

YORK'S CHOICE

Hon. Mr. McLeod Chosen as Candidate for Federal Seat.

HOLIDAY TRAGEDY

74 Suffocated in Xmas Eve Panic

OVER HUNDRED THOUSAND POOR FED IN NEW YORK

Charitable Organizations Looked After the Unfortunate Christmas Day.

THE SALVATION ARMY LED ALL.

"Spugs" Practiced Their Teaching — Heirs of Big Tim Sullivan Provided Dinners for 5,000 Persons.

New York, Dec. 25.—Well attended church services, and the distribution of Christmas dinners to nearly 100,000 of the city's dependants, were the features of New York's observance of the Day of Nativity. The day broke with the gentleness associated with Indian summer, clouded up threateningly about noon, and then ended in showers and drizzles.

The Salvation Army led in the distribution of Christmas cheer. In addition to issuing 5,000 Christmas dinner baskets, each of them containing food enough for six, the organization entertained 3,500 children with a Christmas tree party.

Commander Eva Booth presided at this and personally distributed the presents. One thousand baskets were given by the Volunteers of America, and 5,000 dinners were served by heirs of "Big Tim" Sullivan. Congressman Lott's donation amounted to 1,500 dinner baskets. A complete Christmas dinner was given each.

Various public and charitable institutions were also well remembered. Turkey dinners were served in all of them, and entertainments were given. More than 3,000 were fed at the City Home, 1,900 at the New York Children's Hospital, 1,300 at the Metropolitan, and 1,350 at Bellevue Hospital, 1,500 at the Municipal Lodging House, 4,800 at the Manhattan State Hospital, and 2,500 at the Catholic Protector.

Inmates of New York's prisons were not overlooked, though in most cases the usual Christmas party, a turkey and plum pudding, was served to more than 500. The penitentiary on Blackwell's Island provided an exceptional dinner for 200, and those detained at the various police courts fared also in accord with custom.

One of the notable events of the day was the celebration organized by the "Spugs," or Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. Over 11,000 adults and children, rich and poor, attended its Christmas tree party, at which presents of coffee, cake, sandwiches, and candy were distributed.

FOURTEEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN FIREWORKS FACTORY

Building Collapsed and Victims Were Buried in the Wreckage—Dead May Number Several More.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The explosion of a fireworks factory today at Torre Annunziata in the province of Naples, resulted in the death of many persons. The buildings collapsed, burying the victims in the wreckage. Fourteen dead and five injured were taken from the ruins, and it is believed that many other bodies are covered by the debris.

FRISGO'S ARMY OF IDLE NUMBERS THOUSANDS

Co-operative Employment Bureau Feeds Many—Churches Thrown Open to Afford Shelter to the Homeless.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Nobody out of work need have gone hungry in San Francisco on Christmas day. At the Co-operative Bureau of employment, the tables were set for all that would come, and thousands did. Ten cooks were busy from three o'clock this morning until noon.

Many churches are throwing open their doors to give homeless sleeping places. "All who apply will be given food and shelter," said Mayor Rolph. "Every man can have a roof over his head, and plenty to eat until Monday, when the supervisors will announce a plan to provide employment." The number of idle men is estimated at 20,000.

TRAIN BANDIT MAKES FULL CONFESSION

Friendless, He Admits to Holding Up Express and Shooting Travelling Passenger Agent on the Train.

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—"I have no friends. I will plead guilty. I am ready to hang."

John Bostick, confessed train robber and slayer of Horace S. Montague, a Southern Pacific travelling passenger agent, made this statement shortly after he arrived from San Francisco in custody of Sheriff Hammell. Bostick held up the Sunset Limited near Elmonte, December 1, and killed Montague, who was a passenger.

Sheriff Hammell, said that on the way from San Francisco, where the prisoner was captured Tuesday, Bostick had made a complete confession, not only of the Elmonte murder and robbery, but of another hold-up November 24, near Richmond, Calif.

CARDINAL'S WILL IS NOT FOUND YET

Belief is that Later Document than One Discovered Exists — His Apartments to be Sealed Up.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The apartments occupied by the late Cardinal Rampolla have been sealed up in consequence of a request made by Mgr. Di Bisognio, administrator of St. Peter's. This step was urged by Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal secretary of state, simply to guarantee the safety of documents of great interest to the church. The possible loss was suggested by persistent reports regarding the disappearance of Cardinal Rampolla's last will and testament.

A will was executed by Cardinal Rampolla bearing a later date than the will found is considered almost certain, because the cardinal left a key with a tag attached, on which was inscribed in his own hand writing the statement that the key would open a box containing his will, and those close to the cardinal think it incredible that he would not alter his testament of 1889, explaining that his estate had grown four-fold since that date.

The box referred to has not been found, and so far no one has come forward to say he has absolute knowledge of the existence of the testament reported to be missing. There is no evidence that it was stolen, and no claims have been set up by anyone that he has sustained damage by the loss of the will. The authorities are not in a position to take action, because, according to the Italian law in such cases prosecution could only be possible if some interested party had officially submitted charges. As the situation stands, the authorities cannot institute an investigation.

WIDOW OF FOUNDER OF RECORD FOUNDRY

Moncton, Dec. 25.—Mrs. C. B. Record, aged 88 years, native of Moncton, died Wednesday at the residence of Hon. H. R. Emerson, Dorchester.

She was the widow of C. B. Record, founder of the Record Foundry and Machinery Company of this city. A. E. Record, Boston, is the only surviving member of the family.

Funeral at Moncton, Friday afternoon.

MONCTON HOCKEY PLAYER WILL JOIN HALIFAX TEAM.
Moncton, Dec. 26.—Marcel Belliveau, left this morning for Halifax where he will make a try for the Crescents. He is a young amateur player, and with a little experience ought to make good, but he will not be fast enough for this year's Crescents.

SEVENTY-FOUR LIVES ARE CRUSHED OUT IN A FIRE PANIC IN CALUMET, MICH.

The Victims, Mostly Children of Striking Miners, Were Attending Christmas Tree Entertainment Prepared for them by Friends of Families.

FALSE ALARM BY WOULD-BE JOKER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CATASTROPHE

Scene of Joyousness Converted to One of Terror in a Moment — Weaker Ones Trampled Down by Stronger in the Mad Rush to Safety—Children Snatched from Arms of Their Parents.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 24.—Four score persons, mostly children, were killed tonight at a Christmas celebration by copper mine strikers in an Italian hall, because of a needless panic caused by a false alarm of fire.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on, the children pressed eagerly towards the stage to receive Christmas presents. In an instant a man put his head in at the door of the hall and yelled "fire."

The cry was taken up by those in the hall. Everyone started for the doors. The weaker were thrown to the floor and those behind tried to climb over those ahead of them.

The stairway and other avenues of egress were blocked so effectively that those inside could not get out, and those without could not get in to aid the panic stricken crowd in the hall. It was some time before the panic subsided.

The principal exit was a narrow stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it the top, and a quick accounting had been made, it was found that twenty-four corpses had been piled up beside the hall building. It is thought a dozen others were carried away by friends.

The dead include thirty-seven girls, nineteen boys, thirteen women and five men. The excited women stood about the building, some dazed by the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy, others calling hysterically for a missing child, and a few even threatening violence to the rescuers for keeping them back from long rows of bodies.

There was not much work for the many doctors who hurried to the scene as soon as the alarm was spread. For those who were not killed in the first rush were held upright and safe by the very forces of the anguish toward the exit. Only three injured persons were taken to hospitals, and a few went home with the assistance of friends.

Police and firemen hurried to the building, to find the hall congested. Several officers climbed the fire escapes and entered by the windows. In a short time the uninjured and the faint had been pulled from the tangle of human beings and placed in front of the hall. Other men began to pull the bodies of the dead and helpless from the stairway and lay them in a row beside the building. This disposition of the crushed bodies was not returned later by the parents, who found their own offspring safe. In other cases parents ran about for some time uncertain whether their children were dead or alive. Many mothers fainted, while fathers cursed all those who interfered with their mad search for lost girls and boys.

Of the seven hundred persons in the hall more than three-fourths were children, many of them having gone without parents. Parents soon rushed to the scene and added to the confusion. They did not understand what had taken place and hindered the rescuers by insisting to know what was the matter.

The greatest number of dead in any one place was at the bottom of the stairs. Those who reached the stairs first were evidently hurried to the bottom by those behind and in this fashion the stairway was filled to the ceiling.

Nearly All Suffocated.
That death in most instances was due to suffocation under the weight of those who fell last was indicated by the fact that few of the corpses bore marks of injuries. The shoulders were crumpled and broken, but the faces were not cut or bruised.

A great mass meeting of Calumet citizens was held this afternoon to express their sympathy and devise ways and means to ameliorate the sufferings of those on whom death had fallen so heavily. A committee of twelve was appointed to visit each individual home of the bereaved families and ascertain what financial assistance is necessary. Unlimited funds are assured, and no outside aid will be necessary.

"With the kindest feeling for those who offered, we ask no outside help," says the resolution of sympathy adopted. "These are our own people, and this is our sacred privilege to care for our dead and to comfort the living."

The statement of President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners that no benefits from the citizens would be accepted, was disregarded. The strikers also met this afternoon and named a committee comprising representatives of the nationalities of the victims to call upon the strikers and relatives and ascertain their wishes regarding the funeral. This committee will meet tomorrow morning to make arrangements for the services.

The authorities have so far been unable to trace a man who is said to have raised the cry of fire, which is supposed to have started the panic which led to the fearful crush in the

BUCTOUCHE LAD BELIEVED DROWNED

Miles Wheaton, Fifteen Years Old, Started Across River on Skates and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 25.—Miles Wheaton, aged fifteen years, son of Miles Wheaton, station agent for the Moncton and Buctouche Railway, at Buctouche, is missing from his home and it is almost certain that he was drowned Tuesday night by skating on a hole in the ice on the river near his home.

Tuesday night young Wheaton skated across the river about two miles to the home of Col. Sheridan, M. L. A. Two of Col. Sheridan's sons and Wheaton went skating on the ice, and about twelve o'clock young Wheaton started for home on his skates alone. His companions watched him from the river bank as he set off for home. He carried a lantern and they saw him some distance on his journey. That was the last seen of Wheaton alive.

Search was made today but the storm of Wednesday obliterated all trace of the skates. A hole in the ice was found and it is taken for granted that young Wheaton skated into this and sank beneath the ice at the point where the lad is supposed to have been drowned.

The sad tragedy cast a gloom over Buctouche and surroundings Christmas Day.

FINDS DEAD MAN IN HIS WOODSHED

Ontario Man Makes a Guesstimate — Discolored Face Points to Foul Play.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 25.—When Nathaniel Jones, who resides at 70 1-2 Napier street went into his woodshed this morning, he found the partly undressed body of a man lying there with his overcoat and waistcoat lying beside him. As the face was discolored he feared that the dead man might have been the victim of foul play and notified the police. The body was taken to the morgue where Dr. Rennie examined it. Shortly after the body was taken to the morgue a man identified it as that of James Murphy, a bartender. An inquest will be held.

ONE DEAD, FIVE INJURED IN CALIFORNIA RIOT
Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 25.—Rafael Adams, a Mexican, was killed, and five policemen were injured today in a riot at the Plaza, when the police started to break up a meeting of several hundred unemployed and hungry men. Twenty of the rioters were arrested.

DEATH TO ALL FEDERALS, IS VILLA'S ORDER

Tells His General to Take no Prisoners, Sweep the Border and Drive Them Into the States.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 24.—Forty-two hundred rebel cavalrymen with ten cannon and six machine guns have left Chihuahua to begin the long delayed attack on the Federalists at Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex. The rebels, commanded by Gen. Ortega, have been ordered to exterminate the Federalists or drive them across the United States border.

"Sweep the border clear of Federalists and do not take any prisoners," was Gen. Francisco Villa's order to Gen. Ortega. "There must not be a Federalist left alive on this side of the border."

Gen. Villa said if the Federal generals, Orozco and Rojas, are captured they are to be shot as traitors. Loaded in six trains, with large supplies of ammunition, the Ojinaga expedition left here, purposing to travel as far as Hermosillo, and thence to march overland to Ojinaga. Gen. Villa witnessed the departure of his soldiers and expressed confidence over the outcome, saying the Federalists either would be driven across the border or broken up into small bands.

The bottling up of the Federalists in the city of Tijuana, 100 miles south of here, the occupation by the rebels of part of the city and the rebel capture of Laredo and Gomez Palacio, important adjoining towns, were confirmed in reports received today. Gen. Monclovia Herrera, however, was not wounded.

The rebel despatches said Gen. Herrera now had Torreon practically controlled, with little loss of life, and that he would await further reinforcements before attempting a rout of the Federalists under Gen. Refugio Valesco.

Despite Gen. Villa's statement to the United States government that he is not detaining wives and children of men who have left the country, it is known here that he has denied them facilities to leave. The demand for trains for military purposes was given as a reason for not providing means to transport the Mexican families who wish to leave.

One million pesos in rebel money has been issued under the seal of the State of Chihuahua. This greatly increases the financial situation brought about by the lack of small currency.

INDIANS MAKE BOGUS DOLLARS

Three Red Men Had Counterfeiting Plant for Making Good Imitation — Rounded Up by Police.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 25.—Frank Walton, Cleveland Jackson and Linley Fowler, all Indians, were arrested last night at Tahola, capital of the Quinal reservation, charged with counterfeiting. They were brought here today and bound over by a United States commissioner, bail being fixed at \$20,000 for each. They will be taken to Tacoma tonight, to await trial.

The Indians, it is alleged by United States government officials, had a counterfeiting plant in a shed and were manufacturing counterfeit silver dollars of fair quality.

THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES SUFFER IN BULGARIA

London, Dec. 26.—The Soda correspondent of the Times makes an appeal in behalf of 200,000 refugees scattered throughout Bulgaria, the majority of whom are totally destitute and suffering terrible privations. The government has done its utmost to relieve the refugees, but its means are limited. In one district alone, where there are 5,000 fugitives, it is officially reported that from thirty to forty are dying every week.

HON. H. F. McLEOD UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF CONVENTION

Selected on Wednesday as the Candidate for York County Seat.

HAS HAD BRILLIANT POLITICAL RECORD.

Unity and Enthusiasm of Gathering Belied Liberal Press Twaddle About Discord and Disintegration.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Dec. 25.—Hon. H. F. McLeod, Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, and a member of the Hazen and Fleming administrations since the old government was routed in March 1908, was unanimously tendered and accepted the federal nomination of the Liberal-Conservative party of York County on Wednesday afternoon at one of the largest and most enthusiastic political conventions in the annals of politics in this constituency.

The convention was not only a striking evidence of the united strength, pronounced unanimity and fighting spirit of the Conservative party in York County but was also a personal tribute to Hon. Mr. McLeod, who will in all probability be elected by acclamation as York's next representative at Ottawa. The bye-election is to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Hon. O. S. Crockett to the Supreme Court bench of New Brunswick and Wednesday next December 31st, is named as nomination day with polling, if any, a week later on January 7th.

York County never saw a bigger or more enthusiastic political gathering than Wednesday's convention, and this in the face of the fact that it was the naturally busy time of Christmas Eve with a heavy snowstorm at its height. Every parish in the county was represented and practically every polling district in the entire constituency had delegates present.

There was never a dull moment in the proceedings from start to finish and if anything was needed to show the absolute absurdity of the foolish twaddle of the St. John Telegraph and some echoes to the effect that there was dissension in the ranks of the Conservative party the convention furnished it.

Mr. McLeod has always been recognized as one of the leading political speakers of the east, but never was he heard to better advantage than in his speech at the convention accepting the nomination. He made it clear that he was changing from his pleasant existing relations in the provincial field to the wider sphere of the Dominion arena not to suit his own personal convenience or wishes, but in answer to the call of his party and because he is a party man all the time. His pronouncement upon federal affairs was one of the striking features of his address, particularly his reference to the question of imperial defence. He literally carried the convention by storm and wildly enthusiastic applause punctuated his remarks from time to time.

C. H. Thomas, president of the York County Liberal-Conservative Association, presided over the convention and after a resolution of confidence in the Borden administration and in Hon. J. Douglas Hazen as New Brunswick's representative in the federal cabinet and another of congratulation to Mr. Crockett upon his election to the bench had been unanimously passed, Hon. Mr. McLeod was nominated by James K. Pinder, M. L. A., seconded by Mr. John A. Young, M. L. A., amidst much enthusiasm. Percy A. Guthrie, of Fredericton, seconded by ex-Warden John Scott, moved that nominations closed and Hon. Mr. McLeod was tendered and amidst wildly enthusiastic scenes, accepted the position as the party's standard bearer.

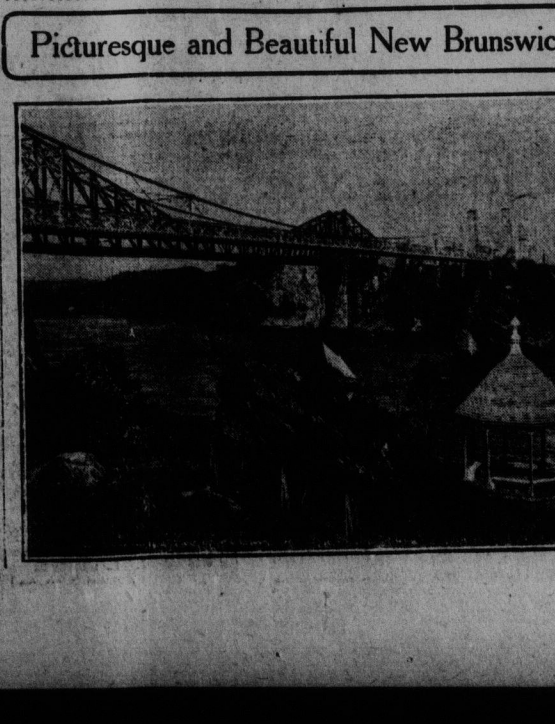
"Were I to consider it from a selfish point of view and from the mere matter of dollars and cents, I would decline this kindly meant honor from my friends," Mr. McLeod said on arising to address the convention, but it is said my party needs me, and I am a party man.

"There are many things that tempt a man who loves his country and desires the greatest and best things for it to seek the wider vision of this young nation's parliament."

"This province, just now coming to realize its potential greatness, must find in its representatives men who will stand fearlessly for New Brunswick's rights."

"I will favor to the utmost any act that will make possible the connection of the National Transcontinental Railway at Napadogan with the St. John Valley Railway at Fredericton, so that the traffic of the National Transcontinental Railroad may be carried to the port of St. John over the Valley Railway, thus making for the upbuilding of this good country, as well as providing freight to be handled in the great Atlantic port of the province."

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SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS CLEARLY SHOWN BY MANY PRESENTATIONS

In Business Houses, Public Works, Hotels, Restaurants, and in Charities, Exchange of Valuable Gifts Tells Story of Peace and Goodwill.

The Yuletide spirit was strongly in evidence in the business houses, the factories and the hotels and public institutions of St. John during the last few days. The passing of Christmas was marked by many presentations and the feeling of goodwill existing between employer and employee was clearly shown by the many extra wages paid, turkeys and money presents were favorite reminders of the reign of peace and goodwill.

In the city hotels Christmas dinners on an elaborate plan were served, and all the hotels presented their guests with handsome souvenir menu cards. At the Royal Hotel, the members of the staff were remembered with money gifts. Thomas Reynolds, the manager, was presented with a handsome gold mounted fountain pen. W. E. Raymond and Mrs. H. A. Doherty, the proprietors, were suitably remembered by the staff.

The menu cards were arranged in book form and besides the menu there was space for a diary for the year and other useful information concerning St. John and Canada. The books were bound in black leather with Christmas greetings in gold on the cover. On the fly leaf seasonal greetings were printed. These included the quotation: "May the skin of a gooseberry always be as smooth as an umbrella to cover all your troubles."

A. L. Philips, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, was presented with a handsome reading lamp, while flowers were given to Mrs. Philips by the staff. The employees were given money gifts. The menu cards of the hotel were gotten up in particularly attractive style. The cards were arranged in the form of a diary for the year and decorated with holly, mistletoe and greenery with bells, done in raised color work. The covers were finished in brocade and decorated with pictures of a fire-place with stockings hanging in front, and a representation of the hauling in of the Yule log.

Each member of the staff of the Dufferin Hotel was remembered by the management, the married men received turkeys and the single men of money. Messrs. James Doody and Frank Foster, the proprietors, were presented by the staff with a handsome set, consisting of military brushes and comb. The presentation was accompanied by an address which was read by the head waiter.

The bill of fare at the Dufferin was artistically arranged in booklet form. The cover was heavily embossed in brown and green with the coat of arms and Christmas greetings in gold. A memorandum was reserved for each day of the year. Wanamaker's Ltd. restaurant and Imperial Hotel presented their guests yesterday with handsome souvenir menus. The covers were artistically decorated in brown and green with the reproduction of a shipping scene on the front. The bill of fare was of an elaborate nature and was strictly kept with the high reputation of this popular house. The lettering on the front cover in raised gold was as follows: "With heartfelt greetings and the best of good wishes for Christmas from Wanamaker's Ltd. restaurant and Imperial Hotel." The married members of the staff were presented with turkeys and the employees in the hotel and restaurant were given suitable gifts. G. D. Wanamaker was presented with a turkey, a smoking stand and C. W. Wanamaker was given a silver mounted dressing set by the members of the staff.

Elaborate menu cards were also given by the management of the Clifton House. The cover design was tastefully arranged in delicate blue and gold with green holly leaves and a picture of Santa Claus on a green moon. The cards were tied with green cord. The employees of the house presented the proprietor, H. E. Green, with a turkey. Green with a handsome weathered oak morris chair, upholstered in black leather. The guests gave the proprietor, H. E. Green, a potted plant in bloom. The employees were suitably remembered by the management.

Presentations
The members of the North End Salvage Corps presented Driver Hatfield with a substantial check. The personnel members of the fire department, number five engine house, were given a handsome basket of fruit by Miss Bestie Farmer of Main street. The men greatly appreciated the gift. H. Wetmore, assistant to C. D. Howard, physical instructor at the Y. M. C. A., was surprised on Wednesday while at work by members of his physical culture class, which is being conducted in connection with the West End Methodist church. Mr. Wetmore was presented with a purse and an address. G. S. Mayes of the Beaver Dredging Company, presented each of the married men in his employ with a turkey. The single men were presented each with suspenders, neckties and socks. In all about one hundred presentations were made. Captain Charles Bush of the tug G. S. Mayes, presented Mr. Mayes with a handsome silver-backed set of military brushes on behalf of the officers and men of the tug. An address accompanied the gift, referring to the friendly relations existing between the men and their employer.

The St. John Railway Company, which gives its employees turkeys as Christmas gifts, has given this year 300 turkeys, averaging in weight about 10 pounds each, or 3,000 pounds of turkey in all. Wednesday morning Bernard Stafford, on behalf of the employees of A. L. Goodwin, presented to William A. Coleman, their shipper, a very pretty shaving set. He was both surprised and pleased and thanked them for their kindness.

DIED.
MRS. D. S. ROBERTS—Mary Elizabeth, relict of the late D. S. Roberts, passed away in the 70th year of her age, at her home 52 Albert street, Dec. 25. Funeral services at residence, 2.30 p. m., Saturday, 27th inst.

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW CAUSE OF CONSTITUTIONALISTS' SUCCESS



CONSTITUTIONALIST SUN CREW DRILLING WITH 'EL MINO' CAPTURED CANNON

SEVENTY-FOUR LIVES CRUSHED OUT IN PANIC

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K—Seventy-four lives a close hrm. A boy of about six caught hold of Mr. Ryan's hands and begged to be rescued. The firemen succeeded in pulling the boy partially out, but he was unable to extricate the little fellow's legs. The human mass kept pressing down and it was impossible to save the boy, whose life was snuffed out. A girl of eight or nine grasped the hands of Angelo Curto, a fireman, and begged to be rescued. He made a heroic effort to pull her out, but the crush was so great he was compelled to give up the attempt. Mrs. A. Neimela, one of the victims, was suffocated while standing up; John Burrell, a fireman, who witnessed her death, took a six-month's holiday from her arms and carried it to safety. Leonard Wilman, a fireman, pushed his way into the stairway and took out a crying boy six uninjured. Near him his mother and sister lay dead. An eleven year old boy rescued his brother of nine by carrying him under his arm. There were other similar rescues.

A child hurled from the front of the building was caught by a spectator. The child was held in his arms and caught another child thrown out of a window by a frantic father. John Saari killed his boy on the spot by falling on him, and he too perished. This escaped by passing from a small rear balcony of an adjoining house.

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"New Brunswick's claims in the matter of increased dominion subsidies and in payment in lieu of lands, given to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, in which New Brunswick had a proprietary interest, will be urged by me with all the power I possess.

Will Do Her Duty
"But I am tempted above all to accept because in these days Canada is striving to enter fully into her privileges and her duties as one of the young nations that make up with the motherland that imperishable empire that we call a British Empire. "You all know me for what I am. It is not needed that I tell the men of this province that I am an imperialist, as you are imperialists. "Canada has not done her part. It is no fault of the Conservative party that she has not done it, but because of partisanship run mad. A senate dictated to by Sir Wilfrid Laurier—a gentleman whose loyalty has been hip service—has prevented the loyal sentiments of Canadians having expression in providing our share of the empire's armament. "The next Canadian election will not be fought on the meaningless phrase of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 'cheap food. Why Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in power fifteen years, and never thought of the phrase, 'Canada raises its own food, and who gets the benefit if the price of food products is high? The Canadian farmer. "But that is the catch cry of the man who would avoid the real issue. The issue that will override all issues will be the imperial issue: 'Does the heart of Canada beat in unison with the throats of empire? Are the men of Canada willing that out of our buoyant revenues we shall bear our man's share of the burden borne so long ago by the little sea-girl island homeland? "I mistake the manhood and heart of this nation if the answer from Atlantic to Pacific does not proclaim in no uncertain sound that Canada will not fall."

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FUNERALS.

Rev. W. W. Brewer.

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DRILLING GENERAL CABRANZA'S BODY GUARD

The rebel forces are crowding close on Tampico and a new attack may be expected soon. The report, received recently, that the assault had begun was not questioned, but it has developed that the officer who made the report had become confused over a minor engagement at a point some miles from Tampico.

The War Office has utilized the time since the last attack to strengthen the garrison at Tampico, and professes confidence in its ability to resist the rebels. Forces under General Pantila Natera are slowly advancing on Zacatecas, capital of the State of Zacatecas, and between Saltillo and San Luis Potosi, along the main line of the National Railway, rebels have again appeared in large numbers.

Secretary Wilson said tonight he would not reply to the Moyer telegram. "The question of whether the government has the jurisdiction to make the investigation requested by Mr. Moyer," said Secretary Wilson, "has not yet been passed upon. Until it is disposed of, I cannot predict what, if any, action will be taken by the federal authorities."

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After Mr. McLeod had accepted the nomination ex-Warden Frank R. Brooks, of Southampton, moved a resolution expressing appreciation of Mr. McLeod and in doing so said there were three men who in his opinion stood out above all others as those whom the thanks of the people of the province should go for securing the St. John Valley Railway; they were Hon. J. D. Hazen, Hon. J. K. Fleming and Hon. H. F. McLeod. They stood shoulder to shoulder throughout the operation of the railway.

