in the university.

These Withingtons from Honolulu are two of the three men who have made their "11" in two major sports of the past season. Both gridded on the gridiron and on the river, and Lothrop, the younger, is a possibility of a strong one, for captain of next year's varsity crew. Besides his fame with oar and piskin, Paul Withington is the champion wrestler of Harvard, and one of the best swimmers in the country. He is 21, six feet and one inch tall, and weighs 160. Lothrop Withington is 20, six feet, and weighs 185.

Two such sons as these, it would seem, ought to content any father. But not so Withington senior. When he was here recently he was chaffed about his big, husky boys.

"That's nothing," he said, "there are three more of them at home in Hawaii, who will be bigger and stronger than this pair. The oldest of this trio could break Paul in two today. They are at Oahu school, Honolulu. When they get on the gridiron and on the river for Harvard we expect they will do things to Yale."

St. John's senior hockey players had their first practice last evening in the Quens rink. Although there were not many present, those who were showed good form and a fast team is practically assured. Those present were Erral Inches, Paterson, Philips, Kennedy, Macaulay, McMichael, Flood, Clawson, Masters, Magee and J. Phelan.

The latter is a Montreal man who will be in St. John for the winter. He has played senior hockey in Montreal and is said to be very fast. He showed well at practice last evening. "Doc" Inches who kept rather in the background last season was on deck last evening and showed that he is still an artist with the stick. Clawson, too, showed that he was able to chase the puck. Philips, "Jimmie" Kennedy and Flood were alive to the points of the game, while "Pat" Macaulay and Masters did some excellent stick work. Bob Magee was on hand and directed the practice from the side lines.

When this aggregation of puck chasers get into proper condition, there is no doubt but that they will be able to play the game with any of the fast ones. "Wizard" Gribbs, who is regarded as a fast-rate goal keeper did not turn out, but he will be on hand at the next practice. So far nothing has been done towards the formation of a league, but a meeting will be held after the New Year and the prospects are good for at least one league.

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HARVARD THE WINNER IN BASKET BALL

After about two minutes of overtime play, Sinclair, centre for the Harvards, threw the winning basket for his team in its basketball match against Varsity in the Y.M.C.A. class A boys' gym. league yesterday. The game was very close throughout at the end of the score stood four all. In the second half, not a point was made and it was only after overtime play that the Harvard team threw another basket making the score six to four.

The teams lined up as follows:— Harvard. Forwards. Varsity. Rivers. Le Lacheur Wesley. McDonald Melrose. Centre. Sinclair. Guards. Melrose 1; MacLaren 1; Sinclair 2.

FRANK KLAUS WINS OVER JIM FLYNN

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—By continued aggressiveness and consistent work throughout, Frank Klaus of Pittsburgh won the decision over Jim Flynn of Boston, in 12 rounds of hard slugging at the Armory, A.A. tonight. Flynn secured but four of the twelve rounds, when he sent straight lefts to the face which slowed the Pittsburgh boy. In the rest of the bout Klaus forced Flynn about the ring with right and left swings to the jaw.

In the preliminaries Max Baker of Boston defeated Billy Nixon of Cambridge in eight rounds, and Jack Williams of Cambridge defeated Tommy Hall of Boston in six rounds.

LATE SHIPPING

British Ports. Sheerness, Dec. 20—Arrived str Nordstjernens, Sydney, C. B. Port Natal, Dec. 16—Arrived str Canada, Cape, Montreal. Liverpool, Dec. 21—Arrived str Arctic, New York. Glasgow, Dec. 21—Arrived str Pretorian, Boston. Sailed 20th, str Mongolian, Philadelphia via St. John, Nfld, and Halifax for Philadelphia. Cherbourg, Dec. 20—Arrived str Kronprinzessin Cecilie, New York via Plymouth for Boston.