Secretary Wilson said tonight he would not reply to the Moyer telegram. "The question of whether the government has the jurisdiction to make the investigation requested by Mr. Moyer," said Secretary Wilson, "has not yet been passed upon. Until it is disposed of, I cannot predict what, if any, action will be taken by the federal authorities."

STOCK COMPANY IN FINE PLAY

The "Charity Ball" Made Big Hit at Both Performances Yesterday—Rest of Week.

The Thompson-Woods Stock Company played to crowded houses at each performance yesterday. The Charity Ball was the vehicle selected for the holiday presentation, and judging from the expressions of appreciation voiced by the audience during the performance and while leaving the theatre, the show was highly successful.

The story as presented was divided into four acts in which the members of the company showed themselves to be actors of a high order. The pretty costumes and the stage settings were very effective.

Sam A. Meharry as John Van Buren appeared to advantage in every scene. His impersonation of the role was pleasing. Cecil Drummond as Dick Van Buren, and Rueben Weyer as Judge Fox handled these difficult parts in credible style and won approval from the audience. Edwin Hedge as Alec Robinson helped to keep the audience in good humor.

Miss Elizabeth Delmore, as Phyllis Lee, Miss Marjorie Davis, as Bess Van Buren, Miss Wilma Briggs, as their chief, Mrs. Van Buren and Miss Edith Derby as Mrs. De Perster, all handled their characters well and were appreciated by the audience as being and formed a fine attraction for the holiday. The Charity Ball will be continued during the rest of the week.

DRAY OUT—THEN SOME

Yes, there was one in the city yesterday who would almost relinquish any of his gifts for a good cool, refreshing drink of gin, just one good lubrication of the tonils, that's all. How does the writer know this? Well, when a man calls at a liquor saloon about nine o'clock Christmas morning and his knees pull and wriggle the door for nine successive yet unsuccessful times, it is a sure sign that he is dry, and anyone knows with a twinkle of the eye that he will go in order to relieve that dryness. The very man who came at that door on the Mill street corner bar, yesterday, would even himself admit his dryness. The only thing that could satisfy him would be the convenient pocket peddler. Perhaps he was satisfied that it would not be safe to pass word on that point.

CHARLES DIGGS' CHRISTMAS

Charles Diggs, the greatest comical of them all, met with the spirit of Christmas and is now recovering in a cell at central. Charles was found on North street lying on his back, his hands peacefully folded, and with just enough life to strenuously deny seeing the gin when it was white and flows from an Imperial quart bottle. He was pinched by Sgt. Scott and Officer Sherrill, two hard-headed guardians of the peace, taken to central and relieved of the quart. During the night he made wild demands for his meagre life to be started, and was just outside his cell. Guard-room Officer O'Neil says Charles is "nutty," others believe the same thing. Charles will answer in court today. And he said he never took a drop.

COMPLETELY NEW PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK-END

Imperial's New Show Today!
"The Forester's Daughter"
A story of the Canadian woods. Full of life and striving. Featuring the popular heroine of the "Mary" Series, Mary Fuller.
Superb Star Cast in Biograph's
"A Tender-Hearted Crook"
Like all Biograph's this shows much spirited playing, a pretty little fiction uncovering the fact that off beneath the culprit's coat lies a good heart.
Kalem's New Travel Pictures
Ulster Day in Belfast
Of especial interest at this time. Showing the men drilling and being reviewed. Also several views in and about the North of Ireland metropolis.
A Hero With a String of Mishaps
"Fagin's Adventures"
A laughmaker in which John E. Brennan figures large. It is a ludicrous series of ups and downs to a ragged ramble.
HOLIDAY MATINEES 7-PIECE ORCHESTRA
NEXT: "THE SIDONIAS"—"The Tramp and the Artist Lady."—Charles Reader's Celebrated Novel.

OPERA HOUSE THOMPSON-WOODS STOCK CO.

This Week **The Charity Ball** Seats Selling Rapidly
Next Week **THE TRAVELLING SALESMAN**

Matinees Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All seats reserved at the New Year's Matinee (Thursday).

THE MARINE OF THE

SIGNAL SERVICE (Issued by Authority of the Signal Service, St. John, Dec. 25, 1913.)

Sable Island, 3 plan abeam. Halifax, 267—chester Corpora from Lunenburg. Brier Island, southeast. Point Lepreau, southeast. Partridge Island, east. 10 a. m.—Cape Sable, 72 Ion 220 miles off bound west. Sable Island, plan 65 miles off Brier Island, southeast. Point Lepreau, southeast. Partridge Island, east. 7 a. m. C. tant.

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DANGERS

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PROCEEDINGS

Boston, Dec. 25. Tenants of the Butler & Co. will be broken. Jacksonville, Fla. (previously reported) tons of cargo; proceed to sea. Newport, R. I., off Block Island, towed into port. Greenham, was enroute to discharge her towed to Newport on dry docks.

MINIATURES

December—First quarter, Last moon, 13. Full moon, 21. New moon, 29. 21. 29. 26 F. 8.09. 17 Sat 8.10. 28 S. 8.10.

POPULAR SONGS

By Dolar Cailleux TODAY "Dear Old New York Town" 3.30, 8 and 9.15

ARRIVED

Arrived Stmr Clot J. T. Knight Stmr Gran Thomson & Co. A crabbed Ethel Barry Harbor: "Woman! Why there wouldn't r intelligent." "That's b more, calm id while so (Elybue,

THE LATEST SHIPPING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

SIGNAL SERVICE BULLETIN.

(Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.)
 St. John, Dec. 24-3 p. m.—
 Sable Island, 380-10.30 a. m., Gramplan abeam.
 Halifax, 267—British steamer Manchester Corporation arrived 9 a. m., from Manchester.
 Brier Island, 1-6-Raining, strong southeast.
 Point Lepreau, 22—Raining, gale east.
 Partridge Island—Cloudy, strong east.
 10 a. m.—
 Cape Race, 720-1.25 a. m., Dominion 220 miles east, outward. 5 p. m., Dec. 23rd, Virginian 320 miles east, bound west.
 Sable Island, 380-6.30 a. m., Gramplan 65 miles east, bound St. John.
 Brier Island, 61—Raining, gale southeast.
 Point Lepreau, 22—Raining, gale southeast.
 Partridge Island—Snowing, strong east. 7 a. m., Corinthian 30 miles distant.

LOST RUDDER.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 22.—Stmr Katharine, bound out to San Francisco, struck on the bar, lost rudder and returned to effect repairs.
 Marcus Hook, Pa., Dec. 24.—A channel is being dug to tug Thornton, before reported ashore on a bank below Claymont, Del.
 Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Stmr Brooklet (Br), from Alton, reports lost anchor and 40 fathoms of chain while stranded on Hen and Chickens Shoal (as before reported); vessel is apparently undamaged.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

(Reported to the Hydrographic Office.)
 New York, Dec. 24.—Stmr Cestrian (Br), reports Dec. 11, lat 29 42 N, lon 69 W, passed a red palmed buoy.
 An iceberg was reported off Point Amour on Dec. 13 and 16; two large bergs off Belle Isle on Dec. 16 and 17, and light sheet ice at L'Islet on Dec. 16.
 Stmr Sachem (Br), reports Dec. 2, lat 47 50, lon 47 26, passed a moderate sized iceberg.
 Key West, Fla., Dec. 22.—The following wireless message from the str Excelsior was received at the government station here this afternoon: "Dec. 21 passed wreck in lat. 26 15 N, lon 85 55 W."
 STMRs IN PORT: ... & m. ... Gramplan, Wm. Thomson & Co.

SOLD FOR JUNK.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The wreck of stmr Templere (Br), was sold to Thomas Butler & Co. for about \$20,000 and will be broken up for junk.

PROCEEDED TO SEA.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—Str Onondaga (previously reported around the river), loaded after lighthouse 500 tons of cargo; will reload cargo and proceed to sea without holding survey.

TOWED INTO PORT.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 24.—Stmr Wintlock, which broke her propeller shaft off Block Island yesterday and was towed into port by the revenue cutter Greenham, was today towed to the government coaling station at Melville to discharge her cargo of oil. She will be towed to New York tomorrow to go on dry docks for repairs.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December—Phases of the Moon.	
First quarter, 5th.	10h. 59m.
Full moon, 13th.	11h. 0m.
Last quarter, 20th.	12h. 16m.
New moon, 27th.	10h. 59m.

VESSLS IN PORT.

Steamers.	
Montrose, 5402, C. P. R.	Bray Head, 1955, Wm. Thomson & Co.
Franklin, Wm. Thomson & Co.	
Schooners.	
Chas. C. Lester, 266, A. W. Adams.	Calabria, 451, J. Splane, laid up.
Coram, 117, N. C. Scott.	E. M. Roberts, 295, R. C. Elkin.
Elma, 289, A. W. Adams.	Hattie B. Barbour, 266, A. W. Adams.
Harry W. Lewis, 297, J. W. Smith.	Helen G. King, 126, A. W. Adams.
Hunter, 187, D. J. Purdy.	Helen Montague, 344, R. C. Elkin.
Isiah K. Stetson, J. W. Smith.	J. Arthur Lord, 189, A. W. Adams.
J. S. Lampry, 250, C. M. Kerrison.	Lucille, 164, Master.
Margaret May Riley, 241, A. W. Adams.	Nellie Eaton, 99, A. W. Adams.
Ozirisimo, 121, A. W. Adams.	Scotta Queen, 108, A. W. Adams.
Sallie E. Ludlow, D. J. Purdy.	

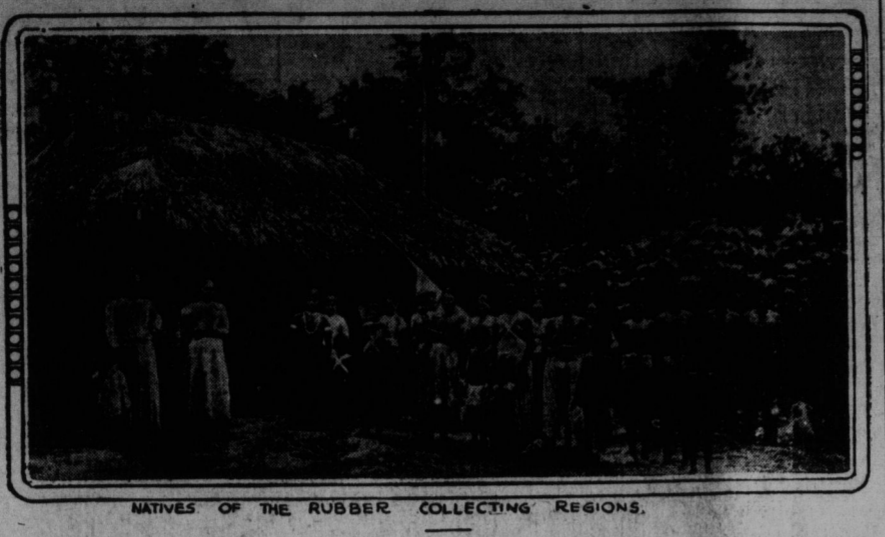
PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Thursday, Dec. 25th.
 Stmr Clothilde Cuneo, New York, J. T. Knight & Co.
 Stmr Gramplan, Liverpool, Wm. Thomson & Co.

Floored.

A crabbed old misogynist said to Ethel Barrymore at a dinner in Bar Harbor: "Woman! Feminism! Suffrage! Bah! Why there isn't a woman alive who wouldn't rather be beautiful than intelligent."
 "That's because," said Miss Barrymore, smiling, "so many men are stupid while so few are blind."—New York Tribune.

REIGN OF TERROR IN VENEZUELA'S RUBBER PLANTATION



NATIVES OF THE RUBBER COLLECTING REGIONS.

One hundred and seventy-three murders have been committed in the last few months in the rubber colony of the Territory of Amazonas, in Venezuela, where slaughter, slavery and lawlessness are accompaniments of a reign of terror. Details of the frightful killings have been brought to Manaus by refugees who have just arrived in a motor launch. They confirm the story of terrible atrocities told by an American, Michael J. O'Leary, who was twice ordered to be shot and who escaped after a perilous two hundred mile trip in a canoe down the Rio Negro River.

According to the refugees a rebel force, under General Gonzalez, dominates the rubber colony, and it is charged that the General orders shot every person he suspects is not in sympathy with him. Women and girls of tender age were among the victims of his orders. Complaint has been made to President Gomez, it is reported, but no force has been sent to punish the rebels.

THREE DAYS AT THE MERCY OF THE SEA WITHOUT FOOD OR DRINK

Captain and Mate Stick to Vessel and Refuse Aid.

FINALLY RESCUED BY C.P.R. STEAMER

Capt. Roberts, of Brig Evelyn, Meets First Accident in Thirty-five Years—Displays Rare Courage.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—A thrilling story of the sea, of great privation and of quiet heroism, has just reached Montreal from Bristol, when the C. P. R. liner Monmouth, from Montreal, docked at Avonmouth, having on board Captain Roberts, Mate Jones and Ordinary Seaman Schaffer (a German) of the brig Evelyn of Portmadoc, Carnarvon, which was lost in mid-Atlantic. The wreck of the sailing craft and the rescue of her crew were first known by a brief message received at Broadhead by Marconiagraph. When the Monmouth arrived at Avonmouth a press representative, through the courtesy of Captain O'Reilly, R. N. B., the liner's commander, was enabled to obtain full details of the disaster which overtook the sailing vessel, and the all-time rescue of the part of her crew referred to in the wireless message.