Foreign Ports. Saunterdown, R. I., Dec. 21—Sailed sch S A Fownes, Wickford for St. John, N. B. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21—Arrived str Siberian, Glasgow and Liverpool via St. John, N. B. Boston, Mass., Dec. 21—Arrived str Victorian (Br) Liverpool; schs Henry B. Fiske, Jacksonville; Henry H. Chamberlain, Bear River, N. S.; Willem Gertrude (Br) Hillsboro, N. B.; Ravala (Br) St. John, N. B.; Yolando (Br) Parrsboro, N. S.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 21—Arrived schs S A Fownes (Br) Philadelphia for Liverpool, N. S. Arrived schs S A Fownes (Br) Wickford for St. John, N. B.; Mayflower (Br) Maitland, N. S. for New Haven and New Rochelle. Portland, Me., Dec. 21—Arrived strs Fornabo (Nor) Sydney, C. B.; sch Damietta and Joanna, New York. Calais, Me., Dec. 21—Sailed sch Abbie C. Stubbs, St. John, N. B. Rockland, Me., Dec. 21—Arrived sch Charles H Sprague, St. George, N. B. for Norfolk.

KING EDWARD IN GASTRONOMIC REFORM

London, Dec. 21.—For some time past King Edward has been objecting to the unnecessary multiplication of wines at dinner, and he has done a good deal to bring about a change in this direction. When there is only a family party at Sandringham or Buckingham Palace not more than four claret and served during dinner — claret and chablis, or some other white wine first, subsequently champagne, and of the citizens.

BARTLETT ON POLE VERDICT

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Continued from page 5. also that we were so confident in the outcome of the action at Copenhagen. Dr. Cook is not a scientific man, and the observations he submitted might easily have been manufactured ones.

Why He Did Not Go to the Pole. Captain Bartlett when he appeared as a guest at the luncheon meeting of the Twentieth Century Club, on Saturday, told why he did not go to the Pole. President Charles F. DeLo opened the meeting by saying: "We have with us a guest today, Captain 'Bob' Bartlett, and perhaps he will be willing to tell us why it was he did not accompany Commander Peary all the way to the North Pole. It's a question that has been asked him often, and now we'll see if he will answer it."

After five minutes' applause Captain Bartlett said: "Yes, I have been asked why Peary didn't let me go to the Pole. Well, the fatal mistake of the year we set out with nineteen Eskimos, seven men—that is to say, twenty-six men in all—and 135 dogs. I went on the ice ahead with three Eskimos, a sledges and the dogs for it. I had the best Eskimos, the best dogs and the best sleds, and my job was to blaze the trail. The command followed. The igloo I built and water provisions he submitted might easily have been manufactured ones."

In the event of anything happening to the commander I was to go ahead and finish the work. At the 88th he had forty dogs, five sledges, and water provisions for forty days. He was to get to the Pole, and then there was the problem of getting back again. My job then was to help in his getting back. By my setting out for land at that time I blazed a trail for the 88th parallel right back to land. After he'd gone to the Pole and started back he didn't have to lose five minutes in blazing a trail for he followed mine right to the land. And that, gentlemen, is the thing in a nutshell—that's why I went back."

When interviewed by the newspaper even after his talk as to the object of his visit in Boston, Captain Bartlett said: "I am here for business. Arrangements have been made with a number of Boston societies for me to speak before them."

course port with the desert. Of these the King takes but sparingly. His favorite drink is a little chablis and water, and he was warned some time ago by his physicians to drink as little red wine as possible. After dinner he has a whiskey and soda during the evening. He rarely touches a liqueur of any description, though occasionally he makes an exception in favor of a glass of rare old brandy that was placed in the royal cellars many years ago by Queen Victoria.

LITTLE INTERESTED IN REFERENDUM

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Only about 2,800 property owners out of a total of over 20,000 saw fit today to vote on the referendum in regard to the expenditure by the city of 2,000,000 for a municipal electric light plant. On the light vote the proposition carried by a majority of 365, the French wards voting in favor with the English wards against it. The referendum was not mandatory but purely advisory, and the feeling is that the council will leave the matter to their successors who will come into office in February when the new board of control will be inaugurated. It was this opinion which no doubt led the lack of interest in the matter on the part of the citizens.

KID M'COY ALSO WANTS TO COME BACK

New York, Dec. 21.—Kid McCoy says he'd like to meet Jim Corbett in a ten round fight as a preliminary to the Jeffries-Johnson battle and expresses a willingness to wager \$10,000 on the side. In view of the memorable fact these pugilists put up in Madison Square Garden in 1900 and the ugly talk concerning the "picture arrangement" for the big mill next July, it is believed that a Corbett-McCoy affair will not tend to increase the public's confidence in the meeting between Jeffries and Johnson.

Sam Langford has struck another snag. He has been notified that the boxing clubs in Memphis will not engage his services because of his color. Langford cannot induce Al Kaufman to meet him in a six round bout in Philadelphia and has ceased trying for a match with Stanley Ketchell. Sam's only hope at present is a bout with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien to be decided in Quakerville some time next month.

Tex Rickard led here for the West yesterday. He said that the Jeffries-Johnson fight would not take place at Cofferth's Colma arena, it only for the purpose of proving that Cofferth has nothing to do with the contest. Rickard continued to express confidence in his ability to stage the fight at Salt Lake City, and said he favored an Eastern man, possibly Charley White, for referee. When Tex reaches California he may express other views. He has made many conflicting statements since articles of agreement were signed at Moboken.

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The highest score made to date for the Christmas turkey, offered by the management of the Victoria Bowling Academy, was made last evening by Mr. M. O'Brien, who is a member of the I. L. & B. team. He rolled the tall score of 113.

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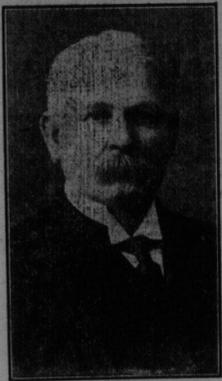
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ATLANTIC DIVISION SENDS GOOD WISHES TO MR. DOWNIE

Heads Of Departments Representing 1500 C. P. R. Employees Presented Congratulatory Address Yesterday On General Superintendent's Recent Marriage—Good Feeling Which Exists Is Emphasized—Mr. Downie Makes Happy Reply.

When Mr. Wm. Downie, general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., stole a march upon his friends and was quietly married to Miss Charlotte Wilson in St. John's (stone) church on the afternoon of December 8th, no opportunity was given for the officials and employees of the division to extend their congratulations on the happy event.

Burpee, superintendent of the operating department of division No. 1, as follows: To William Downie, Esq., general superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, St. John, N. B.



MR. WILLIAM DOWNIE, General Superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the C. P. R.

Mr. Downie and his subordinates that such an occasion would be allowed to pass unnoted and yesterday afternoon—the earliest opportunity after his return from his wedding tour—the heads of departments assembled in his private office to extend to him and Mrs. Downie on behalf of some 1500 officials and employees in the division, hearty good wishes for their health, long life and happiness.

Mr. Downie, in replying, said he appreciated the form of the address beyond anything that could have been given him, particularly as it was a direct expression from all employees in the division through the heads of their departments.

AROUND THE CITY

On Saturday next, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be published.

The Late Capt. Dennis Cobhan. The members of the Fish Industry and Benevolent Society are requested to meet in the rooms west afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral of their late brother, member, Capt. Dennis Cobhan.

Winter Port Notes. The C.P.R. S.S. Lake Michigan will sail for London via Antwerp this afternoon at 4 o'clock. She takes away a large general cargo and 405 head of cattle. The Lake Champlain will move over to No. 6 berth this morning to load cargo for Liverpool.