"On the bridge deck" writes the pressman "was introduced by Captain O'Reilly to Captain Roberts of the Evelyn. A typical master-mariner, he gave one the impression from his appearance and his manner that he had had many years experience of long sea voyages; and the impression was more than confirmed when he mentioned that for thirty-four years he had sailed in the Evelyn. She was practically the last of the old brig, and she was a tough old woman in the skipper's tone as he referred to the loss of his old charge. His story was to the effect that he left Devonport, bound on November 4th, 'We had very bad weather from the start, and on the 7th a big sea struck my ship and filled her up, right to the cabin floor. The wind was terrific and everything, after that sea, went before it.

"Fury of the Gale
 "The sails were torn away, and the yards were wrenched down. There was a big swell running from the north west, but I tried, with my crew, to make the best of matters, and believed we should be able to keep her afloat. However, the weather became heavier and the sea more dangerous, worse if anything, and the tremendous seas which broke on us made our position increasingly difficult and serious. So bad did it become that we looked-out for a passing steamer. My cargo consisted of 260 barrels of oil and a quantity of guano. The barrels broke loose and floated, and with the continual rolling these smashed the bulkheads and the rush of water from the hold worked havoc on the ship. In answer to our signals of distress three of my men jumped overboard and were taken aboard that steamer which then proceeded. I did not feel that I could leave my ship then without a further struggle to save her, but after the steamer had gone we had a most awful time. The mate and I had to stick to the pumps, and work for all we were worth. The cargo commenced floating into the cabin, and the smashing of the barrels, as the roll of the ship in the swell sent them from one side to the other, and the water which permeated the deck from the hold, spoiled what drinking water we had with us. As a result, we were without water or anything to drink for over three days. Our hose had gone overboard, and the forecastle was wept away, and the remaining members of the crew had

SLEEPY LORD NORTH.

Many stories are told of Lord North's somnolence when in the House of Commons. Here is one from the biography by Mr. Richard Lucas just published.

He was blessed or afflicted with the infinite capacity for sleep, which is supposed to be an hereditary attribute of the House of Cavendish. He was usually asleep on the Treasury Bench. Burke was once driven to interrupt his own speech with an exclamation of hope that the government was not dead, but asleep, like Lazarus. Another member demanding North's impeachment and execution, protested against the Minister's slumber. North asked why he should be denied the solace allowed to every criminal on the eve of execution, adding, as an afterthought, that the speaker who had sent him to sleep had least right to complain. Once he caught out Burke uttering a false quantity, in a quotation. He mutters a correction and slept again. "Even now," worse if anything, and the tremendous seas which broke on us made our position increasingly difficult and serious. So bad did it become that we looked-out for a passing steamer. My cargo consisted of 260 barrels of oil and a quantity of guano. The barrels broke loose and floated, and with the continual rolling these smashed the bulkheads and the rush of water from the hold worked havoc on the ship. In answer to our signals of distress three of my men jumped overboard and were taken aboard that steamer which then proceeded. I did not feel that I could leave my ship then without a further struggle to save her, but after the steamer had gone we had a most awful time. The mate and I had to stick to the pumps, and work for all we were worth. The cargo commenced floating into the cabin, and the smashing of the barrels, as the roll of the ship in the swell sent them from one side to the other, and the water which permeated the deck from the hold, spoiled what drinking water we had with us. As a result, we were without water or anything to drink for over three days. Our hose had gone overboard, and the forecastle was wept away, and the remaining members of the crew had

Concerning Advice

(New Orleans Picayune)
 The man who is smart enough to recognize good advice when he hears it is generally smart enough to make up his own advice in the first place.

GENERAL JOAQUIN MAAS

General Joaquin Maas is in command of the Mexican federal troops which are stationed at Tampico.



LESSONS IN CUTTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Forestry Commission in States may Start Educational Campaign as a Protective Measure.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The cutting of millions of Christmas trees in the New England States during the past three years has not been a serious menace to the forestry interests, according to government officials. In several sections some injury has been done, but in others the forests have been benefited. The New Hampshire State forestry commission reports that 1,000,000 trees for the Christmas trade were cut in that State in the last three years; 240,000 in 1910, 300,000 in 1911 and 400,000 in 1912. This year about 350,000 were cut in New Hampshire. These trees had to compete in the city markets with heavy shipments from Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine.

The New Hampshire commission states that the trees can be cut in such a way as to benefit the forest, and in order to benefit the forest, it proposes to conduct an educational campaign to that end.

Yarmouth, N. S. is looming up as a live competitor with Boston, Gloucester and Lunenburg in the fish trade. Since the passage of the Democratic tariff much New England capital has gone to provincial ports, and to avoid certain unfavorable features of the Canadian fishing regulations a number of American vessels will probably abandon the United States registry and fly the flag of Great Britain. Several American vessels and a dozen Nova Scotia schooners are now using Yarmouth as a fish depot. Yarmouth is one of the largest lobster centres in the world and an increased trade is expected next month.

Dr. Andrew Gray, formerly of Sussex and well known in St. John, has resigned as rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Danville, in order to complete the terms of union between his church and the Church of the Holy Trinity in that place. In accepting the rector's resignation the vestry of St. Mark's signed a resolution of thanks to Dr. Gray during his ministry in Danville has endeared himself to his parishioners by his devotion to the welfare of his parish, and that in his retirement St. Mark's Church has lost a rector of high standing, profound knowledge and untiring energy in the discharge of his duties.

The Rev. Dr. Edgar Jones, a native of Nova Scotia, has become rector of the Rev. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Somerville, to succeed the Rev. A. H. Kennedy, now in Manitoba. Dr. Jones was formerly archdeacon under Bishop Jones of Newfoundland.

The Rev. William Herbert Dewar, a native of Canada, has been appointed rector of Christ Episcopal Church, the old North Church, on Salem street, Boston. This church figured in colonial and revolutionary history. From its tower the Middlesex regiments were warned of the approach of the British in 1775.

The following deaths are announced in East Yarmouth: William J. Teed, formerly of St. John; in Charlottetown, Dec. 17. Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, wife of Edward F. Harrison, formerly of St. John; in Hyde Park, Dec. 22. Jeremiah Deacon, formerly of Prince Edward Island; in Ashmont, Dec. 17. George W. Oulger, aged 60 years, formerly of New Brunswick.

EASY ECONOMY.

Approval of the 50 cent increase in the price of coal, Miss Evangeline Bees of the Salvation Army, said at the New York headquarters: "And this increase, of course, will be heaviest on the poor. The poor, buying their coal by the bucket or by the quarter-ton, will pay this increase a dozen times over. And the rich, buying their coal by the carload, will derive by means of discounts the increase altogether."

"There was a lot of truth in the remark of the poor, harassed, East Side housewife whose husband complained: 'I wish you would be more economical, Mary. Look at the boss' wife how economical she is!'

"Yes," Mary replied, "it's easy enough for the boss' wife to be economical. She's got plenty to be economical with!"

Sorry He Spoke.

Hub (on street)—That gentleman who just went by was saying to the lady with him, 'I can't afford it.'
 Wife—Hub! I'll guarantee it's something his wife wants, not something he wants himself.

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Leave Glasgow.	Leave St. John.
Nov. 22 S. S. Letitia	Dec. 11
Nov. 29 S. S. Saturnia	Dec. 18
Dec. 6 S. S. Ontario	Jan. 10
Dec. 20 S. S. Lakonia	Jan. 10

One Class Cabin Passage, \$47.50; Third Class, \$31.25.
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 Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., on Saturday, 7.30 a. m. for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay or Letete, Deer Island, Red Store, St. George. Returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Letete or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor, tide and weather permitting.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice is hereby given that the dredge "Leorheld" sank at her moorings, entrance to new dredge track Courtenay Bay, in about fourteen feet of water and now lies on her side awash about three feet low tide.

A can buoy, painted green, has been moored by the government of Canada, in four fathoms of water, and marks the south end of dredge.

Latitude 45 14' 45"
 Longitude 66 2' 20"

From buoy Red Head bears east, from buoy Breakwater Light bears west by south three-fourths south, Partridge Island south west one-half west.

GEORGE H. FLOOD,
 Agent, Dept. Marine and Fisheries, St. John, N. B., Dec. 23rd, 1913.

ST JOHN TO DUBLIN.

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From Manchester From St. John
 Oct. 11 Manchester Spinner ... Oct. 25
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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS

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 General Public—Local Business.
 TERRITORY—Between all Stations on Can. Pac. Rly., Atlantic Division. From Atlantic Division Stations to Stations on Can. Pac. Rly., Eastern Division, to and including Montreal. RATES—Lowest one-way first-class fare. Good going December 24th and 25th, 1913, good to return Dec. 26th, 1913; Also Dec. 31st, 1913, and Jan. 1st, 1914. Good to return Jan. 2nd, 1914.

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 December 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th; also Dec. 29th, 30th, 31st, 1913, and January 1st, 1914, return limit January 3rd, 1914.
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 Going Dec. 24, 25. Returning Dec. 26, 1913.
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 Between all Stations (except locally between Quebec, Levis and Montreal).
 Going Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25. Returning Jan. 3rd, 1914.
 From all Stations on the Canadian Government Railways to Points beyond Montreal.
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TO LIVERPOOL. From Wed. 24 Dec.—Corcoran ... Halifax Wed. 31 Dec.—Gramplan, St. John Sat. 3 Jan.—Virginian, St. John Wed. 7 Jan.—Scandinavian, Halifax

TO HAVRE & LONDON.
 Thurs. 1 Jan.—Corinthian, St. John

TO GLASGOW.
 Wed. 24 Dec.—Scotian ... Boston Sat. 3 Jan.—Pretorian ... Portland Thurs. 8 Jan.—Sicilian, Boston. Thurs. 15 Jan.—Ionian, Portland.
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NOTICE TO MARINERS

The outer, automatic gas and whistling buoy, off Halifax harbor, is reported not burning. It will be relighted soon as possible.

C. H. HARVEY,
 Agent, Dept. Marine and Fisheries, Halifax, N. S.

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SIR WILFRID UNFORTUNATE.

Evidence that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was unfortunate when he enunciated his "free food" policy continues to accumulate. Not only have his theories that cheaper food could be secured by reducing the tariff on food stuffs been contradicted by newspapers of the United States, which have voiced their opinions without political animus, but he has been refuted by some of the important men in his own party.

In his address in Hamilton Sir Wilfrid introduced his policy with the following words: "The policy I give you at this moment, the policy I believe every patriot in Canada ought to support, and the policy I believe it to be the duty of the government to immediately inaugurate, is a policy of absolutely free food—food free from customs duties."

Sir Wilfrid did not go into details as to the benefits to be derived from a reduction of food duties. He did not tell his auditors that the whole saving to the Canadian people would be in the vicinity of thirty cents per head per year, but he dealt only in the most glittering of generalities, contenting himself with conveying the impression that he was to be a sort of second Moses to lead the Canadian people from under the thrall of the cost of living into a land of milk and honey and all free.

Unfortunately for the Liberal leader his words did not long remain uncontradicted. When the deputation of agriculturists visited Ottawa, one of the foremost men there, E. C. Drury, a practical farmer, and former Master of the Dominion Grange, made one or two significant statements regarding the policy of Sir Wilfrid. Mr. Drury, who was a reciprocalist in the 1911 campaign, because he believed that under reciprocity the farmers would get better prices for their products, had this to say of "free food": "Free food would not in any sense solve the cost of living, and, again, 'any attempt to make political capital out of the high cost of living would be false, false to facts.'"

Those with a decrease, besides Nova Scotia, were New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the Yukon Territory, whose falling off was only \$588.

On the whole, however, the year was an excellent one with respect to the catch and its value. Salmon, of course, is king of the waters in the matter of value, as may be seen from the following table showing the relative value of the chief commercial fishes returning \$100,000 and upwards:

Salmon	\$10,025,523
Lobsters	4,571,014
Cod	3,368,750
Herring	3,359,546
Halibut	2,719,616
Haddock	1,065,536
Whitfish	1,054,925
Trout	982,800
Smelts	709,078
Sardines	688,752
Mackerel	635,293
Pickered	465,462
Hake and cusk	400,130
Pike	319,476
Clams and quahaugs	314,047
Crabs, cockles, etc.	213,470
Pollock	178,294
Alcoves	163,247
Oysters	142,602
Sturgeon	133,109

\$5,081, and they man 1,669 vessels and tugs and 34,501 boats. In addition there are 23,327 workers on shore in the various canneries, fish-houses, etc., preparing the product of the waters for market. A feature of the catching of the fish is the increasing use being made of motor-boats, which numbered 5,911 in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1913, an increase of 331 over the previous year. The total marketed value of all kinds of fish, fish products and marine animals taken by the Canadian fishermen from sea, lake and river being chief year amounted to \$33,338,664. This was lower than the value of the catch the previous year by \$1,278,408, but that year was the banner one in the history of Canadian fishing, being greater by \$4,702,439 than any other. The year under review is therefore considered quite satisfactory.

The sea fisheries were valued at \$29,215,772, and the inland fisheries at \$4,073,692. The fishing grounds are along the 5,000 miles of Atlantic coastline and the 7,000 miles on the Pacific, and in the 220,000 square miles of fresh water in the interior of the country. All the provinces share in the catch, British Columbia leading with fish caught to the value of \$14,455,488 last year, an increase of \$78,363, the improved showing being chief due to an increased halibut catch and greater development of the herring industry. Nova Scotia follows the Pacific Coast province with a catch valued at \$7,384,055, a decrease of \$1,983,495, the result of stormy weather throughout the season, which made deep-sea fishing extremely hazardous and considerably curtailed the catches of cod, haddock, halibut and lobsters. Next in order were New Brunswick, with fish caught worth \$4,264,054; Ontario, with \$2,842,878; Quebec, with \$1,988,241; Prince Edward Island, with \$1,379,905; Manitoba, with \$800,149; Saskatchewan, with \$111,839; Yukon Territory, with \$111,239; and Alberta with \$51,616. The provinces besides British Columbia that made a better showing than the previous year were Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island.