Concert in Seaman's Institute. The R.M.S. Tunisian Pierrot troupe which made such a big hit here last season, have arranged a splendid programme for the concert in the Seaman's Institute this evening. They will have the assistance of two special artists from ships in port.

Thistles Elect New Members. At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club last evening at the rink, the following new members were elected: Messrs. Roy M. Sippell, Donald Cameron, J. H. Maxwell, J. W. Ewart, Geo. T. Polly, Harry Ervin and Bruce McPherson.

Concert by Young People's Choir. The young people's choir of Brussels street Baptist church gave an enjoyable concert in the school room of the church last evening. Among those who took part in the programme were Miss Worden, Miss Beryl Blanch, Mr. Willis Stalmers, Miss Louise Colwell and Miss M. McLean.

Results of Canton LaTour Contests. The voting contests in connection with the Canton LaTour fair, for the most popular fireman and street railway motorman or conductor, closed last evening. Mr. W. Sanderson proved to be the most popular fireman and Mr. Geo. Needham, secured the most votes for the most popular motorman.

Court LaTour Elect Officers. Court LaTour, I. O. F., elected officers last evening as follows: Mr. G. Stephenson, C. R.; John McQuaid, V. C. R.; E. J. Todd, R. S.; Geo. Currie, F. S.; J. M. Scovill, Jr., C. D.; Dr. Jas. Manning, Treasurer; C. W. Greenslade, clerk; Dr. L. A. McAlpine, court physician; J. W. MacKenzie, S. A.; J. W. Brittain, J. W.; A. A. Wilson and M. E. Grass, finance committee.

In Supreme Court Chambers. Before His Honor Mr. Justice McKeown in supreme court chambers yesterday morning Mr. Fred R. Taylor for the plaintiff in the case of George McKean vs. James Kennedy applied for a commission to issue to London to take the evidence of necessary material witnesses for the plaintiff in the case. Mr. W. A. Ewing, K. C., for the defendant opposed the application. The application was granted.

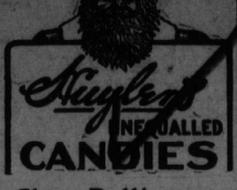
Cian MacKenzie Ladies Install Officers. At the regular meeting of the ladies of Cian MacKenzie held in Odell's Hall last evening officers were installed by Mr. H. L. McGowan, past chief, as follows: Mrs. J. A. Murdoch, lady chief; Mrs. Geo. Corbett, lady treasurer; Mrs. Robert Jamieson, chaplain; Dr. Mary E. MacLeod, secretary; Miss E. G. Corbett, assistant secretary; Miss Kathleen Murdoch, senior conductor; Mrs. Fred Fowler, junior conductor; Mrs. E. R. Reid, guard; Mrs. C. K. Cameron, past chief.

An Apology is Now in Order. The daily Telegraph has been served with notice that unless an apology is forthcoming within five days for the alleged libellous statements made regarding Mr. Richard O'Leary's connection with the Richelieu wharf proceedings will be taken against the paper for libel. By the status of New Brunswick when it is proposed to bring an action for libel against a newspaper, the paper must be notified of that fact and five days are allowed in which to tender an apology. Messrs. Hazen and Raymond are acting for Mr. O'Leary.

No Change in City Grouping. At a meeting yesterday of the committee appointed by the executive of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign movement to consider the advisability of changing the division of the churches in the city proper from four to three groups, it was decided to make no change, but follow the original suggestion of the executive and have four groups. The meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon and those present were, Rev. W. W. Lodge, Rev. Gordon Dole, Hon. J. B. Forbes, Rev. Jas. Crisp, Mr. A. W. Robb, Rev. L. A. McLean, Rev. Dr. Chas. R. Flanders, Rev. S. W. Anthony, Rev. H. D. Marr, Rev. A. A. Graham, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. J. D. Milroy, Mr. W. C. Gross and Mr. Parks.

We have inaugurated such low prices that no one in need of wearables, present or future, can afford to pass by this great clearing sale. C. B. Hanson.

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If the gift is to be a surprise, and you don't wish him to know what you are giving, it's not necessary to have his size. Buy the shoes now, keep them until after Christmas, and, if they are not the right size, bring them back and we will change them.

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Pots Not Boiling Fast Enough.

To bring some of the good cheer of the season into the hearts of 500 men, women and children by providing them with good dinners on Christmas Day is the joyous task the local Salvation Army has undertaken. One hundred baskets containing 400 meals will be sent to families less fortunate than their neighbors. At the shelter it is planned to feed 75 roving men, while a number of men will be provided for at the Eyling Home. The Christmas pots with the announcement "Keep the pot boiling," which have been on the street corners for some days, have not received as many contributions so far as last year, but it is expected that they will bubble faster from now until the holiday. The Army is anxious to receive anything in the way of provision or cash to go towards the dinners.

Snowshoes and Moccasins

Table listing prices for Snowshoes and Moccasins: Lumbermen's \$1.80, Boys' and Girls' 2.40, Ladies' 3.00, Gents' Tramping 3.25, Medium 3.60, Large 4.00, Snowshoe Ties, Adjustable Leather .60, Lampwick Ties, per ft. .01, Moccasins .80, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.85

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No matter how elegant and stylish a Winter Overcoat may be, it is not fulfilling its mission if it does not protect its wearer from the icy blasts of Old Boreas. At \$15, \$18 and \$20 we are selling genuine "Star Overcoats," double and single breasted, long, warm and comfortable.

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Table listing various Christmas gifts and their prices: Men's Overcoats \$4.49 to \$22.50, Men's D. B. Reefers \$3.98 to \$8.00, Men's Suits \$4.95 to \$20.00, Boys' Overcoats \$2.98 to \$12.00, etc.

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Any Man Will Be Pleased With Such a Gift

A Bathrobe is always acceptable. No matter if he already has one, he'll welcome another. We have them in all degrees of fineness—handsome ones that will serve a double purpose of lounging robe and bathrobe—as well as plain and inexpensive kinds. Prices from \$3.75 to \$7.50.

Table listing prices for bathrobes: Smoking Jackets \$2.50 to \$15.00, Fur Coats \$5.00 to \$10.00, etc.

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DELEGATES TREATED RATHER SMABBLY SAYS MR. BURCHILL

Conference At Ottawa Was Limited To Half An Hour—He Expected Sir Wilfrid Would Have Been Present.

Hon. J. P. Burchill, M. P. P., of Nelson, N. B., accompanied by his son, Mr. G. Percy Burchill, passed through the city yesterday en route home from Ottawa where he attended the conference on the certification of the G. T. P. arranged between the Federal and Provincial Governments. To Mr. Burchill the movement owes its origin, as his motion in the Legislature at the last session started the ball rolling.

HID FROM POLICE TO AVOID ARREST ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Morris Daley In The Toils For Alleged Attack Upon His Brother James—Made No Statement.

Police Officer George Henry arrested Morris Daley at home, 216 Brossels street yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock on a warrant sworn out before Magistrate Ritchie on Dec. 16 charging him with unprovoked and malicious assault upon his brother James J. Daley, at their home on the previous day.

Reception at Y. M. C. A.

At a meeting of the social committee of the Y. M. C. A. last night it was decided to have the building thrown open on New Year's day. In the afternoon a public reception will be held and in the evening there will be a special entertainment for the members and their male friends. The committee is now at work arranging an enjoyable programme.

Death of Miss Margaret London.

The death occurred in Montreal yesterday of Miss Margaret London, a well known resident of Canterbury Station, where for many years Miss London in company with her brother, Edward, kept a large general store. The body, accompanied by Miss London's two nephews, Charles and Edward, who are attending McGill, left Montreal last evening and will be brought to Canterbury Station, where the funeral will be held. Miss London is survived by two brothers, Edward and John, both residing at home.