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If salmon led in value herring led in quantity caught, the figures for the year being 2,484,673 cwt. Next was cod, 1,729,070 cwt., salmon following with 1,253,997 cwt. Then follow lobster, haddock, etc. Of oysters there were gathered 23,377 barrels and 105,303 barrels of clams and quahaugs. The estimated capital invested in the fisheries amounts to about \$24,388,459, of which sum \$20,442,714 is in connection with deep sea fisheries.

The Conservatives of York county in convention on Saturday nominated Hon. H. F. McLeod as their candidate for the county representation in the Federal Parliament. Unless Arthur Hawkes makes good his threat to contest the election as a "Canada First" candidate, it is altogether likely that the seat will go by acclamation. Liberals do not relish defeat by majorities running into four figures, and this fate seems to await them in York.

In spite of the general talk of hard times it was a good Christmas and but few went hungry in St. John yesterday.

The year 1913 will be remembered in the United States as a time of financial and political housecleaning when the dust and cobwebs of years were swept away.

Even the spirit of Christmas seems to be of no avail in Halifax where the Grit newspapers are trying to steal the mail steamers away from St. John.

That heavy feeling today is not evidence of a pessimistic outlook on the dying year. It is merely the legacy of that second helping of turkey fishermen in the Canadian waters is yesterday.

Diary of Events

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

One of the most dramatic incidents of the insurrection of 1837 occurred on this date, December 26th, when a party of brave Canadians cut out the steamboat Caroline from under the guns of Fort Schlosser, on the American side of the Niagara river, and sent it adrift, earlier in December, 1837, some 700 Americans who were in sympathy with the Canadian rebels took possession of Navy Island, belonging to Canada, in the Niagara river about two miles above the falls. They had a small steamboat, the Caroline, which was used to ply between the island and Schlosser, on the American side, and Canadians in Col. McNab's force volunteered to try to capture the vessel. On a dark night they crossed the dangerous river in seven small row-boats, and the fall of the Caroline by surprise, forced them ashore, set fire to the vessel and towed it out into midstream. She went down the current ashore on the American side in full blaze. It was alleged by the Americans that she had several persons on board, but this was untrue. Captain Andrew Drew, one of the heroes of the incident, who lived to become an admiral in the Royal Navy, was ever after known as "Caroline" Drew. He was voted an award of honor by the Upper Canada Assembly, as was Col. McNab. President Van Buren protested against the act as a violation of neutrality, and Gen. Winfield Scott was dispatched to the frontier "to preserve order."

December 26 is the birthday of Hon. Joseph Dubuc, for many years chief justice of Manitoba, in 1840, and Horatio Nelson Chute, eminent American physicist, at Grovesend, Ont., 1847. The division of Canada into two provinces took place on this date in 1791.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

ADMIRAL DEWEY 76 TODAY.

Admiral George Dewey, U.S.N., the hero of Manila, will celebrate his 76th birthday today, having been born in Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 26, 1837. The Admiral's Christmas gift to Dr. Julius Yeamans and Mary Perrin Dewey. In his youth he was rather delicate, but horseback riding, he claims, was responsible for his development into a stalwart youth. He came of a long-lived family, one of his grandfathers living to be ninety. The future Admiral graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy in 1858, and at the outbreak of the civil war was attached to the steam sloop Mississippi. Later he was in Farragut's squadron and acquitted himself gallantly in the battles which gave Farragut possession of New Orleans. In the battle of Port Hudson the Mississippi lost her bearings and ran aground, and Dewey and the other officers and men, after firing their boat, escaped in a half of lead. After a long period of rest he was promoted to the rank of rear-admiral, and a little later he was made admiral of the United States navy and president of the general board. In the latter capacity he has constantly preached the necessity of a greater navy for the United States, and the four battleships which he has originated and sponsored by him. Admiral Dewey's definition of an adequate navy is that it should be second only to that of Great Britain.

"The only function and justification for the existence of a navy is the preservation of peace," declared the Admiral recently. "To perform this function the navy must be adequate to meet and defeat any probable enemy. At the present period adequacy on our part calls for a navy second in strength to that of England only." Evidently the American Admiral, remembering certain incidents in Manila Bay when "blood was thicker than water," is convinced that there will be no other war between English-speaking nations.

FIRST THINGS

THEATRE FIRES

The first important theatre fire in America was that which destroyed a playhouse in Richmond, Va., 192 years ago today. The governor of the state and seventy other people, including many Virginians of prominence, lost their lives, and many more died later of injuries received in the stampede which followed the alarm of fire. The theatre held about 600 people at the time of the panic-stricken crowd. As the first event of its kind in America, the fire was long remembered with horror, and it was not until the adoption of means to prevent the repetition of such a calamity. Many ministers chose to believe that the catastrophe was a sign of divine condemnation of the theatre, and used the event as a text. There have been many other theatre conflagrations since the one which destroyed the Richmond playhouse, the most notable having been the Brooklyn Theatre fire of 1876, in which 295 lives were lost, and the Iroquois horror in Chicago, when 573 people, mostly women and children, were burned or trampled to death.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Dennis McGaffigan.

The body of Mrs. Dennis McGaffigan of Florenceville, Mass., was brought to the city in the late train Wednesday night accompanied by two children of the deceased, John Bohan of Florenceville and Miss Lynch of this city, to whose home at 141 Paradise Row, the body was taken. The funeral was held from Paradise Row at 11:30 o'clock Christmas morning, to Holy Trinity church, where burial service was conducted by Rev. J. J. Walsh. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. At the grave prayers were read by Rev. W. F. Chapman, Y.G.

The deceased who passed away on the 22nd day of this month was the daughter of a former North End man and the wife of a prominent business man of Florenceville.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A Variant.
"Jack proposes to me every Christmas. Does he do his Christmas popping early?"
A Poor Plan for Woovers.
"So you didn't marry the rich Miss Jenks after all. Was it your own doing?"
"Oh, yes. You see I took no for an answer."
Which is Ungenerous.
"Bliss—I always keep my troubles to myself."
"Dix—Quite right, too! When you tell them, you are taking up the time of the man who is waiting to tell you his."
Now We've a Headache.
Our colleague at the adjacent desk has just cogitated this: If a man has nothing, he must do something to have anything. But if a man has something, he needn't do anything to have nothing in a very short time.
High Cost of Living.
Clerk—Here's a book just out: "How to See Europe on Two Dollars a Day."
Married Man—Huh! What I want is a book on "How to Exist at Home on Two Dollars a Day."
Patty Done by Pat.
Asked to describe an "Irish bull." Pat replied: "Well, now, suppose I was to say there's ten cows lyn' down in the meadow over there an' wan of 'em is standin' up, that 'ud be a bull."
Overheard in Smoker.
Wye—Thanks! (puff, puff). Capital weed this. Arent you going to smoke too?
Exe (examining the remaining one)—No, I think not.
Wye—What's the matter? Did you give me the wrong one?

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Boys' Skating Boots	1.75 to 3.25
Ladies' Patent, Cloth Top, Button Boots	3.00 to 5.00
Ladies' Fine Calf or Rubber, Double Soled Boots	3.00 to 6.00
Ladies' Evening Pumps	2.00 to 4.50
Ladies' Boudoir or Felt Slippers	50c to 2.00
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS AND COMMENT

FREDERICTON HAD A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Six Inches of Snow for the Holiday - Mild Weather Yesterday Interfered with Sporting Events.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 25.—Fredericton didn't have a green Christmas after all, more than six inches of snow falling on Christmas Eve in a real mid-winter storm which set in early in the morning and lasted throughout the day and into the night.

The railways brought big crowds of holiday shoppers into the city, and the merchants report the biggest Christmas season business on record. Today the weather was warmer, and this interfered today with most of the carrying out of the sporting events on the holiday programme. Only two links a side played in the first round of the annual curling match of Presidents vs. Presidents, which inaugurated the present season of the Fredericton Curling Club. All the playing was done today with the curlers being in the mood to soft this afternoon and evening. On the play to date the Presidents are leading the rivals by a score of 10 to 1.

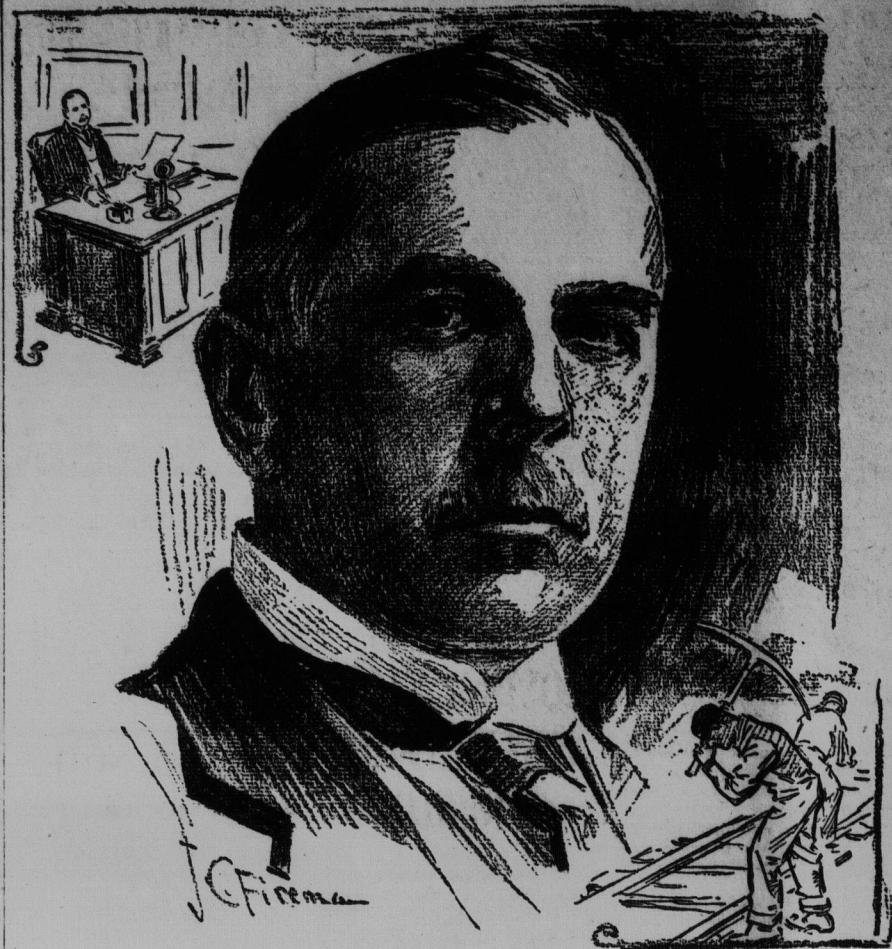
What horse racing there was took place on Queen street this afternoon, but the owners of most of the fast ones didn't start up their horses on account of the insecure footing. Large crowds of skaters attended the Arctic Bink this afternoon and again this evening, while the moving picture theatres did a big holiday business.

The Christmas services in the churches this morning were attended by large congregations.

There was the usual observance of the day at the public institutions.

There were the usual number of presentations which always mark the holiday, the principal being that to Henry Braithwaite, the veteran hunter's guide. He recently passed the sixtieth anniversary of shooting his first caribou and commencing work as a guide in New Brunswick, and the solicitation of a local committee who took the matter in hand, subscriptions from men throughout Great Britain, the United States and Canada were received, and the Earl of Kingston, who is here from Ireland spending the winter in the woods with Mr. Braithwaite made the presentation on behalf of the local committee. The testimonial amounts to more than \$600, and subscriptions are still coming in. Letters and telegrams expressing appreciation of the recipient of the testimonial.

CHARACTERISTIC STUDY OF THE MAN WHO ROSE FROM SECTION HAND TO PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CENTRAL



ALFRED H. SMITH FROM PHOTO BY MARCOU

From section hand to the presidency of one of the greatest railroad systems in the world is a monumental leap and one that requires a wide stretch of the imagination to grasp, yet this is the proud achievement of Mr. Alfred H. Smith, the newly chosen president of the New York Central lines. Men who have worked at Mr. Smith's side for many years assert that he is just as democratic today as he was when, in overalls, he cheerfully went about the task set him by his section boss. Moreover, they declare that, hard as he toiled then, it was but child's play as compared to the vast volume of work he daily accomplishes now, and, furthermore, that when he takes the helm of the road, of which he has long held the senior vice presidency, he will work even harder.

PURE RACES IMPOSSIBLE, SAYS DOCTOR

They have been coming for thousands of years, is Opinion of Expert—Believes it Good Thing.

The old idea was that a race gained in vigor by its purity of strain, says Dr. Woods Hutchinson. This is a delusion, and the purer a race strain is the less vigorous the members of the race will be. There is no such thing as a pure race. Every race on the face of the earth has been mixing with others for thousands of years. The mixing of races adds to their vigor, provided, of course, the two strains have good blood. There is no such thing as an "older race." We in this country are as old as any people in the world, only our recent development has been under a different environment. Mixing of races is over here but not so large a scale, going on constantly in Europe as it is. The regions where there is the most mixing of races are the regions that produce the greatest men.

There is no known standard of race purity. One race merges with another and is related to it, recently or remotely. The mixing going on in America is being worked out under most favorable circumstances, the best blood of the world is coming here, although at present the type of immigrant is not so desirable as it was 26 years ago. Formerly we received the peoples of Northern Europe, but now we are getting them mostly from the Southern countries, where the intelligence is not so high. But there is nothing to complain of because of the whole the immigrants are good. Way back in the early days of the nation there were a great many undesirable coming in, and their proportion to the whole number of immigrants was larger than today.

The old colonies of the Carolinas and parts of Virginia were penal settlements to which the criminals of Europe were sent. The immigrant, as a rule, is an enterprising person with plenty of courage and determination, and, as these are very good qualities, we need fear nothing from the influx of foreigners.

Never before has the human family had such a splendid opportunity for mixing to the best advantage. In this country we have good soil, good climate, prosperity for everybody, and the ultimate result of the mixing is bound to be a better class of people. The future race to develop on this continent will not differ materially from the other races in Europe. We may be further advanced in some directions but the general appearance of the peoples will be about the same as today.

There is not much difference between the various races. If you went into a gymnasium, for instance, where men from all the civilized white races were dressed alike and some of them spoke a word, it would be hard to distinguish the men from England

SWISS AIRMAN FLIES ACROSS THE ALPS

Had to Maintain Altitude of 6,500 Feet to Avoid Fog - Made Remarkable Flight.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 25.—Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful flight across the Alps today, though for several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog which hung over the mountains. The airman arrived here at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, after a journey from Bue, from which place he started at nine a. m.

Bider said that after leaving the French aerodrome he was forced to maintain an altitude of 6,500 feet almost constantly in order to avoid the fog. He passed over the Jura, the chain of mountains separating France from Switzerland, without being able to see any landmarks, but recovered his bearings on sighting the Jungfrau, one of the most famous mountains of the Swiss Alps, about half an hour before he came to Berne.

NEWSPAPERS ON THE MARKET SITUATION

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Herald—It is fair to assume that the increased demand for bonds foreshadows improvement in stocks.

American—Recent advance in prices have been almost entirely due to the effort of shorts to cover their open tracks.

N. Y. FINANCIAL BUREAU.

A Matter of Capacity.

After the family Christmas dinner, one reflects that a boy is really not so small as he looks from the outside.

REAL ESTATE

Two property transfers have recently been concluded by Messrs. Taylor & Sweeney. A large leasehold property consisting of two houses on an 80 x 100 city lot on King street east, formerly owned by Arthur W. Clark, has been sold to David Bassen. The house on the front part of the lot has accommodations for two families while the other is a three-tenement. Both are modern and equipped with hot water and other conveniences.

Another property recently sold by Mrs. Ethel Marcus to Mrs. Agnes E. Moore, through Messrs. Taylor & Sweeney, is situated at 190 Brussels street. It consists of a house accommodating two families and a barn.

And Brought Forth a Mouse.

Chollie—I figured out this morning how many fingers I really had, and found there were several thousand.

Miss Blunt—And just think of the fundamental result of all those sectors.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

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STOCK NOTES LAIDLAW & CO'S OF NEW YORK CLOSING STOCK MARKET LETTER

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Commination house buying has increased. The main argument for higher prices includes the currency bill.

Reading and Union Pacific continue to be speculative bull favorites, judging from the majority of private advices.

A money flurry is expected toward end of the year.

The buying of Copper shares is reported to be of better quality, Boston said to be bullish on them.

Notwithstanding the change of heart by the administration, the railroads will not order supplies of steel heavy until freight rate situation has cleared, says a good authority.

N. Y. FINANCIAL BUREAU.

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Sentiment in Wall street reflected a surprising amount of good cheer in view of the depressing events of the year now drawing to a close.

A feeling of hopefulness pervaded floor gossip, based partially on the more favorable recent news, and partly on experience which teaches that depression of any kind cannot continue indefinitely in either a healthy individual or a healthy nation.

The development of pressure on C. P. R. for familiar reasons, and later on Norfolk and Western found little or no sympathy in the general list, and as the session proceeded the majority of the standard shares gathered strength and maintained it to the close of the session. Unless something develops of an unexpected kind the market is in a position to respond to bullish initiative after the turn of the year and from all appearances, a gradual revulsion of sentiment is now under way which should create a gradually increased demand for stocks.

We wish all of our friends a Happy New Year.

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LONDON MARKET.

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Opening—Atchison 93%; Baltimore 93; CPR 210%; Co 58%; Erie 28%; Cen 92; NK 103%; Np 108%; Pa 109; Rg 165; RI 17; Sg 89%; Sr 23; St 100; Uv 154%; Us 58%; Acg 72%; Braz 82% to 83%; Cement 37%; DI 38% to 39%.

London apparently on Yuletide festivities bent. Small business. Copper native better and Copper stocks inclined to harden. NK weak. Other stocks about parity. The London Stock Exchange will be closed Thursday and Friday, 25th and 26th.

2 p. m.—Consols 72; Acg 72%; Am 34%; Arch 93%; Bo 92%; Ca 213%; Co 58%; Den 16%; Erie 28%; Ef 44%; Kt 10; Cen 92%; Ow 26%; Nk 103%; Np 108%; Pa 109%; Rg 165; RI 17; Sg 89%; Sr 23%; St 100%; Uv 154%; Us 58%; Ux 105%; Wz 8.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Due 1/2 to 3/4 up on near, opened steady 5/4 to 7/4 up on near.

12.15 p. m.—Steady 5 to 7 1/4 up on near; spots fair business, 11 higher; Midds 7.02; sales 8,000, American 7,000; imports 6,000, American 1,000.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 29th November, 1913

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss	\$ 771,578.88
Account brought forward from last year
Net Profit for the year ending 29th November, 1913, providing for all bad and doubtful debts	2,992,951.10
	\$ 3,764,529.98

This has been appropriated as follows:

Dividends Nos. 104, 105, 106 and Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June	150,000.00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st December	150,000.00
Written off Bank Premises	500,000.00
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution)	80,000.00
Transferred to Rest Account	1,000,000.00
Balance carried forward	384,529.98
	\$ 3,764,529.98

GENERAL STATEMENT
29th November, 1913

LIABILITIES

Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$15,642,923.18
Deposits not bearing interest	\$52,798,205.84
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	140,015,509.40
192,813,715.24	
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	633,237.12
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	10,071,316.73
Bills payable	9,515,787.65
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	1,941,544.19
	\$230,618,524.11
Dividends unpaid	2,666.48
Dividend No. 107 and bonus payable 1st December	325,000.00
Capital paid up	\$15,000,000.00
Reserve	13,500,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward	384,529.98
	\$ 260,030,720.57

ASSETS

Current Coin and Bullion	\$ 9,579,473.66
Domestic Notes	20,836,182.50
	\$30,415,656.16
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	\$6,884,652.83
Banks in Canada	22,122.47
Notes of other Banks	3,106,230.00
Cheques on other Banks	5,418,923.14
Call and Short Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	9,610,550.08
Call and Short Loans elsewhere than in Canada	16,154,360.65
Domestic and Provincial Government Securities	3,434,605.06
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities	2,431,989.71
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	18,091,224.04
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	738,500.00
	\$97,308,316.14
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	136,474,874.82
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	18,102,015.15
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	487,554.72
Real Estate (including the uncollected balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank)	979,915.61
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	433,607.32
Bank Premises	4,281,481.60
Other Assets	21,411.02
Liabilities of customers under Letters of Credit, as per contracts	1,941,544.19
	\$260,030,720.57

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Z. A. LAIDLAW, VICE-PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER LAIRD, GENERAL MANAGER

CLOSING LETTER ON COTTON MARKET

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

New York, Dec. 24.—So far as we are able to judge there has been more business and less skyarking in the cotton market today than on any December 24 or day preceding the Christmas adjournment for years past. The market opened firm at an advance of three to ten points over the closing of the previous day, and during the thirteen points net higher during the middle of the day on covering, further buying for a reaction and a little support from trade sources. This advance carried January contracts thirty-six points above the low level of Monday. Demand tapered off after the close of Liverpool, which suggested that a good part of the support had again been the result of undue straddles, and the market during the early afternoon turned easier under realizing by recent buyers for a reaction, while it also seemed that people who had bought very freely around the twelve-cent level were putting out some of their cotton around 12.29 for May contracts. There was very good demand on the decline, which carried prices back to a shade under the closing figures of yesterday.

E. & C. RANDOLPH.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE LETTER

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat—A holiday trade has been on and prices have kept close to yesterday's finish. The averages have been a shade lower due to small decline in Liverpool and prospects for snow storms over the greater part of the winter wheat belt, which will protect the plant from lower temperatures which are to come late in the week. The situation, taken as a whole, is strong.

Corn—Somewhat firmer on buying of May by the southwest. Weather is unfavorable for the moment. Little change in prices expected today.

Oats—Very dull. The local traders are doing more of the business. Provisions—Slightly higher at the opening with hogs.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS ON STOCKS AND BONDS

DAY'S SALES ON CURRENT PRICES OF NEW YORK MARKET

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Am Cop, Am Can, Am Loco, etc.

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MONTREAL UNLISTED SALES

Table listing unlisted sales for various stocks like Wyagmack, Porcupine, etc.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Table listing Montreal stock prices for items like Canadian Cement, Crown Reserve, etc.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Table listing New York cotton market prices for various grades.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

Table listing railway earnings for various companies.

GRAND DUKE DEFENDS HIS CHARACTER



Grand Duke Boris of Russia, cousin of the Tsar, appeared in open court to occupy the centre of the stage...

CLOSING LETTER ON MONTREAL EXCHANGE

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) Montreal, Dec. 24—C. P. R. continues to occupy the centre of the stage...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE PRICES

Table listing Chicago grain and produce prices for wheat, corn, etc.

EVANS ON STOCKS

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) New York, Dec. 24—The reaction in the market yesterday was perfectly natural...

NEW YORK CURB CLOSE

Table listing New York curb close prices for various commodities.

"STANFIELD'S EARNINGS"

Table showing Stanfield's earnings from 1908 to 1912.

DOW JONES CO'S QUOTATIONS FOR SUMMARY OF THE MARITIME SECURITIES NEWS

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.) New York, Dec. 24—Bank of England unchanged. Erie has laid off 6,000 employees...

CLOSING STOCK LETTER FROM RANDOLPH

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) New York, Dec. 24—The opening was quiet and prices were generally a shade above Tuesday's close...

CLOSING LETTER ON NEW YORK STOCKS

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) New York, Dec. 24—The opening was quiet and prices were generally a shade above Tuesday's close...

LIERPOOL GRAIN CABLE

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) Wheat opened quiet 1/4 off; corn quiet and unchanged.

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FOOTBALL ATHLETICS BOWLING

WRESTLER DAN M'DONALD WON THE BELT

There was a large crowd of interested spectators at the York Theatre yesterday afternoon to witness a wrestling match between Dan McDonald and Sam Anderson, the holder of the International championship belt. It was a championship match and resulted in McDonald capturing the belt. This belt was won five years ago in Manchester, England, by Anderson, and at that time there were 43 contestants for the belt. This is the first time that it has been won from Anderson.

The crowd present at the bout were entertained by three preliminaries by young Scotchmen. Jim McCaffrey, of West St. John, proved a most efficient referee. The men struggled hard and there was not an idle moment during the match. The first fall was won by Anderson, who obtained a scissors of McDonald and forced him to the mat in 16 minutes.

After five minutes rest the wrestlers went to their work again, and after fifteen minutes wrestling McDonald managed to get a toe hold on Anderson and forced his shoulders to the mat, and there was great excitement as the fall was awarded to McDonald. The second fall only went about nine minutes, and McDonald managed once more to get the toe hold and it proved too much for the champion and he went down to defeat. It was counted as one of the best matches witnessed in the city, and at the close of the match, and the crowd finished cheering. McDonald made a brief address in which he stated that the belt had been a long time coming to him, but now that he had it he would defend it to the very best of his ability.

Both McDonald and Anderson are about the one size and are exceptionally clever mat artists.

WILLIE HOPPE AND SUTTON SIGNED NOW

One of the biggest billiard matches in recent years has been arranged between Willie Hoppe, the 18.1 and 18.2 world's ball line champion, and George Sutton of Chicago. They are to play 1,500 points in Chicago for \$1,000 a side in February. Only a short time ago they were reported to have arranged to play a 500-point match in New York for the championship title at 18.2 ball line.

At that time Sutton criticized Hoppe for refusing to play the match anywhere except in New York, basing his criticism on the fact that there was a keen desire in Chicago to have the match played there, and that Hoppe's determination to play only in New York was not for the best interest of the game. Probably that is the reason why Hoppe has put forth his counter proposition of 1,500 points with the big side bet, which makes it more worth his while to play in Chicago.

IMPROVEMENT IN PLAYERS.
Just how much improvement a ball player may show after a few years' experience is demonstrated in the case of Bert Shotton of the St. Louis Browns. McAleer secured Shotton when he was managing that team, and for two or three seasons he was just an ordinary player. He was farmed out after having been given a trial, for he did not come up to expectations. Then he was brought back and today there are decidedly few more valuable outfielders in either league than he.

Shotton not only hit over the .300 mark, but he secured more passes than any other player, also proving himself an excellent fielder and fast base runner. In addition to having a lot of ability, Shotton displays a lot of energy, even under discouraging conditions, and he would undoubtedly be a wonder if he was on a winning team.

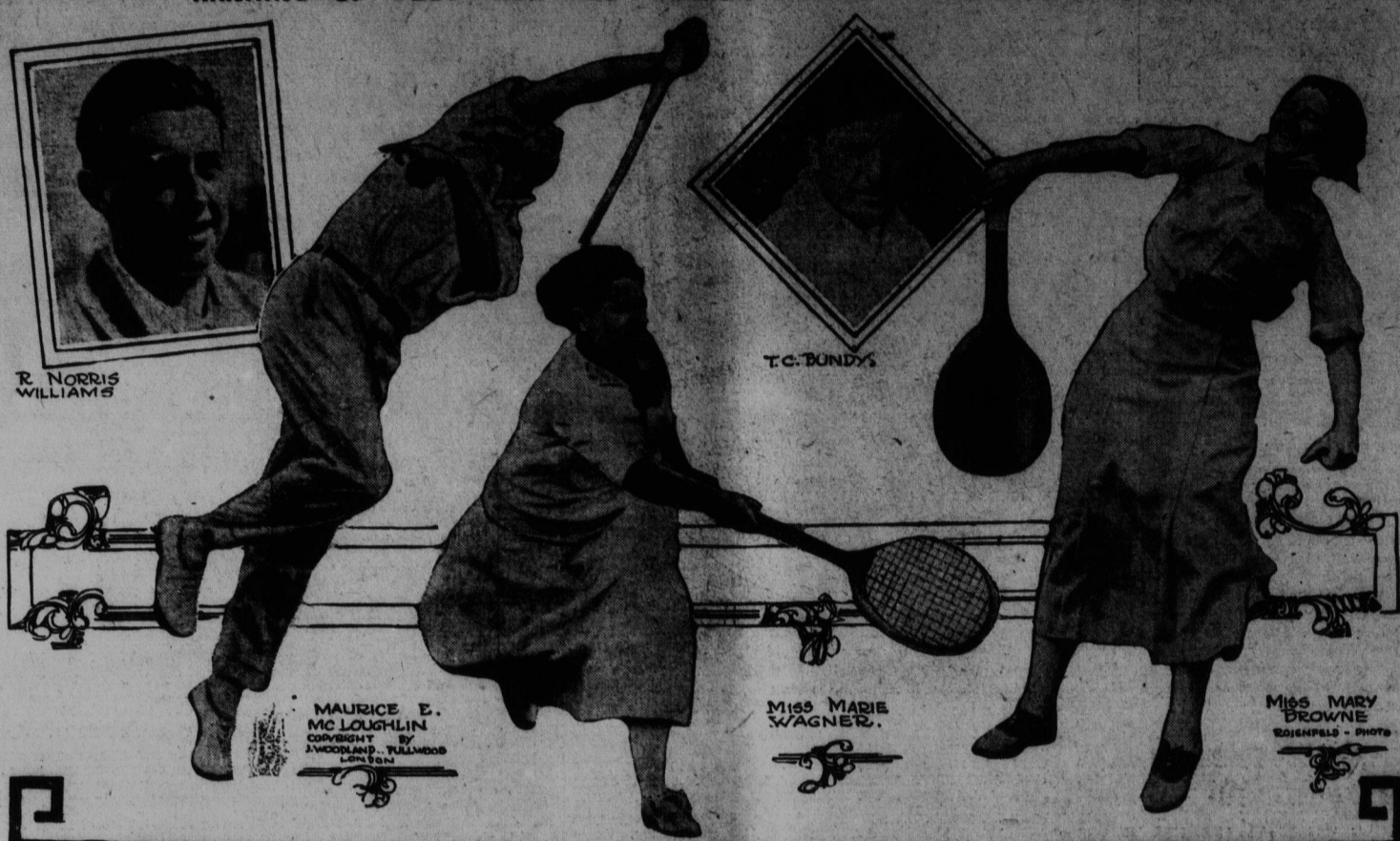
GOTCH VS. RUSSIAN.
Frank Gotch, world's champion wrestler, retired some time ago, saying that he would never grapple on the mat again. He wanted to live quietly on his farm with his wife, but Ivan

CARPENTIER LANDING BLOW WHICH MADE HIM CHAMPION OF ALL EUROPE



This illustration shows George Carpentier delivering the final blow in his bout with Subardier Wells at the National Sporting Club, in London, which made him champion of all Europe.

RANKING OF BEST MEN AND WOMEN TENNIS PLAYERS IN AMERICA.



As every one interested in tennis expected, Maurice E. McLoughlin, the national champion, was placed at the top of the list of all lawn tennis players in the country by the Ranking Committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, which announced its findings recently. R. Norris Williams, who lost to McLoughlin only, was placed second, but the punter came as to which player should be put in third position. William J. Clothier, winner of the Southampton singles and in the semi-finals at Langwood, was awarded the coveted place. Wallace F. Johnson, who was the spare man on the Davis Cup team, is found rather far down in the list, being ranked seventh. William M. Johnston, Theodore R. Pell and Nathaniel W. Niles all get a ranking above him. Others in the charmed circle of the first ten are G. F. Touchard, G. P. Gardner, Jr., and J. R. Strachan. Seven of the first ten reside in the East.

For the first time in the history of the sport women received a ranking. Three California players top the list, with Miss Mary Browne, the national champion, at the head of it. Mrs. Marshall McLenn, winner of the Metropolitan title, is considered the best of the Eastern contingent and stands in fourth position. Mrs. Robert Williams, who beat Miss Browne once, is in next place, just ahead of Miss Marie Wagner, the indoor champion. Half of the first ten are Westerners and half from the East.

Leading Ten Among the Men—No. 1, M. E. McLoughlin; No. 2, R. N. Williams; No. 3, William J. Clothier; No. 4, William M. Johnston; No. 5, Theodore R. Pell; No. 6, Nathaniel W. Niles; No. 7, W. F. Johnson; No. 8, G. F. Touchard; No. 9, G. P. Gardner, Jr.; No. 10, J. R. Strachan.

Leading Ten Among the Women—No. 1, Miss Mary Browne; No. 2, Mrs. R. O. Bruce; No. 3, Miss Florence Sutton; No. 4, Mrs. Marshall McLenn; No. 5, Mrs. Robert Williams; No. 6, Miss Marie Wagner; No. 7, Mrs. Benjamin F. Briggs (Miss Dorothy Green); No. 8, Miss Edith Roth; No. 9, Miss Anita Myers; No. 10, Miss Gwendolyn Rees.

TWO LOCAL BOWLING STARS CHALK UP SEASON'S RECORD

Vincent Kelly and Albert Stevens established bowling records in the contest for the Christmas turkey at the Victoria Bowling Alleys, when they tied for the bird with the single string score of 136 points each. The scores which follow show class and the totals are the highest made on the alleys this year. Kelly won the turkey in the roll-off with 106 points.

The record scores follow:
Kelly 8 24 34 47 53 93 111 119 136
Stevens 28 44 60 74 82 97 102 110 127 136

THE TWO MEN A SMILE PIN PICKERS 'NEATH MOST SHOW CLASS GAMES LOST

In the Two-Men League on the Victoria Alleys last evening Howard and Tutts defeated Kiley and Siocum five points to one. The score:

	Total Avg.
Kiley	75 90 92 99 91 447 89 23
Siocum	96 88 86 82 101 463 90 24
Howard	171 178 178 181 182 900
Tutts	89 82 94 100 84 449 89 44

At eight o'clock Roxborough and Ferguson vs. Johnston and Simpson. At 9:15 Stevens and McDonald vs. Dennison and McCann.

Mahmutoff, the Russian bear fighter, has drawn the big fellow out of his shell, and Gotch will wrestle him in January. Gotch should defeat Mahmutoff in spite of the Russian's great weight, for the American is more scientific and uses many punishing holds, including the famous toe hold.

WINNERS IN THE MIGHTY QUEEN'S RINK COMPETITION

These winning season tickets for the Queen's rink in the word competition among the pupils of the city schools are as follows:
Allen Currie, 29 Paddock street.
Edna Crump, 52 St. Patrick street.
Elsie Vincent, 30 St. Andrew's street.

Jas. Christie, 26 Peter's street.
Douglas Clark, 156 Germain street.
Roy Pitman, 52 St. James' street.
Grace Thurston, 40 Horsefield street.
Adelaide Marvin, 24 Horsefield street.
Thos. O'Brien, 249 Germain street.
Edgar Primmer, 214 Brittain street.
Ralph Akerly, 10 Haymarket Square.

THE MIGHTY HITTERS FALL DOWN BADLY

There is hardly anything more startling than the shift in the batting averages of the stars of the National league. With the official count issued a comparison of the performances of 1913 with the 1912 leaders becomes possible.

The real hitting leader of the National is Jake Daubert, despite the fact that his name comes third in the list. He played in enough championship games to give him a fair rating. The same holds for Cravath, Viox, Tinker, Zimmerman, Magee, Wheat and Lobert, who are nominated with Daubert for the "first ten," though Lobert actually is twenty-first in the list.

This year the Brooklyn first sacker sports a percentage of 356. Last season his mark was 308. Daubert, accordingly has improved his standing as has Cravath, who follows him. The Philadelphia slugger, who hit .341 in 1912, was way down the list last year with .284. Viox, then a sewerer, was worse off, as the Pirate has boosted his batting mark from .186 to .317.

The cares of managing the Reds must have made Joe Tinker want to hit something and he took it out on the ball. Where he bumped the pill for but .382 as a Cub, he hit .317 as Cincinnati's leader. Becker, the next man up, was way down the line in 1912. He hit .264 as a Giant, but hammered the ball for .316 as a Red and as a Phillie.

The first of the last year's leaders to shove his head into view is Helme Zimmerman. The great Cub kicker led the league with .372 in 1912. In 1913 he could do no better than .313. Coupled with him is "Chief" Myers of New York, who slid from second place with .388 to lowly sixteenth and a .312 average.

Sherwood Magee was absolutely consistent. Both seasons he batted for an average of 306, while "Zack" Wheat of Brooklyn was almost as true to form. Last year he hit .266, this year .301. Hans Lobert was another who took a big drop. From .327 in 1912 he slided gracefully to .300 in 1913.

No Resemblance.
At a church fair recently a solemn-looking, elderly gentleman remarked to a young man: "I never attend a church fair like this without thinking of the money changers in the temple."
"I don't see the resemblance, sir," replied a young man. "There's no money changing here; whatever you give 'em they keep."

"Hub" Ferdie, the "Gallatin (Tenn.) Squash," who is the mainstay of the Boston National pitching staff, is a rube, all right. Born in a small town, unlettered, uncouth, rather glorying in his rusticity, he has always been a "card." One day when the Cubs were playing in Nashville, where Ferdie then played, "Hub" walked up to Three-fingered Brown in a hotel lobby and demanded to see Brown's maimed hand. "Hub" examined it carefully. "Well, I swan," he ejaculated finally, "how'd you do it?"
"Ran it into a feed cutter; chopped off two fingers and broke three," said Brown laconically; for it is an old story to him.

Ferdie was silent for a while, but reaching into his pocket he fished out an indelible pencil and drew a line across his pitching hand that corresponded to the cuts in Brown's mitt. As he walked out of the hotel lobby Ferdie said:
"I'm going right home now and put my hand in the old man's feed cut, swan if I don't."

One most spectacular tumble was that of Jay Kirts of the Braves. After hitting .336 in 190 games in 1912 he dropped to .287, and thence completely out of the league.

GOOD SCORES ON RANGES SATURDAY

The St. John City Rifle Club held a shooting match on their ranges yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of spectators and some good shooting. The scores follow:

Sgt. J. G. Sullivan	32 33 32 37
R. A. C. Brown	29 32 31 32
N. J. Morrison	30 33 29 32
A. G. Staples	34 25 32 31

Some of the leaders of yesterday have slid entirely out of the .300 class. Johnnie Evers dropped from .341 to .285. Bill Sweeney of the Braves dropped badly from .344 to .257, while Roger Bresnahan collapsed completely. He fell from .333 to .228.

GOOD GOAL SAVES THE SITUATION

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YANKEE SCOUT LOSES HIS CLAIM
The national commission dismissed the claim of W. L. Lush, scout for the New York American league club last season, for two months' salary.

The New York club claimed that it engaged Lush from month to month and did not agree to engage him all season. The national commission supported this claim.

In another finding the commission reinstated Player Earl Hens of the St. Louis National league club into good standing in organized baseball without inflicting a fine.

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SHORT NOTES ON SPORT IN ENGLAND

In a mile race, says a trainer of athletes, "the third quarter is far and away the most trying of the four."

Ernest Barry has accepted Piddon's challenge for a world's sculling championship match, to take place on the Thames next September.

Tottenham Hotspur have up to date had 60,000 more spectators this season than last, and one Saturday "game" was completely spoiled by rain.

The old Scottish International and Newcastle United player, J. Howie, has been appointed manager of the Queen's Park Rangers F.C., a position that was held till a few weeks ago by J. Cowan.

Jack Hatfield of Middlesbrough, the world's champion swimmer, made his first appearance in Edinburgh at the Dunedin club gala. He broke the all-comers' quarter mile record of Scotland by 1.14 sec., his time being 5 mins. 29 sec.

Sheffield United have transferred Robert Benson, their back, to Woolwich Arsenal, at a fee which is said to be "quite reasonable." Benson had been with the United for seven seasons, having previously played with Southampton. He took part in the South Africa tour two years ago and was "capped" against Ireland last season.

Under wet weather conditions, the match between Wm. Walters, Lockgally and Andrew Connell, Baxford, for the quelling championship of Scotland and £50 took place at Glasgow on Saturday. Play in the opening stages was keen, but the weather was all against accurate placing and the game in consequence was slow. Walters won by 61 to 52.

GOOD GOAL SAVES THE SITUATION
The home was to her apartment. Mrs. Conger of the tango set, her accident, which one else who is She said she was to fight the tango of safety.

"If your partner said Mrs. Conger dip and turn at is a very dangerous found it so, and dedered as I was more persons w difficult to sprained ankles may be expected.

STEAMERS AUSTRALIAN
Sydney, N. S. used expansion size and capacity into Australian Funnel Line, travel between Australia ordered two 20 service. This is passengers and ular with travel.

The Oceanic (twelve) San Francisco also reported a 10,000-ton liner comes into existence near future a of these new present two, between Australia and New South Wales.

NEW SOUTH IS-GO
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BREAKING EGGS ONE RESULT

Prominent New York Society Woman Severely Hurt While Dancing Tango—Will Fight Dance Now.

New York, Dec. 25.—The new tango steps have cost Mrs. Grace Pitch Conger, niece of the late Clyde Hitch, three weeks of liberty at the Christmas season.

Mrs. Conger is the wife of Roy W. Conger, whose father was formerly United States Minister to China. She is lying helpless with a broken leg, in her apartments at No. 106 West Forty-seventh street, with two physicians and a nurse in attendance.

When dining with a party of five friends at a hotel in Herald square last Friday night Mrs. Conger accepted the invitation of one of her companions to dance between the courses. In endeavoring to execute one of the difficult steps of the tango, in which she is quite proficient, Mrs. Conger slipped and fell prostrate.

The hotel physician was called, and he suggested that she be taken to a hospital. Accordingly an ambulance was called and she was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was found that her left leg was broken just below the hip.

The bone was set, and she was sent to her apartments yesterday. Mrs. Conger declared that the "dip" of the tango step was responsible for her accident, which may happen to any one else who is addicted to the dance. She said she was going to do her best to fight the tango, if only on the grounds of safety.

"If your partner is not an expert," said Mrs. Conger last night, "the dip and turn at the end of the tango is a very dangerous step. At least I found it so, and I recall having wondered as I watched the dance why more persons were not injured. It is difficult to recover generally, and sprained ankles and even broken legs may be expected to result."

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The Oceanic company trading between New South Wales and Sydney are also reported as having under order 10,000-ton liners to ply between these ports. It seems probable that in the near future a weekly mail service will come into existence with the advent of these new liners instead of the present two weekly arrangements between Australia and America.

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Craboon, four miles this side of Dunedoo, is also progressing well, whilst Strawa, a few miles this side of Craboon, is likewise making great headway. Binaway, eighteen miles this side of Coonabarabran, and which will be on the railway line now being constructed, is making wonderful strides. Cottages and business houses are going up in all directions.

NOTABLES WHO ARRIVED IN AMERICA FOR THE HOLIDAYS



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PEKINGESE POODLE AND PRETTY GIRL DO NOT AGREE WITH SHIP'S OFFICERS—THE VULGAR DOGS.

New York, Dec. 25.—Pie-Fum, a tiny Pekingese, only nine weeks old, the property of Miss Grace V. Lloyd of San Francisco, was the cause of much anxiety on the part of the officers of the America of the Hamburg-American line, which arrived here Monday. Pie-Fum, according to the steamship line rules, was supposed to be placed in care of the ship's butcher.

Miss Lloyd thought her pet deserved more consideration, and her efforts to keep him in her cabin kept the ship's officers on the jump. Miss Lloyd, who was declared the prettiest girl on board the vessel, insisted on keeping Pie-Fum in a sweater, with her in a special basket, silk lined and provided with soft cushions.

"Pie-Fum," said she, "is too much of an aristocrat to associate with the plebeian animals he would meet under the butcher's care, and besides, he would catch his head cold. So the officers and I did not agree. "I call Pie-Fum 'Little Dickens,' she continued, "for he is always causing the trouble. He had to pay fare for him on the America, and he cost me nearly as much as I paid for him, while I was travelling by rail on the continent."

Miss Lloyd said that she purchased Pie-Fum in London and paid a very high price for him. Four weeks ago Miss Lloyd left her home for Paris, where she intended to study music. Three weeks of Paris, however, proved "too much for her," she said, so she came back. "I don't like Paris," she declared, "so I came back."

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A well-known statesman once said that no amount of legislation would ever stop a man from gambling. People would bet on the slightest pretext and on the smallest things. They would even bet on a lump of sugar or a fly would settle on. That this is true of conditions at the present moment is exemplified by the raffle which is now prevailing in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

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The limit, however, has been reached by an official in the Palace of Justice, Pretoria, who recently hit upon the ingenious idea of raffling his salary, and incidentally augmenting his own income for the month. His salary was, says, \$100, and he wrote out tickets, which, when sold, brought him in \$150. The drawing resulted in one of the messenger boys gaining the prize, much to the chagrin of the official in the office. The money was, of course, paid over to the lad, who was naturally over pleased with himself. Such a windfall did not come his way every day. Typewritten sheets have been circulated through certain of the departments giving a list of articles of household furniture, the first prize being the main bedroom suite, and so on downwards to a set of pots or a pen of chickens. In every case there has been no trouble in selling the tickets, and so imbued with the gambling spirit are the losers that even if they fall to secure a prize they are not deterred in the least from "trying their luck."

ADULTERATION WILES. Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley said the other day of a butter adulterator: "The man's excuses are as specious and transparent as the Oshkosh grover's. A woman said to an Oshkosh grocer: 'I'm going to stop dealing with you. You mix the butter with your good butter.'" "But the grocer, looking very much hurt, replied: 'How much for me?'" "Oh, ma'am, how can you misjudge me so? It's true I sometimes mix a little good butter with my bad butter, but I'd never dream of mixing bad butter with my good butter to make it worse."

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RELIGIOUS HORSE ATTENDED CHURCH

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 25.—A horse owned by Deacon Marshall P. Hays of Granby, has for more than twenty years been driven at least once a week to the North Granby church. Recently the horse was retired from active work and the family has used a new span of horses. Sunday, after the family had gone to church, the old horse got loose and, when the deacon came out of the church, he saw the animal coming straight up the road to the church shed, evidently satisfied that he had done his duty by attending church as he had been in the habit of doing for twenty years.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, easterly and northerly; snow or rain, Saturday colder. Toronto, Dec. 25.—Rain has fallen today in many parts of the western provinces and British Columbia, while in other parts of the Dominion there has been no precipitation, and in the Maritime Provinces it has been fine and quite cold. Colder weather is setting in over Ontario tonight. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Min Max Prince Rupert... 23 33 Victoria... 38 40 Vancouver... 36 40 Kamloops... 22 28 Battleford... 10 14 Prince Albert... 10 14 Calgary... 12 26 Moose Jaw... 9 19 Regina... 15 24 Winnipeg... 14 24 Port Arthur... 8 14 Parry Sound... 22 30 London... 30 32 Toronto... 30 32 Kingston... 28 32 Ottawa... 24 32 Montreal... 23 33 Quebec... 24 30 St. John... 28 34 Halifax... 34 37 *Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Parcel of Clothes. A parcel of clothes found on Main street is at the North End police station.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings for week ending Wednesday, \$1,386,205. Last year, \$2,069,108.

Chimney on Fire. A still alarm was run in on Wednesday for a chimney fire in the Salvation Army hall on Rodney street.

Creating a Disturbance. Officer Addison was called into Thomas Graham's home in Erin street on Wednesday to quell a disturbance.

Arrested for Assault. H. L. McKnight was placed under arrest by Deputy Chief Jenkins on Wednesday. The prisoner is charged with assault.

Small Fire. Danville's store on Water street was the scene of a small fire on Wednesday. No. 1 chemical was called and the blaze speedily extinguished.

Shoved Through Window. Harry Alexander and Morris Dacey are reported for shoving a man through the window of William Dacey's saloon on Brussels street.

Trouble in Union Alley. Officer Kane was called into Frederick Jones' house in Union alley, on Wednesday, to quell a disturbance which Jones junior was creating.

Found by Police. The holiday crowds dropped the usual number of articles, among those now at central station being a gold locket, a hand saw, several keys, a child's glove, and last but not least a pair of tarrigans.

Aunt Fannie's Present. The person who lost a sealed Christmas present tied in a neat package, with the words "To Aunt Fannie from Gladis and Alice," may receive the same on application at the North End police station.

The Yuletide Spirit. Handsome reminders of the Yuletide and the spirit prevailing at this season of the year have been received by the Standard from Postmaster Sears and the manager and staff of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Unlucky Thirteen. Although up until a late hour this morning the police sheets for Christmas Day were clean, thirteen offenders were gathered in Christmas Eve and two men came in for protection. The offenses of the unlucky thirteen include drunkenness, swearing and one or two serious charges.

Found at Station. Two bank books and a leather wallet have been picked up at the Union Depot and are at present in the keeping of the general news agent at the station awaiting owners. The articles were found in the station on Tuesday. One bank book is an issue of the Dominion Savings Bank, credited with a balance of \$50, and another with \$16 credited to the owners. Neither bank book contains a signature. The wallet contains bills and notes but no money.

ASKS FOR RELATIVES OF GEORGE SCHULTZ CHARITY WORKERS BELIEVE DISTRESS POOR CHILDREN IN POND STREET HOME GIVEN TOYS AND DINNER BY THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE.

The Chief of Police has received a telegram from W. A. Griffin, superintendent of the T. and N. O. Railway, North Bay, Ontario, stating that a man named George Schultz or Geford Schultz, died there Sunday afternoon. The telegram states that the deceased was understood to have once conducted a blacksmith shop in this city, and asks that relatives be communicated with at once, with a view to sending the remains home for burial. It was stated that a brother and sister were living here.

Investigation by the police showed that no people of this name who are relatives of the deceased live in this city. It is believed that Schultz was a Moncton man and inquiries are being carried on in that city.

PERSONAL. Miss Eleanor Robinson, manager and editor of the Educational Review, St. John, was the guest of W. B. Bayes, chairman of the school board, and Mrs. Belyea, during the sessions of the Teachers' Institute—Woodstock Press.

TEN YEAR OLD ALEXANDER MOORE GOOD CHEER VICTIM OF HORRIBLE ACCIDENT DISTRIBUTED AMONG POOR

Son of Thomas Moore, of Garnet Settlement, Instantly Killed on Christmas Eve, while Playing with Winchester Rifle—Parents were on way to Purchase Presents.

The accidental shooting at Garnet Settlement of Alexander Moore, the ten year old son of Thomas Moore, which occurred on Wednesday morning while the parents were on their way to the city to make ready for the coming of Santa Claus, forms the nucleus of one of the most pitiful incidents of the Christmas season.

The sad accident which resulted in almost instant death occurred at the Moore home, Garnet Settlement, in the vicinity of nine-thirty o'clock Wednesday morning, and the news was communicated to the parents on their way to the city.

Left alone in the house, the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Moore were playing with a Winchester rifle, and playfully—little heeding the danger of the act—"Sandy," the eldest of the family, placed the barrel of the loaded gun in his mouth. While he held it in this position another of the children was toying with the weapon, and in doing so touched the trigger. A cartridge was immediately discharged and the bullet lodged in the head of the unfortunate victim, who died a few moments afterwards.

Christmas in the Moore home yesterday was far from joyous, and the long looked for day of Santa Claus' arrival was steeped in sorrow by the shocking fatality. Possibly no more sorrowful accident than that of Wednesday morning could have befallen the fond parents left the home early in the morning and drove to the city to complete their Christmas shopping.

On their arrival at Marsh bridge they were greeted with the sad news that the son "Sandy" had been accidentally killed while toying with a rifle.

Word of the accident came by telephone to the store of William Alexander while Mr. and Mrs. Moore were on the road between here and Garnet Settlement. On receiving the information they returned home to find their son, whom they had left joyously awaiting Christmas, dead, and the little brothers and sisters overcome with sorrow.

The body will be buried today at Garnet Settlement. Mrs. Moore, who was formerly Miss Annie Garnett, is a sister of Police Officer Garnett of the North End, and her many friends in the city deeply sympathize with her in her bereavement.

Little children who had given up all hope of anything in the way of Christmas remembrances and whose delicate bones had been recently nourished on account of the unfortunate circumstances in which those who were supposed to care for them had been placed in the stern rush of city life, were overjoyed by the foods given them.

In some cases the scenes viewed by the dispensers of Christmas cheer were particularly touching and made a marked impression on them. Small children begging for Santa Claus to bring them something more than the coarse foods which formed their daily diet thought that the good saint had indeed appeared when representatives of the charitable organizations appeared in their homes with baskets containing turkey or roasts of good beef and other articles that are usually associated with the celebration of the Festival of Peace and Goodwill. The sight of these children when they viewed the contents of the Christmas baskets was said to be engaging in the extreme and made stronger than ever the wish of those engaged in the work that something more permanent could be done for these little ones in the lower strata of society.

Many of those engaged in the distribution of cheer among the poorer members of the community went to their homes and prayed that their own blessings with more thankful hearts than ever before.

While the different churches attended to the poor among their own members the work of ministering to those with no particular religious convictions was left practically to the Salvation Army.

More than 150 baskets of Christmas cheer were distributed by the army and homes in all parts of the city were made brighter by the visits of the soldiers. Citizens in general replied in a generous manner to the appeal of the Salvation Army officers and funds flowed in quite freely.

In the Evangelist Home Christmas Day started early. At half past five inmates of the home assembled and ushered in the day by singing carols.

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The aged woman, apparently in good health, took a woman in her sixtieth year, suddenly dropped dead about 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

It is understood that the deceased has been troubled with heart disease. For a number of years Mrs. Terris has been working at the Royal Hotel.

The body was taken to the home of her son J. J. Terris, City road, from where the funeral will be conducted this morning. Another son, surviving, is William Terris, now employed at Bear River with the Foundation Company. The deceased leaves one sister married in New York. The funeral will be held at half past eight this morning.

UNITED SERVICE. The Presbyterian congregations of the city conducted a united Christmas service in St. Stephen's church yesterday morning. Rev. Ralph Houghton was the preacher. He took his text from Luke 2, 20. "There was no room for us here." He made a strong plea for better lives. The present day celebration of Christmas, he thought, left no room for Christ.

Rev. F. H. Thompson, minister in Calvin church, led in prayer, and Rev. Gordon Dickie conducted the devotional exercises.

James Griffith sang, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and the choir rendered an anthem.

The offering was for the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

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